



March 18 - 24, 2019 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

House Democrats roll out legislation to provide protection for millions of 'Dreamers' - CNBC

Trump admin plans to close key immigration operations abroad - NY Times

Gov Cuomo announces new measures to protect immigrants from ICE - WPIX

1 in 4 children have immigrant parents. Are US policies reflecting that? - NBC News

After controversy, Heartland to close four IL shelters for immigrant youths - ProPublica

Trump crackdown unnerves immigrants, and the farmers who rely on them - NY Times

ICE is tapping into huge license plate database, ACLU says, raising privacy concerns about surveillance - Wash Post

Senate seeks to change immigration law to curb child marriages - NBC News

Policy to return asylum seekers to Mexico expands beyond Tijuana - NPR

Action One: Prayer

Heavenly Father, we want to be followers of your Son, who manifested your glory to the world. As you are pleased to acknowledge us as Your own when we act with love, please bestow on us your courageous altruism to act on behalf of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. Equip Your children with the tools that will enable us to build bridges to compassion and to deconstruct immoral walls of division. Amen. (Devotion by Sister Mary Ellen Lacy, Daughters of Charity & NETWORK Lobby)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - From JFI: Ask the Department of Homeland Security to Rescind the "Remain in Mexico" Policy and Support Asylum Seekers by Following Existing Law. Go to: <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/action-alerts/ask-the-department-of-homeland-security-to-rescind-the-remain-in-mexico-policy-and-support-asylum-seekers-by-following-existing-law/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Congress pass The Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019 to ensure equal access for every American to vote. https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-to-support-restoring-the-voting-rights-act?source=2019RestoreVRA_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=29db9be0-1f50-4e09-ad25-4b33b439b229

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your members of Congress that refugees and asylum seekers deserve safety - not walls and bars. Sign now to tell Congress, we must stop criminalizing people who are seeking refuge:

<https://act.amnestyusa.org/page/16725/action/1?ac=W1902EARMR2&ea.url.id=1759482&forwarded=true>

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MoC to stand up for the rights and protection of immigrants and asylum seekers. Under new policies, asylum seekers must return to Mexico to wait out the asylum process – putting them at risk. Sign the petition:

https://secure.phr.org/secure/seeking-asylum-legal?ms=FY19_Feb_AsylumAction_Email&CID=701f4000000gH82AAE&utm_campaign=217555_FY19%20Asylum%20Action%20Alert&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Physicians%20for%20Human%20Rights&dm_i=4GV7,4NV7,1IFFC0,HKAF,1

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call on your MoC to tell them to co-sponsor HR 1 (the People’s Act) and make a public statement that it remains a bold comprehensive democratic package. Check

here to see if your MoC has already co-sponsored HR 1. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1/cosponsors?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22H.R.+1%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=1>

Action Three: Education

Criminal immigrants in 2017: Their numbers, demographics and countries of origin - The Cato Institute

<https://www.cato.org/publications/immigration-research-policy-brief/criminal-immigrants-2017-their-numbers-demographics>

Immigration restriction’s unintended consequences -

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2019/03/you-cant-control-demographics-immigration-policy/584722/>

A new study uncovers troubling information about immigrant-only prisons -

https://www.newyorker.com/news/daily-comment/a-new-study-uncovers-troubling-information-about-immigrant-only-prisons?utm_campaign=aud-dev&utm_source=nl&utm_brand=tny&utm_mailing=TNY_Daily_031319&utm_medium=email&bxid=5be9f3c23f92a404692f25f3&user_id=51824490&esrc=&utm_term=TNY_Daily

NPR: Policy to return asylum seekers to Mexico expands beyond Tijuana -

https://www.npr.org/2019/03/12/702597006/-remain-in-mexico-immigration-policy-expands-but-slowly?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=3541ab0a62-CLINIC_Daily_3-14-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-3541ab0a62-284015825

How one refugee family finally got to LA after years stuck in Austria -

https://laist.com/2019/03/13/how_one_refugee_family_finally_got_to_la_after_years_stuck_in_austria.php

In search of safety: An investigation of abuse at an immigration facility -

<https://rewire.news/article/2019/03/08/search-safety-investigation-abuse-immigration-facility/>

Frequently requested statistics on immigrants and immigration in the US -

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/frequently-requested-statistics-immigrants-and-immigration-united-states>

State immigration data profiles (interactive data tool and map)

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub/state-immigration-data-profiles>

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.

The Immigration Advocacy History Project at Loyola University Chicago. The exhibit, "Stand Strong on the Side of Righteousness: Immigration Advocacy, Past and Present" runs through the end of April. The exhibit draws from interviews with immigration advocates, is now open until the end of April on the second floor of Damen Center (6511 N. Sheridan Rd) at the Loyola University Chicago Lakeshore Campus. An online version will be available in April.

Action Five: Social Media - @WhiteHouse and @DHS Keep the doors open for refugees.

People of faith welcome refugees. Entire communities benefit when we invest in welcoming refugees and help them thrive.

Thank you for all your efforts!