



June 18 - 24, 2018 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Republicans unveil DACA citizenship-border wall compromise bill – CNN

New DHS office to revoke citizenship of naturalized Americans who lie on applications - The Hill

New GOP immigration bill would prevent separation of children/parents at border - NBC News

Trump administration moves to block victims of gang violence and domestic abuse from claiming asylum - LA Times

Frantic parents separated from their kids fill courts along the border - Washington Post

Action One: Prayer

Loving Father, in your infinite compassion, we seek your divine protection for refugee children who are often alone and afraid. Provide solace to those who have been witnesses to violence and destruction, who have lost parents, family, friends, home, and all they cherish due to war or persecution. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant children, too, Lord. Reunite them with their families and loved ones. Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land to a place of peace and safety. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Show us how we might reach out to these precious and vulnerable children. Open our hearts to migrant and refugee children in need, so that we might see in them your own migrant Son. Give us courage to stand up in their defense against those who would do them harm. For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (USCCB)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - With religious pressure building, now is the time to show just how many Christians are demanding an end to this cruel policy.

http://act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/sessions_bible/?t=1&akid=1129%2E394792%2Eo63JnS

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call Congress today! We must stop family separation and oppose legislation that reduces protections for asylum seekers and other vulnerable people

https://secure3.convio.net/cvt/site/Advocacy:isessionid=00000000.app326b?alertId=307&pg=makeACall&autologin=true&NONCE_TOKEN=E57DFC1DDAA8FF5A2822C46C272FCD1E

NATIONAL LEVEL - SPLC asks you to make a call to Attorney General Jeff Sessions regarding refusal to accept immigrants fleeing gang violence or domestic abuse. Call the DOJ's main comment line at 202-353-1555. **"I am calling to tell AG Sessions that I do not support his decision in the Matter of A-B. With this order, the Trump administration has turned its back on some of the most vulnerable people in the world. I demand the AG stop his anti-immigrant agenda."**

NATIONAL LEVEL - We are a nation of immigrants and have an obligation to put a stop to Trump's inhumane policies. Sign the petition calling on MOC's to take immediate action.
<https://secure.tammybaldwin.com/page/s/e180616?source>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Separating parents and children is inhumane. Plain and simple. Add your name to the petition urging the Trump admin to stop this inhumane policy.
<http://action.nilc.org/page/s/end-family-separation?source=em180613>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Sessions not to deport victims of violence. Sign the petition to call on Sessions to reverse his decision and grant asylum for domestic and gang violence.
<http://action.dickdurbin.com/page/s/tell-jeff-sessions-not-to-deport-victims-of-violence?source=em180612&refcode=em180612>

NATIONAL LEVEL - A society is measured by how we care for the most vulnerable among us. As women of faith, we are united in moral conviction that justice is a deed, not just a word. Sign the petition to tell DHS Secretary Nielsen to stop separating families.

<http://fpl.actionkit.com/sign/family-unity-women/?t=4&akid=896%2E48167%2ET7LZ0h>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition calling on DHS to stop the inhumane policy of separating children from their parents who are seeking protection.

<https://durbin.cp.bsd.net/page/signup/dhs-families?source=em180605-full&refcode=em180605>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOCs. Their job is to conduct oversight of DHS—they must hold DHS accountable. Simply say, “I am outraged by how our government is treating children at the border. What is my Senator/Rep doing about this?” House: 202-225-3121; Senate: (202) 224-3121

Action Three: Education

ICE Came for a Tennessee Town’s Immigrants. The Town Fought Back. -

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/06/11/us/tennessee-immigration-trump.html?hp&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&clickSource=story-heading&module=second-column-region®ion=top-news&WT.nav=top-news>

The Trump administration’s separation of families at the border, explained -

<https://www.vox.com/2018/6/11/17443198/children-immigrant-families-separated-parents>

Catholic leaders denounce Sessions’ asylum decision: ‘We have truly lost our moral compass.’ - https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2018/06/13/catholic-leaders-denounce-sessions-asylum-decision-we-have-truly-lost?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletters&utm_content=3+-+Read+the+full+story&utm_campaign=Newsletter&source=Newsletter

Action Four: Action

JUNE 19: NATL IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CENTER: Human Rights awards with keynote speaker DOLORES HUERTA. 12 PM, Chicago Marriott on Michigan Ave. Buy tickets:
https://org2.salsalabs.com/o/5967/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=87259&utm_source=suppnlettermar2018&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=hra2018

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 and @SecNielsen. Keep Families Together. This is a fundamental issue for everything we stand for as a country. Put an end to this now.

Thank you for all your support!