



September 23 - 29, 2019

What's Happening?

ACLU alleges medical neglect, maltreatment at Aurora ICE facility run by GEO - Denver Post

US, El Salvador sign asylum deal, details to be worked out - AP

Trump admin reinstates deportation relief for sick immigrants after massive uproar - CBS

Former Cuban political prisoner denied US citizenship - Miami Herald

Legal challenge filed to public charge rule - NY Times

Trump admin to charge immigrants nearly \$1,000 to appeal deportation cases - BuzzFeed

Hundreds march to city hall and demand end to immigration detention camps - Mission Local

Rise in health uninsured may be linked to immigrants' fear - AP

Trump's Immigration Chief: Bahamas 'Capable of Taking Care of Their Own' - HuffPost

Tent courtrooms open to process migrants waiting in Mexico - AP

Kris Kobach sent names of Nebraska residents to ICE while running for Kansas governor - Kansas City Star

Action One: Prayer

Jesus, friend and brother, You know what it is like to be hungry and thirsty. You know what it feels like to be a stranger who is made to feel unwelcome. You know the suffering of all who have lost everything. We pray that by showing our care for refugees, we may show love for our neighbor and be closer to you. Amen (CRS)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

White House is considering setting the refugee ceiling for 2020 to zero. Take a stand for refugees. Call your MOC and tell them to support refugee resettlement in America.

https://secure2.convio.net/lirs/site/Advocacy;jsessionid=00000000.app262a?alertId=297&pg=makeACall&NONCE_TOKEN=427C9255AD7089C051C5FFE59B348A83#.WmZl0ginGU

NATIONAL LEVEL - Climate change affects us all. Take action - sign the petition urging the Senate to act on climate change.

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.salsalabs.org/InternationalClimateActioncopy3/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=ed3708da-a5a1-406e-8483-545d282c3893>

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 – Refugee admissions are at an all-time low. Tell your MOC to hold the admin accountable to this year’s resettlement goals and support pro-refugee legislation.

https://secure3.convio.net/sojo/site/Advocacy;jsessionid=00000000.app318b?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1289&NONCE_TOKEN=589E04C984E828031C05D48B1C805A28

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action: urge Congress to end tax breaks for private prison companies. Sign the petition: https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-detaining-humans-in-prison-camps-for-profit-is-wrong-end-tax-breaks-for-private-prison-companies?source=direct_link&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=854d3806-f2ee-44a1-a922-cda818520935

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge 2020 candidates to repeal Sec 1325 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, a provision that criminalizes mothers, fathers, children and others who migrate to the US. <https://p2a.co/Govqej>

Action Three: Education

Migrant mother and her lawyer refused to take “no” for an answer from US border agents - <https://www.texastribune.org/2019/09/09/pregnant-migrant-lawyer-border/>

Trapped in Juárez: Life in the Migrant Limbo - <https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2019/09/us-mexico-mpp-ciudad-juarez/597796/>

Trump wants to cut down on legal immigration. Here’s how that will affect religious workers.<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2019/09/16/trump-wants-cut-down-legal-immigration-heres-how-will-affect-religious-workers>

US enacts sweeping new asylum bar following Supreme Court decision - <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-asylum-explainer/explainer-us-enacts-sweeping-new-asylum-bar-following-supreme-court-decision-idUSKBN1W12KV>

(Opinion) Refugee resettlement: America’s last claim to moral leadership in jeopardy - <https://www.baltimoresun.com/opinion/op-ed/bs-ed-op-0919-refugee-resettlement-20190918-fzptk6ylinha7cgpteziicsfcie-story.html>

A Rohingya refugee’s journey from stateless to US citizen- <https://www.pri.org/stories/2019-09-18/what-it-s-become-us-citizen-after-lifetime-statelessness>

Confronting political gridlock, US corporations form immigration initiative - <https://fortune.com/2019/09/21/immigration-h-2a-visa-program/>

Trump’s asylum policies sent him back to Mexico. He was kidnapped later by the cartel - https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/pa7kkg/trumps-asylum-policies-sent-him-back-to-mexico-he-was-kidnapped-five-hours-later-by-a-cartel

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.

Sat., Oct 5 - Taste of Aviator 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. Aviator High School, 1213 E. Oakton St, Arlington Heights. To register, go to: <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E344577&id=12>

Wed., October 16 - Catholic Prayer Vigil - “They’re all Our Children” - at Holy Family Catholic Church (Chicago) 12 PM – 2 PM. (312) 492-8442. Hosted by Arch of Chicago **Office for Human Dignity & Solidarity - Immigration Ministry.**

Action Five: Social Media - @realDonaldTrump America has always been a safe haven for the world’s most vulnerable refugees. This cap will result in further violence against exposed immigrants
Thank you for all your efforts.