



December 31, 2018 - January 6, 2019 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Young immigrants who suffered abuse sue over changes to special protection pgm - LA Times

Gov't shutdown closes immigration courts adding to record high case backlog - CBS News

Migrant families shift to dangerous desert crossings - LA Times

Ending budget impasse may depend on definition of "wall" - NY Times

Japan passes controversial new immigration bill to attract foreign workers - LA Times

CBP orders medical checks after second child's death - AP

Nielsen deflects blame for boy's death in border patrol custody - Politico

'A breaking point': Second child's death prompts new procedures - NY Times

Action One: Prayer

Good and gracious God, we thank you for the many ways you reveal yourself to us—in the kindness of a grandmother, the generosity of a neighbor, the comfort of a friend. Give us eyes to see your goodness in the faces of our immigrant neighbors and ears to hear the good news of your word made flesh in those recipients of temporary protection who are now threatened by our government. Give us the strength to walk with them as together we seek the prince of peace. Amen. (Interfaith Immigration Coalition)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - JFI action: Tell Congress to reject inhumane funding requests for immigration enforcement. Catholics, urge Members of Congress to avoid a shutdown – several of the outstanding bills fund important refugee and immigration-related programs – while also rejecting funding increases for inhumane immigration enforcement efforts.

<http://capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/issues/alert/?alertid=80584676&queueid=11784639991>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Shut down the immigrant's children prison. Imprisoning immigrant children is cruel and traumatic causing long lasting harm. Please sign the petition to shut these down: https://petitions.moveon.org/sign/shut-down-the-immigrant?r_by=326945&source=s.fwd

NATIONAL LEVEL - As Congress negotiates the spending bills to keep the government open, our demands are clear. We need a clean short-term spending bill that doesn't trade immigrant families for our values. **Text #Not1Dollar to 69866 to join the fight for our families.**

NATIONAL LEVEL - SIMN asks you to contact your MOC's (Senate: 202-224-3121 + House: 202-225-3121**) to request that they oppose funding for the border wall along the US - Mexico border.**

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC. Tell them to support H.R. 920, the Protecting Our Border Communities Act. This bill would render that “Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvement” executive order null and void, and prevent any funding for it. (Senate: 202-224-3121 + House: 202-225-3121).

NATIONAL LEVEL - CRLN needs your help to spread the word about detention facilities in Kankakee, IL and Tornillo, TX. Here is an online congregational sign ons for supporting the Shut Tornillo Down Coalition and the Connect Kankakee campaign to stop housing undocumented immigrants at the that detention center. Tornillo:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIcIkKuEEx-LCoGFf3s3HyhdXn4owmXeCAwtBLGR2tnYo2iw/viewform>

Kankakee:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdi5AcTqrKqzhjxQ0OEkeHH1NN9ejfN4qCmTb4uTgNNNyDtOA/viewform>

Action Three: Education

Government shutdown: the fight over steel slats and Trump’s border wall explained -

https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/12/21/18151974/border-wall-trump-steel-slats-shutdown?fbclid=IwAR3T3QB9g_vUdzPzSefFO2oUXa-tWRppbmPUiVtjIKPIQvnP7wU7rVbfHGU

What to expect on immigration in 2019 - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2019/01/02/what-to-expect-on-immigration-in-2019/#7437441b3347>

Half of immigrant detainee deaths in US due to inadequate medical care, report finds -

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/06/20/health/immigrant-detainee-deaths-medical-care-bn/index.html?fbclid=IwAR1Ic-XgIV2d2ZiYQ0NjM2w0dPCMHRdeYBIRsgUmfkCZEqw62NOhSZVhicE>

He waited for months for asylum. Days after he was deported, he was found dead in the trunk of a car - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2018/world/when-death-awaits-deported-asylum-seekers/>

The US Refugee Resettlement Program — A Return to First Principles: How Refugees Help to Define, Strengthen, and Revitalize the United States -

https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/2331502418787787?fbclid=IwAR3blhnp_PLOpvLIPDXRISxtn8DF55GJR5IIQZ8AEXAqj5bBTDapQFqSMQ&

Here is the reality of life at US - Mexico border - <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2018/12/26/do-we-need-wall-heres-what-people-border-think?fbclid=IwAR2WmwLSrnZ3LV3eduPNWvJz0yNSYVbiVJq5qJFmERRI0OQKqCn6RbMmnM>

Gentrification battle moves to SeaTac as immigrant owned businesses face displacement -

https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/gentrification-battle-moves-to-seatac-as-immigrant-owned-businesses-face-displacement/?utm_source=marketingcloud&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Morning+Brief+12-26-18_12_26_2018&utm_term=

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.

Sunday, Jan 6: Natl Migration Week Mass - Building Communities of Welcome

Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago. 5:15pm - 6:15pm. Hosted by Office for Human Dignity & Solidarity - Immigration Ministry.

Sunday, Jan. 13: Share the Journey Interfaith Prayer Service - 4-5pm at St. Viator Church, 4170 W. Addison Ave, Chicago. Hosted by Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants. Free parking available north of the church. For more info, contact: mgosch@viatorians.com

Action Five: Social Media - [@WhiteHouse](https://twitter.com/WhiteHouse) History shows that border walls don’t work.

Create rational and humane immigration policies that help others.

Thank you for all your efforts!