



## Alert on Immigration May 13 - 19, 2019

### What's Happening?

Trump admin proposal would make it easier to deport immigrants using public benefits - Reuters

White House may include 'E-verify' in immigration proposal - Politico

Trump immigration rule could displace 55K children from public housing - The Hill

LA County Sheriff's Dept won't arrest and hold immigrants for ICE - LA Times

Luring refugees: NY cities desperate for people try a new strategy - NY Times

Immigrant children in US custody soaring back toward record high - SF Chronicle

Dems ask federal watchdog to examine 'unprecedented' immigration backlog - Wash Post

Pentagon will pull money from ballistic missile and surveillance plane pgms to help fund border wall - Wash Post

Border Patrol will screen asylum requests in new push to restrict claims - LA Times

Trump admin can keep sending asylum seekers to Mexico, court rules - NY Times

US asylum screeners to take more confrontational approach as Trump aims to turn more migrants away at the border - Wash Post

### Action One: Prayer

Gracious God, God of all compassion and consolation, your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may face despair with hope. Help us to dance with the spirit which calls us out of the valley of dry bones and into God's beloved community, both a present reality and the grounding of our future hope. AMEN.  
(Devotion by Sister Ann Scholz, Leadership Conference of Women Religious)

### Action Two: Calls/Letters

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Take Action: sign the petition to end the Muslim ban, support the NO Ban Act.** [https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-end-the-racist-muslim-ban-support-the-no-ban-act?source=2019NOBANAct\\_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=6120844c-c53e-443c-8fc7-21b9c7b25300](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-end-the-racist-muslim-ban-support-the-no-ban-act?source=2019NOBANAct_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=6120844c-c53e-443c-8fc7-21b9c7b25300)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Refugee admissions are at an all-time low. Congress must hold the State Dept accountable to resettling 30,000 refugees this year and admitting a minimum of 75,000 refugees next year. Tell your MOC to hold the admin accountable to this year's resettlement goals and support pro-refugee legislation.**

[https://secure3.convio.net/sojo/site/Advocacy;jsessionid=00000000.app318b?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1289&NONCE\\_TOKEN=589E04C984E828031C05D48B1C805A28](https://secure3.convio.net/sojo/site/Advocacy;jsessionid=00000000.app318b?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1289&NONCE_TOKEN=589E04C984E828031C05D48B1C805A28)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition: Amazon - stop powering ICE's deportation machine.** Amazon plays a key role in the deportation crisis by providing the technological backbone for ICE's operations to track, identify, and hunt down immigrants. [https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-amazon-stop-powering-ices-deportation-machine?source=direct\\_link&](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-amazon-stop-powering-ices-deportation-machine?source=direct_link&)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Congress to invest in families and communities, not in DHS's plans to rip apart families and turn away asylum seekers. Tell your MOC to reject the supplemental budget request for FY19 and support cuts to DHS funding for FY20.**  
<https://www.lawg.org/DefundHate/>

**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](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 - Close the Homestead Child Detention Center. Children should not be held in detention centers. Please sign the petition:** <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-close-the-homestead-child-detention-center?source=19HOMEM1&referrer=group-american-friends-service-committee>

### **Action Three: Education**

**Report: A better way - community-based programming as an alternative to immigrant incarceration -** <https://www.immigrantjustice.org/research-items/report-better-way-community-based-programming-alternative-immigrant-incarceration?fbclid=IwAR1nrAsOL8MwDEjbrMjkioh8thOHe0VBGWzaZEcQGCTw-c3omgK4jk76xYw/>

**The surprising new effect of Trump's immigration crackdown -**  
<https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2019/05/08/self-deportation-trump-immigration-policy-trend-226801>

**You cannot divorce race from immigration, Jose Antonio Vargas says -**  
[https://www.npr.org/2019/05/08/721329196/you-cannot-divorce-race-from-immigration-jose-antonio-vargas-says?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=a1f847be68-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_5-09-2019&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-a1f847be68-284015825](https://www.npr.org/2019/05/08/721329196/you-cannot-divorce-race-from-immigration-jose-antonio-vargas-says?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=a1f847be68-CLINIC_Daily_5-09-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-a1f847be68-284015825)

**The Prosecution of No More Deaths activist Scott Warren -** [https://theintercept.com/2019/05/04/no-more-deaths-scott-warren-migrants-border-arizona/?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=a1f847be68-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_5-09-2019&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-a1f847be68-284015825](https://theintercept.com/2019/05/04/no-more-deaths-scott-warren-migrants-border-arizona/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=a1f847be68-CLINIC_Daily_5-09-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-a1f847be68-284015825)

**Yorktown student's powerful painting about immigration to hang in US Capitol -**  
<https://www.arlnow.com/2019/05/08/yorktown-students-powerful-painting-about-immigration-to-hang-in-u-s-capitol/>

**Is there a connection between undocumented immigrants and crime? -**  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/13/upshot/illegal-immigration-crime-rates-research.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share>

**Fact checking the Trump administration's immigration fact sheet -** <https://cliniclegal.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d1e29c8d7ab34d84237ecd8ee&id=7e6d47dfdd&e=00acac1a37>

**With her life on hold, an immigrant woman marks two years in sanctuary -**  
[https://religionnews.com/2019/05/08/with-her-life-on-hold-an-immigrant-woman-marks-two-years-in-sanctuary/?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=cc52fdbcdd-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_5-10-2019&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-cc52fdbcdd-284015825](https://religionnews.com/2019/05/08/with-her-life-on-hold-an-immigrant-woman-marks-two-years-in-sanctuary/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=cc52fdbcdd-CLINIC_Daily_5-10-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-cc52fdbcdd-284015825)

### **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.

**Action Five: Social Media - @WhiteHouse** As people of faith, we know that by rejecting immigrants, you are rejecting everything that has made us a great country.

**Thank you for your efforts!!**