



## January 14 - 20, 2019 Alert on Immigration

### What's Happening?

Only six immigrants in terrorism database stopped by CBP at southern border in first half of 2018 - NBC News

USCIS tool calculates fees for immigration application forms - Miami Herald

Tornillo prison camp for migrant children set to shut down by month's end - Daily Kos

NYC mayor unveils health care pgm for city residents, undocumented residents - ABC News

US sends thousands of deportees each month to Mexico's most dangerous border areas - Wash Post

DHS cancels border facilities visits because of shutdown - Daily Beast

On the border, little enthusiasm for a wall - other problems need fixing - NY Times

Immigrant activists call on San Diego County to help migrants - ABC News San Diego

Expert: Census citizenship questions could hurt Latino count - AP

### Action One: Prayer

Loving God, we pray that you provide your divine protection to all migrants, particularly those who are driven from their homes due to war or violence, who are uprooted due to environmental degradation and climate change, or whose material poverty pushes them to find opportunities elsewhere. Show us how we might reach out to these vulnerable populations and help them to begin a new life in a new home. Open our hearts, so that we may provide hospitality for all who come in search of refuge. Give us the courage to welcome every stranger, as Christ in our midst. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 - Tell your senator to immediately reopen the gov't without further militarizing the border or expanding immigrant detention. [https://cqrcengage.com/fcnl/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=495109&utm\\_campaign=lam&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=ak](https://cqrcengage.com/fcnl/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=495109&utm_campaign=lam&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ak)

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your senators to reject Trump's immoral wall. Send an email to your senators. Click here: <https://www.nilc.org/trumpshutdown/>

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](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 - 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%2EHvmtA](https://act.credoaction.com/sign/children_orr_ice?t=2&akid=31033%2E2678758%2EHvmtA)

**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=IwAR3EUOY2KpZ33Q7PACUDxALoLBwg6zecc5ZSTHsljXjij5yJSsG5p8GM4n4&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=2ff3f1c8-cca8-4170-bb29-31d7464d1e0b>**

**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>

### **Action Three: Education**

**USCIS tool calculates fees for immigration application forms -**

[https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/immigration/article224153885.html?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=ffa863f5b4-CLINIC+Daily+1-11-19&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-ffa863f5b4-284015825](https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/immigration/article224153885.html?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=ffa863f5b4-CLINIC+Daily+1-11-19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-ffa863f5b4-284015825)

**Top 10 legal immigration predictions for 2019 - <https://www.boundless.com/blog/top-10-immigration-predictions-for-2019/>**

**What to do about escalating numbers of asylum seeking families -**

[https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2019/01/04/what-do-about-escalating-numbers-asylum-seeking-families?utm\\_source=Center+for+Migration+Studies+Mailing+List&utm\\_campaign=de326baee4-EMAIL+CAMPAIGN+2018+12+03+05+58+COPY+03&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_74e5cba118-de326baee4-111981633](https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2019/01/04/what-do-about-escalating-numbers-asylum-seeking-families?utm_source=Center+for+Migration+Studies+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=de326baee4-EMAIL+CAMPAIGN+2018+12+03+05+58+COPY+03&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_74e5cba118-de326baee4-111981633)

**An immigration lawyer describes the chaos of Trump's shutdown -**

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/as-told-to/an-immigration-lawyer-describes-the-chaos-of-trumps-shutdown>

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

[https://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2019/01/02/676575262/how-a-memphis-food-hall-is-transforming-refugee-lives-and-the-community?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=7e1894bea7-CLINIC+Daily+1-9-19&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-7e1894bea7-284015825](https://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2019/01/02/676575262/how-a-memphis-food-hall-is-transforming-refugee-lives-and-the-community?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=7e1894bea7-CLINIC+Daily+1-9-19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-7e1894bea7-284015825)

**Rescued migrants, at sea for weeks, struggle to reach a new life -**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/08/world/europe/migrants-stranded-sea-watch.html?action=click&module=News&pgtype=Homepage>

**(Opinion) Welcome to the border, Mr. President -**

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/01/10/welcome-border-mr-president/?twitter\\_impression=true&noredirect=on&utm\\_term=.84fac933a86b](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/01/10/welcome-border-mr-president/?twitter_impression=true&noredirect=on&utm_term=.84fac933a86b)

**The Underground railroad for refugees - [https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/03/13/the-underground-railroad-for-refugees?mbid=nl+Sunday%20Archive%2020011319&CNDID=51824490&utm\\_source=nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Sunday%20Archive%2020011319&utm\\_content=&utm\\_brand=tny&utm\\_mailing=Sunday%20Archive%2020011319&hasha=b1ed32db9aa5ec222c34c6225116f467&hashb=3f574e997c40aa047298f552dcb29ebe9985c9f3&spMailingID=14942917&spUserID=MjMONTU4MDk4NzgzS0&spJobID=1560926680&spReportID=MTU2MDkyNjY4MAS2](https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/03/13/the-underground-railroad-for-refugees?mbid=nl+Sunday%20Archive%2020011319&CNDID=51824490&utm_source=nl&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Sunday%20Archive%2020011319&utm_content=&utm_brand=tny&utm_mailing=Sunday%20Archive%2020011319&hasha=b1ed32db9aa5ec222c34c6225116f467&hashb=3f574e997c40aa047298f552dcb29ebe9985c9f3&spMailingID=14942917&spUserID=MjMONTU4MDk4NzgzS0&spJobID=1560926680&spReportID=MTU2MDkyNjY4MAS2)**

### **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.**

**Action Five: Social Media - @Whitehouse Make efforts to interact with people seeking asylum. Put your efforts in helping them not shutting them out with a wall.**

**Thank you for all your efforts!**