



**September 2 – 8, 2019**

### **What's Happening?**

**Trump admin pulling millions from FEMA disaster relief to send to southern border - NBC**

**Stuck in Mexico due to Trump's policy, asylum seekers face dangerous wait - Dallas Morning News**

**Trump admin ends protection for migrant medical care - NY Times**

**Faced with criticism, Trump admin reverses abrupt end to humanitarian relief - NY Times**

**Trump admin wants to DNA test detained undocumented immigrants- BuzzFeed**

**Migrant children now in WA state tell of haunting conditions at the border - Seattle Times**

**States push courts to block Trump's public charge immigrant rule - NBC News**

**New Trump rule on medical interpreters could leave immigrants behind-Pew Charitable Trusts**

**Trump wants a border wall. He wants it black. He wants it by election day - Wash Post**

**Federal workers' children born abroad may not receive automatic citizenship - NY Times**

**Trump admin appears to violate law in forcing asylum seekers back to Mexico - LA Times**

**Doctors and nurses protest ICE, Trump immigration policies in SF - San Francisco Chronicle**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**God our Father, we pray that you provide your divine protection to all migrants, particularly those whose material poverty pushes them to find opportunities elsewhere. Show us how we might reach out to these vulnerable populations and help them to begin a new life in a new home. Open our hearts, so that we may provide hospitality for all who come in search of refuge. Give us the courage to welcome every stranger, as Christ in our midst. Bring our voices together to call for the end to unjust economic conditions that require these children of God to leave their homelands in search of a dignified existence. We ask this through your name. Amen. (USCCB)**

### **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - On Sept 5, ask your US Rep to sponsor 'Democracy for All' amendment. With the *Citizens United* decision 9 years ago, the Supreme Court allowed for unlimited corporate money to pour into our politics. Americans want to overturn this decision with a constitutional amendment. Call your Representative at [202-224-3121](tel:202-224-3121) and ask that she/he cosponsors the 'Democracy for All' constitutional amendment to overturn *Citizens United*.**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to end Trump's unjust border crackdown.**

**<https://www.francisproject.org/borderemergency>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Oppose Trump's attacks on asylum seekers. Demanding that the Trump admin STOP attacking protections for those fleeing violence and poverty, to seek asylum.**

[https://p2a.co/Ohoepjt?p2asource=CHGAEMASYL02&utm\\_content=3754435](https://p2a.co/Ohoepjt?p2asource=CHGAEMASYL02&utm_content=3754435)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to hold Customs and Border Patrol accountable for inhumane child detention.**

[https://action.aclu.org/petition/congress-hold-cbp-accountable-inhumane-child-detention?ms\\_aff=NAT&initms\\_aff=NAT&ms=190709\\_immigrantrights\\_detention&initms=190709\\_immigrantrights\\_detention&ms\\_chan=eml&initms\\_chan=eml&af=BcNshjQS8xuSodn2Upme1NXUJqVtSOxYoo%2B5iEwVqOK4TQ7OEp7iAKHrNgRkOaQ%2B0kiFW5pnvMMjPLCEERBX6JPvjEalNBP35Z9qBQmyxG68%2FSbPMk8YhAPBloZXiNRod2ui0mBC0hUOtMJvwZZlqCz6Ay0a86yTPU%2Fy3yggMo%3D](https://action.aclu.org/petition/congress-hold-cbp-accountable-inhumane-child-detention?ms_aff=NAT&initms_aff=NAT&ms=190709_immigrantrights_detention&initms=190709_immigrantrights_detention&ms_chan=eml&initms_chan=eml&af=BcNshjQS8xuSodn2Upme1NXUJqVtSOxYoo%2B5iEwVqOK4TQ7OEp7iAKHrNgRkOaQ%2B0kiFW5pnvMMjPLCEERBX6JPvjEalNBP35Z9qBQmyxG68%2FSbPMk8YhAPBloZXiNRod2ui0mBC0hUOtMJvwZZlqCz6Ay0a86yTPU%2Fy3yggMo%3D)

### **Action Three: Education**

**We asked asylum seeking kids forced to wait in Mexico what they hoped their futures would look like in the US -**

<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/adolfoflores/asylum-seeking-kids-wait-in-mexico-immigration-photos>

**Children left alone for 8 days after Mississippi ICE raids -**

<https://time.com/5661819/two-children-were-left-alone-for-eight-days-after-ice-arrested-their-parents-during-mississippi-raids/>

**New Trump rule on medical interpreters could leave immigrants behind -**

[https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2019/08/29/new-trump-rule-on-medical-interpreters-could-leave-immigrants-behind?utm\\_campaign=KHN%3A%20First%20Edition&utm\\_source=hs\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=76221367&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9N7Z-FswdNEmzyHZDFTFYiS9otCXzX\\_wqaGc\\_T7ECvj7D5fqplmIYOmU9ESj4bw9UG26Mkbdu7nXeBCe3--qD5l5kfZmA&hsmi=76221367](https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2019/08/29/new-trump-rule-on-medical-interpreters-could-leave-immigrants-behind?utm_campaign=KHN%3A%20First%20Edition&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=76221367&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9N7Z-FswdNEmzyHZDFTFYiS9otCXzX_wqaGc_T7ECvj7D5fqplmIYOmU9ESj4bw9UG26Mkbdu7nXeBCe3--qD5l5kfZmA&hsmi=76221367)

**Is it time to remove immigration courts from presidential control -**

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2019/08/28/is-it-time-to-remove-immigration-courts-from-presidential-control>

**3 Things you should know about Trump's immigration wealth test (the Torch) -**

<https://www.nilc.org/2019/08/20/3-things-you-should-know-about-trumps-immigration-wealth-test-the-torch/>

**Church center empowers immigrants to pursue, attain US citizenship -**

[https://oklahoman.com/article/5640139/church-center-empowers-immigrants-to-pursue-attain-us-citizenship?fbclid=IwAR3JnPoJzhjlxnbdDD44WzToGCHFnTxI6eWb\\_KCcj1URe2QHuttoRqZjM](https://oklahoman.com/article/5640139/church-center-empowers-immigrants-to-pursue-attain-us-citizenship?fbclid=IwAR3JnPoJzhjlxnbdDD44WzToGCHFnTxI6eWb_KCcj1URe2QHuttoRqZjM)

**As enforcement tightens and border tensions rise, art and immigration meld -**

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/immigration-art-trump-mural-border-enforcement-photos-20190824.html>

**Criminals target migrants in Mexico seeking US asylum - NPR podcast**

<https://www.npr.org/2019/08/27/754489426/criminals-target-migrants-in-mexico-seeking-u-s-asylum>

### **Action Four: Action**

**ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS:** 7 AM, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL

Join in prayer vigil at the immigration processing center to provide public witness and accompaniment to those about to be deported. First Fridays are Interfaith Services; other Fridays center on the 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.

**Upcoming SBI conference: "Creating Communities of Welcome - What would have us do?"**

**Sat., Sept 21, 2019** from 9am-1pm at Catholic Theological Union, 5416 S. Cornell, Chicago.

To register, go to: [sbi-chicago](https://sbi-chicago)

**Sat., Oct 5 - Taste of Viator House:** 6pm reception followed by dinner. Tickets \$75 - an

evening of fun and fundraising in support of young men seeking asylum. Event will be held at St. Viator High School, 1213 E. Oakton St, Arlington Heights. To register, go to:

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E344577&id=12>

**Action Five: Social Media - @ (Sen/Rep)** Flores provides basic protections for the care of children in custody. It is shameful that the Trump Administration would try to take these safeguards away. #SaveFlores **Thank you for all your efforts.**