



January 21 - 27, 2019 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Trump citizenship question on 2020 census is blocked by court - LA Times

Leaders nix recess with no shutdown deal in sight - The Hill

\$11 toothpaste, immigrants pay big for basics at private ICE lock-ups - Reuters

Rep Kirkpatrick wants to help 'Dreamers' work for Congress - Arizona Public Media

Border sheriff's: Trump wall focus impedes broader border security discussion - Tucson.com

Watchdog: Thousands more children may have been separated - NY Times

New migrant caravan leaves from Honduras - LA Times

Trump admin nearly doubles size of detention center for migrant teenagers - NY Times

Mexican authorities prepare to close main migrant shelter in Tijuana - heraldmailmedia.com

At US-Mexico border, a tribal nation fights wall that could divide them - PBS

What happens when federal courts run out of money - ABA Journal.com

Action One: Prayer

O God, of Mercy and Compassion, open our heart to your grace. We ask You to: Bless us with courage to embrace nonviolence in our everyday lives. Bless us with vision to seek alternatives when violence appears as the only solution. Encourage us to look deeply at our own complicity that allows violence to continue in our own hearts and in our world. Bless us with insight to see the roots of violence inherent in mercy's critical concerns. Bless us with the tenacity to stay committed to the struggle to shape a more peaceful, nonviolent world for all your people. O good and gracious God, source of all life, all creation is charged with your Divine Energy. Grant us the strength and courage, we pray, for a radical transformation of our lives and a deeper realization of your Kingdom among us. Amen. (from Sisters of Mercy)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Show your support for HR 1 - the People Act. Tell Congress: We demand a Congress that works for us. Sign on: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/congress-we-demand-a-democracy-that-works-for-us?source=121318swap-fan&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=c706a818-41ad-43b9-a4fe-00123e5174a3>

NATIONAL LEVEL - SIMN asks you to contact your MOC's (Senate: 202-224-3121 + House: 202-225-3121). Ask them to reopen the government and not to fund the border wall.

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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 - Call your Senators and ask them to urge Senator McConnell to bring the House-passed bills ending the government shutdown to the Senate floor for a vote. Call the Capitol switchboard: (202) 224-3121. A switchboard operator will connect you directly with your Senators.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Don't give in to Trump's shutdown. Tell Congress not to be bullied by Trump and his threats to hold the gov't hostage for the wall. Sign the petition: https://www.southernborder.org/petition_tell_congress_dont_give_in_to_trumps_shutdown_not_a_single_penny_for_the_wall?fbclid=IwAR3EUOY2KpZ33Q7PACUDxALoLBwq6zecc5ZSTHsljXjlj5yJSsG5p8GM4n4&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=2ff3f1c8-cca8-4170-bb29-31d7464d1e0b

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

Action Three: Education

Americans used to support a border wall. What changed their minds? - <http://thefederalist.com/2019/01/14/americans-used-support-border-wall-changed-minds/>

At US-Mexico border, tribal nation fights wall that could divide them - https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/at-us-mexico-border-a-tribal-nation-fights-wall-that-would-divide-them?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=430f813b43-CLINIC_Daily_1-15-19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-430f813b43-284015825

We are witnesses: Becoming an American - <https://www.themarshallproject.org/we-are-witnesses/immigration/>

Cancelled immigration court hearing grow as shutdown continues - <http://trac.syr.edu/immigration/reports/543/>

US undocumented population continued to fall 2016 to 2017, and visa overstays significantly exceeded illegal crossings for seventh consecutive year - <http://cmsny.org/publications/essay-2017-undocumented-and-overstays/>

Here are the USCIS rules for US immigrants to get a green card - https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/immigration/article224647215.html?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=617914c17b-CLINIC_Daily_1-18-19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-617914c17b-284015825

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 - @WhiteHouse "We need leaders not in love with money but in love with justice, not in love with publicity but in love with humanity" - Martin Luther King Jr.

Thank you for all your efforts!