



January 7 - 13, 2019 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Appeals court rebukes federal gov't in 'no fly' case, ruling it owes millions in legal fees - LA Times

Two weeks later, no sign of 'remain in Mexico' policy in action at San Ysidro port of entry - LA Times

Justice Dept. refuses to retract misleading report linking immigration/terror statistics - CNN

Judge has blocked ICE from conducting raids on Cambodian immigrants, for now - BuzzFeed

Senators warm to immigration deal as shutdown solution - The Hill

Federal gov't shutdown adds to a crushing load in Chicago's immigration courts - WBEZ

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 - 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 - Call your Senators and ask them to urge Senator McConnell to bring the House-passed bills ending the government shutdown to the Senate floor for a vote. Call the Capitol switchboard: **(202) 224-3121**. *A switchboard operator will connect you directly with your Senators.*

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Don't give in to Trump's shutdown. Tell Congress not to be bullied by Trump and his threats to hold the gov't hostage for the wall. Sign the petition:

https://www.southernborder.org/petition_tell_congress_dont_give_in_to_trumps_shutdown_not_a_single_penny_for_the_wall?fbclid=IwAR3EUOY2KpZ33Q7PACUDxALoLBwg6zecc5ZSTHsljXilj5yJSsG5p8GM4n4&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=2ff3f1c8-cca8-4170-bb29-31d7464d1e0b

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Alex Azar and Kristen Nielsen to let the children go. Stop sharing sponsor data with ICE. Sign the petition:

https://act.credoaction.com/sign/children_orr_ice?t=2&akid=31033%2E2678758%2EHvmatA

NATIONAL LEVEL - As Congress negotiates the spending bills to keep the government open, our demands are clear. We need a clean short-term spending bill that doesn't trade immigrant families for our values. Text #Not1Dollar to 69866 to join the fight for our families.

NATIONAL LEVEL - JFI action: Tell Congress to reject inhumane funding requests for immigration enforcement. It is critical that we, as Catholics, urge Members of Congress to avoid a shutdown – recognizing that several of the outstanding bills fund important refugee and immigration-related programs – while also rejecting funding increases for inhumane immigration enforcement efforts.

<http://capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/issues/alert/?alertid=80584676&queueid=11784639991>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Shut down the immigrant's children prison. Imprisoning immigrant children is unnecessary, cruel and traumatic causing long lasting harm. Please sign the petition to shut these down: https://petitions.moveon.org/sign/shut-down-the-immigrant?r_by=326945&source=s.fwd

Action Three: Education

Memphis food hall enlists refugee chefs to feed, educate the community -

<https://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2019/01/02/676575262/how-a-memphis-food-hall-is-transforming-refugee-lives-and-the-community>

Donald Trump's failure to address the real crisis at the southern U.S. border -

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/donald-trumps-failure-to-address-the-real-crisis-at-the-border>

How one state struggles to enforce its immigration law - https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2019/01/04/how-one-state-struggles-to-enforce-its-immigration-law?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=c36ec81a8f-CLINIC_Daily_1-7-19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-c36ec81a8f-284015825

NATIONAL LEVEL - CRLN needs your help to spread the word about detention facilities in Kankakee, IL and Tornillo, TX. Here is an online congregational sign ons for supporting the Shut Tornillo Down Coalition and the Connect Kankakee campaign to stop housing undocumented immigrants at the that detention center. Tornillo:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlCikKuEEx-LCoGFf3s3HyhdXn4owmXeCAwtBLGR2tnYo2jw/viewform>

Kankakee:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdi5AcTqrKqzhjxQ0OEkeHH1NN9ejfN4qCmTb4uTgNNNyDtOA/viewform>

NATIONAL LEVEL - SIMN asks you to contact your MOC's (Senate: 202-224-3121 + House: 202-225-3121) to request that they oppose funding for the border wall along the US - Mexico border.

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: 7 AM, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL First Fridays-Interfaith Services; other Fridays-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.

Sunday, Jan. 13: Share the Journey Interfaith Prayer Service - 4-5pm at St. Viator Church, 4170 W. Addison Ave, Chicago. Hosted by Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants. Free parking available north of the church. For more info, contact: mgosch@viatorians.com

Action Five: Social Media - @WhiteHouse Efforts should be put toward compassionate immigration reform not building a wall. Work to make that happen.

Thank you for all your efforts!