



## May 1-7 Alert on Immigration

### What's Happening?

Now President Trump is in the next 100 Days in office. There were many actions on Saturday, the 100<sup>th</sup> Day in Office. We need to keep active in every way and keep up to date.



May 1<sup>st</sup> thousands of people came out for **Immigrants and their families** here in Chicago, as well as throughout the United States. It was a show that many support immigrants and refugees and are ready to be for immigrants to welcome them.

**Homeland Security: We avoided additional spending for a border wall, but funding still increased.** Democrats stood firm in

preventing for Trump's border wall, but unfortunately \$1.5 billion for increased border security was still included in the funding for FY 2017. This funding will lay the groundwork for Trump's deportation force and increases in detention bed space, faster removal proceedings, and the preparation for additional hiring of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection agents. As the FY 2018 decision-making begins, we must urge members of Congress to not fund a penny more for a deportation force that is tasked with separating families. (NETWORK)

The cost of deportations: Immigration and Customs Enforcement spent an average of \$10,854 for each person deported in 2016 — including all costs necessary to identify, apprehend, detain, process them through immigration court and remove.

### **Action One: Prayer --**

Father in heaven, Precious be you name, today I pray for all the people of the world who live hiding and in fear from persecution. I pray O God that you may give the politicians who are making these laws, compassion. Compassion for all the people who will be affected by their decisions and live in fear every day that their lives may be in turmoil or that they may become separated from their family and loved ones. I pray for all the children and their parents to protect them from any harm and that they may grow freely in your name. I ask for strength for those searching for a better life, but now in danger of being separated. We [pray inn Jesus name, Amen. Adapted from "You Will Come"

### **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

#### **Call DHS Secretary Kelly and the White House to Extend TPS Protections for Haiti**

DHS Comment Line: (202) 282-8495 and White House Comment Line: (202) 456-1111 (please leave a message) Sample Script: *"I'm from [City, State, Congregation/Community] and as a person of faith, I urge DHS Secretary Kelly to extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitians for at least another 18 months. Current conditions in Haiti – such as food insecurity and hunger, the cholera epidemic, and economic*

*instability – exacerbated by Hurricane Matthew – make it unsafe for anyone to be deported to Haiti. Haitians are fleeing catastrophic conditions and should be allowed to remain in the United States.”*

**Mayor Rahm Emanuel: Expand Sanctuary City:** <https://act.colorofchange.org/sign/chicago-welcoming-city/?t=3&akid=7301.364373.fOawc2>

**CALL YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS TODAY!** Your Senators and Representatives: (866) 961-4293\* *\*Please call this line 3 times to be connected with your 1 Representative and 2 Senators*  
*Sample Script: “I’m your constituent from [City, State, Zip Code], and I urge you to NOT fund President Trump’s deportation force and detention centers, and instead do everything in your power to rescind his immigration and refugee executive orders. Our tax dollars should be spent alleviating poverty and investing in our future — not rounding up our community members. My community welcomes refugees and immigrants.”*

### **Action Three: Education**

Join us for an Interfaith Immigration Coalition Webinar on Faith Communities Mobilizing for World Refugee Day at Monday, May 8th at 4 PM ET/1 PM PT. World Refugee Day in June Preparation

[Please RSVP Here](#) :

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqkGAJJ\\_eBfOmHNlSbt9IZIfwVlwP5qGmFx\\_Z7a-ihEKTPg/viewform?c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqkGAJJ_eBfOmHNlSbt9IZIfwVlwP5qGmFx_Z7a-ihEKTPg/viewform?c=0&w=1) To join the webinar, go to <http://join.me/faith4immigration> and follow the directions for audio and visual. **For audio only call:** +1.202.602.1295 Access Code: 354-977-836#

**Inside California's largest immigration detention center** [https://widerimage.reuters.com/story/inside-californias-largest-immigration-detention-center?utm\\_campaign=web-share&utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_source=Twitter](https://widerimage.reuters.com/story/inside-californias-largest-immigration-detention-center?utm_campaign=web-share&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Twitter)

**BONDS:** Here is a useful handout by the Florence Project, <http://firrp.org/media/Bond-Guide-2013.pdf> that is also useful on helping clients get a bond in the first place. The bond company **Libre by NEXUS** was his special nightmare! <https://www.librebynexus.com/faq>

**The full report** can be found here: <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/reports/2017/04/20/430736/facts-immigration-today-2017-edition/>

### **Action Four: Actions/Events**

**MAY 6: SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF IMMIGRANTS:** "Blessed and Broken: Immigration and the Eucharist" 8:30-12 PM, \$25 \$30 at door Students free with ID; Regina Dominican HS, 701 Locust Rd, Wilmette, 312-641-1250 x113

**MAY 8: ARCHDIOCESE OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION MINISTRY:** KEEP HOPE ALIVE Annual Benefit, St. Ignatius College Prep, 1076 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago; 6:30-9 PM, Hosted by Cardinal Blase J. Cupich; info Mark Goebel, 312-534-8383 or [mgoebel@archchicago.org](mailto:mgoebel@archchicago.org)

**Join us between May 8th – May 15th for a #NoMuslimBanEver campaign** to raise awareness and continue the resistance against the Muslim and refugee bans. Let’s make sure that the courts and the country hears the voices of affected communities and allies in declaring: **No Muslim Ban. Ever.**

### **Action Five: Social Media:**

.@HANDLE, show that #AmericaWelcomes. Refuse deportation force & detention centers #NoBanNoWallNoRaids **Thank you for your efforts!**