October 1 - 7, 2018 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Migrant children moved under cover of darkness to Texas tent city - NY Times

Visa lottery to award 50,000 green cards in 2020, despite Trump's threat - Miami Herald

Arizona city ends contract for immigration detention center - Fox News

Immigrants could be required to show credit scores if they want to stay in US - Marketwatch

Judge appears likely to block Trump deportation order - San Francisco Chronicle

Judge denies bid to block courthouse immigration arrests - Boston Globe

Doctors with criminal records examined immigrants, report says - NPR

LA archdiocese passes virtual collection plate to support immigrant families - LA Times

Action One: Prayer

Blessed are You, Lord Jesus Christ. You crossed every border between Divinity and humanity to make your home with us. Help us to welcome you in newcomers, migrants and refugees. Blessed are You, God of all nations. You bless our land richly with goods of creation and with people made in your image. Help us to be good stewards and peacemakers, who live as your children. Blessed are You, Holy Spirit. You work in the hearts of all to bring about harmony and goodwill. Strengthen us to welcome those from other lands, cultures, religions, that we may live in human solidarity and in hope. God of all people, grant us vision to see your presence in our midst, especially in our immigrant sisters and brothers. Give us courage to open the door to our neighbors and grace to build a society of justice. (Pax Christi)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call Congress and tell them to stop detaining families in jails and demand that all separated families be reunited. **Call (866) 940-2439 to reach your members of Congress)** Remember to call 3x to speak to your rep and your senators. Tell them you are outraged that immigrant children are still separated from their families and that so many children are still being held in immigration detention.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call on Congress to stop funding immigrant detention today.
https://www.afsc.org/action/call-congress-to-stop-funding-immigrant-detention-today?emci=58b80b1d-1bb5-e811-bce7-000d3a12b7e6&emdi=c7865cc9-c6b5-e811-bce7-000d3a12b7e6&ceid=712858&ms=2018AA0911

NATIONAL LEVEL - No new money for family detention. Email your MOC that all families deserve to be treated humanely. Urge them to choose humane alternatives over incarceration of immigrant families. **https://act.fcnl.org/letter/tell-congress-no-new-money-family-detention/?_ga=2.29625660.22092512.1538066350-547404248.1533746949**

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the State Department to stop taking passports from Latinx citizens - **https://act.credoaction.com/sign/Latinx_passports?t=5&akid=30037%2E1599553%2EY331fZ**

NATIONAL LEVEL - ICE is asking Congress to give it a special increase in funds. Tell Congress: defund family separation and immigration detention.
 http://action.immigrantjustice.org/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=26313&utm_source=actionalert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=defundhate&utm_term=anomalyalert

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Congress repeal the Muslim Ban.
https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-this-petition-demand-congress-act-to-repeal-the-muslim-ban?source=Aug2018NoMuslimBanFAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=6bf19733-d8d1-4575-802c-ae3f3f1f7d96

Action Three: Education

Undocumented immigrant faces a choice: become an informant for ICE or be deported-
https://theintercept.com/2018/09/24/ice-informants-deportation/

New rule to deny status to immigrants up to 95% self-sufficient - https://www.cato.org/blog/new-rule-deny-status-immigrants-95-self-sufficient

Center for Migration Studies disputes PLOS One estimates of US undocumented population -
http://cmsny.org/plos-one-response/

Threatened shutdown of failing immigrant children shelters could cause a crisis -
https://psmag.com/social-justice/shutdown-of-immigration-shelters-could-cause-crisis

Common immigration scams to avoid in the United States -
https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/immigration/article218855435.html?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=85a6d8f876-CLINIC_Daily_09-25-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-85a6d8f876-284015825

Prosecuting parents - and separating families - was meant to deter migration -
https://theintercept.com/2018/09/25/family-separation-border-crossings-zero-tolerance/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=0aa3c3679f-CLINIC_Daily_09-26-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-0aa3c3679f-284015825

Building immigrant communities in the Trump era - https://www.thenation.com/article/building-an-immigrant-community-in-the-trump-era/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=e5e542024b-CLINIC_Daily_10-01-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-e5e542024b-284015825

Action Four: Action
ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: 7 AM, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, Il
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.

Justice for Immigrants webinar – Fri., Oct 5 at 12Noon Central. "Family Separation Update Webinar." Up-to-date info of family separation crisis. Login: bit.ly/FamilySep Dial-in: 267-279-9000 Passcode: 618276#

Justice for Immigrants webinar – Wed., Oct 17 at 12noon Central. "Commenting on Federal Rules Changes: Your Change to add Catholic Principles to the Process." Join experts from USCCB/MRS, Clinic, Network and the Columbian Center for advocacy and outreach. Login: bit.ly/PubComments   Dial-in: 267-279-9000 Passcode: 389551#

Action Five: Social Media - @ (DHS) Trump admin "public charge" regulations put money before family, threatening health, nutrition and housing for millions of US born children in immigrant families. #immigrant families   ==Thank you for all your efforts.==