



February 18 - 24, 2019 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

ICE agents in North Carolina arrest hundreds of immigrants - The Charlotte Observer

Immigration Agents are making arrests in NY's courts - The Nation

Mexican authorities are stopping unaccompanied kids from seeking asylum in the US at every turn - BuzzFeed

Border deal highlights an issue that has exploded: immigrant detention - NY Times

Florida detention center expands, packing in migrant children 'like sardines' - HuffPost

Mayor: McAllen must find new home for immigrant respite center - McAllen Monitor

Companies including Amazon and Apple urge Congress to save 'Dreamers' - CNBC

Immigration judges say they're leaving jobs because of Trump policies - The Hill

More than 70 detainees condemn conditions at San Diego immigration facility - LA Times

Immigrants from Honduras, Nepal sue US for ending TPS, allege racial motivation-NBC News

Mexican shelters strain with arrival of asylum-seekers at US border - Catholic Courier

Action One: Prayer

LOVING FATHER, we pray that you provide your divine protection to all migrants, particularly those who are driven from their homes due to war or violence, who are uprooted due to environmental degradation and climate change, or whose material poverty pushes them to find opportunities elsewhere. Show us how we might reach out to these vulnerable populations and help them to begin a new life in a new home. Open our hearts, so that we may provide hospitality for all who come in search of refuge. Give us the courage to welcome every stranger, as Christ in our midst. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (USCCB)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MoC to stand up for the rights and protection of immigrants and asylum seekers. Under new policies, asylum seekers must return to Mexico to wait out the asylum process – putting them at risk. Sign the petition: https://secure.phr.org/secure/seeking-asylum-legal?ms=FY19_Feb_AsylumAction_Email&CID=701f4000000gH82AAE&utm_campaign=217555_FY19%20Asylum%20Action%20Alert&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Physicians%20for%20Human%20Rights&dm_i=4GV7,4NV7,1IFFC0,HKAF,1

NATIONAL LEVEL - 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 - Tell your MoC to co-sponsor HR 1 (the People's Act) and make a public statement that it remains a bold comprehensive democratic package. Check here to see if your MoC has already co-sponsored HR 1. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1/cosponsors?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22H.R.+1%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=1>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Condemn the Trump's admin anti-immigrant emergency declaration. <https://www.uusc.org/initiatives/add-your-name-oppose-president-trumps-national-emergency-to-fund-the-border-wall/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Revoke Trump's national emergency and rein in presidential emergency powers. Please sign the petition: <https://act.credoaction.com/sign/congress-revoke-trump-emergency?t=7&akid=31639%2E2678758%2EhnMiWa>

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

https://cqrcengage.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>

Action Three: Education

Migrant children: inside the Homestead, FL shelter facility - https://www.npr.org/2019/02/13/694138106/inside-the-largest-and-most-controversial-shelter-for-migrant-children-in-the-u-?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=dd6c782d1a-CLINIC_Daily_2-14-19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-dd6c782d1a-284015825

Mexican shelters strain with arrival of asylum seekers at US border - https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2019/02/11/mexican-shelters-strain-arrival-asylum-seekers-us-border?utm_source=Newsletters&utm_campaign=2d975e079f-DAILY_CAMPAIGN_2019_2_11&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0fe8ed70be-2d975e079f-58623405

Perspective - How President Trump is dismantling the world's refugee regime - https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/02/11/why-president-trump-has-won-immigration-standoff-even-if-he-doesnt-get-wall-funding/?utm_term=.4426b4ca614e

Can immigration reform happen - <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/fixgov/2019/02/11/can-immigration-reform-happen-a-look-back/>

GICC student shows perseverance after biggest fear nearly came true - https://www.theindependent.com/life/youth/gicc-student-shows-perseverance-after-biggest-fear-nearly-came-true/article_622eda4c-2db7-11e9-a610-3b81166b153e.html?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=87dc1966d5-CLINIC_Daily_2-12-19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-87dc1966d5-284015825

Encuentro process described as a great tool for immigrant advocacy - https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2019/02/10/encuentro-process-described-as-a-great-tool-for-immigrant-advocacy/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=87dc1966d5-CLINIC_Daily_2-12-19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-87dc1966d5-284015825

Why Mexico does not qualify as a safe third country - <https://www.womensrefugeecommission.org/images/zdocs/SafeThirdCountries.pdf>

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 Forcing children and families back to Mexico to await processing of asylum claims is immoral and incredibly dangerous.

Thank you for all your efforts!