



October 8 - 14, 2018 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Bill would block ICE from arresting immigrant child sponsors - CNN

US seeks to reduce waivers for immigration fees - UPI.com

These immigrants say they've been jammed into overcrowded cells, sleeping next to toilets at federal center - Dallas News

San Francisco judge suspends Trump admin's decision to end TPS for hundreds of immigrants - LA Times

Trump admin to deny visas to same-sex partners of diplomats, UN officials - Foreign Policy

As immigrants flow across US border, American guns go south - The Spokesman-Review

Action One: Prayer

Creator God, open our eyes so we can see you in the eyes of our immigrant brothers and sisters, eyes downcast for having lived so long in the shadows, eyes challenging us to join them in the streets or picket lines, eyes lifted looking for the Christ light in us. Compassionate God, who has come to dwell among us, open our ears to hear the cries of your children, children being separated from their parents, rounded up in raids, led to detention centers, silently giving up dreams. God of Justice, who crosses all boundaries, give us courage to resist, to say NO to unfair labor practices, to unjust laws. Give us the strength to stand with and for your inclusive love, faith to believe, another world is necessary and possible. Let it begin with us. (United Church of Christ)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Congress repeal the Muslim Ban.

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-this-petition-demand-congress-act-to-repeal-the-muslim-ban?source=Aug2018NoMuslimBanFAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=6bf19733-d8d1-4575-802c-ae3f3f1f7d96>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call Congress and tell them to stop detaining families in jails and demand that all separated families be reunited. **Call (866) 940-2439 to reach your members of Congress** (Remember to call 3x to speak to your representative and two senators). Tell them you are *outraged that immigrant children are still separated from their families and that unprecedented numbers of children are currently being held in immigration detention.*

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call on Congress to stop funding immigrant detention today.

<https://www.afsc.org/action/call-congress-to-stop-funding-immigrant-detention-today?emci=58b80b1d-1bb5-e811-bce7-000d3a12b7e6&emdi=c7865cc9-c6b5-e811-bce7-000d3a12b7e6&ceid=712858&ms=2018AA0911>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition telling Wells Fargo and JP Morgan Chase to stop profiting from immigration prisons -

<https://act.seiu.org/onlineactions/WaPd2nIH5Eu40OGHiF1XFA2?emci=3b0e8b4f-7a9a-e811-bce7-000d3a12b800&emdi=9298baa9-3ba2-e811-bce7-000d3a12b800&ceid=146008&smartlinkdata=JmZuPUxvdWlZSZsbj1Ob2x0YSZlbt1qcGljc3NwcyU0MHlhaG9vLmNvbSZjaT1XaW5uZXRrYSZzdD1JTCZwYz02MDA5Mw%3d%3d>

Action Three: Education

Building immigrant communities in the Trump era - https://www.thenation.com/article/building-an-immigrant-community-in-the-trump-era/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=e5e542024b-CLINIC_Daily_10-01-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-e5e542024b-284015825

Trump's family separation policy was flawed from the start, the watchdog review says - https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/trumps-family-separation-policy-was-flawed-from-the-start-watchdog-review-says/2018/10/01/c7134d86-c5ba-11e8-9b1c-a90f1daae309_story.html?utm_term=.efe3feed2c3d

14 year old prepares for life without her immigrant parents - <https://cliniclegal.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d1e29c8d7ab34d84237ecd8ee&id=715d205fe9&e=00acac1a37>

Sister Norma Pimentel: Come to the border, be part of what we are experiencing - https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2018/10/01/sister-norma-pimentel-come-border-be-part-what-we-are-experiencing?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=e7ce9feda3-CLINIC_Daily_10-03-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-e7ce9feda3-284015825

What a Franciscan shelter in Texas is doing to help asylum seekers - https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2018/10/02/what-franciscan-shelter-texas-doing-help-asylum-seekers?utm_source=Newsletters&utm_campaign=cdb64c9ca0-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_10_02_07_44&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0fe8ed70be-cdb64c9ca0-58623405

The World's First Immigration Economy - <https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/10/03/australia-the-worlds-first-immigration-economy/>

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.

Justice for Immigrants webinar – Wed., Oct 17 at 12noon Central. “Commenting on Federal Rules Changes: Your Change to add Catholic Principles to the Process.” Join experts from USCCB/MRS, Clinic, Network and the Columbian Center for advocacy and outreach. Login: bit.ly/PubComments Dial-in: 267-279-9000 Passcode: 389551#

Brave New Films uses the power of film to keep shining light on immigrant issues. They released the [Immigrant Prisons series](#) a while ago and have added another segment to the series. [Trauma at the Border](#) is an update to the story. Could you host a screening of [Immigrant Prisons](#) for your faith community? Learn about hosting a screening: https://www.bravenewfilms.org/imseries?utm_campaign=tahil_intro_immpris&utm_medium=email&utm_source=bravenew

Action Five: Social Media - @ (DHS) The public charge proposal gives immigrant families an impossible choice: keep immigrants or their children healthy but risk being separated, or forgo vital services like preventive care and food assistance so their family can remain together in this country. Not the American way. **Thank you for all your efforts**