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What's Happening?

Justice Dept. moves to block asylum claims based on family ties - NY Times

Trump suggests tying gun background checks to immigration reform legislation after deadly shootings - The Hill

Trump admin is ending an immigration benefit for Filipino Veterans and Haitians - BuzzFeed

Senate Republicans block TPS for Venezuelans - Miami Herald

Chicago immigrants losing jobs due to Social Security no match letters - WBEZ

Senator intervenes at border to help Mexican family apply for asylum - Wash Post

U.S. military is kicking out foreign recruits it sought, with inconsistent reasoning - Wash Post

Phoenix's first welcome center for migrant families now open - Arizona Mirror

Asylum seekers targeted by kidnappers and traffickers while waiting in Mexico - San Diego Union Tribune

Guatemala's president faces backlash at immigration deal with US - Al Jazeera

CO advocates see rise in immigrant domestic violence victims reporting deportation threats by their abusers - The Colorado Sun

Trump admin has separated 900 migrant children despite order to stop practice - LA Times

Action One: Prayer

Blessed are You Lord God, King of Creation. Through Your goodness, we live in this land that You have so richly blessed. Help us to always recognize our blessings come from You and remind us to share them with others, especially those who come to us today from other lands. Help us to be generous, just and welcoming, as You have been and are generous to us. Amen. (Diocese of Syracuse)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - America may close our doors to refugees. White House is considering setting the refugee ceiling for 2020 to zero. Take a stand for refugees. Call your MOC and tell them to support refugee resettlement in America.

https://secure2.convio.net/lirs/site/Advocacy;jsessionid=00000000.app262a?alertId=297&pg=makeACall&NONCE_TOKEN=427C9255AD7089C051C5FFE59B348A83#.WmZIOqinGU

NATIONAL LEVEL - Say NO to Trump's inhumane policies that separate families and harm kids. Take action now. <http://fpl.actionkit.com/call/say-no-president-trumps-inhumane-policies-separate-families-harm-kids/?t=7&akid=1693%2E48167%2E-N4CkC>

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Don't let hotel chains become temporary ICE detention centers. Hotel companies should publicly refuse to allow any of their properties to contract with ICE and deny assistance in the deportation of people and families.

<https://petitions.moveon.org/sign/hotel-chains-dont-become?akid=238697.17155953.J3HEI5&rd=1&source=mo&t=7>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to end Trump's unjust border crackdown.

<https://www.francisproject.org/borderemergency>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action: urge Congress to end tax breaks for private prison companies. Sign the petition:

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-detaining-humans-in-prison-camps-for-profit-is-wrong-end-tax-breaks-for-private-prison-companies?source=direct_link&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=854d3806-f2ee-44a1-a922-cda818520935

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell presidential candidates to commit to ending the criminalization of migrants. Urge 2020 candidates to repeal Sec 1325 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, a provision that criminalizes mothers, fathers, children and others who migrate to the US.

<https://p2a.co/Govqeja>

Action Three: Education

Know your Madisonian: Longtime refugee worker can now provide immigrants legal defense -

https://madison.com/wsj/news/local/know-your-madisonian-longtime-refugee-worker-can-now-provide-immigrants/article_3b546458-4f79-574d-a549-8520b335a449.html?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=b987172ccc-CLINIC_Daily_7-30-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-b987172ccc-284015825

Senator intervenes at border to help Mexican family apply for asylum -

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/senator-intervenes-at-border-to-help-mexican-family-apply-for-asylum/2019/07/27/837a1832-b0c1-11e9-8e77-03b30bc29f64_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_campaign=b987172ccc-CLINIC_Daily_7-30-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_source=CLINIC%20Mail&utm_term=.7057f33d1eb3

Questions surround secretive US Guatemala agreement -

https://www.justsecurity.org/65203/us-guatemala-plan-is-not-a-safe-third-country-agreement/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=7d1d1ce82a-CLINIC_Daily_7-31-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-7d1d1ce82a-284015825

Can the church do more to defend undocumented people -

https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2019/07/26/can-church-do-more-defend-undocumented-people?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=7d1d1ce82a-CLINIC_Daily_7-31-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-7d1d1ce82a-284015825

Trump's bad immigration math -

https://www.wsj.com/articles/trumps-bad-immigration-math-11564526852?emailToken=9bbf5fb827afc348eb1ac7e79634ce74fFbWBPUD7512H+cSr+BzpDFhTVCV/UphK30KWx1Q6+d7zsVFsmXuNayWvDe4eCOELIAoVT59zOanT3hesP4xlw%3D%3D&reflink=article_copyURL_share

These seesaws were built across the US-Mexico border to let children play together -

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/professors-build-seesaw-across-us-mexico-border-to-let-children-play-together_n_5d403a45e4b0d24cde05e596

ICE does business with tech companies like Microsoft, Dell and Palantir -

<https://www.vox.com/recode/2019/7/30/20728147/tech-company-ice-contracts-foia-microsoft-palantir-concur-dell>

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 - @realDonaldTrump There is nothing less Christian than building any types of barriers to turn away refugees who are seeking asylum.

Thank you for all your efforts.