



## Alert on Immigration - May 27 – June 2, 2019

### What's Happening?

3 immigration bills advance in Congress (The Dream Act, Am Promise Act, Venezuela TPS Act) - The Hill

Mexico's refugee agency turns to UN amid asylum surge, funding cuts - Reuters

Thousands of immigrants suffer in solitary confinement in US detention centers - NBC News

Elderly Mexicans are visiting their undocumented children in US, with State Dept approval - Wash Post

Far from border, US cities feel effect of migrant releases - AP

Trump demands legal immigrants reimburse the govt for welfare programs - USA Today

HUD Secretary Ben Carson defends plan to evict undocumented immigrants - Wash Post

Mexico calls for regional development to address immigration - AP

ICE fights back after county in Washington state block immigrant deportations - Fox News

Immigrant groups seek release of activists detained by ICE - Boston Herald

Secret Service personnel are being sent to the border - Daily Beast

### Action One: Prayer

God of the journey, God of the traveler, we pray for those who leave their homes in search new beginnings and possibilities, may they know your presence with them. We pray that those who seek to make a home in this country may find us welcoming and willing to help them find a path toward citizenship, we pray that our legislators, as they craft new immigration legislation may find the wisdom and courage to enact new policies that do justice for our country and for those who would immigrate here. We pray for those who fan the flames of fear and discrimination against the undocumented may be touched with your divine compassion. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen (The Archdiocese of Chicago, adapted)

### Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Berkeley Law School must drop Palantir as a sponsor of its privacy conference—stop whitewashing a company that's "mission critical" to ICE's deportation machine! Please sign the petition: <https://action.mijente.net/petitions/uc-berkeley-cut-your-ties-to-palantir>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Climate change effects immigrants and refugees causing them to flee their home countries. Tell Congress to pass the Climate Action Now Act.

[https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-tackle-the-climate-crisis-congress-must-pass-the-climate-action-now-act?source=2019ClimateActionNowAct\\_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=a79f6379-ab50-4ff4-89ad-4bcae03a841a](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-tackle-the-climate-crisis-congress-must-pass-the-climate-action-now-act?source=2019ClimateActionNowAct_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=a79f6379-ab50-4ff4-89ad-4bcae03a841a)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Refugee admissions are at an all-time low. Congress must hold the State Dept accountable to resettling 30,000 refugees this 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 - 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 - 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**

**Transplants a cheaper better option for undocumented immigrants with kidney failure -**

[https://www.npr.org/2019/05/12/721800514/transplants-a-cheaper-better-option-for-undocumented-immigrants-with-kidney-fail?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=6477e9e0e2-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_5-14-2019&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-6477e9e0e2-284015825](https://www.npr.org/2019/05/12/721800514/transplants-a-cheaper-better-option-for-undocumented-immigrants-with-kidney-fail?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=6477e9e0e2-CLINIC_Daily_5-14-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-6477e9e0e2-284015825)

**A Guatemalan teen fled climate change, he died in US custody -**

[http://time.com/5587817/juan-de-leon-gutierrez-guatemala-migrant/?utm\\_source=facebook.com&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=social-share-article&utm\\_content=20190515&fbclid=IwAR1ErplqGUb2qhSCQ7iRGE6A0bieY10EVr1YVykynq7KdLhx7qo9ZdXYA8M](http://time.com/5587817/juan-de-leon-gutierrez-guatemala-migrant/?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=social-share-article&utm_content=20190515&fbclid=IwAR1ErplqGUb2qhSCQ7iRGE6A0bieY10EVr1YVykynq7KdLhx7qo9ZdXYA8M)

**How legal aid groups build an army to help migrant kids -**

[https://www.law360.com/articles/1159160?utm\\_source=LexisNexis&utm\\_medium=LegalNewsRoom&utm\\_campaign=articles\\_search&utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=91ee4919e4-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_5-21-2019&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-91ee4919e4-284015825](https://www.law360.com/articles/1159160?utm_source=LexisNexis&utm_medium=LegalNewsRoom&utm_campaign=articles_search&utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=91ee4919e4-CLINIC_Daily_5-21-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-91ee4919e4-284015825)

**What's behind the US legal immigration slowdown -**

[http://fortune.com/2019/05/21/donald-trump-immigration-backlog/?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=40ecf9aece-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_5-22-2019&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-40ecf9aece-284015825](http://fortune.com/2019/05/21/donald-trump-immigration-backlog/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=40ecf9aece-CLINIC_Daily_5-22-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-40ecf9aece-284015825)

**With workers hard to find, immigration crackdown leaves Iowa town in a bind -**

[https://www.npr.org/2019/05/21/725096578/with-workers-hard-to-find-immigration-crackdown-leaves-iowa-town-in-a-bind?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=bc9b9e3651-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_5-23-2019&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-bc9b9e3651-284015825](https://www.npr.org/2019/05/21/725096578/with-workers-hard-to-find-immigration-crackdown-leaves-iowa-town-in-a-bind?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=bc9b9e3651-CLINIC_Daily_5-23-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-bc9b9e3651-284015825)

**The cost of immigration enforcement and border security -**

<https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/the-cost-of-immigration-enforcement-and-border-security>

**Migrants on the border (podcast from World Radio) -** <https://worldandeverything.org/2019/05/migrants-on-the-border/>

### **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 - @your MOC.** As Americans and people of faith, we know we are better than taking children from their families and putting them in cages and tents. Shut down Homestead Detention Center. **Thank you for your efforts!!**