



February 11 - 17, 2019 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Trump tries to turn border debate his way with El Paso rally - AP

US prepares to start building portion of Texas border wall - AP

Talks over border security break down, imperiling efforts to prevent shutdown - NY Times

Judge allows survey of church property for border wall construction - Nat'l Catholic Reporter

CA governor Newsom to pull national guard from border with Mexico - LA Times

N.M. governor pulls national guard from border, citing a 'charade' at fed'l level - NPR

House Oversight Committee chair wants answers on legal immigration backlog - NBC News

Texas AG Paxton asks US judge to strike down DACA - Austin American Statesman

San Diego launches bipartisan plan to welcome immigrants - LA Times

D.C. will offer up to \$725 per person to help residents seeking us citizenship - Wash Post

Action One: Prayer

Blessed are You, Lord Jesus Christ. You crossed every border between Divinity and humanity to make your home with us. Help us to welcome you in newcomers, migrants and refugees. Blessed are You, God of all nations. You bless our land richly with goods of creation and with people made in your image. Help us to be good stewards and peacemakers, who live as your children. Blessed are You, Holy Spirit. You work in the hearts of all to bring about harmony and goodwill. Strengthen us to welcome those from other lands, cultures, religions, that we may live in human solidarity and in hope. God of all people, grant us vision to see your presence in our midst, especially in our immigrant sisters and brothers. Give us courage to open the door to our neighbors and grace to build a society of justice. (Pax Christi)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition and make clear that you stand with people across the US rejecting any attempt to shut down the gov't or declare a nat'l emergency to build a border wall. <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/nowallnoshutdown/?source=group-corporate-accountability&referrer=group-corporate-accountability&action=nowallnoshutdown>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your members of Congress that refugees and asylum seekers deserve safety - not walls and bars. Sign now to tell Congress, we must stop criminalizing people who are seeking refuge:

<https://act.amnestyusa.org/page/16725/action/1?ac=W1902EARMR2&ea.url.id=1759482&forwarded=true>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your senators to reject Trump's immoral wall. Send an email to your senators. Click here: <https://www.nilc.org/trumpshutdown/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your senator to restore good governance and reject Trump's harmful enforcement immigration demands. Contact your senator, click here:

https://cgrcengage.com/fcnl/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=495942&utm_campaign=lam&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ak

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress - we demand a democracy that work for us. Sign the petition to support HR 1 - For the People Act. <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/congress-we-demand-a-democracy-that-works-for-us?source=121318swap-fan&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d625393d-c044-4a0e-8737-97cd2abc9993>

NATIONAL LEVEL - SIMN asks you to contact your MOC's (Senate: 202-224-3121 + House: 202-225-3121). Ask them to not agree to border wall funding during the conference negotiations on the DHS appropriations bill.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition to respect the human right to migrate. https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-respect-the-human-right-to-migrate-and-end-militarization-at-the-border?source=RespectMigration2018_CC&referrer=group-courage-campaign

Action Three: Education

More than 80% of US want undocumented immigrants to have chance to become US citizens - https://www.newsweek.com/more-80-americans-want-undocumented-immigrants-have-chance-become-us-citizens-1316889?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=bc35a96bed-CLINIC_Daily_2-5-19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-bc35a96bed-284015825

Solid majority still oppose new construction on border wall - https://news.gallup.com/poll/246455/solid-majority-opposes-new-construction-border-wall.aspx?g_source=link_NEWSV9&g_medium=NEWSFEED&g_campaign=item_&g_content=Solid%2520Majority%2520Still%2520Opposes%2520New%2520Construction%2520on%2520Border%2520Wal

Analysis: Two charts demolish the notion that immigrants here illegally commit more crime - https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2018/06/19/two-charts-demolish-the-notion-that-immigrants-here-illegally-commit-more-crime/?utm_term=.5389409c61b2

Two years after Trump's travel ban, faith based refugee groups struggle - <https://religionnews.com/2019/02/04/two-years-after-trumps-travel-ban-faith-based-refugee-groups-struggle/>

A light for me in the darkness'. - For migrant detainees, a bond forged by letter. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/07/us/immigrant-detainee-letters.html?action=click&module=News&pgtype=Homepage>

3 things we learned in testimony on family separation under Trump - https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/3-things-we-learned-in-testimony-on-trumps-family-separation-policy?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=b1d61216f5-CLINIC_Daily_2-11-19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-b1d61216f5-284015825

Top 6 Catholic takeaways from Trump's State of the Union address - https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2019/02/06/top-6-catholic-takeaways-president-trumps-state-union-address?utm_source=Newsletters&utm_campaign=23768fb863-DAILY_CAMPAIGN_2019_2_6&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0fe8ed70be-23768fb863-58623405

The Deported Americans - https://story.californiasunday.com/deported-americans?fbclid=IwAR1BgmNDFLJJO_rOTHMjP_PYLZ6D9Q6Qndv_7vN8RRnRBbILLgkwt045ITo

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: 7 AM, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL. First Fridays-Interfaith Services; other Fridays-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 - @WhiteHouse We want to live like someone who left the gate open. Not let people die behind imprisoning walls. No Border Wall!

Thank you for all your efforts!