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What's Happening?

LA blocks private detention centers, including facilities for immigrant youth - LA Times

Man shot in face during immigration operation - Houston Chronicle

Driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants headed for approval in Virginia - Wash Post

Fed'l judge permanently blocks another Trump immigration policy - Politico

Fed'l judge deals blow to ICE practice of asking police to detain people - LA Times

ICE is fingerprinting teen immigrants and refugees - BuzzFeed

Convictions overturned for four people who left food and water for migrants - Tucson Sentinel

US hiring immigration judges who don't have any immigration law experience - The Hill

Trump admin freezes global entry enrollment in New York over immigration law - NY Times

Christian nonprofits reeling from Trump cuts to foreign aid - Christianity Today.com

With the new public charge rule coming, a dozen immigration forms have changed - Miami Herald

Action One: Prayer

Loving God, you create every person in your image and unite us all in one human family. As our brothers' and sisters' keepers, fill us with courage and compassion, that we might meet the hardships of migrants and refugees, not with silence and indifference, but with generous acts of mercy, welcoming every stranger as Christ in our midst. Amen. (Catholic Charities)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition and demand that the Senate pass legislation that would strengthen voting rights. We must protect every citizen's right to vote.

https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-we-must-act-immediately-to-protect-the-right-to-vote-for-everyone?source=2020VotingRightsAct_PFAW&referrer=group-pfaw&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fact.pfaw.org%2Fdonate%2Fsenate-VRAA-afteraction-ja%2F

NATIONAL LEVEL - Last week the House passed a resolution to halt further U.S. military action. Now the Senate must act to prevent war with Iran. Call your Senator and ask them to support the Iran War Powers Resolution.

https://act.fcni.org/act/iran-war-powers?t=17&utm_campaign=lam&utm_source=ak&utm_medium=email&referring_akid=11750.163285.sm87WO

NATIONAL LEVEL - Add your name to this petition to protect Native American representation in the Census.

https://go.protectvoting.org/page/s/nativevotes_jan?&utm_medium=email&utm_source=voterprotect&utm_content=3+-+We+still+need+2000+signatures+to+show+th&utm_campaign=VPP_EM_EN_200108_NativeVotes_U1_X2&source=VPP_EM_EN_200108_NativeVotes_U1_X2

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge lawmakers to reform the broken American prison system and end mass incarceration. https://www.signherenow.org/petition/end-mass-incarceration/dailykos/e/?link_id=1&can_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&source=email-sign-if-you-agree-ending-racist-mass-incarceration-starts-with-us-8&email_referrer=email_628916&email_subject=sign-if-you-agree-ending-racist-mass-incarceration-starts-with-us

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

NATIONAL LEVEL –Please contact your MOC and ask them to co-sponsor and pass the NO BAN ACT (S.1123/HR 2214). This bill would ensure that no one is banned from our country based on religious or nationality based discrimination. Call Congress at 202-224-3121.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Oppose Trump’s attacks on asylum seekers. Demanding that the Trump admin STOP attacking protections for those fleeing violence and poverty, to seek asylum. https://p2a.co/Ohoepjt?p2asource=CHGAEMASYL02&utm_content=3754435

Action Three: Education

Clarkston, GA: ‘Ellis Island of the South’ is a city in transition - <https://www.theadvertiser.com/in-depth/news/2020/02/04/clarkston-georgia-ellis-island-south-refugees/2662353001/>

Judge reverses conviction of four ‘No More Death’ volunteers - http://www.tucsonsentinel.com/local/report/020320_no_more_deaths/judge-reverses-convictions-4-no-more-deaths-volunteers/?fbclid=IwAR2KC8W4uUBpba2aLhWKmKZajK83Z3I5iHQ0AcUezdYyGTy-N33MEov2Mcl

As access to asylum narrows, these alternatives are some immigrants’ only hope - <https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/news/in-depth/2020/01/30/359047/as-access-to-asylum-narrows-these-alternatives-are-some-immigrants-only-hope/>

The next harmful immigration move against international students - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2020/02/05/the-next-harmful-immigration-move-against-international-students/#3c5f308c46fc>

Public charge ground rule means new USCIS forms - <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/immigration/article240000988.html>

The Cheer Team caught between two worlds - <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/01/30/the-cheer-team-caught-between-two-worlds>

The Census Bureau is building Trump a huge list of noncitizens. Will it be secure? <https://www.revealnews.org/article/the-census-bureau-is-building-trump-a-huge-list-of-noncitizens-will-it-be-secure/>

Report: “Return to Mexico” policy is dangerous for migrants - https://www.afsc.org/story/new-report-shows-%E2%80%9Creturn-to-mexico%E2%80%9D-policy-dangerous-migrants?emci=4061b03a-5944-ea11-a1cc-00155d03b1e8&emdi=8d1a16f3-f644-ea11-a1cc-00155d03b1e8&ceid=117900#utm_source=weekendreading020120&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekendreading&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=7f709368-70f3-4d3a-889c-c60694a4b816

The evolution of Trump’s Muslim ban - <https://www.axios.com/trump-muslim-travel-ban-immigration-6ce8554f-05bd-467b-b3c2-ea4876f7773a.html>

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) The Trump administration’s rule sending asylum seekers back to Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador misses the point. Stop putting them back in harm’s way. **Thank you for all your efforts!**