



## Week of December 5, 2016 ... Alert on Immigration

### What's Happening?

The US immigration system has grown increasingly contentious over the past several years; however, with the recent election of President-elect Donald Trump, the problem will likely escalate to new heights of contentiousness. President-elect Donald Trump has threatened to deport all 11 million undocumented people in the US and to build a wall across the entire US/Mexico border, which he promises will be paid for by Mexico. With such threats looming in the current atmosphere, undocumented people and their families, who were already living in fear, are even more fearful. Will Trump live up to his promises and will Congress etc. support him in his efforts? However Trump's plans for immigration play out over the coming months, it will have a huge influence around the world. In addition, his trade policies and international relations will also influence world migration.

### **Action One: Prayer**

O God, Creator of the heavens and of earth, Help us to see one another through eyes enlightened by understanding and compassion. Help us to listen to the voices of all of our sisters throughout the world with respect and attention. Open our ears to the cries of women who have been denied their rights and their dignity. Empower us to be instruments of justice for all, for in the wholeness of Christ, all mothers are our own mothers, and we are one. Amen. From the Interfaith Worker Justice

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

Tell our federal Senators/Representatives to welcome refugees: See the online:

- Church World Service: <http://cwsglobal.org/our-work/advocacy/tell-your-local-state-and-national-leaders-to-welcome-refugees/>
- Interfaith Immigration Coalition: <http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/recent-legislation/>
- Refugees Welcome: <http://www.refugeesarewelcome.org/get-involved/>
- Refugee Council USA: [www.rcusa.org/advocate-now](http://www.rcusa.org/advocate-now)

### **Call your Senators and Representatives: 1-866-940-2439 -- Tell Them Your Community Welcomes**

**Refugees** Please call the same number three times to be connected with your Representative and both of your Senators.

Here's a sample: *"I am a constituent from [CITY, STATE], and I urge you to welcome refugees and support the U.S. refugee resettlement program. Resettlement is a core American legacy that extends hospitality and offers a chance for refugees to rebuild their lives in safety and dignity. My community welcomes refugees and I urge you to reflect the best of our nation by supporting refugee resettlement in the United States."* Personalized it with your experience and its importance for you.

## Speak out against the anti-Muslim bigotry and racism

[https://docs.google.com/a/s2scampaign.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJvsgZ7LWww8n5LXssbS9h1kERg0A6XSrUoJccoc\\_BThdzVw/viewform?c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/a/s2scampaign.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJvsgZ7LWww8n5LXssbS9h1kERg0A6XSrUoJccoc_BThdzVw/viewform?c=0&w=1)

### Action Three: Education

The basic principles contained in *Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope*, the 2003 pastoral letter issued jointly by the bishops of the United States and Mexico. English (<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/strangers-no-longer-together-on-the-journey-of-hope.cfm>) Spanish (<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/juntos-en-el-camino-de-la-esperanjuntos-en-el-camino.cfm/>).

SCOTUS to Decide if Indefinite Immigrant Detention is Illegal [http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/scotus-decide-if-indefinite-immigrant-detention-illegal-n689541?cid=eml\\_pol\\_20161130&utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=b5c2917297-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_12-01-16&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-b5c2917297-279173657](http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/scotus-decide-if-indefinite-immigrant-detention-illegal-n689541?cid=eml_pol_20161130&utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=b5c2917297-CLINIC_Daily_12-01-16&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-b5c2917297-279173657)

Ongoing community resource created by many advocates at many organizations:  
[www.InformedImmigrant.com](http://www.InformedImmigrant.com)

For religious freedom advocates, a 'Muslim registry' is inconceivable  
<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/for-religious-freedom-advocates-a-muslim-registry-is-inconceivable-95310/>

### Action Five: Actions

**Dec. 12:** A Day of Prayer with a focus on the plight of refugees and migrants will take place across the United States on December 12, 2016, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.  
<http://www.justiceformigrants.org/documents/Scriptural-Rosary-Eng.pdf>.

**DEC. 16: ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO, IMMIGRATION MINISTRY:** 11th Annual Posada Seeking immigration Reform: 7 AM-9 AM, **Route begins at: 101 W. Congress**, Chicago and continues to the Correctional Center, **71 W. VanBuren St**; to DePaul University, **1 E. Jackson Blvd**; to **Federal Plaza** and St. Peter's, **110 W Madison**; (Arturo Gonzalez, 312-534-8103 [arturogonzalez3386@gmail.com](mailto:arturogonzalez3386@gmail.com) or [www.catholicsandimmigrants.org](http://www.catholicsandimmigrants.org))

**Dec. 18** --Nov. 18-Dec. 18 **International Migrants Day** on Migrants Rights. See [www.talkmigrants.org](http://www.talkmigrants.org) <http://www.un.org/en/events/migrantsday/>

**All times and places:** Listen, respect and speak positively during this time <http://tinyurl.com/faithfulsolidarity>

### Action Five: Social Media

You can also tweet your policy makers: “.@*SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE*, my community stands #WithRefugees! Show that #AmericaWelcomes by supporting U.S. refugee resettlement! #RefugeesWelcome”

Follow [@RCUSA\\_DC](https://twitter.com/RCUSA_DC) on Twitter and “like” [Refugee Council USA](https://www.facebook.com/RefugeeCouncilUSA) on Facebook for up-to-date alerts.

**Facebook:** End Immigration Detention of Children Twitter: @childdetention #Migrant Rights Campaign

**Thank you for your efforts!**