



March 9 - 15, 2020

What's Happening?

Appeals court allows 'Remain in Mexico' policy to continue blocking border migrants - NY Times

Trump admin to gather dna data on detained migrants - Bloomberg News

"Flood the streets": ICE targets sanctuary cities with increased surveillance - NY Times

Govt will start withholding funds from sanctuary cities after court ruling - The Hill

Serious health care lapses found in US detention centers housing transgender migrants - Reuters

Children living in secret migrant camps attend Miami school - Miami Herald

High courts back state prosecutions of undocumented immigrants - Bloomberg News

Maryland Gov. opposed to ending ICE warrantless to driver's license database - Wash Post

Supreme Court considers writing itself out of speedy deportation cases - NPR.org

Pittsburgh biz opportunities for immigrants focus of new effort - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Action One: Prayer

God, thank you for being our hope in times of uncertainty and despair. Thank you for being present with us in the times of loss. We know you are a God who experienced and experiences loss and mourning with us. Thank you for the times you use us to be a blessing and for the times you use those around us to bless us. Forgive us for the barriers we put up that prevent people from journeying in faith toward blessing. AMEN. (Interfaith Immigration Coalition)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Congress: #RepealTheBan and support the NO BAN Act.

https://act.mpowerchange.org/sign/repealtheban-nobanact/?source=rtb_fan&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=1b2b4eff-52a6-4fac-bb56-43b7c6b84dc8

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take Action -sign the petition to end Muslim ban, support the NO Ban

Act. https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-end-the-racist-muslim-ban-support-the-no-ban-act?source=2019NOBANAct_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=6120844c-c53e-443c-8fc7-21b9c7b25300

NATIONAL LEVEL - Send a message to Congress calling for the protection of those seeking

asylum at our border. https://ignatiansolidarity.net/campaignforhospitality/2019/06/27/action-alert-inherent-dignity-of-asylum-seekers/?utm_source=ISN+Updates+List&utm_campaign=fdbd2096e3-Light_Darkness_2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f721035495-fdbd2096e3-255847889&mc_cid=fdbd2096e3&mc_eid=9c9f057a6f

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to hold Customs and Border Patrol accountable for inhumane child detention. https://action.aclu.org/petition/congress-hold-cbp-accountable-inhumane-child-detention?ms_aff=NAT&initms_aff=NAT&ms=190709_immigrantrights_detention&initms=190709_immigrantrights_detention&ms_chan=eml&initms_chan=eml&af=BcNshIQS8xuSodn2Upme1NXUJgVtSOxYoo%2B5iEwVgOK4TQ7OEp7iAKHrNgRkOaQ%2B5y0kiFW5pnvMMjPLCEERBX6JPyEalNBP35Z9qBQmyxG68%2FSbPMk8YhAPBloZXiNRod2ui0mBC0hUOtMJvwZZlqCz6Ay0a86yTPU%2Fy3yqgMo%3D

NATIONAL LEVEL - Protect DACA recipients. This spring the Supreme Court will announce its decision on DACA. Contact your senators and tell them to urge Senator Mitch McConnell to allow a vote on the Senate floor and to pass a clean Dream Act of 2019 (S. 874).

https://ignatiansolidarity.net/action-alerts/protect-daca-recipients/?utm_source=ISN+Updates+List&utm_campaign=8c3f1ef67b-02.07.20_immigration_update_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f721035495-8c3f1ef67b-146883633&mc_cid=8c3f1ef67b&mc_eid=adefda0a7a

NATIONAL LEVEL - End Trump's Muslim ban and guarantee immigrants equal treatment under the law.

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-if-you-agree-end-trumps-muslim-ban-and-guarantee-immigrants-equal-treatment-under-the-law?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=0bcc3068-523f-4bb5-baa1-52e3a6a5a905>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Calling interfaith voices to condemn the admin's plan to terrorize local communities. Contact DHS to oppose tactical units in your community. <https://p2a.co/0AxGZBJ>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call on Congress to save asylum. Legislators must stop Trump's "Remain in Mexico" policy from returning people to danger. <https://www.uusc.org/initiatives/call-on-congress-to-save-asylum/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=7b8df859-3b01-4db1-b71e-f39b36a6d4c3>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign and send this petition to your state elected officials: do even more to curb climate change. https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-to-your-state-elected-officials-do-even-more-to-curb-climate-change-we-do-not-have-time-to-wait?source=2020EarthDayStateLetters_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=fe7d5b13-0f7a-4270-af71-486e6d9ee475

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition: Demand Congress enact humane treatment for asylum seekers and immigrants. https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-congress-enact-humane-treatment-for-asylum-seekers-and-immigrants?source=2019DignityforImmigrants_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=76be7177-0454-4cfe-a9f5-bbf764553e4

Action Three: Education

Report: Number of immigrants in US without documents in steady decline -

<https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2020/02/report-number-of-immigrants-in-u-s-without-documents-in-steady-decline/>

Border apprehensions, ICE arrests and deportations under Trump - (Pew Research report)

<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/03/02/how-border-apprehensions-ice-arrests-and-deportations-have-changed-under-trump/>

Secret migrant camps in Miami Dade, Florida attending school -

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/immigration/article239316068.html>

Pew Research: Naturalized citizens make up record one-in-ten US eligible voters in 2020 -

<https://www.pewresearch.org/hispanic/2020/02/26/naturalized-citizens-make-up-record-one-in-ten-u-s-eligible-voters-in-2020/>

Documentary "The Trade" gives human and heartbreaking look at immigration crisis -

<https://www.npr.org/2020/03/08/813384420/documentary-the-trade-gives-human-and-heartbreaking-look-at-the-immigration-cris>

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 – (@ Sen/Rep) We urge you to stop funding inhumane + cruel anti-asylum policies in FY21 spending bills. Instead, restore and strengthen asylum protections by co-sponsoring the Refugee Protection Act and Asylum Seeker Protection Act. #FaithForAsylum.

Thank you for all your efforts!