



Week of December 19, 2016 ... Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

- **The BRIDGE Act** -- *“Bar Removal of Individuals Who Dream of Growing Our Economy”*
<https://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/faq-bridge-act/>
- Five hundred and thirty-eight people will convene in various places around the US on Monday (Dec. 19) to officially elect the country's next president and vice president. But even though the formal electoral vote happens Monday, the results won't be known for several weeks. When exactly? Not until Jan. 6, 2017.
- Unaccompanied Children and Families are increasing to come to the borders.

Action One: Prayer: Migrants Week

Grant, O God, that your life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatred cease; that we see your will and respond with even greater love and care for our brothers and sisters, our neighbors; that they find a place they may call home and live in justice and peace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen From Catholic Hospital Association

Pray for all women who are carrying children and the fathers of those children, and for all families experiences difficulty in these challenging times. We pray

May the peace, joy and love of the infant Jesus settle deep within the hearts of all, we pray

For all those who go without the comfort of basic necessities, may they be treated with generosity, we pray

Action Two: Calls/Letters

Continue to tell Congress that we WELCOME REFUGEES

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.

ICIRR: Call Governor Rauner at 312-814-2121 (Chicago) OR 217-782-0244(Springfield) TODAY and ask him to tell congress to protect the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid!

When you call, use the following script:

Hello, my name is _____ and I am a resident of Illinois. Governor Rauner should tell Congress that Illinois benefits from the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid. Illinois should refuse to move backward. I urge Governor Rauner to stand strong to protect health care access provided by the ACA and Medicaid.

Action Three: Education

Here is the link to the 2017 National Migration Week

toolkit: http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/documents/NMW-2017-Toolkit_000.pdf

Please share the toolkit with your parishes, communities, and other JFI supporters.

Post-Election Immigrants Rights Updates: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_UdKWVVsbg and the powerpoint <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Field-Call-12.13.16.pdf> from National Immigration Law Center

Congress should support bill to grant temporary visas to Syrian refugee children

The Hill: Syrian refugee children deserve temporary visas -- The Save the Children Act of 2016, introduced by Rep. Mike Honda (D-Calif.), would be a low-cost way for displaced children to live safely in the United States until their homelands are free from violence.

Action Five: Actions

National Migration Week: January 8-14



January 8th 3 p.m.

Holy Name Cathedral – 730 North Wabash, Chicago, IL

Presided by Cardinal Blasé J. Cupich



Oneness on the Journey—Interfaith Prayer Service

January 15, 2017 -- 4:00 PM

St. Viator Church

4170 W. Addison, Chicago 60641

Followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall

Thank you for your efforts!