



## August 20 - 26, 2018 Alert on Immigration

### What's Happening?

Trump admin opposes returning deported migrant parents to the US - ABC News

Online trolls are using immigration as a wedge issue for 2018 midterm elections - LA Times

Senators ask DHS to crack down on coerced labor in ICE detention centers - CNN

Immigration cases tossed in fallout from US Supreme Court ruling - Chicago Sun Times

Gov't agencies set "trap" for immigrants seeking legal status, per ACLU - Boston Globe

Lawsuit filed against new government asylum rules - Catholic News Agency

Under Trump, arrests of undocumented immigrants with no criminal record have tripled - NBC

### Action One: Prayer

O God, our help in ages past, it was you who led the Israelites through the wilderness, a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day. We pray that you will guide the vulnerable and desperate migrants who today search out new hope and new life. As they search for a way out, as they board ships and trucks and cross fences, as they carry children and walk for miles, protect them, Lord. Our hope for years to come, you created all people to flourish to live in safety, to find meaning, to experience love, to seek after you. We pray for those who have lost hope, safety, love, and faith. We pray for parents whose children have been lost or have died. We pray for children who are going without food, water, and safety. We pray for communities abandoned and for communities overwhelmed. Oh God, bring miraculous and life-giving hope. Help us to discern how to reach out to refugees in acts of mercy and how to help them seek justice for long-term hope. Amen. (adapted from World Renew)

### Action Two: Calls/Letters

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=JmZuPUxvdWlzZSZsbj1Ob2x0YSZlbT1qcGljc3NwcyU0MHlhaG9vLmNvbSZjaT1XaW5uZXRrYSZzdD1JTCZwYz02MDA5Mw%3d%3d>

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NATIONAL LEVEL - SIMN asks you contact the White House (202-456-1411) and Congress (Senate: 202-224-3121; House: 202-225-3121) to ask for refugee admissions level of at least 75,000 refugees for FY 2019.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Salma Sikandar, proud mother of a gifted teenager, is looking forward to her only child's first semester at Quinnipiac Univ in 3 wks. ICE wants to deport her 3 days before her US citizen son starts college. <https://petitions.moveon.org/sign/tell-ice-to-keep-salma?akid=214042.17155953.tuQGDt&rd=1&source=mo&t=14>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Detained migrant children are being forcibly drugged. Tell Sessions and DHS Nielsen that abducting children and abusing them with drugs is not acceptable.**

<https://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/208/560/134/?z00m=30772268&redirectID=2720621696>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Congress to stop privatizing detention and incarceration of immigrant families and asylum seekers.** <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-this-petition-to-demand-congress-stop-privatizing-detention-and-incarceration-of-immigrant-families-and-asylum-seekers?source=July18PrivSWFAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=4ee9f2ed-7743-4814-b09f-c53a79f615b1&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=997f7ae6-df34-4968-a603-12e036a34e5b>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Don't turn your back on refugees in desperate need of help.**

[https://secure3.convio.net/cvt/site/Advocacy;jsessionid=00000000.app318b?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=321&autologin=true&NONCE\\_TOKEN=C4DC0B73B7E859F4C31021463A97BD6A](https://secure3.convio.net/cvt/site/Advocacy;jsessionid=00000000.app318b?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=321&autologin=true&NONCE_TOKEN=C4DC0B73B7E859F4C31021463A97BD6A)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress - investigate harmful health effects of family detention now.**

[https://secure.phr.org/secure/tell-congress-investigate-harmful-health-effects-family-detention-now-0?cid=701f40000012P0SAAU&ms=Email\\_FY19AugAllen\\_Action\\_non-medical&utm\\_campaign=126429\\_Family%20Detention%20Action%20%28non-med%29&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Physicians%20for%20Human%20Rights&dm\\_i=4GV7.2PJX.1IFFC0.AKZW.1](https://secure.phr.org/secure/tell-congress-investigate-harmful-health-effects-family-detention-now-0?cid=701f40000012P0SAAU&ms=Email_FY19AugAllen_Action_non-medical&utm_campaign=126429_Family%20Detention%20Action%20%28non-med%29&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Physicians%20for%20Human%20Rights&dm_i=4GV7.2PJX.1IFFC0.AKZW.1)

### **Action Three: Education**

**How a mother's tough choice gave her son a potential US asylum advantage -**

[https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-children-insight/how-a-mothers-tough-choice-gave-her-son-a-potential-us-asylum-advantage-idUSKBN1L20ZO?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=5265e6a081-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_08-20-18&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-5265e6a081-284015825](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-children-insight/how-a-mothers-tough-choice-gave-her-son-a-potential-us-asylum-advantage-idUSKBN1L20ZO?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=5265e6a081-CLINIC_Daily_08-20-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-5265e6a081-284015825)

**Bishop Stowe - Heed the biblical admonition to love the migrant as yourself -**

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2018/08/07/bishop-stowe-heed-biblical-admonition-love-migrant-yourself>

**Is there another way to address the migration crisis -** [https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2018/08/10/there-another-way-address-migration-crisis?utm\\_source=Newsletters&utm\\_campaign=62bb6b0adf-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2018\\_08\\_13\\_08\\_45&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_0fe8ed70be-62bb6b0adf-58623405](https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2018/08/10/there-another-way-address-migration-crisis?utm_source=Newsletters&utm_campaign=62bb6b0adf-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_08_13_08_45&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0fe8ed70be-62bb6b0adf-58623405)

**Released immigrants describe life with ankle monitors -** [http://time.com/5363148/ankle-monitors-immigration/?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=d6a05641c6-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_08-14-18&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-d6a05641c6-284015825](http://time.com/5363148/ankle-monitors-immigration/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=d6a05641c6-CLINIC_Daily_08-14-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-d6a05641c6-284015825)

### **Action Four: Action**

**Saturday, Sept 1:** Rally in Kankakee to stop ICE detention and expansion: 1pm. Kankakee Court House, 450 East Court St., Kankakee, IL For more info:

<https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/40b379cd-2178-476f-989e-913ed5a5ce7e>

**Saturday, Sept 15:** Seminar sponsored by Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants : "Unaccompanied Immigrant Children: Responding with Love, Mercy and Justice"; 8:15 AM-1 PM, Catholic Theological Union, [5436 S. Cornell, Chicago](#); free parking; \$15 early registration, \$20 at the door, free for students with ID. For more Info: <https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/e1dda9ed-f406-4eeb-a948-e2b86410a006>

**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.

**Action Five: Social Media - @realDonaldTrump** People of faith welcome refugees. We call on the administration to reflect the best of our American values by welcoming 75,000 refugees. #Pray4Refugees #Welcome7 **Thank you for your efforts!**