



**October 28 – November 3, 2019**

### **What's Happening?**

**SC to consider rights of asylum seekers to challenge expedited removal orders - CNN**

**Trump admin resting rapid asylum review, deportation process in Texas - Wash Post**

**House Democrats to unveil bill to protect climate refugees - HuffPost**

**Trump admin has acquired little of private land in Texas needed for border wall - Wash Post**

**Conditions deteriorating at migrant camp where thousands await US asylum - Texas Tribune**

**Tally of children split at border tops 5,400 in new count - AP**

**Trump admin's immigration policies violate civil rights, gov't agency says - US News**

**Boston jail severs contract with ICE; detained immigrants transferred - WGBH News**

**In north Louisiana, sheriff and private prison operator trade prisoners for ICE detainees - Nola.com**

**Biggest public pension fund in US dumps private prison firms that run ICE detention centers - NBC News**

**Trump's asylum ban could apply retroactively to thousands of migrants - ProPublica**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**Creator God, open our eyes so we can see you in the eyes of our immigrant brothers and sisters, eyes downcast for having lived so long in the shadows, eyes challenging us to join them in the streets or picket lines, eyes lifted looking for the Christ light in us. Compassionate God, who has come to dwell among us, open our ears to hear the cries of your children, children being separated from their parents, rounded up in raids, led to detention centers, silently giving up dreams. God of Justice, who crosses all boundaries, give us courage to resist, to say NO to unfair labor practices, to unjust laws. Give us the strength to stand with and for your inclusive love, faith to believe, another world is necessary and possible. Let it begin with us. (United Church of Christ)**

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your members of Congress to support the GRACE Act. The GRACE Act will establish an annual refugee admissions level of no less than 95,000. Call your MOC today:**

**<https://act.rescue.org/grace-act?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=1b768904-cb2f-4d8a-8ad0-a5d279f1fbb8>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Climate change affects us all. Take action - sign the petition urging the Senate to act on climate change.**

**<https://catholicclimatecovenant.salsalabs.org/InternationalClimateActioncopy3/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=ed3708da-a5a1-406e-8483-545d282c3893>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to hold Customs and Border Patrol accountable for inhumane child detention.** [https://action.aclu.org/petition/congress-hold-cbp-accountable-inhumane-child-detention?ms\\_aff=NAT&initms\\_aff=NAT&ms=190709\\_immigrantrights\\_detention&initms=190709\\_immigrantrights\\_detention&ms\\_chan=eml&initms\\_chan=eml&af=BcNshjQS8xuSodn2Upme1NXUJqVtSOxYoo%2B5iEwVgOK4TQ7OEp7jAKHrNgRkOaQ%2By0kiFW5pvnMMjPLCEERBX6JPjyEalNBP35Z9gBQmYxG68%2FSbPMk8YhAPBloZXiNRod2ui0mBC0hUOtMJvwZZlqCz6Ay0a86yTPU%2Fy3yqgMo%3D](https://action.aclu.org/petition/congress-hold-cbp-accountable-inhumane-child-detention?ms_aff=NAT&initms_aff=NAT&ms=190709_immigrantrights_detention&initms=190709_immigrantrights_detention&ms_chan=eml&initms_chan=eml&af=BcNshjQS8xuSodn2Upme1NXUJqVtSOxYoo%2B5iEwVgOK4TQ7OEp7jAKHrNgRkOaQ%2By0kiFW5pvnMMjPLCEERBX6JPjyEalNBP35Z9gBQmYxG68%2FSbPMk8YhAPBloZXiNRod2ui0mBC0hUOtMJvwZZlqCz6Ay0a86yTPU%2Fy3yqgMo%3D)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Oppose Trump's attacks on asylum seekers. Demanding that the Trump admin STOP attacking protections for those fleeing violence and poverty, to seek asylum.** [https://p2a.co/Ohoepjt?p2asource=CHGAEMASYL02&utm\\_content=3754435](https://p2a.co/Ohoepjt?p2asource=CHGAEMASYL02&utm_content=3754435)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Say NO to Trump's inhumane policies that separate families and harm kids.** <http://fpl.actionkit.com/call/say-no-president-trumps-inhumane-policies-separate-families-harm-kids/?t=7&akid=1693%2E48167%2E-N4CkC>

### **Action Three: Education**

**Once he was a refugee. Now he's a CEO making video games for peace -** <https://www.washingtonpost.com/video-games/2019/10/14/once-he-was-refugee-now-hes-ceo-making-video-games-peace/>

**Home offers hospitality for immigrants released from ICE detention -** <https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/national/home-offers-hospitality-for-immigrants-released-from-ice-detention>

**"They go to work, come back and starve." Why immigrant families are avoiding food assistance -** [https://www.salon.com/2019/10/20/they-go-to-work-come-back-and-starve-why-immigrant-families-are-avoiding-food-assistance\\_partner/](https://www.salon.com/2019/10/20/they-go-to-work-come-back-and-starve-why-immigrant-families-are-avoiding-food-assistance_partner/)

**Lawyer Andrea Martinez from Netflix's "Living Undocumented" on why she's suing ICE -** <https://www.elle.com/culture/career-politics/a29490517/netflix-living-undocumented-andrea-martinez-ice-lawsuit/>

**Trump's asylum ban could apply retroactively to thousands of migrants -** <https://www.propublica.org/article/trumps-asylum-ban-could-apply-retroactively-to-thousands-of-migrants-even-though-officials-promised-it-wouldnt>

**Erasing the dead -** <https://www.typeinvestigations.org/investigation/2019/10/22/trump-administration-counting-deaths-haitian-displacement-camps/>

**Trauma at the border: The human cost of inhumane immigration policies -** <https://www.usccr.gov/pubs/2019/10-24-Trauma-at-the-Border.pdf?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=b792041a-84ca-4702-9cc5-8134aa819c63>

**Housing help for immigrants aims to stabilize Akron neighborhood -** <https://www.beaconjournal.com/news/20191020/housing-help-for-immigrants-aims-to-stabilize-akron-neighborhood>

### **Action Four: Action**

**ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS:** 7 AM, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL  
Join in prayer vigil at the immigration processing center to provide public witness and accompaniment to those about to be deported. 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, left at Beach St.

**Interfaith Community Forum - Wed., Nov 6, "Fleeing for Safety: Children, US Asylum law and our role as citizens"** - 7:30-9 pm at St. James Parish Center, 820 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL. Viator House, St. James Catholic Church and the Arlington Heights League of Women Voters are sponsoring an interfaith community forum on issues facing children seeking asylum in the U.S. Event will feature Fr. Corey, Br. Michael Gosch, one of the young men at Viator House and an attorney who has represented young people seeking asylum in the U.S. Click here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0iop0q7yiCEOE VWUDNpYmJxc1NMWURLWXE4SUpicjILckV3/view>

**Action Five: Social Media - @ (your MOC) Families belong together in their communities. Trump has rigged the rules against immigrants—forcing families to choose between health care, food & homes and a safe, stable future in the U.S **Thank you for all your efforts.****