



October 29 - November 4, 2018 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Sessions seeks to expand power on immigration cases - The Hill

ICE says it won't help freed immigrants get to bus stations, airports - Dallas News

Trump preparing to deliver major immigration speech days before midterms - Wash Post

Immigration: Oregon sanctuary law could be repealed by ballot measure - USA Today

The border is tougher to cross than ever. But there's still one way into America - Wash Post

On the border in El Paso, migrants arrive so regularly, there's a housing crunch - LA Times

Trump plans to deter migrants could mean new 'voluntary' family separations - NY Times

USCIS changes rule in medical exam to get a US green card - Miami Herald

New immigrants face an old American problem: workplace violence - Wash Post

Action One: Prayer

Lord of All, some of us make our homes on hills, others in valleys. Some in tall buildings, some on shorelines, some at risk on the street. And we divide up our patches with lines we scratch into the ground and call them borders. Where the lines don't suffice, we build fences. Where fences fail, we dig moats. Where moats aren't enough, we erect walls. But what if we were to look across these borders? Across fence, moat, and wall and see you on the other side? Lord, teach us to reach across all borders, fabricated or natural, to join with all our brothers and sisters to unify, and not separate. To honor all who wander seeking hope, seeking opportunity—seeking you as assuredly as we seek you. Lord, let no border ring our hearts. May we find a place within them for all. Turn our hands from building walls toward building justice. Stretch our arms across fence, wall and moat to seek out those on the other side that we might find you in each other's eyes, In each other's hands, In each other's wounds. Amen (CRS)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stop ICE and Border Patrol! ICE and BP have separated countless families, caused deaths of people fleeing violence, and terrorized communities. Send a message to MOC: <https://www.afsc.org/action/stop-ice-and-cbp>

NATIONAL LEVEL – SIMN asks that you contact your MOC's (Senate: 202-224-3121 and Reps: 202-225-3121). Ask them to oppose any new family separation policy by Trump admin.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Congress act to repeal the Muslim ban. Sign the petition: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-this-petition-demand-congress-act-to-repeal-the-muslim-ban?source=Aug2018NoMuslimBanFAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&Type=EmailBlastContent&eld=064cf7b2-a1a1-4268-b966-06f8f00aebf2>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Stop funding ICE terror. Block any bill that expands Trump's criminalization and deportation agenda.

https://act.credoaction.com/sign/block_ice_funding?t=5&akid=29912%2E2678758%2EvvigUJ

NATIONAL LEVEL - Help Nestor, an eleven-year-old Salvadoran child who is being held at Bokenkamp Children's Shelter, a detention center for unaccompanied immigrant minors in Corpus Christi, Texas run by Upbring, a non-profit. He arrived there in August 2018 and his mother has submitted all the required documentation to have her son released. But two months have passed and her son's case remained unresolved. Please help reunite him with his mother. **Call Bokenkamp Children's Shelter (361-994-1214). Demand that Nestor Fabricio Figueroa Murcia be released immediately to his mother. Children should be with their parents, not in detention centers!**

Action Three: Education

Are we serious about reducing poverty? Then we need to welcome immigrants -

https://www.forbes.com/sites/artcarden/2018/10/19/are-we-serious-about-reducing-poverty-then-we-need-to-welcome-immigrants/?utm_source=CLINIC%2BMail&utm_campaign=2a084069df-CLINIC_Daily_10-23-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-2a084069df-284015825#6d34a592cf25

The migrant caravan through the eyes of Catholic social teaching -

https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2018/10/23/migrant-caravan-through-eyes-catholic-social-teaching?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=d69a14e3ed-CLINIC_Daily_10-23-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-d69a14e3ed-284015825

How a massive ICE raid changed life in one small American town -

<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/hamedaleaziz/immigration-ice-oneill-nebraska-raid-workers-trump>

A St. Louis teaches only refugees and immigrants -

https://www.riverfronttimes.com/artsblog/2018/10/22/a-st-louis-school-teaches-only-refugees-and-immigrants-day-one-tells-its-story?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=50f0afbb26-CLINIC_Daily_10-24-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-50f0afbb26-284015825

Legal immigrants leery in wake of proposed green card restrictions -

https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2018/10/19/legal-immigrants-leery-wake-proposed-green-card-restrictions?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=2a084069df-CLINIC_Daily_10-23-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-2a084069df-284015825

Why the Trump White House is having a meltdown over the migrant caravan -

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/why-the-trump-white-house-is-having-a-meltdown-over-the-migrant-caravan>

This is America - views from alongside a border - <https://alongsideaborder.com/2018/10/18/this-is-america/>

Action Four: Action

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, left at Beach St.

Saturday, Nov. 3: The Oscar Romero Scholars at CTU invite you to celebrate the canonization of Blessed Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop & Martyr dinner and reception. Bishop Ronald Hicks (Archdiocese of Chicago) who will offer a reflection. Event at Catholic Theological Union Academic and Conference Center, 5416 South Cornell Avenue, Chicago. Free parking. Purchase your dinner/raffle tickets ASAP *online:* <https://ctu.edu/delcorazon/>

Action Five: Social Media @DHS The new proposed regulations do not serve the best interest of children. Instead, they undermine existing child protections. That is contrary to the Flores Agreement's purpose, contrary to the values of this nation, and contrary to my faith.

Thank you for all your efforts!