



August 26 – Sept 1, 2019

What's Happening?

Immigrant tenants can sue IL landlords under new state law - IL Public Media

Trump says admin looking 'seriously' at ending birthright citizenship - The Hill

Guest worker visas are being denied at record rates - LA Times

The Flores Agreement protected migrant children for decades. It's under threat - NY Times

Drivers are harassing buses of Idaho migrant kids. After El Paso, staff takes precaution - Idaho Statesman

Trump officials unveil rule allowing indefinite migrant family detention - The Hill

DC mayor blocks planned fed'l shelter for unaccompanied children planned for DC - Wash Post

NY, two other states sue over Trump immigration rule - NY Times

Advocates will walk from Boston to Dover, NH to protest immigration policy - WBUR News

Migrants in US border detention centers won't receive flu vaccine - The Hill

Trump has the right to end DACA, Justice Dept tells the Supreme Court - NY Times

Action One: Prayer

Oh God, our creator and liberator, we pray for all those who face the trials and tribulations of exclusion. We lift up all those who have been made outcast in our world; for those impoverished by inequality, for those who find themselves in the cold from homelessness, for those who are treated differently because of their skin color or religious background. We pray for all the refugees in the world who have faced violence and persecution. Now many of them face discrimination upon arriving to the safety of this land. Strengthen our faith to be accepting of all and fortify our witness to advocate for just and humane policies that expand the path of welcome for refugees to join our communities. In the same way, we pray for all those who face sickness and disease. May Your blessing comfort them and may Your healing power touch them. In the Spirit of love and compassion we pray. Amen. (CWS)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action: urge Congress to end tax breaks for private prison

companies. Sign the petition: https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-detaining-humans-in-prison-camps-for-profit-is-wrong-end-tax-breaks-for-private-prison-companies?source=direct_link&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=854d3806-f2ee-44a1-a922-cda818520935

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to end Trump's unjust border crackdown.

<https://www.franciscanproject.org/borderemergency>

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=BcNshiQS8xuSodn2Upme1NXUJqVtSOxYoo%2B5iEwVgOK4TQ7OEp7iAKHrNgRkOaQ%2B50kiFW5pnvMMjPLCEERBX6JPYjEalNBP35Z9qBQmyxG68%2FSbPMk8YhAPBloZXiNRod2ui0mBC0hUOtMJvwZZlqCz6Ay0a86yTPU%2Fy3yqgMo%3D

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

Bake sale raises thousands for immigration, refugee aid - <https://www.wlns.com/news/bake-sale-raises-thousands-for-immigration-refugee-aid/>

(Opinion) 'Public charge' policy breaks American promise -
https://www.baltimoresun.com/opinion/op-ed/bs-ed-op-0822-public-charge-20190821-cftvtejgejhndI2iekzvddcqqe-story.html?fbclid=IwAR1E0tJSr-sZsqiDOcPi5IEC_iq3UDEY4Er7Lcb911CxzsC8BCIEI0jxndU

New decision could impact family-based asylum claims - <https://www.ncronline.org/news/justice/new-decision-could-impact-family-based-asylum-claims>

The administration rushed on a sweeping immigration policy. We found substantive, sloppy mistakes - https://www.propublica.org/article/trump-administration-rushed-on-a-sweeping-immigration-policy-we-found-substantive-sloppy-mistakes?utm_campaign=KHN%3A%20First%20Edition&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=75913217&hsenc=p2ANgtz-e73Jo5fBpBiBBBVwuSsXTfHOqJrB3YQvIN63HOLfqGYxAgrN3WuLacqeedZOZGRxYAfouWvuOH389341sO8NPZ8gBQ&hsmi=75913217

White House sought ways to block undocumented children from schools -
https://time.com/5654964/undocumented-children-public-schools/?fbclid=IwAR0B_QZuJAiKSqJiPfoFQHee7tq9VtlCEd-P_kr_u91n_NVUBCrzeY-OzVU

(Opinion) The Supreme Court has an immigration disaster on its hands -
<https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/21/opinions/immigration-daca-supreme-court-decision-honig/index.html>

Holy Cross Sisters put up a billboard depicting migrant family and words from Pledge of Allegiance -
<https://www.wifw.com/storydetails/20190819183251/holy-cross-sisters-put-up-billboard-depicting-migrant-family-and-words-from-pledge-of-allegiance?fbclid=IwAR0WupwllfE1Hme3V-wi-Pf9qidH9yLRADWobFhmwx60D-nlPZyo1wio8k0>

Justice Department plans to expand its powers over immigration courts -
<https://www.npr.org/2019/08/23/753912351/doj-increases-power-of-agency-running-immigration-court-system>

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.

Upcoming SBI conference: "Creating Communities of Welcome - What would have us do?"
Sat., Sept 21, 2019 from 9am-1pm at Catholic Theological Union, 5416 S. Cornell, Chicago.
To register, go to: sbi-chicago

Sat., Oct 5 - Taste of Viator House: 6pm reception followed by dinner. Tickets \$75 - an evening of fun and fundraising in support of young men seeking asylum. Event will be held at St. Viator High School, 1213 E. Oakton St, Arlington Heights. To register, go to:
<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E344577&id=12>

Action Five: Social Media - @ (Sen/Rep) We demand that the United States government do its part in saving lives by rescuing refugees who are currently victims of the global crisis.
#RiseforRefuge **Thank you for all your efforts.**