



January 11... Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Right now young mothers and children are being rounded up by immigration officials in cities across the country. ICE officers show up at their doors unannounced, deceiving them to gain entry, waking up sleeping children, and taking away their families to detention centers where mothers and their children are jailed until they are deported back to the rape, murder, and domestic violence they are fleeing. As politicians and presidential hopefuls play games with people's lives, as the Obama administration uses raids as a tactic of fear - preachers in pulpits across the nation are preaching a very difficult gospel: **A gospel of hospitality, of welcome, of love for our neighbor - an ethic of resistance.**

(Adapted from Rev. Alison Harrington, Southside Presbyterian Church)

Action One: Prayer

For those who dream of having basic needs of food, shelter, safety from violence and the possibility that they may live another day, let us pray to the Lord.

For all immigrants who share their gifts of labor and faith with us, let us pray to the Lord.

For the leaders of our country, that they may see and hear the dreams of those who came to this country for a better life, let us pray to the Lord.

For all migrants and refugees, especially the Syrian refugees, that they may be remembered in thoughts, words and actions during this Migrant Month, let us pray to the Lord.

(Petitions by Sr. Rose Therese Nolta, SSFS)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

Call the White House at 1-866-961-4293 or the White House Comment Line directly at 1-888-907-2053:

Sample Script: *"I am from City, State, and as a Catholic/person of faith, I urge President Obama to immediately STOP plans to deport Central American children and families. These individuals are refugees fleeing violence and should have access to legal counsel so that they can apply for asylum and protection in the United States."*

Stop the Deportation Raids against Central American Refugees:

http://act.presente.org/sign/stopraids/?referring_akid=a4843200.106609.eryTc6&source=copy_thanks_email

Tell the Administration to Stop the Raids: <http://action.groundswell-mvmt.org/petitions/tell-the-obama-administration-stop-the-raids-on-central-american-refugees>

Tell Obama to Call off the Raids against Immigrant Families: https://www.credomobilize.com/petitions/tell-president-obama-to-call-off-raids-against-immigrant-families?sp_ref=167551883.4.136309.o.1.2&source=clickcopy_sp

End Solitary Confinement in IL Prisons: http://www.thepetitionsite.com/387/158/477/end-solitary-confinement-in-illinois-prisons-now/?taf_id=20137150&cid=email_na#sign

Sign Petition to Stop the TPP: https://act.credoaction.com/sign/stop_tpp_2016?t=1&akid=16421.2678758.b221-

Action Three: Education

CARA Family Detention Project Succeeds in Winning Stays of Deportation for Four Mothers and Children:

<http://www.commondreams.org/newswire/2016/01/06/cara-family-detention-pro-bono-project-succeeds-winning-stays-deportation-four>

Deportation Arrests Continue: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/%E2%80%98don%E2%80%99t-open-the-door%E2%80%99-immigrants-are-warned-as-deportation-roundup-continues/ar-AAgm5HS>

Force-Feeding of Refugees at Miami Detention Center Set off Protests: <http://fusion.net/story/249819/sikh-refugee-force-feeding-sparks-protests-in-miami/>

Action Four: Events/Resources

Interfaith Immigration Coalition Webinar on ICE Raids: TODAY (Monday, Jan.11) at 3:00pm CST

RSVP here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16eunXY1jD9Px09oeeOddQi5F44aFRo2EV1s0YPPqJJ0/viewform>

Raids Rapid Response Toolkit: <http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ghKHPtVjKZtIRibC->

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Immigration Raids Alert: <http://www.nilc.org/raidsalert2016.html>

Know Your Rights Resources: <https://afsc.org/category/topic/know-your-rights> and <http://immigrantdefenseproject.org/community-trainings#homerRaids>

Statements on Raids: Ignatian Solidarity Network: <http://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2016/01/04/jesuit-conference-calls-for-an-end-to-immigration-raids-targeting-central-americans/>

National Immigrant Justice Center: http://www.immigrantjustice.org/press_releases/us-government%E2%80%99s-raids-families-fleeing-violence-disregard-due-process-threaten-lives

National Migration Month Resources: OIA: <http://www.catholicsandimmigrants.org/resources/migrationweek2016/>

USCCB: <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week/>

Deportation Defense Training (in Spanish) – Jan.17th at 2:30pm at Central Baptist Church

For more info, email lcastillo@crln.org or call 312-770-0350

Catholic Social Ministry Gathering: Called to Live Mercy in Our Common Home – Jan.23-26, 2016

More information/registration: <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/138516/321289/>

Please consider a gift to help the ongoing needs of the CARA Project – you can access the Amazon Wish

List here: http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/2NM5FBYOV8T4X/ref=cm_wl_huc_view

USCCB/MRS Response Toolkit on Syrian Refugee Crisis:

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=1e4b787c-d419-47aa-922a-b60cc6084781&c=e318aa20-7917-11e3-9195-d4ae52754950&ch=e4621a10-7917-11e3-91b7-d4ae52754950>

Action Five: Social Media

Twitter: Access your member of Congress' twitter handle at <http://stuffthought.com/blog/113th-congress-twitter-handles/>

Sample Tweet: .@WhiteHouse As a person of faith I am OPPOSED to your plans to deport Central American kids and families who need PROTECTION. #Not1More

@DHSgov @POTUS Children are fleeing violence, we must protect them not deport them

#ProtectionNotDeportation @NALACC_ORG

Thank you for your efforts!