



March 11 - 17, 2019 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Court denied asylum-seekers have constitutional right to appeal - USA Today

Trump admin extends TPS protection for South Sudanese - The Hill

US continues to separate migrant families despite rollback of policy - NY Times

Trump to demand \$8.6 billion in new wall funding, setting up fresh battle with Congress - Wash Post

Ahead of court ruling, Census Bureau seeks citizenship data - AP

House Democrats tie DACA and TPS together in latest immigration push - MiamiHerald.com

Nearly 200 people in Texas immigration detention facilities have contracted mumps - CNN

White House is weighing TPS for Venezuelans - McClatchy Wash Bureau

Trump's surprising new ally in Mexico? The government - NY Times

Venezuelan refugees now number 3.4 million; humanitarian implications massive - UN News

Action One: Prayer

O God, you have upheld the sacredness of human families since You created the first family, and even became one of us in a human family. We pray for reunification of all separated children with their families, and we pray that these traumatized children may be helped to find healing. May reunified families be given asylum and "make merry" in this country. Amen. (Devotion by Sister Marie Lucey, Franciscan Action Network)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your Senators (202-224-3121) to support a resolution rejecting Trump's national emergency declaration to fund a border wall.

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=4GV7,4NV7,1FFC0,HKAF,1

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 - The latest attack on immigrants is from the Social Security Administration. Fight Back Against Proposed Rule Change - to remove the “inability to communicate in English” from the list of educational categories that are considered when SSA determines who qualifies to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability (SSDI) benefits. Sign the letter:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M2lyjuOVYL6QV_a0Q8LMkLPga5cP5KXSSMzfBE5OY8/edit#

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your senators to reject Trump’s immoral wall. Send an email to your senators. Click here: <https://www.nilc.org/trumpshutdown/>

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

Action Three: Education

Is Trump making it more difficult for migrants to access legal services -

https://www.wbur.org/cognoscenti/2019/02/26/immigration-lawyers-detained-laura-murray-tjan?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=dd297eccc0-CLINIC_Daily_2-27-19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-dd297eccc0-284015825

When unaccompanied minors turn 18, living options shift - https://www.ncronline.org/news/people/when-unaccompanied-minors-turn-18-living-options-shift?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=dd297eccc0-CLINIC_Daily_2-27-19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-dd297eccc0-284015825

In the ‘Good Immigrant’, new Americans grapple with their polarized country -

https://www.npr.org/2019/02/27/698066947/in-the-good-immigrant-new-americans-grapple-with-their-polarized-country?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=c714d82e74-CLINIC_Daily_2-28-19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-c714d82e74-284015825

Vatican announces theme for World Day of Migrants and Refugees -

https://www.thecompassnews.org/2019/03/vatican-announces-theme-for-world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=366edf8098-CLINIC_Daily_3-05-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-366edf8098-284015825

Trump’s surprising new ally in Mexico? The government - <https://cmsny.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ab341dd06620fe24c64cc2f00&id=3ba82404fb&e=a9cd74ec3d>

He stars in a new film about infiltrating an ICE detention center. ICE has locked him up again.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2019/03/04/he-stars-new-film-about-infiltrating-an-ice-detention-center-now-ice-has-locked-him-up-again/?utm_term=.10f320e19355

Why US visa numbers are down -

<https://www.wbur.org/npr/701987091/why-u-s-visa-numbers-are-down#> =

Syrian refugees in the United States -

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/syrian-refugees-united-states>

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.

Friday, March 15, 2019 - IL RISE Act Training at Northeastern IL University, 1-3:00 PM. Learn how to advocate equity for Illinois college students who are undocumented. Register here:

<http://support.icirr.org/site/Calendar/1812178962>

Action Five: Social Media - @WhiteHouse It is essential to a well-functioning democracy that each person is counted in the **#census**. We deserve equal representation in our govt & the Constitution explicitly imposes a duty on the federal govt to count all people living in the US regardless of citizenship status

Thank you for all your efforts!