Alert on Immigration   April 15 – 21, 2019

What's Happening?

Trump still likes the idea of sending immigrants here "illegally" to sanctuary cities - LA Times

Fed'l judge blocks Trump admin from ending Haiti TPS - Miami Herald

Denials of US immigrant visas skyrocket after little heralded rule change - Reuters

Migrants dropped off in New Mexico; City asks for donations - NY Times

Only 6 percent of those subject to Trump travel ban granted US waivers - Reuters

Trump not looking to reinstate family separation policy - AP

Wait times at US-Mexico border soar as officers reassigned to deal with migrants - Wash Post

Trump signals fiercer immigration agenda, possible return of family separation - NY Times

HHS considering moving migrant children to new shelters in Dallas, Atlanta - The Hill

Immigration family separations - may take two years to identify children - USA Today

Catholic Church urges US gov't to designate TPS protection for Venezuela - Indp Catholic News

Action One: Prayer

Merciful God, our history as human beings, and even before, has been a history of life on the move. As your sons and daughters, we continue to search for a place to sleep, food to eat, and families and communities to support us. We are a people on a journey. We are grateful for the earth that sustains us, but we do not always take time to thank you. Also, we too often lack compassion for our brothers and sisters who have been uprooted by violence, natural disasters and poverty. Help us to remember that we are always on a journey with them and with You, to a new way of life in abundance. Amen. (Written by Father Paul Masson, M.M., who was on mission for ten years in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Congress: #RepealTheBan and support the NO BAN Act.
 https://act.mpowerchange.org/sign/repealtheban-nobanact/?source=rtb_fan&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=1b2b4eff-52a6-4fac-bb56-43b7c6b84dc8

NATIONAL LEVEL - Congress introduced a bill that would repeal the Muslim ban, but also refugee and asylum bans and help prevent discriminatory bans in the future. Sign the petition telling Congress to pass No Ban Act now - https://action.aclu.org/petition/repeal-trumps-anti-immigrant-bans?ms_aff=NAT&initms_aff=NAT&ms=190410_immigrantrights_noban&initms=190410_immigrantrights_noban&ms_chan=eml&initms_chan=eml&af=BcNshjQS8xuSodn2Upme1NXUJqVtSOxYoo%2B5iEwVqOK4TQ7OEp7jAKHrNgRkOaQ%2By0kiFW5pnvMMjPLCEERBX6JPyjEaINBP35Z9qBQmyxG68%2FSbPMk8YhAPBloZXiNRod2ui0mBC0hUOtMJvwZZlgCz6Ay0a86yTPU%2Fy3yqgMo%3D

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call your Reps and Urge Support for the Berta Cáceres Act 2019. Rep Hank Johnson (GA-4) and 43 Cosponsors have [reintroduced](#) the Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act (HR1945). The bill demands all US aid to Honduran security forces must cease, and US must vote 'no' on all loans from multinational development banks to Honduras until the Honduran government has met several conditions. call your Representative's office at **(202) 224-3121** and ask to speak to the foreign policy aide.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Trump is fill top DHS job with the man who led Customs and Border Patrol in tear gassing unarmed immigrant families. **Tell the Senate to vote down any DHS nominee who supports family separation. Sign the petition:** https://act.credoaction.com/sign/senate-dhs-end-family-separation?t=5&akid=32226%2E2678758%2ELjdED2

NATIONAL LEVEL - Support the Dream and Promise Act as it would provide relief and a pathway to citizenship for recipients of TPS and DACA. Here is a customized message based on whether or not your Rep is a cosponsor of this bill. So email your Rep to thank them or encourage them to support. https://networklobby.org/DreamandPromise/

Action Three: Education
10 ways to resolve the border crisis - https://thehill.com/opinion/immigration/437797-10-ways-to-resolve-the-border-crisis

The epidemic of debt plaguing Central American migrants -
https://www.newyorker.com/news/dispatch/the-epidemic-of-debt-plaguing-central-american-migrants

How climate change is fueling the US border crisis - https://www.newyorker.com/business

More than 5,600 migrant kids are living in Texas shelters -
https://apps.texastribune.org/features/2018/texas-migrant-children-shelters/?_ga=2.154084280.1880195558.1554314547-266363506.1554314546&utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=dae18c0a55-CLINIC_Daily_4-05-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-dae18c0a55-284015825

The booming business for smuggling people to the US: 'Everyone Wins' -
https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/apr/08/the-booming-business-for-smuggling-people-to-the-us-everyone-wins#nws=mcnewsletter

An in-depth look at hardline immigration judge (audio) - https://www.revealnews.org/episodes/trans-national-migration/?utm_source=Reveal&utm_source=CLINIC%20Mail&utm_medium=social_media&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=facebook&utm_campaign=5d863359da-CLINIC_Daily_4-09-2019&utm_term=0_a33179621a-5d863359da-284015825

Competing approaches to selecting economic immigrants: point-based vs. demand-driven systems - https://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/selecting-economic-immigrants-points-based-demand-driven-systems

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 and left at Beach Street.

The Immigration Advocacy History Project at Loyola University Chicago. The exhibit, *"Stand Strong on the Side of Righteousness: Immigration Advocacy, Past and Present"* runs through the end of April. The exhibit draws from interviews with immigration advocates, is now open until the end of April on the second floor of Damen Center (6511 N. Sheridan Rd) at the Loyola University Chicago Lakeshore Campus. An online version will be available in April.

Action Five: Social Media --@ (Your Member of Congress). Support the Dream and
Promise Act to provide relief and a pathway to citizenship for recipients of TPS and DACA.
==**Thank you for your efforts!!**==