



February 26 - March 4, 2018 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Supreme Court refuses to hear Trump challenge on DACA - The Hill

US Citizenship and Immigration Services will remove "nation of immigrants" from mission statement - The Intercept

Why Border Patrol agents can board a bus or train and ask if you're a citizen - Vox

Focus on Dreamers breeds resentment from other immigrants here illegally - LA Times

Under Trump, Border Patrol Steps Up Searches Far From the Border - New York Times

ICE arrests more than 100 in immigration sweeps across Southern California; LA leader calls it 'all-out assault' - Los Angeles Daily News

Action One: Prayer

God of light and life, we pray in great hope during this darkest time of the year that you shine your light on those living in the shadow of darkness, especially those who are undocumented with no path to permanent resident status or citizenship. To those who say, "Throw them out. Keep them out." we pray that you drive our fear and change their hearts to be welcoming and inclusive. Enlighten our minds and hearts to welcome you in the "stranger" who is seeking posada (shelter) and knocking at our door. We pray that members of Congress have the courage to pass a clean Dream Act to allow our immigrant brothers and sisters to reach their full potential. Open the doors of our hearts and minds to bring about compassionate immigration laws that will allow for the fullness of life and belonging. May we bless all families and help us realize that every family is holy. In this season of Advent and in the spirit of the prophet Micah 6:9, may we strive to "act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God." Amen. Written by Sister Bernadine

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to get back to work to finalize a solution for Dreamers. Put pressure on Congress to get back to work. Pass a real, bipartisan solution before March 5th. <http://action.nilc.org/page/s/urge-congress-to-get-back-to-work-and-finalize-a-solution-for-dreamers?source=em180215>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to Protect Dreamers: Call 1-866-940-2439 or click here: <https://greateras1.org/take-action-today-urge-congress-keep-families-together-protect-dreamers/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - #NoDreamNoDeal has been the rallying call of courageous Dreamers and fearless activists to pass a clean Dream Act. Call your members of Congress now. <http://act.presente.org/call/DreamActCalls2018/?source=chv&refcode=em20180209>

NATIONAL LEVEL – Call your Senators to oppose legislation that attacks family immigration and expands deportation. Call your Senators to keep families together. [Call 866-940-2439](tel:866-940-2439)

NATIONAL LEVEL – Call on your leaders to stop cuts to the Intl Affairs Budget and ensure that the US can continue to tackle global issues. #StoptheCuts.

https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/action/set/stop-the-cuts-protect-foreign-aid-set-feb-2018/?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=iterable_campaign_US_Feb_26_2018_Mon_content_digest_actives_alive_180d

NATIONAL LEVEL - One year after the WH issued its first cruel travel ban, the administration continues to push un-American immigration policies. Stand up for American values

https://www.ofa.us/stand-up-for-american-values/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=obama&utm_content=1+-+A+year+after+the+ban+our+work+continues+&utm_campaign=em_x_imm_20180126_x_x_ma_v1s1&source=em_x_imm_20180126_x_x_ma_v1s1&refcode=em_x_imm_20180126_x_x_ma_v1s1

Action Three: Education

Trump orders Gitmo remain open, but may clear path for its closure -

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/02/23/trump-orders-gitmo-remain-open-but-may-clear-path-for-its-closure.html>

For one U.S. immigrant family, short-term public aid meant long-term security -

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-benefits/for-one-u-s-immigrant-family-short-term-public-aid-meant-long-term-security-idUSKCN1FY0KA?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=406285de79-CLINIC_Daily_2-20-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-406285de79-284015825

Justice for Immigrants - Why Protection for Dreamers is Needed by March 2018 -

<http://files.constantcontact.com/f9bc2f39201/3c912208-23da-4bf9-9b90-a90db13b85f3.pdf>

Why Border Patrol agents can board a bus or train and ask if you're a citizen -

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/2/9/16974510/border-patrol-grehound-bus-amtrak-train>

It's Not Just Washington. At Least 3 Other States Share Drivers' Immigration Info with ICE. -

http://www.governing.com/topics/public-justice-safety/gov-immigrant-drivers-licenses-ICE-washington.html?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=87c242d812-CLINIC_Daily_2-22-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-87c242d812-284015825

Action Four: Action

Meeting & Discussion on Immigration - Thurs., March 1, 2018 from 7-9pm. Discussing immigration, who is affected, why you should care and what you can do. Join us at **St. Barnabas Church, 10134 S. Longwood Drive, Chicago**. Hosted by Southside Catholic Peace and Justice and others. Info at www.YOUREMYNEIGHBOR.INFO

Free DACA Renewal Legal Clinic - Fri., March 2 from 1-5pm, Chicago. The government is still accepting applications to renew DACA. Speak with a legal service provider, and renew your DACA ASAP if you're eligible! Sign up now for NIJC's next free DACA renewal clinic on Friday, March 2 in Chicago: http://org2.salsalabs.com/o/5967/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=87364

Vigil, Procession, and Human Chain to Protect Immigrants - Mon., March 5th – 10am. Begins at Willow Chicago, **418 S. Wabash**, ending at ICE, **101 W. Congress**. We hope that you will come back to the March 5th action and bring other clergy and members of your congregation to show our disappointment and commitment to protect immigrants.

Benefit and Concert, Monday, APRIL 9: Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity Immigration: "Keep Hope Alive", by City Lights Orchestra, St. Ignatius College Prep, **1976 Roosevelt Road**; tickets, \$75 advance, \$85 at the door. Contact mgoebel@archchicago.org 312/534- 8383

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 --@WhiteHouse Dreamers are part of the fabric of their local communities and the country. #DACA **Thank you for your efforts!!**