



December 4 - 10, 2017 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

San Francisco defends sanctuary status as backlash mounts - Associated Press

How a U.S. citizen was mistakenly targeted for deportation. He's not alone - LA Times

Given 18 months to leave the U.S., Haitians granted special status are shocked and disappointed, but also relieved - by Nina Agrawal/LA Times

'Please, God, Don't Let Me Get Stopped': Around Atlanta, No Sanctuary for Immigrants - by Vivian Lee/NYTimes

New Trump immigration efforts aim to stop child border crossers – Reuters

Action One: Prayer

Open us, open us up, O God, to welcome the Marys and Josephs we meet during this Advent season, those who journey escaping from poverty, oppression, persecution, war and violence. May we recognize their human dignity. Dismiss in us our fear, doubt and suspicion of them. Break down the barriers in our hearts and minds, especially for those who suffer the separation of family members one from another. Help us by your grace, to banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister; to welcome immigrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs; to realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice; to share of your abundance as you spread a banquet before us. May we witness to your love as we celebrate the many gifts these people bring. We recognize in this opening of our minds and hearts, an opening into your love and oneness reflected in You, the Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit. Amen. (A paraphrase by the Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants taken from Migration and Refugee Services, USCCB)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Today: Call [1-855-980-2350](tel:1-855-980-2350) to connect to your Representative and tell them to vote to go to conference on the tax bill. We want to make sure that the House does not pass the Senate version as-is. **Tomorrow:** Undocumented youth are leading a campaign to take over MoC's offices across the country to demand they stand for Dreamers. **All week long.** Call your Senators. Visit www.dreamerpledge.org to find out if your Senators have taken the Dreamer Pledge. Then grab your phone and dial [1-855-980-2355](tel:1-855-980-2355).

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand a Clean Dream Act! Write to your member of Congress and demand a Clean Dream Act by the end of the year! <http://cqrcengage.com/oneamericavotes/app/onestep-write-a-letter?2&engagementid=413773>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call your representative in Congress and tell them to pass legislation that creates a solution for ALL families who could lose TPS: (202) 224-3121

NATIONAL LEVEL - We need every member of the House to hear that their inaction is unacceptable. Call your representative at 888-704-9446 and tell them to pass the DREAM Act now to ensure young immigrants can stay in the country without fear?

NATIONAL LEVEL - Share The Journey - Right now, the Administration is considering how many people will find refuge from persecution in the United States for 2018. Please contact the Administration and Congress today and let them know that as a person of faith, you care about refugees. https://support.crs.org/act/share-journey?utm_source=CCGP-email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=migration-email

NATIONAL LEVEL - NAFTA is up for renegotiation. Help end a dangerous clause buried inside NAFTA. Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), allows corporate executives to dispute a country's laws. When ISDS is included in trade deals, it has been hijacked by corporate interests and no longer serves the needs of the people. <https://actions.sumofus.org/a/no-isds-no-way/?akid=34571.764408.ygfN0D&rd=1&source=fwd&t=1>

Action Three: Education

USCIS Guidance on DACA Renewal Requests Affected by Mail Service Issues - https://www.uscis.gov/news/alerts/uscis-guidance-daca-renewal-requests-affected-mail-service-issues?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=6bd32c1d32-Affiliate+Update+11+30+17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-6bd32c1d32-284015825

Sources of support for persons deported to Mexico and Central America. Please share them widely with your networks and anyone who might be working with deportation cases. www.survivingpostrelease.org/uploads/1/9/1/2/19121643/_guide_for_deportees_to_mexico.pdf

Interfaith Toolkit to Defend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) - click here <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jVCgV9kqnn1jV3KsJUbcIQHSIVMD7j0vJKZ8KZGnENQ/edit>

Miami archbishop: Fixing immigration system doesn't mean demonization - http://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2017/miami-archbishop-fixing-immigration-system-doesnt-mean-demonization.cfm?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=ae79dd4bf5-CLINIC+Daily+12-1-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-ae79dd4bf5-284015825

Ruling: Immigrants' bail can't be denied based on detainers - http://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/local_news/ruling-immigrants-bail-can-t-be-denied-based-on-detainers/article_16f6d6fc-b4b3-570c-b6a5-0b535b05472e.html?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=76b8937036-CLINIC+Daily+12-1-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-76b8937036-284015825

Mayan language survives in Champaign, poses challenge in immigration court - http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/immigration/ct-met-immigrants-mayan-languages-20170926-story.html?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=76b8937036-CLINIC+Daily+12-1-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-76b8937036-284015825

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.

12th Annual Posada Seeking Immigration Reform: Join us to walk and pray in solidarity with our immigrant sisters and brothers who—as the Holy Family sought a place to stay—are seeking legislative shelter. Friday, December 15, 2017 7 - 9 a.m. Meet at 101 West Congress.

Route: From Correctional Center (71 West Van Buren), DePaul (1 East Jackson), Federal Plaza, and St. Peter's (110 West Madison). For more information: Arturo Gonzalez at 312.534.8103 or agonzalez@archchicago.org or visit: www.catholicsandimmigrants.org

Action Five: Social Media -- Faith communities urge [Senator / Rep] to pass #DreamAct & protect 800,000 immigrant youth #Dream2017 **Thank you for your efforts!**