



February 25 - March 3, 2019 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

California's new 'sanctuary' battle could be keeping immigrant data away from ICE - LA Times

After long wait, US moves forward with proposal to end work permits for spouses of H-1B visa holders - NBC News

Trump prevails as Mexican officials stop caravan at Texas border and ship migrants to other cities - LA Times

Volunteers, activists, journalists interrogated at border about caravan - SDiego Union Tribune

Michigan Gov. Whitmer blocks immigrant detention plan - ABC News

Former sr. nat'l security officials to issue declaration on nat'l emergency - Wash Post

Supreme Court to hear oral arguments on 2020 citizenship census question - Catholic Philly.com

Wait times for citizenship have doubled in last two years - NY Times

Shutdown pushes immigration court backlog to 830,000, experts say that's only the beginning - CBS News

Third migrant dies in border patrol custody in as many months - USA Today

ACLU sues Trump admin over policy requiring asylum seekers to wait in Mexico - LA Times

Action One: Prayer

Creator God, open our eyes so we can see you in the eyes of our immigrant brothers and sisters, eyes downcast for having lived so long in the shadows, eyes challenging us to join them in the streets or picket lines, eyes lifted looking for the Christ light in us. Compassionate God, who has come to dwell among us, open our ears to hear the cries of your children, children being separated from their parents, rounded up in raids, led to detention centers, silently giving up dreams. God of Justice, who crosses all boundaries, give us courage to resist, to say NO to unfair labor practices, to unjust laws. Give us the strength to stand with and for your inclusive love, faith to believe, another world is necessary and possible. Let it begin with us. Amen. (United Church of Christ)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL -Tell your representative to pass a resolution to stop Trump's fake, unconstitutional national emergency. https://act.standupamerica.com/page/content/block-Trump's-fake-emergency/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=standup&utm_content=2+-

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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=701f400000qH82AAE&utm_campaign=217555_FY19%20Asylum%20A

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 Congress: Condemn the Trump's admin anti-immigrant emergency declaration. <https://www.uusc.org/initiatives/add-your-name-oppose-president-trumps-national-emergency-to-fund-the-border-wall/>

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 - 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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Alex Azar and Kristen Nielsen to let the children go. Stop sharing sponsor data with ICE. Sign the petition:
https://act.credoaction.com/sign/children_orr_ice?t=2&akid=31033%2E2678758%2EHvmatA

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress - we demand a democracy that work for us. Sign the petition to support HR 1 - For the People Act. <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/congress-we-demand-a-democracy-that-works-for-us?source=121318swap-fan&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d625393d-c044-4a0e-8737-97cd2abc9993>

Action Three: Education

The Democratic Party's long shift to the left on immigration -
<https://www.npr.org/2019/02/19/694804917/democrats-used-to-talk-about-criminal-immigrants-so-what-changed-the-party>

The Encuentro project update - <https://www.maristbr.com/the-encuentro-project-update-february-2019>

Meet the Jewish undocumented immigrant who's the student president of the biggest college in the country - <https://www.jta.org/2019/02/19/united-states/meet-the-jewish-undocumented-immigrant-whos-the-student-president-of-the-biggest-college-in-the-country>

Artist documents the undocumented - https://news.ncsu.edu/2019/02/artist-documents-the-undocumented/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=51d13d2121-CLINIC_Daily_2-21-19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-51d13d2121-284015825

Trump's border wall threatens the La Lomita Chapel
<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2019/02/trumps-border-wall-threatens-loma-lomita-chapel/583447/>

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 - @ (your House Rep) We must not allow Pres Trump to subvert the Constitution of the US for his own benefit and redirect funds. Support Joint House Resolution 46.

Thank you for all your efforts!