



Alert for July 1 – 7, 2019

What's Happening?

US gov't moves migrant kids after being exposed for bad treatment - AP

Oregon to let undocumented immigrants get driver's licenses - KTVZ TV

\$4.6-billion-dollar border aid bill passed by Congress - Texas Tribune

Judge orders swift action to improve conditions for migrant children in Texas - NY Times

Migrants influx to Portland, Maine prompts emergency declaration, flood of generosity - Portland Press Herald

Bank of America, Wayfair join those saying 'no' to profiting from family detention - Forbes

Businesses serving immigration detention under fire, and try to remain secret - NPR

Immigrant families brace for ICE raids; "We need to be prepared." - Texas Tribune

Elizabeth Warren makes impromptu visit to Florida migrant shelter - The Hill

Asylum officers ask court to end 'remain in Mexico' policy for migrants - Texas Tribune

US Border Patrol finds 4 bodies, including 3 children, near Rio Grande in Texas – NPR

Action One: Prayer

Loving Father, protect, we pray, all those forced from their homes by violence and persecution, guide them to places of shelter and safety, and grant that people migrate always by choice and not necessity. Watch over children who migrate alone, protect them from the risks they face all by themselves, help them reach their destination safely, and reunite them with those from whom they have been separated. Guide all migrants who seek a better life, to new opportunities, and grant them a new beginning. We beseech you to give each of us the strength and generosity to welcome the stranger and to open our homes to the newcomer, and in doing so to comfort those who are suffering. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 - Send a message to Congress calling for the protection of those seeking asylum at our border. https://ignatiansolidarity.net/campaignforhospitality/2019/06/27/action-alert-inherent-dignity-of-asylum-seekers/?utm_source=ISN+Updates+List&utm_campaign=fdbd2096e3-Light_Darkness_2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f721035495-fdbd2096e3-255847889&mc_cid=fdbd2096e3&mc_eid=9c9f057a6f

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition to respect the human right to migrate.

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-respect-the-human-right-to-migrate-and-end-militarization-at-the-border?source=RespectMigration2018_CC&referrer=group-courage-campaign

NATIONAL LEVEL - Climate change effects immigrants and refugees causing them to flee their home countries. Tell Congress to pass the Climate Action Now Act.

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-tackle-the-climate-crisis-congress-must-pass-the-climate-action-now-act?source=2019ClimateActionNowAct_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=a79f6379-ab50-4ff4-89ad-4bcae03a841a

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your members of Congress to reject ANY funding for deadly immigration jails and deportations that separate families!

<https://immigrantjustice.salsalabs.org/defundhateaction2019/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=b4f0c163-7d0b-4e59-ba55-601576b1b4b6>

Action Three: Education

Pritzker signs executive order to bolster census efforts -

<https://www.bnd.com/news/local/article231787323.html>

A firsthand report of inhumane conditions at a migrants children's detention facility -

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/a-firsthand-report-of-inhumane-conditions-at-a-migrant-childrens-detention-facility>

ICE agents are losing patience with Trump's chaotic immigration policy -

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/ice-agents-are-losing-patience-with-trumps-chaotic-immigration-policy>

What you need to know about the crisis at the border, and how to help - https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2019/06/trump-border-crisis-how-to-help.html?fbclid=IwAR3bmmNwsX3N3sapVJZojivLshfRn6Q-bFbl3VhWmqWBS8YCiVb2NkoJiJY&utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=8737385108-CLINIC_Daily_6-26-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-8737385108-284015825

https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2019/06/trump-border-crisis-how-to-help.html?fbclid=IwAR3bmmNwsX3N3sapVJZojivLshfRn6Q-bFbl3VhWmqWBS8YCiVb2NkoJiJY&utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=8737385108-CLINIC_Daily_6-26-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-8737385108-284015825

Parents of girl from India who died in US desert 'desperate for asylum' -

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-death/parents-of-girl-from-india-who-died-in-us-desert-desperate-for-asylum-idUSKCN1TP2VN?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=8737385108-CLINIC_Daily_6-26-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-8737385108-284015825

Faith sustained wife of drowned migrant, bishop said - https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/faith-sustains-wife-of-drowned-migrant-bishop-says-46344?utm_source=CNA&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily_newsletter

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Businesses serving immigration detention under fire, and try to remain secret -

<https://www.npr.org/2019/06/30/736940431/under-siege-and-largely-secret-businesses-that-serve-immigration-detention>

(Opinion piece) The travel ban shows what happens when the Supreme Court trusts Trump -

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/25/opinion/supreme-court-travel-ban-trump.html#click=https://t.co/iY2Ah5dEPW>

Leaked border apprehension numbers show drop in month of June - <https://www.axios.com/border-apprehension-numbers-leaked-drop-7a2647ef-408a-4311-98c4-fc72f5a4fcb5.html>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action: Sign petition to close the Homestead Child Detention Center in Florida. All children deserve to live in safety and peace.

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-close-the-homestead-child-detention-center?source=20190410SWHomestead_FAC&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=6c7dc020-ead4-48a5-8ab0-63b6c17ceb08

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 and left at Beach Street.

Lights for Liberty (to support immigrants) - Friday, July 12. They are hosting a candlelight vigil across the country. Click here to see what's around you.

<https://www.lightsforliberty.org/localevents?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=8441e1ba-7efd-4cce-8cb2-1d50897952fc>

Action Five: Social Media - @WhiteHouse As Christians, we share the heart of Jesus for refugees. Applying for asylum is legal in the US and should be carried out for everyone who seeks to apply. Everyone should have the opportunity. **Thanks for all your efforts**