



June 11 - 17, 2018 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

UN says US must stop separating migrant children from parents - The Guardian

New US rule will make it harder for immigrant children to reunite with families, advocates fear - NBC News

Feinstein plans bill to halt separation of families at the border - The Hill

Immigration agents arrest 114 at Ohio landscaper - Associated Press

U.S. sending 1,600 immigration detainees to federal prisons - Reuters

Federal judge sides with Philadelphia in "sanctuary city" immigration fight - CBS News

Action One: Prayer

God of our Wandering Ancestors, long have we known that your heart is with the refugee: that you were born into time in a family of refugees fleeing violence in their homeland, who then gathered up their hungry child and fled into alien country. Their cry, your cry, resounds through the ages: "Will you let me in?" Give us hearts that break open when our brothers and sisters turn to us with that same cry. Then surely all these things will follow: Ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices. Eyes will see a moment for grace instead of a threat. Tongues will not be silenced but will instead advocate. And hands will reach out— working for peace in their homeland, working for justice in the lands where they seek safe haven. Lord, protect all refugees in their travels. May they find a friend in me and so make me worthy of the refuge I have found in you. AMEN (courtesy of CRS)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Last week, over 200 fedl agents raided two locations of Corso's nurseries in Ohio. We urge all members to call your members of Congress at **(202) 224-3121** and urge ICE to halt these deportations and vote to pass immigration reform.

NATIONAL LEVEL - A society is measured by how we care for the most vulnerable among us. As women of faith, we are united in moral conviction that justice is a deed, not just a word.

Sign the petition to tell DHS Secretary Nielsen to stop separating families.

<http://fpl.actionkit.com/sign/family-unity-women/?t=4&akid=896%2E48167%2ET7LZ0h>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition calling on DHS to stop the inhumane policy of separating children from their parents who are seeking protection.

<https://durbin.cp.bsd.net/page/signup/dhs-families?source=em180605-full&refcode=em180605>

NATIONAL LEVEL- Sign on to Letter of Support for Extension of TPS to Yemen.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3Ei0O1NvFYZeJ8uxQTP2rIf-5ctUWjnY1y4jf0hp-e0M-5Q/viewform?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=4ca1f5a9-1041-48f3-ae0e-e471f6d9d7a1>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOCs. Their job is to conduct oversight of DHS. Simply say, "I am outraged by how our government is treating children at the border. What is my Senator/Rep doing about this?" House: 202-225-3121; Senate: (202) 224-3121)

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Trump Administration: Stop tearing apart immigrant families at the border. Tell Trump to immediately reverse this bad policy and reunite these families.
<https://www.jeffmerkley.com/petition/family-separation/e/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - From NILC: Add your name now to our petition urging the Trump administration to stop their cruel and inhumane practice of separating children from their parents. <https://nilc.cp.bsd.net/page/signup/nilc-endfamilyseparation?source=em180530>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Trump is doing everything he can to instill fear in immigrant communities. Sign the petition to stop Trump from tearing families apart at the border.
https://act.credoaction.com/sign/no_family_separation

NATIONAL LEVEL - Add your name to this petition to demand that the government immediately stop the cruel practice of separating families at the border.
https://petitions.moveon.org/sign/tell-secretary-nielsen?source=c.em.cp&r_by=5758107&utm_source=NewsLetter-AlianzaAmericas&utm_campaign=14351f887a-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_06_01_04_19_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_7a868ad2e9-14351f887a-52499795

NATIONAL LEVEL - Give Migrants Escaping Violence a Chance to Seek Asylum. Sign the petition and demand that each person the chance to apply for asylum.
<https://www.thepetitionsite.com/435/442/099/give-migrants-escaping-violence-a-chance-to-seek-asylum/>

Action Three: Education

Immigrant kids at border present and accounted for — and number growing -
https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2018/06/01/immigrant-kids-at-border-present-and-accounted-for-and-number-growing/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=77f32ebf10-CLINIC_Daily_06-06-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-77f32ebf10-284015825

Judge orders bail hearings for immigrants despite Supreme Court ruling -
https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Judge-orders-bail-hearings-for-immigrants-despite-12977210.php?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=b7227f4ac1-CLINIC_Daily_06-11-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-b7227f4ac1-284015825

UN says US must stop separating migrant children from parents - https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2018/jun/05/un-says-us-must-stop-separating-migrant-children-from-parents?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=b7227f4ac1-CLINIC_Daily_06-11-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-b7227f4ac1-284015825

Pastoral Migratoria trains immigrant leaders to work with migrants -
https://www.ncronline.org/news/parish/pastoral-migratoria-trains-immigrant-leaders-work-migrants?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=b7227f4ac1-CLINIC_Daily_06-11-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-b7227f4ac1-284015825

Proposed Rule Change Threatens Legal Immigrants, U.S.-Born Children -
<https://gbpi.org/2018/proposed-rule-change-threatens-legal-immigrants-american-born-children/>

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.

Action Five: Social Media — Faith communities should demand that Congress STOP FUNDING the Department of Homeland Security's abusive family separation practices. #Keep FamiliesTogether

Thank you for all your efforts!