



**March 16 - 22, 2020**

### **What's Happening?**

**Trump's immigration policy could cause coronavirus disaster in migrant border camps - Vox**

**ICE prosecutors and immigration judges demand that courts close amid coronavirus fears - Miami Herald.com**

**ACLU urges ICE to develop plan for potential coronavirus at detention centers - KYMA.com**

**Guatemala seeks to limit migrants returned under US asylum agreement - Reuters**

**Six lanes to remain closed at San Ysidro port of entry until further notice - San Diego Trib**

**Justice Dept. backtracks on removing CDC coronavirus posters from courtrooms - CNN**

**Supreme Court keeps in place Trump's "Remain in Mexico" asylum constraints - LA Times**

**Trump officials are finalizing plans for sending asylum seekers to El Salvador - BuzzFeed**

**Another immigrant dies in ICE custody. She's the eighth since October - BuzzFeed**

**Trump to weigh Dreamers' fate as part of border immigration deal during election - Politico**

**Immigration judges want to know how to handle coronavirus - CNN**

**US immigration authorities will collect DNA from detained migrants at border - Wash Post**

**New Trump admin policies fast-track some children's immigration court hearing - Houston Chronicle**

**Watchdog: data on children separated at border may be flawed - AP**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**Lord, give us the fortitude to "Go ahead of the people..." and stand in support of DACA recipients in a time such as this. As we seek to stand with DACA recipients, help us know that you have gone ahead of us to ensure that ALL your children are nourished and equipped with renewed vigor to continue to push for justice. AMEN. (#FaithForDaca)**

### **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Democracy for All amendment (H.J. Res. 2) is the leading amendment proposal to get big money out of our political system. It has 214 Co-Sponsors in the House. This Thurs, March 19th is a [call-in day](#) focusing on those Reps who have not yet co-sponsored the Amendment. Join us in calling on your Representative to support **H.J. Res 2****

**<https://franciscanaction.org/urge-congress-to-pass-democracy-for-all-amendment/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=4f882ffe-d085-4dc1-83b1-76a721c47e22>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Calling interfaith voices to condemn the admin's plan to terrorize local communities. Contact DHS to oppose tactical units in your community. <https://p2a.co/0AxGZBJ>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Take Action -sign the petition to end Muslim ban, support the NO Ban Act.** [https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-end-the-racist-muslim-ban-support-the-no-ban-act?source=2019NOBANAct\\_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=6120844c-c53e-443c-8fc7-21b9c7b25300](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-end-the-racist-muslim-ban-support-the-no-ban-act?source=2019NOBANAct_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=6120844c-c53e-443c-8fc7-21b9c7b25300)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Send a message to Congress calling for the protection of those seeking asylum at our border.** [https://ignatiansolidarity.net/campaignforhospitality/2019/06/27/action-alert-inherent-dignity-of-asylum-seekers/?utm\\_source=ISN+Updates+List&utm\\_campaign=fdbd2096e3-Light\\_Darkness\\_2019&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f721035495-fdbd2096e3-255847889&mc\\_cid=fdbd2096e3&mc\\_eid=9c9f057a6f](https://ignatiansolidarity.net/campaignforhospitality/2019/06/27/action-alert-inherent-dignity-of-asylum-seekers/?utm_source=ISN+Updates+List&utm_campaign=fdbd2096e3-Light_Darkness_2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f721035495-fdbd2096e3-255847889&mc_cid=fdbd2096e3&mc_eid=9c9f057a6f)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to hold Customs and Border Patrol accountable for inhumane child detention.** [https://action.aclu.org/petition/congress-hold-cbp-accountable-inhumane-child-detention?ms\\_aff=NAT&initms\\_aff=NAT&ms=190709\\_immigrantrights\\_detention&initms=190709\\_immigrantrights\\_detention&ms\\_chan=eml&initms\\_chan=eml&af=BcNshjQS8xuSodn2Upme1NXUJgVtSOxYoo%2B5iEwVqOK4TQ70Ep7jAKHrNgRkOaQ%2By0kiFW5pnvMMjPLCEERBX6JPVjEalNBP35Z9qBQmyxG68%2FSbPMk8YhAPBloZXiNRod2ui0mBC0hUOtMjvwZZIqCz6Av0a86vTPU%2Fy3vqgMo%3D](https://action.aclu.org/petition/congress-hold-cbp-accountable-inhumane-child-detention?ms_aff=NAT&initms_aff=NAT&ms=190709_immigrantrights_detention&initms=190709_immigrantrights_detention&ms_chan=eml&initms_chan=eml&af=BcNshjQS8xuSodn2Upme1NXUJgVtSOxYoo%2B5iEwVqOK4TQ70Ep7jAKHrNgRkOaQ%2By0kiFW5pnvMMjPLCEERBX6JPVjEalNBP35Z9qBQmyxG68%2FSbPMk8YhAPBloZXiNRod2ui0mBC0hUOtMjvwZZIqCz6Av0a86vTPU%2Fy3vqgMo%3D)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Protect DACA recipients. This spring the Supreme Court will announce its decision on DACA. Contact your senators and tell them to urge Senator Mitch McConnell to allow a vote on the Senate floor and to pass a clean Dream Act of 2019 (S. 874).** [https://ignatiansolidarity.net/action-alerts/protect-daca-recipients/?utm\\_source=ISN+Updates+List&utm\\_campaign=8c3f1ef67b-02.07.20\\_immigration\\_update\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f721035495-8c3f1ef67b-146883633&mc\\_cid=8c3f1ef67b&mc\\_eid=adefda0a7a](https://ignatiansolidarity.net/action-alerts/protect-daca-recipients/?utm_source=ISN+Updates+List&utm_campaign=8c3f1ef67b-02.07.20_immigration_update_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f721035495-8c3f1ef67b-146883633&mc_cid=8c3f1ef67b&mc_eid=adefda0a7a)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - End Trump's Muslim ban and guarantee immigrants equal treatment under the law.** <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-if-you-agree-end-trumps-muslim-ban-and-guarantee-immigrants-equal-treatment-under-the-law?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=0bcc3068-523f-4bb5-baa1-52e3a6a5a905>

**NATIONAL LEVEL -Call on Congress to save asylum. Legislators must stop Trump's "Remain in Mexico" policy from returning people to danger.** <https://www.uusc.org/initiatives/call-on-congress-to-save-asylum/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=7b8df859-3b01-4db1-b71e-f39b36a6d4c3>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition: Demand Congress enact humane treatment for asylum seekers and immigrants.** [https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-congress-enact-humane-treatment-for-asylum-seekers-and-immigrants?source=2019DignityforImmigrants\\_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=76be7177-0454-4cfe-a9f5-bbf764553e4](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-congress-enact-humane-treatment-for-asylum-seekers-and-immigrants?source=2019DignityforImmigrants_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=76be7177-0454-4cfe-a9f5-bbf764553e4)

### **Action Three: Education**

**Syria's refugee crisis is still happening -**

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2020/03/syria-turkey-usa-refugee-crisis-trump-biden-sanders/607984/>

**Cancellations due to coronavirus hit Filipino cruise ship workers -**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/03/12/filipino-cruise-workers-coronavirus-pay/>

**Fleeing Maduro, Venezuelans find nightmare in Trump's jails -** <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/florida/articles/2020-03-12/fleeing-maduro-venezuelans-find-nightmare-in-trumps-jails>

**Immigrant women and girls in the US -** <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/immigrant-women-and-girls-united-states>

### **Action Four: Action**

**ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS:** 7 AM, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL

Join in prayer vigil at the immigration processing center to provide public witness and accompaniment to those about to be deported. 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.

**Action Five: Social Media – (@ Sen/Rep)** As people of faith, we are outraged at the systematic dismantling of #asylum in the US and the disregard for the humanity of asylum seekers. #FaithForAsylum. **Thank you for all your efforts!**