



March 4 - 10, 2019 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Thousands of Vietnamese refugees in the US fear Trump will send them back - Bloomberg

Migrant parents separated from children return to US, plead to be reunited - NY Times

State Department refuses tens of thousands of visas under travel ban - CNN

Oregon legislators want to reinstate driving privileges for undocumented immigrants - Jefferson Public Radio

Since Trump restricted border flow, more migrants trying to sneak thru undetected - NBC News

Wisconsin governor orders national guard troops to leave the southern border - KRQE.com

Congress braces for unprecedented effort to overturn Trump's emergency edict - Wash Post

Texans solidly against Trump's decision to declare a national emergency - CNN

Thousands of allegations of sexual misconduct toward migrant children reported - NBC News

Action One: Prayer

God of the journey, God of the traveler, we pray for those who leave their homes in search new beginnings and possibilities. May they know your presence with them. We pray that those who seek to make a home in this country may find us welcoming and willing to help them find a path toward citizenship. We pray that our legislators, as they craft immigration legislation may find the wisdom and courage to enact new policies that do justice for our country and for those who would immigrate here. We pray for those who fan the flames of fear and discrimination against the undocumented may be touched with your divine compassion. We pray in Jesus name. Amen. (The Archdiocese of Chicago, adapted)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your Senators ([202-224-3121](tel:202-224-3121)) to support a resolution rejecting Trump's national emergency declaration to fund a border wall.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call on your MoC to tell them to co-sponsor HR 1 (the People's Act) and make a public statement that it remains a bold comprehensive democratic package. Check here to see if your MoC has already co-sponsored HR 1. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1/cosponsors?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22H.R.+1%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=1>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your members of Congress that refugees and asylum seekers deserve safety - not walls and bars. Sign now to tell Congress, we must stop criminalizing people who are seeking refuge:

<https://act.amnestyusa.org/page/16725/action/1?ac=W1902EARMR2&ea.url.id=1759482&forwarded=true>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MoC to stand up for the rights and protection of immigrants and asylum seekers. Under new policies, asylum seekers must return to Mexico to wait out the asylum process – putting them at risk. Sign the petition: https://secure.phr.org/secure/seeking-asylum-legal?ms=FY19_Feb_AsylumAction_Email&CID=701f4000000gH82AAE&utm_campaign=217555_FY19%20Asylum%20Action%20Alert&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Physicians%20for%20Human%20Rights&dm_i=4GV7,4NV7,1IFFC0,HKAF,1

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Revoke Trump's national emergency and rein in presidential emergency powers. Please sign the petition: <https://act.credoaction.com/sign/congress-revoke-trump-emergency?t=7&akid=31639%2E2678758%2EhnMiWa>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your senators to reject Trump's immoral wall. Send an email to your senators. Click here: <https://www.nilc.org/trumpshutdown/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition to respect the human right to migrate.
https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-respect-the-human-right-to-migrate-and-end-militarization-at-the-border?source=RespectMigration2018_CC&referrer=group-courage-campaign

Action Three: Education

DHS immigration stats make strong case against border emergency -
https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2019/02/19/dhs-immigration-stats-make-strong-case-against-border-emergency/?utm_source=Center%2Bfor%2BMigration%2BStudies%2BMailing%2BList&utm_campaign=497fe317c2-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_12_03_05_58_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_74e5cba118-497fe317c2-111981633#537e1fb35737

Mexican cartels turn social media into tools for extortion -
<https://www.desertsun.com/in-depth/news/2019/02/27/mexican-drug-cartels-use-social-media-for-extortion-threats-violence-facebook-whatsapp-youtube/2280756002/>

How the Catholic Church is responding to Venezuela's refugee crisis -
https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2019/02/18/how-catholic-church-responding-venezuelas-refugee-crisis?utm_source=Newsletters&utm_campaign=e9493f0a54-FEB_18_ISSUE_2_22_19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0fe8ed70be-e9493f0a54-58652765&utm_source=Center+for+Migration+Studies+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=497fe317c2-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_12_03_05_58_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_74e5cba118-497fe317c2-111981633

Migrant youth go from a children's shelter to adult detention on their 18th birthday -
https://www.npr.org/2019/02/22/696834560/migrant-youth-go-from-a-childrens-shelter-to-adult-detention-on-their-18th-birthday?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=b8f8f19d76-CLINIC_Daily_2-25-19_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-b8f8f19d76-284015825

Guatemalan asylum seeker tells his story at St. Ambrose - https://qctimes.com/news/local/guatemalan-asylum-seeker-tells-his-story-at-st-ambrose/article_e40705ff-2f21-5a53-85b7-9aa1803b415f.html?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=b8f8f19d76-CLINIC_Daily_2-25-19_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-b8f8f19d76-284015825#4

Thousands of Vietnamese refugees in the US fear Trump will send them back -
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-02-25/thousands-of-vietnamese-refugees-in-the-u-s-fear-trump-will-send-them-back>

Immigration is a complex - and divisive - issue for Catholics
http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/immigration-is-a-complex-and-divisive-issue-for-catholics?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=662b3fd63d-CLINIC_Daily_3-04-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-662b3fd63d-284015825

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: 7 AM, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL. First Fridays-Interfaith Services; other Fridays-Catholic Rosary **DIRECTIONS:** from Loop, take I-290 west to south 25th Ave, then to exit 18A; turn right at Lexington, left at Beach St.

Action Five: Social Media - @WhiteHouse As Christians, we should share the heart of Jesus for refugees. Applying for asylum is legal in the US and should be carried out for everyone who seeks to apply. Everyone should have the opportunity.

Thank you for all your efforts!