



July 23 - 29, 2018 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

US and Mexico discussing a deal that would slash migration at the border - Washington Post

DHS extends TPS for Somali refugees for 18 months - Fox News

Trump admin now has naturalized citizens in its sights - The Hill

Court orders temporary halt to migrant family deportations - NY Times

Durbin calls for investigation of abuse allegations at shelter for separated children - WGN TV

Death of detained immigrant found in cell being investigated by potential foul play - Time

Action One: Prayer

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our heart and in our minds. Lord Jesus, help us by your grace, to banish fear from our hearts that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister; to welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity while responding to their many needs; to realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice; to share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us; to give witness to your love for all people as we celebrate the many gifts they bring. We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. (USCCB)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Every refugee deserves to be heard. Right now, more than 68.5 million people have been forced to flee their homes. Urge Congress to take a stand for refugees.

https://www.mercycorps.org/petition/act-now-stand-refugees?akid=7718.1324563.B_AfCT&rd=1&source=EV4WUMATZRZZ0719181&t=3&utm_campaign=advocacy&utm_content=refugee%2Bpetition%2Bjul%2B19%2B2018&utm_medium=email&utm_source=advocacy

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign this petition to demand Congress stop privatizing detention and incarceration of immigrant families and asylum seekers. <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-this-petition-to-demand-congress-stop-privatizing-detention-and-incarceration-of-immigrant-families-and-asylum-seekers?source=July18PrivSWFAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=2dd7428b-f4d6-41d6-a11c-dc515b4ec6f4>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Sec. Mathias to halt discharges of immigrant service members. Sign the petition: http://act.winwithoutwar.org/sign/tell-sec-mattis-halt-discharges-of-immigrant-servicemembers/?refcode=em_20180716&t=1&akid=2386%2E280191%2EUQZsiX

NATIONAL LEVEL - SIMN asks you to contact the White House (202-456-1411) to urge them to end the policy on zero tolerance at the US Mexico border

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Secretary Azar: Reunite Families Now. Sign the petition:

https://secure.phr.org/secure/tell-secretary-azar-reunite-families-now?cid=701f40000012KQAAA2&ms=Email_FY19JulFmlySep_Actalr1&utm_campaign=125765_%28non-signers%29%20HSS%20Action&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Physicians%20for%20Human%20Rights&dm_i=4GV7,2P1H,1IFFC0,AIX6,1

NATIONAL LEVEL - Reunite Immigrant Children & Families. Sign the petition demanding that the Trump admin reunite families now.

<https://act.myngp.com/Forms/6342569033474771456?midqs=2UUmWyugXZ97ByvrJ8z2JA==>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Until Aug 7th, the public has the ability to shape the 2020 census debate by submitting a public comment to the Department of Commerce. Process to finalize the questionnaire for the Census is underway. Please make a comment. Click her for the public comment form only on FIRM [website:https://fairimmigration.org/public-comment-on-2020-census/](https://fairimmigration.org/public-comment-on-2020-census/)

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Microsoft: Stop enabling ICE's anti-immigrant agenda. They sell Azure, a cloud computing service that provides everything facial recognition to ICE and makes millions in active contracts – off of Trump's deportation machine. Sign the petition:

<https://act.credoaction.com/sign/microsoft-cancelthecontract?t=2&akid=29208%2E2678758%2EfkavKJ>

Action Three: Education

Chicago workshop seeks to expand immigrant led ministry nationwide -

https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/chicago-workshop-seeks-to-expand-immigrant-led-ministry-nationwide-91231?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=f14c00bc38-CLINIC_Daily_07-20-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-f14c00bc38-284015825

Immigrants parents face dilemma: Will making asylum claim make it harder to reunite with kids

[https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/immigrant-parents-face-a-dilemma-will-making-an-asylum-claim-make-it-harder-to-reunite-with-their-kids?mbid=nl_072018%20Daily%20\(1\)&CNDID=51824490&utm_source=Silverpop&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=072018%20Daily%20\(1\)&utm_content=&spMailingID=13917164&spUserID=MjMONTU4MDk4NzgzS0&spJobID=441815115&spReportId=MTQ0MTgxNTEExNQs2](https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/immigrant-parents-face-a-dilemma-will-making-an-asylum-claim-make-it-harder-to-reunite-with-their-kids?mbid=nl_072018%20Daily%20(1)&CNDID=51824490&utm_source=Silverpop&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=072018%20Daily%20(1)&utm_content=&spMailingID=13917164&spUserID=MjMONTU4MDk4NzgzS0&spJobID=441815115&spReportId=MTQ0MTgxNTEExNQs2)

Denaturalization explained: how Trump can strip immigrants of their citizenship -

<https://www.vox.com/2018/7/18/17561538/denaturalization-citizenship-task-force-janus>

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, left at Beach St.

Saturday, Sept 15: Seminar sponsored by Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants : "Unaccompanied Immigrant Children: Responding with Love, Mercy and Justice"; 8:15 AM-1 PM, Catholic Theological Union, [5436 S. Cornell, Chicago](#); free parking; \$15 early registration, \$20 at the door, free for students with ID. For more Info: <https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/e1dda9ed-f406-4eeb-a948-e2b86410a006>

Action Five: Social Media @ WhiteHouse Zero Tolerance for inflicting childhood trauma. No Hate, No Ignorance, Care for Immigrants. **Thank you for all your support!**