



May 4 - 10, 2020

What's Happening?

Child separation back in focus after federal personnel changes - World News Group

Federal judge lets 60-day immigration ban stand – Politico

'Remain in Mexico' asylum hearings suspended until June 1 – AP

Federal judge orders release of some Florida ICE detainees - Miami Herald

Critics say border wall still going up when they can't protest - NPR

Court decision allows victims of domestic violence to seek asylum - Harvard Law

Mixed status families file suit challenging exclusions in CARES Act - Dallas Morning News

Trump threatens to cut state Covid-19 aid over sanctuary city immigration policies – Vox

Action One: Prayer

Dear Lord, for all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing. For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection. For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit. For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight. For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone. For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all. For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity. For public officials and decision makers, we pray for wisdom and guidance. Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen. (USCCB)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition and demand that the Senate pass legislation that would strengthen voting rights. We must protect every citizen's right to vote.

[https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-we-must-act-immediately-to-protect-the-right-to-vote-for-everyone?source=2020VotingRightsAct_PFAW&referrer=group-pfaw&redirect=https%3A%2F%2fact.pfaw.org%2Fdonate%2Fsenate-VRAA-afteraction-ja%2F](https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-we-must-act-immediately-to-protect-the-right-to-vote-for-everyone?source=2020VotingRightsAct_PFAW&referrer=group-pfaw&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fact.pfaw.org%2Fdonate%2Fsenate-VRAA-afteraction-ja%2F)

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action: urge Congress to stop Trump's new immigration and family ban.

<https://greateras1.org/take-action-urge-congress-to-stop-trumps-new-immigration-family-ban/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand all states pass no excuse absentee voting laws ahead of the

2020 election. https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-all-states-pass-no-excuse-absentee-voting-laws-ahead-of-the-2020-election?source=20200408_AbsenteeBallotsC3_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&redirect=http%3A%2F%2Ffranciscanaction.org%2Fdonate%2F&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d1dd638a-6cfa-4217-aeb4-8db375145f46

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress we need universal vote-by-mail in November 2020

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-we-need-universal-vote-by-mail-in-november-2020/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Trump, Senators and House members to support the public postal service, now during this crisis. Learn more and take action here:

https://usmailnotforsale.org/take-action/?link_id=14&can_id=402374a438c43d28bfddeec717e4e077&source=email-democracy-initiative-update-040320&email_referrer=email_779338&email_subject=democracy-initiative-update-042020&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d1dd638a-6cfa-4217-aeb4-8db375145f46

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Senators ensure safe, secure elections during Covid-19 outbreak.

https://indivisible.org/demand-your-senators-ensure-safe-secure-elections-during-covid-19-outbreak?akid=58641.367900.S_pRS2&rd=1&source=email_20200417link1&t=7&utm_medium=link1&utm_source=email

NATIONAL LEVEL - Please call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask to be connected with your Senator. Ask them to support the Dream Act of 2019 (S. 874). Check here to see who has supported:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/874/cosponsors?searchResultViewType=expanded&KWICView=false>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Expand the COVID-19 emergency provisions to care for us all and enact

Please sign this petition: https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/this-pandemic-demands-a-systemic-response-an-urgent-message-from-the-poor-people-s-campaign?link_id=0&can_id=298a8737d541e240eadc8e3a6f562f48&source=email-poverty-amidst-pandemic-a-moral-response-to-covid-19&email_referrer=email_753563&email_subject=poverty-amidst-pandemic-a-moral-response-to-covid-19&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d6b12eee-e12c-4391-8536-f3671861b65f

Action Three: Education

Pandemic complicates counting refugees in census - <https://apnews.com/64f5823b43ce205329c535ca31563146>

'A ticking time bomb': advocates warn Covid-19 is spreading rapidly behind bars -

https://www.npr.org/2020/04/28/846678912/a-ticking-time-bomb-advocates-warn-covid-19-is-spreading-rapidly-behind-bars?utm_term=nprnews&utm_campaign=npr&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_medium=social

Advocates help immigrants who are excluded from relief checks -

<https://www.npr.org/2020/04/27/845322504/advocates-help-immigrants-who-are-excluded-from-relief-checks>

Indiana nonprofit lands grants to train refugees in farming -

<https://apnews.com/a987b48584ec89aa3a54a53babaf2444>

Internal ICE reviews of two immigrant deaths stroke fear about Covid-19 care -

<https://www.npr.org/2020/04/29/847838342/internal-ice-reviews-of-two-immigrant-deaths-stroke-fears-about-covid-19-care>

Next Trump immigration target: OPT for international students -

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2020/05/04/next-trump-immigration-target-opt-for-international-students/#5a3b251345f9>

Court decision allows victims of domestic violence to seek asylum - <https://today.law.harvard.edu/years-of-advocacy-by-hirc-culminate-in-landmark-decision-by-first-circuit/>

Americans' faith in law is at stake in the DACA case - <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/04/daca-case-lee-sarokin/610756/>

Action Three: Education Action Four: Action - ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING

VIGILS: The ICDI Broadview Prayer Vigil is still happening but are doing it weekly online. As is customary, First Fridays are interfaith and other weeks we pray the rosary. Anyone who wants to get the meeting access information can email hello@icdichicago.org with a request.

Action Five: Social Media – (@ Sen/Rep) Vote by mail is safe and secure. Expand it, along with in-person and early voting options. This is a critical step and it's already working in states across the country. **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS!**