



February 13 - 19 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Washington district court granted a temporary restraining order against the implementation of the EO nationwide that temporarily bars government officials from enforcing the Muslim ban and the refugee ban in the country, including actions that “prioritize refugee claims of certain religious minorities.” Judge Robart found that the EO adversely affects the residents of states in areas of “employment, education, business, family relations, and freedom to travel.” Judge Robart based the application of the restraining order on a nationwide basis on the ruling of a Texas court in 2015 which enjoined President Obama’s DACA/DAPA executive orders on a nationwide basis.

There have been numerous reports of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) arresting people across the United States. Specifically, we have heard reports of ICE activity in the following cities: Austin and surrounding suburbs, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Chicago, New York, and Portland, etc. from **NILC**

Action One: Prayer



God of all Love, may we grow in your love for all people, especially those who are different from us. Help us to build a circle of love around immigrants, refugees and those who are facing deportation. Be with them and their families. Make us builders of bridges with one another and help us to dismantle walls that exist between different cultures and nationalities. Let us focus our lives on love – not fear. Holy Spirit of Love, circle us with love. Amen

Action Two: Calls/Letters/Petitions

Call your Senator to Stop the Muslim Ban Once connected urge them to immediately co-sponsor Senate Bill 274, introduced by Senator Dianne Feinstein. **Below is a suggested script:** *Hi, my name is [insert name here] and I live in [insert location]. As a Catholic, I urge you to immediately co-sponsor Senate Bill 274, introduced by Senator Dianne Feinstein. It nullifies the effect of the executive order banning refugees and people from Muslim-majority countries. Trump's order is based on fear-mongering, bigotry and xenophobia that I reject. Support efforts to protect the human rights of people in our community and around the world, including the rights to freedom of religion and non-discrimination. Thank you.*

Tell Mayor Greg Stanton to Defy Trump & SB1070, Stand with Guadalupe, Create Real Protections:

<https://action.mijente.net/petitions/tell-mayor-greg-stanton-to-defy-trump-defend-phoenix-expand-sanctuary>

Support Our Immigrant Community By Passing the BRIDGE Act

http://act.networklobby.org/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=206940

Sign the petition: Demand Congress reject Trump’s anti-Muslim policies!

<http://act.demandprogress.org/sign/sign-petition-demand-congress-reject-trumps-anti-muslim-policies/?source=demandprogress&t=2&akid=5149.2561280.817CbY>

Action Four: Education

Homeland Security Inspector General Opens Investigation Into Muslim Ban

https://thewire.in/106078/homeland-security-opens-investigation-into-muslim-ban/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=fc5709abc2-CLINIC_Daily_2-13-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-fc5709abc2-279173657

9th Circuit keeps Trump's immigration order on hold

http://www.scotusblog.com/2017/02/9th-circuit-keeps-trumps-immigration-order-hold/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=fc5709abc2-CLINIC_Daily_2-13-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-fc5709abc2-279173657

See: <http://justiceforimmigrants.org/>

Action Five: Actions

FEB 17-20: One year ago, when Pope Francis prayed for migrants and refugees at the U.S.-Mexican border he transformed a dusty fence into an oasis of hope. Now just days into the Trump administration, immigrant and refugee families are now at greater risk than ever.

As people of faith, we must respond with one voice: "Build bridges, not walls." Together our voices can echo through the halls of Congress. <http://www.faithinpubliclife.org/bridgesnotwalls>

This week Pope Francis repeated his call: "In the social and civil context...I appeal not to create walls but to build bridges." **To kick-off efforts to commemorate the anniversary of the Pope's visit to the U.S. border and combat recent efforts to criminalize immigrants and refugees, we want you to join us for a telephone townhall conversation on immigrants and refugees.** Hear Fr. Jim Martin SJ and Sr. Norma Pimentel for their perspective on how Catholics and people of all faiths should respond to current event and join the fight for immigrants and refugees.

Note the call is at 2:30 p.m. ET // 1:30 p.m. CT // 12:30 p.m. MT // 11:30 a.m. PT

How to join the call: **Dial: 712-770-8008 When prompted, enter the conference code: 502769**

Participate in in-district visits with your Congressional representatives in their home offices on Feb. 20-26, 2017. This can raise key issues of standing in solidarity with the immigrants. Look at the Advocacy Training 101 Webinar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XIKHAtGOKgk&t=4s>. From Catholic Social Ministry Gathering

Toolkit:

http://static1.squarespace.com/static/577d437bf5e231586a7055a9/t/57accad53e00be3861437f7e/1470941910161/RCUSA+FY17+Appropriations+Toolkit_07.28.16.pdf

See attached: **NILC document summarizing the recent ICE Raids**

Immigration Raids Rapid Response: Faith Allies

How can you prepare?

- 1 Make sure you are part of an organized network of faith communities - find one at bit.ly/SanctuaryCoalitions
- 2 Identify or create communications mechanisms such as a hotline number or phone tree where faith allies can be reached in case of an emergency.
- 3 Make a plan, in consultation with an immigrant-led organization, for how allies can support. Find a group at www.informedimmigrant.com
- 4 Make sure you know your rights and that you know the rights to which all immigrants are entitled (Download full toolkit for these & more resources).

Download the full toolkit at www.sanctuarynotdeportation.org

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TAKING BACK THE NARRATIVE HOW TO TALK ABOUT IMMIGRANTS AND IMMIGRATION

February 23, 2017, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. EST

Free webinar to combat myths, foster empathy and own the conversation on immigration.

Hosted by The ILC Public Education Institute

<http://www.ilctr.org/promoting-immigrants/ilc-workshops/taking-back-the-narrative/>

Thank you for your efforts!