



Alert on Immigration May 20 - 26, 2019

What's Happening?

Immigrant soldiers now denied US citizenship at higher rate than civilians - Sacramento Bee

Appeals court rules Trump end of DACA was unlawful - The Hill

Graham introduces bill that would change asylum process, try to slow flow of migrants - CNN

ICE scouting locations across CA for detention centers to hold 5,600 - LA Times

US to build 6 tent cities near border for migrants - NBC News

Air marshals are latest officials diverted to the border to handle migrant surge - NY Times

CA governor Newsom pardons 2 Cambodian immigrants facing deportation - Sacramento Bee

US Citizenship and Immigration Services say more immigrants becoming citizens - KFOX 14

Second person dies in immigration custody in Arizona - KTAR.com

Charging asylum application fees is the latest way the US could make immigrants pay for its red tape – AP

Action One: Prayer

Blessed are You, Lord Jesus Christ. You crossed every border between Divinity and humanity to make your home with us. Help us to welcome you in newcomers, migrants and refugees. Blessed are You, God of all nations. You bless our land richly with goods of creation and with people made in your image. Help us to be good stewards and peacemakers, who live as your children. Blessed are You, Holy Spirit. You work in the hearts of all to bring about harmony and goodwill. Strengthen us to welcome those from other lands, cultures, religions, that we may live in human solidarity and in hope. God of all people, grant us vision to see your presence in our midst, especially in our immigrant sisters and brothers. Give us courage to open the door to our neighbors and grace to build a society of justice. (Pax Christi)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Climate change effects immigrants and refugees causing them to flee their home countries. Tell Congress to pass the Climate Action Now Act.

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-tackle-the-climate-crisis-congress-must-pass-the-climate-action-now-act?source=2019ClimateActionNowAct_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=a79f6379-ab50-4ff4-89ad-4bcae03a841a

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take Action: sign the petition to end the 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&eId=6120844c-c53e-443c-8fc7-21b9c7b25300

NATIONAL LEVEL - Support the Dream and Promise Act as it would provide relief and a pathway to citizenship for recipients of TPS and DACA. Here is a customized message based on whether or not your Rep is a cosponsor of this bill. So email your Rep to thank them or encourage them to support. <https://networklobby.org/DreamandPromise/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Close the Homestead Child Detention Center. Children should not be held in detention centers. Please sign the petition: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-close-the-homestead-child-detention-center?source=19HOMEM1&referrer=group-american-friends-service-committee>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Refugee admissions are at an all-time low. Congress must hold the State Dept accountable to resettling 30,000 refugees this year and admitting a minimum of 75,000 refugees next year. Tell your MOC to support pro-refugee legislation.

https://secure3.convio.net/sojo/site/Advocacy;jsessionid=00000000.app318b?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1289&NONCE_TOKEN=589E04C984E828031C05D48B1C805A28

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Congress to invest in families and communities, not in DHS's plans to rip apart families and turn away asylum seekers. Tell your MOC to reject the supplemental budget request for FY19 and support cuts to DHS funding for FY20.

<https://www.lawg.org/DefundHate/>

Action Three: Education

Untangling moves to deport Vietnamese immigrants - <http://nyt.et.e.sparkpost.com/f/a/xoCi25W6Ywbwy-kGd1Ngeq~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRevUhbP0SLaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubnl0aW1lcy5jb20vMjAxOC8xMi8xOC91cy9jYWxpZm9ybmlhLXRvZGF5LXZpZXRUeWV1lc2UtaW1taWdyYW50cy1kZXBvcnRhdGlvbi5odG1sP3RlPTEmbmw9Y2FsaWZvcn5pYS10b2RheSZlbWw9ZWRpdF9jYV8yMDE5MDUxNkFcdBnl0QgoAJFvD2ly9RT31UhZsYnJheWVyanBpYzJAZ21haWwuY29tWAQAAAAA>

Immigrants in detention choosing 'voluntary departure' - https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/immigrants-in-detention-choosing-voluntary-departure?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=6477e9e0e2-CLINIC_Daily_5-14-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-6477e9e0e2-284015825

Judge slaps down defenses by operators of Tacoma immigration jail over \$1 a day paid to detainees for work - <https://cliniclegal.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d1e29c8d7ab34d84237ecd8ee&id=e750e5ce5a&e=00acac1a37>

Two week pilgrimage underscores justice, compassion for immigrants, refugees - https://www.nronline.org/news/justice/two-week-pilgrimage-underscores-justice-compassion-immigrants-refugees?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=f67dc35bc1-CLINIC_Daily_5-16-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-f67dc35bc1-284015825

Three Border Crossings; One Immigrant's Journey - <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2019/06/border-crossings-one-immigrants-journey/588064/>

We spent 24 hours at the US-Mexico border - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KL1OsYHCySU&utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=a178c904c9-CLINIC_Daily_5-20-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-a178c904c9-284015825

A Guatemalan teen fled climate change, he died in US custody - http://time.com/5587817/juan-de-leon-gutierrez-guatemala-migrant/?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=social-share-article&utm_content=20190515&fbclid=IwAR1ErplqGUB2ghSCQ7iRGE6A0bieY10EVr1YVykvnq7KdLhx7qo9ZdXYA8M

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 and left at Beach Street.**

Action Five: Social Media - @your MOC. Congress needs to do the right thing and pass permanent bipartisan protections for Dreamers, TPS holders and DED recipients.

Thank you for your efforts!!