



August 22... Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

This September the United Nations and President Obama will host summits about the refugee crisis with world leaders. Global goals include: increasing humanitarian aid by 30%; doubling the number of refugee resettlement and admission opportunities; guaranteeing the right to work for 1 million more refugees; ensuring access to education for 1 million more refugee children. Join us in calling out the U.S. to lead by example. To sign the postcard online, go to <http://bit.ly/refugeepostcard>. To print copies of the postcard to sign and mail to the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, go to <http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=CuTyGfBcWNBiHQyyDj%2FaJNjeEQvgeQxA>. To request that they mail postcards to you that you can sign and mail back, email ogc@maryknoll.org or call (202) 832-1780. Please package all the signed cards together and mail them to the address on the postcard: 110 Maryland Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC, 20002. All signatures and postcards are due by September 12.

(Adapted from Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns)

On August 12, because of a 5-year campaign led by home cleaners, nannies, and home care workers, the governor signed the Illinois Domestic Workers Bill of Rights into law! This historic victory means domestic workers will now be included in basic workplace protections including the minimum wage, one day of rest per week, and freedom from sexual harassment.

(Adapted from Arise Chicago)

Action One: Prayer

Mary and Joseph, you were internally displaced as you searched for shelter to give birth to your child. No room was made for you at the inn; no compassion was shown to you as a refugee. Tragically humanity's cruelty towards refugees and asylum seekers has occurred over and over again throughout history. Today some children are kept in immigration detention centers. Traumatized and afraid they wait for an uncertain future. God of comfort be present to those children living in detention centers crying out for justice. Let them know your peace. God of mercy, help us find the courage and compassion to end child detention and bring about a system rooted in your love for all humanity. Amen.

(Adapted from www.cssr.org.au)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

Put an End to Abusive Private Prisons:

https://action.aclu.org/secure/stopCARprisons1?emsrc=Nat_Appeal_AutologinEnabled&emissu=massincarcereation_immigrantright&emtype=petition&ms=eml_160817_massincarcereation_immigrantrights_CARprisonskicker&af=query_string_encrypted

Tell the FCC: Families Shouldn't Have to Go into Debt to Communicate with their Incarcerated Loved

Ones: <http://act.demandprogress.org/sign/tell-fcc-reverse-call-rate-cap-hike-now/?source=demandprogress&t=1&akid=4388.2561280.HtximM>

Sign Post Card to Pres. Obama to Raise Your Voice for Refugees: <http://bit.ly/refugeepostcard>

Call ICE to Demand that Hilda & Her Son Stay: [210-283-4711](tel:210-283-4711)

Sample Script: "Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling to ask ICE to stop the deportation of Hilda Ramirez, A # 202072764 and her son Ivan, A# 202072765. Hilda is a Guatemalan woman and an asylum seeker who fled for her life and has lived in the U.S. for 2 years. She is currently in sanctuary at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas, where she has many friends that support her and where her son, Ivan, is attending school. She is anxious to be able to live outside of the church without fear of being deported. She very much wants to provide a good home for her son in the U.S. Please allow Hilda and her son, Ivan, to stay."

Sign Petition – All Refugee Children Deserve an Education: https://act.one.org/sign/education_refugees_us

Call for Justice in Border Communities:

https://action.aclu.org/secure/hold_border_patrol_accountable?emsrc=Nat_Appeal_AutologinEnabled&emissue=immigration&emtype=petition&ms=eml_160728_immigration_borderpatrol&_af=query_string_encrypted

Support the Refugee Protection Act of 2016: <http://cqcengage.com/jesuit/app/write-a-letter?5&engagementId=231633#.V4-PpWRTcGw.facebook>

President Obama: It's Time for Emergency Moral Action for Immigrant Families: <https://action.groundswell-mvmt.org/petitions/president-obama-it-s-time-for-emergency-moral-action-for-immigrant-families?source=gse1>

Action Three: Education

Black Lives Matter Joins Fight against Deportation: <http://fusion.net/story/333395/black-lives-matter-fighting-deportations/>

Family Immigration Detention Centers May Need a Procedural Change: <http://www.politico.com/blogs/under-the-radar/2016/08/johnson-dhs-looking-at-family-detention-changes-in-wake-of-court-ruling-226694>

ICE Publicizing 'Safe Zones' for Undocumented Immigrants: <http://www.latinpost.com/articles/122612/20160803/u-s-border-patrol-agency-announces-safe-zones-for-immigrants.htm>

UndocuBlack Network Works to Expand Immigrant Narrative in US: <http://fusion.net/story/330045/blackifying-immigrant-rights-movement/>

Action Four: Events/Resources

Diapers in Detention Toolkit to End Family Detention: <https://cliniclegal.org/DiapersInDetention>

DACA 4th Year Anniversary Toolkit: http://www.adminrelief.org/resources/item.611597-DACA_4th_Year_Anniversary_Toolkit

See Where Your Senate Candidates Stand on Immigration: <https://networklobby.org/election2016/sidebysides>

RCUSA Local Congressional Visits Toolkit:

http://www.rcusa.org/uploads/images/RCUSA%20FY17%20Appropriations%20Toolkit_07.28.16.pdf

Sign up to Join the Week of Action to Stop the Detention Quota – August 22-26:

http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50601/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=88149

Action Five: Social Media

Sample Tweet: Babies don't belong in jail. Tell [@ICEgov](https://twitter.com/ICEgov) to end [#familydetention](https://twitter.com/familydetention)! No [#diapersindetention](https://twitter.com/diapersindetention) [@cliniclegal](https://twitter.com/cliniclegal)

Thank you for your efforts!

