



July 2 - 8, 2018 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Sponsors of Migrant Children Face Steep Transport Fees and Red Tape - NY Times

Activists say that the US has resumed late night deportations, violating an agreement with Mexico - Buzzfeed

Lawsuit over temporary immigration status moves forward - AP

Federal officials launch two reviews into Trump's handling of migrant children - Politico

Border Patrol stops handing over most immigrants for prosecution, but won't say when families will be reunified - LA Times

Trump calls for end of court hearings for illegal immigrants caught at the border - Daily News

Action One: Prayer

Loving Father, in your infinite compassion, we seek your divine protection for refugee children who are often alone and afraid. Provide solace to those who have been witnesses to violence and destruction, who have lost parents, family, friends, home, and all they cherish due to war or persecution. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant children, too, Lord. Reunite them with their families and loved ones. Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land to a place of peace and safety. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Show us how we might reach out to these precious and vulnerable children. Open our hearts to migrant and refugee children in need, so that we might see in them your own migrant Son. Give us courage to stand up in their defense against those who would do them harm. For this we pray 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 Congress: stop detaining children and families. Sign the petition:

https://cqrcengage.com/fcnl/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=486614&utm_campaign=lam&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ak

NATIONAL LEVEL - Trump admin's attempt to substitute mass detention of families for a "solution" for family separation is not acceptable. Please sign the petition to resist:

<https://action.groundswell-mvmt.org/petitions/all-rights-for-all-without-borders>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to rescind Trump's Muslim ban -

https://cqrcengage.com/fcnl/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=422513&utm_campaign=lam&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ak

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Trump admin to repeal the Muslim travel ban.

<http://action.dickdurbin.com/page/s/oppose-the-muslim-travel-ban?source=em180626>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand the Trump admin take action to reunite families. Add your name to the petition: <https://action.vanhollen.org/page/s/separation>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Greyhound to stop aiding Trump's deportation machine - http://act.colorofchange.org/sign/Greyhound_BorderPatrol/?t=5&akid=14721%2E988937%2ExDIQx

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to #ReuniteFamiliesNow and urge our government to support safe migration. https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/action/set/Tell-Congress-to-Stop-Family-Separation/?utm_source=lterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=US_25_June_2018_Reunite_Families_Now_Action_Set_1_Non_Opens

NATIONAL LEVEL - Don't let Trump claim this crisis is "fixed" while children are still in detention. Please sign: <http://action.dickdurbin.com/page/s/stop-child-detention?source=em180621>

NATIONAL LEVEL - With religious pressure building, now is the time to show just how many Christians are demanding an end to this cruel policy. http://act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/sessions_bible/?t=1&akid=1129%2E394792%2Eo63JnS

Action Three: Education

Volunteers sought to help immigrants' rights group at bridges, in courts - <https://riograndeguardian.com/volunteers-sought-to-help-immigrant-rights-groups-at-bridges-in-courts/>

CODE RED: THE FATAL CONSEQUENCES OF DANGEROUSLY SUBSTANDARD MEDICAL CARE IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION - <https://www.chn.org/2018/06/22/code-red-fatal-consequences-dangerously-substandard-medical-care-immigration-detention/#.WzJJ6dKiU>

US Bishops disappointed by Supreme Court decision upholding travel ban - https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/us-bishops-disappointed-by-supreme-court-decision-upholding-travel-ban-63938?utm_source=CNA&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily_newsletter

For 6-Year-Old Snared in Immigration Maze, a Memorized Phone Number Proves a Lifeline - https://www.propublica.org/article/for-a-6-year-old-snared-in-the-immigration-maze-a-memorized-phone-number-proves-a-lifeline?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=c05898cbe4-CLINIC_Daily_06-29-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-c05898cbe4-284015825

'We are only following the law' doesn't explain immigration policy during the Nazi era or now - http://theconversation.com/we-are-only-following-the-law-doesnt-explain-immigration-policy-during-nazi-era-or-now-98607?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=c05898cbe4-CLINIC_Daily_06-29-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-c05898cbe4-284015825

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.

Action Five: Social Media - @DHS Love your neighbor - Asylum is not a crime. Or @WhiteHouse You can't claim family values if you don't value families.

Thank you for all your efforts and prayers!