



Alert on Immigration April 22 - 28, 2019

What's Happening?

Internal memo says Trump officials to resume forcing asylum seekers to wait in Mexico - LA Times

US House gets its say as Supreme Court takes up citizenship question - Roll Call

HUD moves to limit public housing aid for undocumented immigrants - NY Times

11-year old Salvadoran girl in Houston gets second chance at asylum - Houston Public Media

Immigration propel population growth in 10% of US counties - WSJ

Under Trump, immigration enforcement dominates Homeland Security mission - LA Times

ICE arresting, deporting few people due to border surge - AP

Ruling by AG Barr means thousands more migrants may wait months in detention - NBC News

US wants to build more tents at border to detain migrants - NY Times

In new effort to deter migrants, Barr withholds bail to asylum seekers - NY Times

Dems send letter demanding info on Trump's plan to release immigrants - NBC News

Action One: Prayer

Lord and Father of all, help us rise each day to Easter. Teach us to practice resurrection, to seek love and forgiveness and new life in our relationships, in our work, in our play, and in our busy, distracted, lonely world. Lord and good Father to us all, remind us as the earth re-blooms and that new life is available to us every day. Our portion is abundant, if we will but empty our hands of the things that would distract us from you and open wide to receive your resurrection blessings so that we may be your blessing to others. Amen. (CRS)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Keep the path to citizenship open. Tell USCIS to reject the proposed changes to fee waiver eligibility.

https://advancingjustice.salsalabs.org/protectfeewaivers/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=2f3d730d-4301-4987-9f79-c172046c706c&sl_tc=feewaiveremail

NATIONAL LEVEL - Close the Homestead Child Detention Center. Children should not be held in detention centers. Please sign the petition: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-close-the-homestead-child-detention-center?source=19HOMEM1&referrer=group-american-friends-service-committee>

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 - Congress introduced a bill that would repeal the Muslim ban, but also refugee and asylum bans and help prevent discriminatory bans in the future. Sign the petition telling Congress to pass No Ban Act now - https://action.aclu.org/petition/repeal-trumps-anti-immigrant-bans?ms_aff=NAT&initms_aff=NAT&ms=190410_immigrantrights_noban&initms=190410_immigrantrights_noban&ms_chan=eml&initms_chan=eml&af=BcNshjQS8xuSodn2Upme1NXUJqVtSOxYoo%2B5iEwVgOK4TQ7OEp7jAKHrNgRkOaQ%2By0kiFW5pvnMMjPLCEERBX6JPvIEalNB35Z9gBQmyxG68%2FSbPMk8YhAPBIOZXiNRod2ui0mBC0hUOtMjvwZZIqCz6Ay0a86yTPU%2Fy3yqgMo%3D

NATIONAL LEVEL - Support the Dream and Promise Act as it would provide relief. Here is a customized message based on whether or not your Rep is a cosponsor of this bill. So email your Rep to thank them or encourage them to support. <https://networklobby.org/DreamandPromise/>

NATIONAL LEVEL- Tell your legislators to support the No Ban Act. Urge MOCs to support a bill to end the Muslim ban. <https://secure.everyaction.com/zJrWLOXMu0ul7TXwtySsYA2>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign to support restoring the Voting Rights Act: https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-to-support-restoring-the-voting-rights-act?source=2019RestoreVRA_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=3ac4973d-d8b3-4096-bccb-f585342942c5

Action Three: Education

Before the US-Mexico border, migrants must cross the Guatemala-Mexico border - https://www.npr.org/2019/04/08/710348088/coyotes-boomtown-picking-up-the-migrant-trail-on-the-way-to-the-u-s-mexico-border?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=a05a1828eb-CLINIC_Daily_4-10-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-a05a1828eb-284015825

A former immigration official on how much harm Trump could do - <https://www.newyorker.com/news/q-and-a/a-former-immigration-official-on-how-much-harm-trump-could-do>

How to fix the humanitarian crisis at the US-Mexico border - <https://www.wola.org/analysis/fix-us-mexico-border-humanitarian-crisis/>

I work on Miami-Dade's immigration front lines. Here's what I have learned about finding help. <https://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/op-ed/article229278304.html>

Hannah Dreier of Pro Publica exposed how immigrants were often victims of the criminal groups in a gripping three-article series, "Trapped in Gangland."

Part 1: He drew his school mascot - and ICE labeled him a gang member

<https://features.propublica.org/ms-13-immigrant-students/huntington-school-deportations-ice-honduras/>

Part 2: The Disappeared <https://features.propublica.org/ms13-miguel/the-disappeared/>

Part 3: A Betrayal <https://features.propublica.org/ms-13/a-betrayal-ms13-gang-police-fbi-ice-deportation/>

Why this Arizona grandmother feels compelled to take in migrants seeking asylum - <https://www.azcentral.com/in-depth/news/politics/immigration/2019/04/21/why-grandmother-takes-asylum-seekers-into-her-home/3358346002/>

Action Four: Action

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 and left at Beach Street.

The Immigration Advocacy History Project at Loyola University Chicago. The exhibit, "*Stand Strong on the Side of Righteousness: Immigration Advocacy, Past and Present*" runs through the end of April. The exhibit draws from interviews with immigration advocates, is now open until the end of April on the second floor of Damen Center (6511 N. Sheridan Rd) at the Loyola University Chicago Lakeshore Campus. An online version will be available in April.

Action Five: Social Media --@ AGWilliamBarr The U.S. Constitution does not allow the government to lock up asylum seekers without basic due process.

Thank you for your efforts!!