



## April 3 – April 8, 2017 Alert on Immigration

### What's Happening?

At this time there are many different angles of immigration that impact immigrants, their families and those who are working with immigrants:

- On Monday, March 27, 2017, [U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions threatened](#) to withhold - and even "claw back" - federal grants to so-called "sanctuary" jurisdictions. [Legal experts dispute](#) Sessions' authority to do that.
- [ICE, Mar. 24, 2017](#) - "ICE places detainers on aliens who have been arrested on local criminal charges and for whom ICE possesses probable cause to believe that they are removable from the United States, so that ICE can take custody of the alien when he or she is released from local custody.
- The new detainer form (I-247A) was created by ICE, and its implementation on April 2, 2017, will fulfill the requirement of Secretary Kelly's February 20, 2017, memo, "Enforcement of the Immigrations Laws to Serve the national Interest" to "eliminate the existing detainer forms and replace them with a new form to more effectively communicate with recipient law enforcement agencies."

### **Action One: Prayer**

O Holy Spirit of comfort and external presence: spread over us, your weary and anxious people, your protective and reassuring wings, that we might be delivered from our fears of one another: that we might experience the exhilarating freedom of welcoming even strangers without defensiveness, hostility, or suspicion but rather with openness, hospitality, and the expectation of friendship. In the Name of Jesus, who welcomes all." From the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia

### **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

Say NO to funding Trump's wall, deportation force and detention camps: <https://americasvoice.org/action/tell-congress-defund-trumps-deportation-force/>

### **Tell Congress: Pass the Access to Legal Counsel Act:**

[https://act.credoaction.com/sign/legal\\_counsel?t=4&akid=22373.2678758.-TfRlc](https://act.credoaction.com/sign/legal_counsel?t=4&akid=22373.2678758.-TfRlc)

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### **Sign on: Multi-Faith Leaders to Big Poultry:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScj0vi0gb\\_qVLv5A2X8JskK8FGqLNER6pExAbcnGGTudvsTfg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScj0vi0gb_qVLv5A2X8JskK8FGqLNER6pExAbcnGGTudvsTfg/viewform)

**Action for DACA: Urge Your Senators to Cosponsor the BRIDGE Act!** <http://p2a.co/gWEh2F2> Find out more about the BRIDGE Act here <<http://www.durbin.senate.gov/download/bridge-act-summary>>. Please encourage Sen. Tammy Duckworth to cosponsor – Sen. Durbin has and see if your senator cosponsored from other states <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/128/cosponsors>

[https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/congress-reject-trumps-billion-dollar-budget-to-terrorize-immigrants/?source=EmailDaniel&link\\_id=1&can\\_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&email\\_referrer=breaking-daniel-is-free-heretostay&email\\_subject=breaking-daniel-is-free-heretostay](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/congress-reject-trumps-billion-dollar-budget-to-terrorize-immigrants/?source=EmailDaniel&link_id=1&can_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&email_referrer=breaking-daniel-is-free-heretostay&email_subject=breaking-daniel-is-free-heretostay)

### Send an Electronic Postcard in Support of Refugees:

[http://capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/issues/alert/?alertid=73598626&queueid=\[capwiz:queue\\_id\]](http://capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/issues/alert/?alertid=73598626&queueid=[capwiz:queue_id])

**Illinois Immigration Bills:**  Maintain the immigrant Service Line Item;  Fully fund adult education through Illinois Community College Board;  Support the Illinois TRUST Act;  Pass the immigrant Safe Zones Act (HB 526);  Pass the Student Access Bill (HB 2394);  Support automatic voter registration.

### Action Three: Education

Interfaith Immigration Coalition Webinar on **Prophetic Witness and Nonviolent Direct Action on Monday, April 3rd, 4-5:30 PM ET/ 1-2:30 PM PT** Registration here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9kGAIJ\\_eBfOmHNISbt9IZIfwV1wP5qGmFx\\_Z7a-ihEKTPg/viewform?c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9kGAIJ_eBfOmHNISbt9IZIfwV1wP5qGmFx_Z7a-ihEKTPg/viewform?c=0&w=1)

**A new free social justice resource webpage:** <http://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/>

**Messaging Tools and Tips:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bx15PI8sjhO1d21tWTdSc3BSeTg/view>

### Action Four: Actions/Events

Easter Recess In-District Meetings: JFI Asks <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/category/action-alerts/>

**Congress Recess Visits:** Organize and meet with your Members of Congress during their Easter break, April 8-23, 2017, and voice your support for our immigrant and refugee brothers and sisters and their children.

Resources: <http://bit.ly/2kpxF5u>

**MAY 6: SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF IMMIGRANTS:** "Blessed and Broken: Immigration and the Eucharist" 8:30-12 PM, Regina Dominican HS, 701 Locust Rd, Wilmette, 312-641-1250 x113 **MAY 8:**

**ARCHDIOCESE OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION MINISTRY:** KEEP HOPE ALIVE Annual Benefit, St. Ignatius College Prep, 1076 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago; 6:30-9 PM, Hosted by Cardinal Blase J. Cupich; info Mark Goebel, 312-534-8383 or [mgoebel@archchicago.org](mailto:mgoebel@archchicago.org)



### Action Five: Social Media

Tweet and post the attached Migration Monday memes (English and Spanish language versions) for this week.

Also, kindly share the "Faces of Migration" story at this link <http://bit.ly/2kG21RI> with your networks.

**Thank you for your efforts!**