



September 9 - 15, 2019

What's Happening?

Pentagon takes money from Puerto Rico, European project to fund Trump's wall - Wash Post

ICE deports 120 Cubans to Havana - and that's just the start - Miami Herald

Refugees still call Akron home: despite challenges, city helps immigrants thrive - Akron Beacon Journal

Multiple people detained during Wednesday's federal raid in Stillwater, Oklahoma - KFOR.com

Fed up with lack of space, migrants build their own shelter in Tijuana - San Diego Union Trib

US plans for fake social media runs afoul of Facebook rules - AP

Groups sue Trump admin over immigrant health care aid - TIME

Trump admin considers a drastic cut in refugees allowed to enter the US - NY Times

Most migrants show up for Utah immigration court dates, contrary to Trump admin claims - The Salt Lake Tribune

Chief of US asylum office reassigned as White House pushes for tighter immigration control - Wash Post

Some migrant parents deported without kids can return to US - NY Times

Confusion, delays as videos replace interpreters at immigrants' hearings - SF Chronicle

Gov't watchdog details severe trauma suffered by separated children - The Hill

Action One: Prayer

Gracious God, in the spirit of hospitality, we pray that all refugees who are denied access to health care in this country experience your healing love and protection. Keep them safe as they journey to a new life, one free of persecution and harm. We pray, too, that the hearts and minds of those who oppress and marginalize others be healed and filled with your spirit of love and unity. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. AMEN. (Catholic Health Assoc.)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

Christians, welcome the stranger. We oppose Trump's immigration raids.

https://act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/ice_raids/?t=1&akid=1643%2E443148%2EbALF-E&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=041c315f-e390-4496-8136-bcfe9d3075ae

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 -Congress needs to pass another government spending bill by September 30th. And we need to push for cuts to ICE, Customs and Border Protection and strict guardrails to ensure that money isn't misused. Tell Congress to cut funding for ICE and CBP. Contact your MOC and tell them CBP's budget has nearly tripled since 2003. We don't need to allocate more taxpayer dollars for border governance. https://act.credoaction.com/sign/congress-defund-hate-2019?t=7&akid=33916%2E2678758%2E9_A945

NATIONAL LEVEL - Rep. Betty McCollum (MN-4) has introduced legislation to protect Palestinian children detained in Israel's military court system from human rights abuses. Encourage your representatives to join her in standing up for Palestinian children and cosponsoring H.R. 2407.

<https://cmep.salsalabs.org/actionalerttemplatecopy2copy1/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=cbca2c54-0ad9-432e-bfc0-f16fd80f8b41>

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=BcNshjQS8xuSodn2Upme1NXUJgVtSOxYoo%2B5iEwVqOK4TQ7OEp7jAKHrNgRkOaQ%2By0kiFW5pnnvMMjPLCEERBX6JPvjEalNBP35Z9qBQmyxG68%2FSbPMk8YhAPBloZXiNRod2ui0mBC0hUOtM.JvwZZIqCz6Ay0a86yTPU%2Fy3yqgMo%3D

Faith in Public Life have created a solidarity letter for people of faith to sign to send a message to our immigrant and refugee family: we are with you. It is a way of reaching out to them to show our support. Please sign on: <http://fpl.actionkit.com/sign/immigrant-solidarity-pledge/?t=7&akid=1666%2E60499%2Eu60dQY&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=3395c852-16ba-4faf-9249-18976b48bf84>

Action Three: Education

Seeking Asylum - part 1 of a report published by US immigration policy center

<http://usipc.ucsd.edu/publications/usipc-seeking-asylum-part-1-final.pdf>

Family of deported Filipino Chicago area woman says goodbye - <https://www.wbez.org/shows/wbez-news/after-decadeslong-immigration-fight-chicagoarea-family-says-goodbye/9223b639-e125-478a-97c6-097334a7f88f>

A bad day in court - https://world.wng.org/2019/09/a_bad_day_in_court

Beverly woman receives green card 2 months after almost being deported -

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/2019/9/3/20848123/chicago-immigration-beverly-corina-turcinovic-green-card-france-deportation-southwest-side>

Immigration law changes will expand family separation -

<https://www.theatlantic.com/family/archive/2019/09/immigration-law-changes-will-expand-family-separation/597361/>

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.

Upcoming SBI conference: "Creating Communities of Welcome - What would have us do?"

Sat., Sept 21, 2019 from 9am-1pm at Catholic Theological Union, 5416 S. Cornell, Chicago.

To register, go to: sbi-chicago

Sat., Oct 5 - Taste of Viator House: 6pm reception followed by dinner. Tickets \$75 - an evening of fun and fundraising in support of young men seeking asylum. Event will be held at St. Viator High School, 1213 E. Oakton St, Arlington Heights. To register, go to:

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E344577&id=12>

Action Five: Social Media - @ (Sen/Rep) Anything less than this year's low ceiling of 30,000 refugees is unjustifiable both operationally and morally, and would have devastating, long-term consequences for U.S. communities.

Thank you for all your efforts.