





# **November 27 - December 3, 2017 Alert on Immigration**

# What's Happening?

Haitian quake victims in the U.S. will lose deportation protection in 2019 - by Jacqueline Charles and Patricia Mazzei/Miami Herald

DHS inspector general: Travel-ban confusion led agents to violate court order - Washington Post

Atlanta mayor under fire amid debate over illegal immigration - The Atlantic Journal Constitution

Immigrants Anxiously Await Citizenship As Processing Times Nearly Double - Huffington Post

### **Action One: Prayer**

Loving Father, in your infinite compassion, we seek your divine protection for refugee children who are often alone and afraid. Provide solace to those who have been witnesses to violence and destruction, who have lost parents, family, friends, home, and all they cherish due to war or persecution. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant children, too, Lord. Reunite them with their families and loved ones. Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land to a place of peace and safety. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Show us how we might reach out to these precious and vulnerable children. Open our hearts to migrant and refugee children in need, so that we might see in them your own migrant Son. Give us courage to stand up in their defense against those who would do them harm. For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen (USCCB)

# **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

NATIONAL LEVEL - Congress is back from Thanksgiving break -- and first on the Senate's todo list is pushing through a dangerous, unfair tax bill. Today and throughout the week, please call your Senators and tell them not to support this unfair tax bill.

https://www.ofa.us/keep-speaking-

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NATIONAL LEVEL - Call your representative in Congress and tell them to pass legislation that creates a solution for ALL families who could lose TPS: (202) 224-3121

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand a Clean Dream Act! Write to your member of Congress and demand a Clean Dream Act by the end of the year! <a href="http://cqrcengage.com/oneamericavotes/app/onestep-write-a-letter?2&engagementld=413773">http://cqrcengage.com/oneamericavotes/app/onestep-write-a-letter?2&engagementld=413773</a>

NATIONAL LEVEL - We need every member of the House to hear that their inaction is unacceptable. Call your representative at 888-704-9446 and tell them to pass the DREAM Act now to ensure young immigrants can stay in the country without fear?

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. <a href="https://support.crs.org/act/share-journey?utm\_source=CCGP-email&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=migration-email">https://support.crs.org/act/share-journey?utm\_source=CCGP-email&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=migration-email</a>

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**

Please see our new Dreamer legislation comparison chart available <a href="https://justiceforimmigrants.org/2016site/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Daca-comparison.pdf">https://justiceforimmigrants.org/2016site/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Daca-comparison.pdf</a>

#### Arizona DACA recipient among Forbes' 30 Under 30 class -

https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix/2017/11/18/arizona-daca-recipient-reyna-montoya-among-forbes-30-under-30-class/875675001/?utm\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\_campaign=f3813f6848-CLINIC\_Daily\_11-21-17&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_a33179621a-f3813f6848-284015825

Immigrants ask Maine's high court to rule that they can have food stamps - http://wgme.com/news/local/immigrants-ask-maines-high-court-to-rule-that-they-can-have-food-stamps?utm\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\_campaign=f3813f6848-CLINIC\_Daily\_11-21-17&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_a33179621a-f3813f6848-284015825

Here's how a Trump-backed bill to slash legal immigration could affect Sacramento - <a href="http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article185658908.html?utm\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\_cam-paign=3ce723a3b1-CLINIC\_Daily\_11-22-17&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_a33179621a-3ce723a3b1-284015825</a>

**Action Four: Action** 

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: 7 AM, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, II 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; turn left on Beach Street.

WEBINAR: Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 1 - 230pm CST. Adjustment Options for TPS Holders - Over the coming months DHS will continue to review TPS designations for several countries. In this webinar we will explore options to help TPS recipients who are immediate relatives adjust status. Free webinar. Register here: <a href="https://cliniclegal.org/civicrm/event/register?id=685&reset=1">https://cliniclegal.org/civicrm/event/register?id=685&reset=1</a>

12th Annual Posada Seeking Immigration Reform: Friday, December 15, 2017: 7 - 9 a.m. Join us to walk and pray in solidarity with our immigrant sisters and brothers who—as the Holy Family sought a place to stay—are seeking legislative shelter. Meet at 101 West Congress. Route: From Correctional Center (71 West Van Buren), DePaul (1 East Jackson), Federal Plaza, and St. Peter's (110 West Madison). For more information: Arturo Gonzalez at 312.534.8103 or agonzalez@archchicago.org or visit: www.catholicsandimmigrants.org

<u>Action Five: Social Media</u> -- Faith communities urge MOC to pass pass #DreamAct & protect 800,000 immigrant youth #HereToStay #Dreamers Thank you for your efforts!