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What's Happening?

Feds begin planning process for ICE detention center in Dwight, IL - CBS2 Chicago

Census head wasn't told about Trump district drawing order - AP

Rio Grande river may crest; threatens migrant camp - The Brownsville Herald

Acting ICE chief announces retirement following clashes with Trump officials - Politico

US to raise naturalization fees by \$500 - CNN

Fed'l judge block admin from implementing 'public charge' rule during pandemic - CNN

Trump admin is refusing to fully reinstate DACA - VOX

New DACA applications put on hold - Houston Chronicle

US sued over expulsion of migrant children detained in hotels - AP

Action One: Prayer

God of love and compassion: may we always recognize your spirit: in the refugee family, seeking safety from violence; in the migrant worker, bringing food to our tables; in the asylum-seekers, seeking justice for their families; in the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world. Give us hearts that break open whenever our brothers and sisters turn to us. Give us hearts that no longer turn deaf to their voices in times of need; Give us eyes to recognize a moment for grace instead of a threat. Give us voices that fail to remain silent but which decide instead to advocate prophetically. Give us hands that reach out in welcome, but also in work, for a world of justice until all homelands are safe and secure. Amen.

(Fr. Dan Hartnett S.J.)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign and send a petition to your US Senator. Make sure to include undocumented immigrants in Covid relief cash assistance.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/letters/petition-your-us-senator-thank-you-for-fighting-to-include-undoc-immigrants-in-covid-relief-cash-assistance?detail=emailaction&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-quick-signature-needed-thank-your-democratic-senator-for-doing-the-right-thing-2&email_referrer=email_879320&email_subject=take-action-undocumented-immigrants-must-be-included-in-stimulus-payments

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign this petition to Congress to stop funding ICE detention centers now!

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-to-congress-stop-funding-ice-detention-centers-immediately?source=2020DefundICEDetentionCenters_DKc3s&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdkllpromigrant2020%3Frefcode%3D2020DefundICE&link_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_876510&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_876510&email_subject=signatures-needed-no-more-taxpayer-dollars-to-detention-centers

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Senate to pass the Dream and Promise Act (HR 6) and reduce funding for ICE and CBP. http://fpl.actionkit.com/sign/DACA-SCOTUS-response/?t=8&referring_akid=2223.48167.GScxWI

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to end the Muslim ban. America is a place where all races and religions should be able to live free and equal lives. <https://muslimadvocates.org/action/no-ban-act/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=9d9ec701-e1f3-4a65-856b-127d95650b39>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your Senators to prioritize the poor and vulnerable in the next Covid19 relief package. <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/campaigns/75712/respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Covid 19 drugs must be affordable for all who need them. https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-now-demand-equal-access-to-an-affordable-covid-19-vaccine-2/?source=group-ara-main-e-activist-group&referrer=group-ara-main-e-activist-group&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/affordable-covid-19-treatment-for-all&link_id=1&refcode>EmailReferrer=email_859640&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_859640&email_subject=tell-congress-covid-19-drugs-must-be-affordable-for-all

NATIONAL LEVEL - Keep borders and pathways to asylum open. Refugees still need our support and help now more than ever. Sign the petition: https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/keep-borders-and-pathways-to-asylum-open?detail=emailaction&link_id=4&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-re-borders-must-stay-open-for-refugees&email_referrer=email_853723&email_subject=re-borders-must-stay-open-for-refugees

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign petition: DACA is here to stay. Allow eligible youth to apply. https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-the-petition-daca-is-here-to-stay-take-new-applications-from-eligible-youth?detail=emailaction&link_id=6&can_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&source=email-sign-the-petition-to-uscis-daca-is-here-to-stay-take-new-applications-from-eligible-youth&email_referrer=email_842360&email_subject=outrage-highest-court-in-the-land-protects-migrant-youth-trump-administration-defies-court

NATIONAL LEVEL - Let America Vote! Help to pass a universal vote-by-mail option and ensure that voting is safe, sanitary and secure. https://sign.actiontaker.org/page/s/LAV-JA-Vote-by-Mail-q22020?source=NDRC-PAC&redirect_url=https://sign.actiontaker.org/VBM-Option-NDRC-PAC-AB

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to stop Trump's new immigration and family ban. <https://greateras1.org/take-action-urge-congress-to-stop-trumps-new-immigration-family-ban/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your Senators requesting that they support the bipartisan DREAM Act of 2019 and encourage the Senate to introduce a companion bill to H.R.6, the American Dream and Promise Act. <https://franciscanactionnetwork.salsalabs.org/ProtectDreamers/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=27779837-39dc-41cb-b745-e96b9c9a96fb>

Action Three: Education

Parents with kids in ICE detention face 'Family Separation 2.0' - <https://time.com/5866659/ice-parents-children-detention-coronavirus-release/>

Law scholars' proposal boosts skilled immigration, economy - <https://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/information-technology/upload/Immigration-Points.pdf>

Lured to America, then trapped. <https://www.nbcnews.com/specials/h2a-visa-program-for-farmworkers-surgings-under-trump-and-labor-violations/index.html>

The cost of becoming a US citizen just went up drastically. And asylum is no longer free - <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/immigration/article244631817.html>

Impending USCIS furloughs will contribute to a historic drop in US immigration levels - <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/impending-uscis-furloughs-will-contribute-historic-drop-us-immigration-levels>

When a family separation became permanent - <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2020/08/ice-family-separation-death/614335/>

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: The ICDI Broadview Prayer Vigil is still happening but we are doing it weekly online. As is customary, First Fridays are interfaith and other weeks we pray the rosary. Anyone who wants to get the meeting access information can email hello@icdichicago.org with a request.

Action Five: Social Media – (@ Rep/Sen) The Trump admin has renewed its attack on the DACA program. Immigrant youth are essential members of our community. We need to support them and to fight for them. **Thank you for all your efforts!**