



Alert on Immigration April 8 - 14, 2019

What's Happening?

Trump considering naming an 'immigration czar' - AP

Kristen Nielsen, Homeland Security chief, resigns after rocky tenure - LA Times

US govt says it could take two years to identify families separated at border - NY Times

US Bishops, CRS urge administration to grant Venezuelans protected status - CNA

Miami detention center for migrant children will soon be bigger than Homestead High - Miami Herald

Motel 6 to pay millions after giving guests lists to immigration authorities - NPR

Man with flu symptoms dies in immigration detention center, ICE says - The Hill

DHS Nielsen pushing lawmakers to make it easier to deport asylum-seekers - Politico

Number of refugees down sharply, again, under restrictions set by Trump admin - Wash Post

Action One: Prayer

Good and gracious God, we thank you for the many ways you reveal yourself to us—in the kindness of a grandmother, the generosity of a neighbor, the comfort of a friend. Give us eyes to see your goodness in the faces of our immigrant neighbors and ears to hear the good news of your word made flesh in those seeking asylum who are now threatened by our government. Give us the strength to walk with them as together we seek the prince of peace. Amen.
(Interfaith Immigration Coalition)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - A new bill, [NO BAN Act](#), soon to be introduced by Sen. Chris Coons and Rep. Judy Chu, would repeal the current Muslim/asylum/refugees bans, but will also limit the ability of future administrations to ban people based on their religion or where they come from. Sign the petition: https://act.mpowerchange.org/sign/repealtheban-nobanact/?source=rtb_fan&Type=EmailBlastContent&eld=3ac4973d-d8b3-4096-bccb-f585342942c5

NATIONAL LEVEL - The Ignatian Solidarity Network and Office of Justice and Ecology ask that the State Dept act now to reject Trump's call to end foreign aid to Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras. Send a message to the US State Dept by either calling the Office of Public Affairs at **(202) 647-6575** or email them using the form. <https://register.state.gov/contactus/contactusform>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign to support restoring the Voting Rights Act:

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-to-support-restoring-the-voting-rights-act?source=2019RestoreVRA_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&Type=EmailBlastContent&eld=3ac4973d-d8b3-4096-bccb-f585342942c5

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MOC's to protect refugees, asylum seekers and families seeking protection. Call them and urge them to protect refugees. <https://greateras1.org/action-alert-tell-your-members-of-congress-to-protect-refugees-asylum-seekers-and-families-seeking-protection/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to reject increased funding for immigration enforcement. Invest in alternatives to detention and expanded accountability.

https://cqrcengage.com/fcnl/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=496970&utm_campaign=lam&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ak

Action Three: Education

Are Arabs and Iranians white? Census says yes, but many disagree.

<https://latimes.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f089ecc9238c5ee13b8e5f471&id=f56cc35918&e=644b98d4e7>

Why current US immigration challenge reflects 'complete political failure' -

https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/why-current-u-s-immigration-challenge-reflects-complete-political-failure?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=777802f83d-CLINIC_Daily_4-01-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-777802f83d-284015825

Mexican migration to Canada: Temporary worker programs, visa imposition, and NAFTA shape flows - <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/mexican-migration-canada>

Migrant girl's autopsy shows she would have been visibly sick for hours, doctors say -

<https://cliniclegal.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d1e29c8d7ab34d84237ecd8ee&id=8295f67c80&e=00acac1a37>

Pope Francis defends immigrants, criticizes wall - https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/31/pope-francis-on-immigration-political-leaders-risk-becoming-prisoners-of-the-walls-they-build.html?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=5999fa4984-CLINIC_Daily_4-02-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-5999fa4984-284015825

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Versions of census with, without citizenship question prepared -

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/04/01/politics/census-citizenship-question/index.html>

Ruben Garcia has sheltered migrants in El Paso for over four decades. With the crush at the border, he now needs a.... -

<https://cliniclegal.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d1e29c8d7ab34d84237ecd8ee&id=c31a744d83&e=00acac1a37>

U.S. lay missionary in Salvador works to address root causes of emigration -

https://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2019/us-lay-missioner-in-salvador-works-to-address-root-causes-of-emigration.cfm?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=1309b97d09-CLINIC_Daily_4-04-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-1309b97d09-284015825

How climate change is fueling the U.S border crisis - https://www.newyorker.com/news/dispatch/how-climate-change-is-fuelling-the-us-border-crisis?utm_campaign=aud-dev&utm_source=nl&utm_brand=tny&utm_mailing=TNY_Daily_040319&utm_medium=email&bxid=5be9f3c23f92a404692f25f3&user_id=51824490&esrc=&utm_term=TNY_Daily

https://www.newyorker.com/news/dispatch/how-climate-change-is-fuelling-the-us-border-crisis?utm_campaign=aud-dev&utm_source=nl&utm_brand=tny&utm_mailing=TNY_Daily_040319&utm_medium=email&bxid=5be9f3c23f92a404692f25f3&user_id=51824490&esrc=&utm_term=TNY_Daily

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.

The Immigration Advocacy History Project at Loyola University Chicago. The exhibit, "*Stand Strong on the Side of Righteousness: Immigration Advocacy, Past and Present*" runs through the end of April. The exhibit draws from interviews with immigration advocates, is now open until the end of April on the second floor of Damen Center (6511 N. Sheridan Rd) at the Loyola University Chicago Lakeshore Campus. An online version will be available in April.

Action Five: Social Media --@WhiteHouse Protect Venezuelans in the United States by granting TPS protection until they can safely return home. Help save their lives.

Thank you for your efforts!