Week of December 12, 2016 … Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a Day of Prayer and Solidarity with Families of Immigrants
- Rahm Gave Trump A Letter From Mayors Urging Support For DACA During Meeting -- More mayors are ready to support DACA
- In policy review, Homeland Security panel sends mixed message about future of private immigrant detention
- CCR and Detention Watch Network on Tuesday urged a federal court to dismiss an appeal by private prison corporations seeking to block the release of government documents about their immigration detention practices. It is the latest effort in our FOIA case seeking to uncover the workings of the detention-bed quota, a Congressional mandate that requires the funding of 34,000 immigration beds at any given time. Sixty-two percent of those beds are maintained by private prison companies.
- In Fiscal Year 2016, total apprehensions by the Border Patrol on our southwest border, between ports of entry, numbered 408,870. This represents an increase over FY15.

Action One: Prayer A Journey with Mary and Joseph -- A Child's Prayer

In my heart, Mary and Joseph, I will journey with you and others for "Las Posadas."
Carrying lanterns, we sing joyfully and walk along with brave Joseph. He leads poor, tired Mary on her little donkey. From house to house we go, asking to come in, to find a quiet place for the young mother who is about to give birth.
"We have no room. There's no room for you!" On and on, we travel in hope, following an angel.
Finally, on the ninth night, on December 24, we find shelter for the holy pilgrims.
Your holy child is born in a borrowed stable. We will feast and sing and rejoice.
The long, hard journey has ended. This newborn child shall bring us so much joy.

from Loyola Kids Book of Everyday Prayers

Action Two: Calls/Letters

Join the Franciscan Commitment to Resistance of a Muslim Registry

Resist Muslim Registry: https://franciscanaction.org/franciscan-commitment-resistance-muslim-registry

Speak out against the anti-Muslim bigotry and racism
https://docs.google.com/a/s2scampaign.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJvsgZ7LWww8n5LXssbS9h1kERg0A6XSrUoJccoc_BThdzVw/viewform?c=0&w=1

Call your Senators and Representatives: 1-866-940-2439 -- Tell Them Your Community Welcomes Refugees Please call the same number three times to be connected with your Representative and both of your Senators.

Here's a sample: *"I am a constituent from [CITY, STATE], and I urge you to welcome refugees and support the U.S. refugee resettlement program. Resettlement is a core American legacy that extends hospitality and offers a chance for refugees to rebuild their lives in safety and dignity. My community welcomes refugees and I urge you to reflect the best of our nation by supporting refugee resettlement in the United States." Personalized it with your experience and its importance for you.*

Action Three: Education

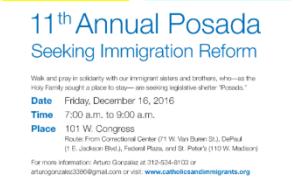
National Immigration Law Center: Join us on Tuesday, December 13, from 12 to 1 PM Pacific/3 to 4 PM Eastern time for a webinar to discuss post-election immigrants' rights–related developments. Register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3127509527359686915

Donald Trump Faces Pressure on How to Handle Young Immigrants
http://www.wsj.com/articles/donald-trumps-first-immigration-test-whether-to-deport-those-who-arrived-as-children-1481048911?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=00c1f91388-CLINIC_Daily_12-08-16&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-00c1f91388-279173657

Bernadine's link to the reflection she did on Posada after her week in baby jail that was put on Global Sisters Report on 12/6/16. http://globalsistersreport.org/column/justice-matters/migration/be-ready-offer-posada-outsiders-seeking-shelter-43731

Action Five: Actions

DEC. 16: ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO, IMMIGRATION MINISTRY: 11th Annual Posada Seeking immigration Reform: 7 AM-9 AM, **Route begins at: 101 W. Congress**, Chicago and continues to the Correctional Center, **71 W. VanBuren St**; to DePaul University, **1 E. Jackson Blvd**; to **Federal Plaza**and St. Peter's , **110 W Madison**; (Arturo Gonzalez, 312-534-8103 arturogonzalez3386@gmail.com or www.catholicsandimmigrants.org)



Dec. 18 International Migrants Day on Migrants Rights. See www.talkmigrants.org http://www.un.org/en/events/migrantsday/

CARA:

- **TAKE AN ASYLUM CASE!** Talk to CARA staff for more details of how we can facilitate this.

- **Join one of our Remote Volunteer Teams!** Please email otg@caraprobono.org and let us know if you are interested in any of the following groups. The work is limited and the impact is huge!
  - **Release data entry team -** celebrate families being released from baby jail by entering their release in Law Lab! **(currently needed)**
  - **Papelito Team** - input call ups for initial appointments and CFI preps **(currently needed)**
  - **Intake Data Entry Team** - input data from intake packets remotely **(currently needed)**
  - **RFR Team** - draft Requests for Re-interview for women whose negative decisions were affirmed by an IJ
  - **Bond Team** - collect documents via Law Lab and the CARA e-fax and put together bond motions

- **Write a letter to the editor of your local paper.** You could also write a blog, or any other format where you think you could leverage both your experience and you network to educate the public. The CARA Communications Team is always willing to help you edit your piece and use language and narratives consistent with the Project.

- **Like the CARA Pro Bono Project Facebook Page!**

Thank you for your efforts!