



January 22 - 28, 2018 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

A President not sure of what he wants complicates the shutdown impasse - New York Times

These claims about 'chain migration' are not accurate - New York Times

Workplace raids signal shifting tactics in immigration fight - New York Time

Feds planning massive Northern California immigration sweep to strike against sanctuary laws - San Francisco Chronicle

Ted Lieu to Trump: I support an immigration system like the one your grandfather used to come to US - The Hill

New Trump refugee policies could close more than 20 Catholic Charities resettlement offices - America, the Jesuit Review

Action One: Prayer

Loving Father, in your infinite compassion, we seek your divine protection for refugee children who are often alone and afraid. Provide solace to those who have been witnesses to violence and destruction, who have lost parents, family, friends, home, and all they cherish due to war or persecution. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant children, too, Lord. Reunite them with their families and loved ones. Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land to a place of peace and safety. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Show us how we might reach out to these precious and vulnerable children. Open our hearts to migrant and refugee children in need, so that we might see in them your own migrant Son. Give us courage to stand up in their defense against those who would do them harm. For this we pray 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 - Act Now! Tell your Congressional Representatives to either pass the DREAM Act or vote NO on any spending bill that leaves our families and communities behind.

<http://cqrcengage.com/oneamericavotes/app/onestep-write-a-letter?0&engagementId=427333>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Trump won't apologize, but WE can. To Haitians, Ghanaians, Nigerians, Salvadorans, Mexicans, and everyone Trump attacks and insults: we are sorry. Sign the

petition: https://secure.avaaz.org/campaign/en/haiti_trump_us_22/?bnjDAbb&v=101567&cl=13754832629&checksum=9b8a49ad0a6f393f6e358d04b62259d52ad9f848ac459c1f752e01e47d71e798

NATIONAL LEVEL - - Tell Trump to Stop Spying on Immigrants. Sign the petition.

<https://act.presente.org/sign/dhssurveillance/?source=thankyouemail&aktmid=tm365408.M9416W&akid=a5839797.106609.IDiNqu&t=5>

NATIONAL LEVEL - TAKE ACTION: Urge your members of Congress to support the right to appointed counsel in immigration court and to hold the Attorney General accountable for the protection of due process rights in the immigration court system.

http://action.immigrantjustice.org/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=25747

NATIONAL LEVEL - With all the activity happening around DACA and the Dream Act, your calls to Congress matter now more than ever. Please call your member of Congress at **202-224-3121** and say: *"Congress MUST pass the Dream Act! I need you to commit to a vote supporting Dreamers, or else 800,000 young people who are American in almost every way will face deportation. We can't let that happen."*

NATIONAL LEVEL - It has been 16 years since the Guantánamo detention facility opened for business. Nearly 800 individuals have been detained at Guantánamo there since it started in January 2002. Most detainees have been there for over a decade, and the majority have never been charged with any offenses. Toffiq al-Bihani has been stuck in Guantánamo for 14 years without charge or trial—take action now and demand his transfer.

<https://act.amnestyusa.org/page/17643/action/1?ea.url.id=1226898>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stand with ADC in Support of Syrian Human Rights. TPS for Syrian nationals expires March 31, 2018, and is fast approaching. Nearly 6,000 Syrian nationals in the United States are TPS beneficiaries and live in limbo for fear of forced removal.

http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50434/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=2

Action Three: Education

The President in 1885 Didn't Stop Immigrant Friedrich Trump From Coming To America -

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2018/01/15/the-president-in-1885-didnt-stop-immigrant-friedrich-trump-from-coming-to-america/#18ef2e51e49a>

Jeff Bezos just donated \$33 million in college scholarships for 'dreamers' -

https://www.cnbc.com/2018/01/12/jeff-bezos-daca-donation-rings-in-at-33-million.html?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=c3f46f40e4-CLINIC_Daily_1-17-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-c3f46f40e4-284015825

Yes, your ancestors probably did come here legally — because 'illegal' immigration is less than a century old - <http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-jennings-legal-illegal-immigration-20180114-story.html>

The Latin America Working Group's (LAWG) weekly series, "*Between a Wall and a Dangerous Place*," discusses the intersection of human rights, migration, corruption, and public security in Honduras and El Salvador. The series shows how the dangers that propel children, teenagers, women, and men from those countries to seek refuge in the United States, Mexico, and elsewhere have not ended. To read: <http://lawg.org/action-center/lawg-blog/69-general/1927-honduras-space-for-activists-and-journalists-closing-wide-open-for-corruption>

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: 7 AM, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL

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; turn left on Beach St.

Action Five: Social Media --@WhiteHouse Dreamers are part of the fabric of their local communities and the country. #DACA

Thank you for your efforts!