



December 25 - 31, 2017 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Dreamers' will have to wait until next year for Congress' long-promised protections - by Lisa Mascaro/LA Times

Re-Registration Period Now Open for Nicaraguans with Temporary Protected Status - USCCB

DHS Adds New Requirements for Visa Waiver Countries - Jill Colvin, AP

In the age of Trump, Americans are becoming more pro-immigration - Noah Smith/Dallas Morning Star

How a Group of Immigration Attorneys Stopped a Deportation Flight to Cambodia - by Julianne Hing/The Nation

As migrants flee for Canada, fears are rising over the perils of frigid illegal crossings - by Tim Craig/Washington Post

Action One: Prayer

Our God, you have given us in your word the stories of persons who needed to leave their homelands—Abraham, Sarah, Ruth, Moses. Help us to remember that when we speak of immigrants and refugees, we speak of Christ. In the One who had no place to lay his head, and in the least of his brothers and sisters, you come to us again, a stranger seeking refuge. We confess that we often turn away. You have chosen that the life of Jesus be filled with events of unplanned travel and flight from enemies. You have shown us through the modeling of Jesus how we are called to relate to persons from different nations and cultures. You have called us to be teachers of your word. We ask you, our God, to open our minds and hearts to the challenge and invitation to model your perfect example of love. Amen. (adapted from Justice for Immigrants, "Prayer and Liturgy Suggestions")

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call Congress now and urge them to vote for a #DreamActNow! Go to <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative> and use this script - "I am a constituent I want and I want him/her to support immigrant families and pass a clean DREAM Act!"

NATIONAL LEVEL - Make your voice heard in Washington, D.C. The DreamActTron is a giant and color screen with loud speakers that is placed outside of Congress in Washington DC, and will screen the stories and messages of all immigrants fighting for a clean Dream Act. #DreamActNow. Use the social media aids to share the Dreamers message - see the toolkit. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hxmDe99aDXssiGLYM21fvleOC7-drBeudq5K-NXCTHK/edit>

NATIONAL LEVEL - The Francis Project is asking us all to send a letter to Congress telling them to pass the Dream Act before the end of the year. This is crucial, So, as a person of faith, please sign our letter today and forward it to your friends and family as well.

http://www.francisproject.org/dreamact?utm_campaign=121017_1844&utm_medium=email&utm_source=francisproject

NATIONAL LEVEL - The Scalabrini International Migration Network (SIMN) asks you to continue to press your Senators (202-224-3121) and Representatives (202-225-3121) to pass the DREAM Act (S. 1615, HR 3440).

NATIONAL LEVEL - The Scalabrini International Migration Network (SIMN) asks that you contact the DHS at 202-282-8495 to ask for an 18-month extension of TPS for El Salvador.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Faith leaders, please sign on to this letter urging the administration to extend El Salvador's TPS designation for at least another 18 months.
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTPOGHvO7EH-K2P2CvxaSlfeg502WOyv8VIL8mKa8wPlwgaw/viewfor>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Trump to Stop Spying on Immigrants. Sign the petition.
<https://act.presente.org/sign/dhssurveillance/?source=thankyouemail&aktmid=tm365408.M9416W&akid=a5839797.106609.IDiNqu&t=5>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Share The Journey - Right now, the Administration is considering how many people will find refuge from persecution in the United States for 2018. Please contact the Administration and Congress today and let them know that as a person of faith, you care about refugees. https://support.crs.org/act/share-journey?utm_source=CCGP-email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=migration-email

NATIONAL LEVEL - NAFTA is up for renegotiation. Help end a dangerous clause buried inside NAFTA. Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), allows corporate executives to dispute a country's laws. When ISDS is included in trade deals, it has been hijacked by corporate interests and no longer serves the needs of the people.
<https://actions.sumofus.org/a/no-isds-no-way/?akid=34571.764408.ygfN0D&rd=1&source=fwd&t=1>

Action Three: Education

Re-Registration Period Now Open for Nicaraguans with Temporary Protected Status -
<https://www.uscis.gov/news/news-releases/re-registration-period-now-open-nicaraguans-temporary-protected-status>

A Catholic Response to Exclusionary Nationalism, the Global Crisis in Refugee Protection and Recent Developments In US Immigration Policy - <http://cmsny.org/event/webinar-a-catholic-response/>
DHS Adds New Requirements for Visa Waiver Countries -
https://www.usnews.com/news/politics/articles/2017-12-15/dhs-adds-new-requirements-for-visa-waiver-countries?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=186a3cc3eb-CLINIC_Daily_12-19-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-186a3cc3eb-284015825

How a Group of Immigration Attorneys Stopped a Deportation Flight to Cambodia -
<https://www.thenation.com/article/how-a-group-of-immigration-attorneys-stopped-a-deportation-flight-to-cambodia/>

Action Four: Action

National Migration Week Mass - Sunday, Jan 7, 2018 - 5:15pm at Holy Name Cathedral, 730 N. Wabash Ave, Chicago. Mass will be presided by Cardinal Cupich. For more information: José Torres, Arturo Gonzalez, or Raymundo Valdez at 312.534.8103 or jtorres@archchicago.org, agonzalez@archchicago.org, or rvaldez@archchicago.org or visit catholicsandimmigrants.org

Interfaith Prayer Service - Sunday, January 14, 2018 - 4pm at St. Viator Church, 4170 W. Addison Ave, Chicago. Join Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants, at the end of Migration Week. as they reflect on sharing the journey with members of diverse faiths and populations. For more info, contact: mqosch@viatorians.com

Action Five: Social Media -- Faith communities urge [Senator / Rep] to pass #DreamAct & protect 800,000 immigrant youth #HereToStay #Dream2017 **Thank you for your Support!**