



December 17 - 23, 2018 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

One suspected driver of the 'caravan' - climate change - CNN

NJ attorney general probes immigrant harassment at Trump golf course - HuffPost

White House moves towards gov't shutdown, vowing 'whatever is necessary' to secure money for border wall - LA Times

Vietnamese Americans rally in Little Saigon against Trump admin's push to deport thousands of war refugees - LA Times

US arrests religious leaders, activists at border protest - Reuters

New immigration services office opens in Nashville - The Tennessean

State courts become battleground over Trump's sanctuary cities policy - NY Times

How the migrant caravan built its own democracy - Politico

Bill that would speed citizenship for families of fallen first responders gets support of local law chiefs - The Gazette

Action One: Prayer

Blessed are You, Lord Jesus Christ. You crossed every border between Divinity and humanity to make your home with us. Help us to welcome you in newcomers, migrants and refugees. Blessed are You, God of all nations. You bless our land richly with goods of creation and with people made in your image. Help us to be good stewards and peacemakers, who live as your children. Blessed are You, Holy Spirit. You work in the hearts of all to bring about harmony and goodwill. Strengthen us to welcome those from other lands, cultures, religions, that we may live in human solidarity and in hope. God of all people, grant us vision to see your presence in our midst, especially in our immigrant sisters and brothers. Give us courage to open the door to our neighbors and grace to build a society of justice. (Pax Christi)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - ACT NOW: Please Tell Congress to Reject Inhumane Funding Requests for Immigration Enforcement.

<http://www.capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/issues/alert/?alertid=80584676&type=CO>

NATIONAL LEVEL - SIMN asks you to contact your MOC's (**Senate: 202-224-3121 + House: 202-225-3121**) to request that they oppose funding for the border wall along the US - Mexico border.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Greyhound needs to stop allowing the Border Patrol onto their busses to perform warrantless searches. Tell Greyhound to stop aiding Trump's deportation machine.

https://act.colorofchange.org/sign/Greyhound_BorderPatrol/?t=4&akid=21972%2E364373%2E5HQpb9

NATIONAL LEVEL - CRLN needs your help to spread the word about detention facilities in Kankakee, IL and Tornillo, TX. Here is an online congregational sign ons for supporting the Shut Tornillo Down Coalition and the Connect Kankakee campaign to stop housing undocumented immigrants at the that detention center. Tornillo:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdICikKuEEx-LCoGFf3s3HyhdXn4owmXeCAwtBLGR2tnYo2jw/viewform>

Kankakee:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdi5AcTqrKqzhjxQ0OEkeHH1NN9ejfN4qCmTb4uTgNNNyDtOA/viewform>

NATIONAL LEVEL - ACLU attorneys met with Greyhound to educate them on their 4th Amendment Right to refuse searches without a warrant or probable cause. But they're still letting CBP board their buses. We'll deliver this petition soon to show Greyhound the cost of being complicit in the Trump administration's deportation machine. We need as many signatures as possible – add your name now. <https://action.aclu.org/petition/greyhound>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Pledge to stand in solidarity with people seeking asylum. In the face of this inhumane decision, we invite you to stand in solidarity with people fleeing violence and seeking asylum. Join the 4,200 who have signed the PLEDGE to stand in solidarity with people seeking asylum. <http://fpl.actionkit.com/sign/pledge-solidarity-asylees?source=LCWR>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call the White House and Department of Homeland Security: [Dept of Homeland Sec comment line: 202-282-8495](#) and [WH comment line: 202-456-1111](#). Tell them you oppose any action to prevent people from seeking asylum and not punish people seeking safety by separating them from their children or detaining them indefinitely.

Action Three: Education

'La Posada Sin Fronteras' imagines Mary and Joseph at the border - https://sojo.net/articles/la-posada-sin-fronteras-imagines-mary-and-joseph-border?fbclid=IwAR0ewAnmvowob7eJlnHA7dSfOgEUWXiFaBLW_v7f4YcvozTeLuW3sOf5n4&utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=e674d32279-CLINIC_Daily_12-10-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-e674d32279-284015825

Retired nuns make pilgrimage to share the journey with migrants, refugees - https://www.globalsistersreport.org/news/migration/retired-nuns-make-pilgrimage-share-journey-migrants-refugees-55695?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=fdac558106-CLINIC_Daily_12-13-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-fdac558106-284015825

Many worldwide oppose more migration - into and out of their countries - <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2018/12/10/many-worldwide-oppose-more-migration-both-into-and-out-of-their-countries/>

Immigrant families reunited in Los Angeles for the holidays - <https://abc7.com/society/immigrant-families-reunited-in-la-for-the-holidays/4875258/>

Axios AM Deep Dive

<https://www.axios.com/newsletters/axios-deep-dives-58b528f0-6435-40de-8e00-47e3633024f8.html>

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.

Sunday, Jan. 13: Share the Journey Interfaith Prayer Service - 4-5pm at St. Viator Church, 4170 W. Addison Ave, Chicago. Hosted by Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants. Free parking available north of the church. For more info, contact: mgosch@viatorians.com

Action Five: Social Media - @WhiteHouse We should share the heart of Jesus for refugees and others imperiled. Applying for asylum is legal in the US, and the law should be carried out for everyone who seeks to apply. **Thank you for all your support!**