



Alert on Immigration April 1 – 7, 2019

What's Happening?

Pentagon notifies Congress money authorized to begin new wall construction - CNN

US to grant more visas for seasonal workers - Boston Globe

Trump plans to cut aid to 3 Central American countries - LA Times

Library of Congress will ditch the subject heading "illegal aliens" - Smithsonian

DHS to ask Congress for sweeping authority to deport unaccompanied migrant children - NBC

Trump White House presses threat to close US-Mexico border this week - Wash Post

Migrant families are being housed under a bridge as the border patrol chief warns of an immigration 'breaking point' - BuzzFeed

Border Patrol to reassign staff, release migrants as illegal family crossings surge - LA Times

Arkansas bill would allow in-state tuition for immigrants - AP

Action One: Prayer

God of all, we struggle to welcome those we don't know to join our communities. Please guide our actions so we may be a reflection of your love. We struggle to find common ground with those who are from different places and have different customs. Please guide our words so we speak with charity and hospitality. We struggle to remember our own times of transition and uncertainty. Please send your Holy Spirit to challenge our assumptions. May we continue to seek new ways to find you in our lives. May we Share the Journey with one another, every day. We ask all this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (from Bread for the World)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take Action and Make a Call Today: Where Are the Refugees?

Support our refugee brothers and sisters by making calls to congress at **(202) 224-3121**. Hold the admin accountable to protect refugees, asylum seekers, and families seeking protection.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to reject increased funding for immigration enforcement. Invest in alternatives to detention and expanded accountability.

https://cqrcengage.com/fcnl/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=496970&utm_campaign=lam&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ak

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MoC to stand up for the rights and protection of immigrants and asylum seekers. Under new policies, asylum seekers must return to Mexico to wait out the asylum process – putting them at risk. Sign the petition: https://secure.phr.org/secure/seeking-asylum-legal?ms=FY19_Feb_AsylumAction_Email&CID=701f4000000gH82AAE&utm_campaign=217555_FY19%20Asylum%20Action%20Alert&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Physicians%20for%20Human%20Rights&dm_i=4GV7,4NV7,1IFFC0,HKAF,1

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MOC's to protect refugees, asylum seekers and families seeking protection. Call them and urge them to protect refugees. <https://greateras1.org/action-alert-tell-your-members-of-congress-to-protect-refugees-asylum-seekers-and-families-seeking-protection/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Congress pass The Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019 to ensure equal access for every American to vote. https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-to-support-restoring-the-voting-rights-act?source=2019RestoreVRA_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=29db9be0-1f50-4e09-ad25-4b33b439b229

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your members of Congress that refugees and asylum seekers deserve safety - not walls and bars. Sign now to tell Congress, we must stop criminalizing people who are seeking refuge:
<https://act.amnestyusa.org/page/16725/action/1?ac=W1902EARMR2&ea.url.id=1759482&forwarded=true>**

**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 - 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

Remain in Mexico: Asylum seekers have their first hearings

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/24/politics/asylum-seeker-hearings/index.html>

A federal judge to decide if Trump's latest immigration restrictions are illegal -

https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2019/03/a-federal-judge-is-about-to-decide-if-trumps-latest-immigration-restrictions-are-illegal/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=3974f1c29e-CLINIC_Daily_3-26-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-3974f1c29e-284015825

St. Joseph church in Spring Valley celebrates 125 years serving diverse community -

https://www.lohud.com/story/news/local/rockland/spring-valley/2019/03/25/st-josephs-church-spring-valley-celebrates-125-years/3235642002/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=3974f1c29e-CLINIC_Daily_3-26-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-3974f1c29e-284015825

Understanding and helping recent immigrants adjust to life in a new place -

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/lifestyle/people/sd-me-one-krishnan-20190320-story.html>

These are the people caught up in the US immigration system, straining against its invisible

walls - https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2019/national/invisible-wall/?utm_term=.df8fe2783344

Man stopped by ICE uses 'know your rights' training, prevents immigrants' arrest -

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/man-stopped-ice-uses-know-your-rights-training-prevents-immigrants-n988026>

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 --@WhiteHouse History shows that border walls don't work. Create rational and humane immigration policies that help others.

Thank you for your efforts!!