



## January 8 - 14, 2018 Alert on Immigration

### What's Happening?

Motel 6 Gave Guest Information to Immigration Agents, Lawsuit Says - NPR

Exclusive: U.S. memo weakens guidelines for protecting immigrant children in court - Reuters

Pace of Chicago immigration court slows to a crawl as record numbers navigate system - by Jeff Coen/Chicago Tribune

What happens to the 192,000 US citizen children of Salvadoran TPS parents? - The Hill

In next round of budget talks, 'dreamers' are set to dominate - Washington Post

### Action One: Prayer

Good and gracious God, we pray for all people who are migrating particularly those who are forced from their homes or separated from their families because of threats of violence and persecution. We ask that you protect and keep them safe. Although we come from different countries, and have our origins in different cultures, we were all created by you, and are made in your image, and therefore we all share an inalienable dignity that is deserving of respect. Lord, we ask that you give us the strength to defend those who are marginalized, to give aid to those in need, to come to the defense of those who are poor or vulnerable, and to welcome those who are on the move into our homes and into our hearts. 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** - January 11th is the 16th anniversary of opening of the detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Any attempt to bring back torture or send new people to Guantanamo should be strongly opposed by the US and around the world. Please help organize an event marking this date. Here are some resources for local activities:

<http://www.nrcat.org/post-911-detainees/close-guantanamo/january-11-2018>

**NATIONAL LEVEL** - National Migration Week 2018: Take action to support DREAMers.

[National Migration Week](#) will be celebrated on January 7-13, 2018. Here is an advocacy action for this year's National Migration Week. Please share this alert with your US Senators and

MOCs. <http://www.capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/issues/alert/?alertid=79406626&type=CO>

**NATIONAL LEVEL** - Stand with DREAMers and tell Congress to act NOW!

<http://action.timryanforcongress.com/page/s/add-your-name-stand-with-dreamers-and-tell-congress-to-pass-immigration-reform-now-?source=em20180106>

**NATIONAL LEVEL** - Call Congress and urge them to vote for a #DreamActNow! Go to

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative> and use this script - "I am a constituent of [Rep \_\_\_] and I want him/her to support immigrant families and pass DREAM Act!"

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Not much time remaining to achieve a CLEAN DREAM ACT. Here is a national listing** of those democrats who by 12/22 had not yet pledged support for this critical legislation. COOPER (DE), COONS (DE), DONNELLY (IN), HASSAN (NH), HEINRICH (NM), HEITKAMP (ND), KAINE (VA), LEAHY (VT), MANCIN (WV), McCASKILL (MO), NELSON (FL), PETERS (MI), SHAHEEN (NH), STABENOW (MI), TESTER (MT), UDALL (NM), WARNER (VA). Get in touch with as many of the following as you can. Support a clean DREAM ACT.

**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=21356](http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50434/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=21356)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - The Francis Project is asking us all to send a letter to Congress telling them to pass the Dream Act. This is crucial, so, as a person of faith, please sign our letter today and forward it to your friends and family as well.**  
[http://www.francisproject.org/dreamact?utm\\_campaign=121017\\_1844&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=francisproject](http://www.francisproject.org/dreamact?utm_campaign=121017_1844&utm_medium=email&utm_source=francisproject)

**LOCAL LEVEL - Make a call with this script to demand the release of Wilmer who was wrongly detained. Dial 312-347-2400 (Press \* when your call goes through): "I'm calling to urge Director Ricardo Wong to release Wilmer Catalan-Ramirez (A#098 500 300). He has been detained for 9 months without proper medical care. His health is decline and as a result he has experienced multiple seizures while in detention.**

### **Action Three: Education**

**Trump's Immigration crackdown creating a public health crisis among children, analysts say-**  
[http://www.newsweek.com/trump-immigration-crackdown-public-health-crisis-children-769486?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=77b6da95ea-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_1-8-17&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-77b6da95ea-284015825](http://www.newsweek.com/trump-immigration-crackdown-public-health-crisis-children-769486?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=77b6da95ea-CLINIC_Daily_1-8-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-77b6da95ea-284015825)

**McManus: Police did not have jurisdiction to detain migrants -**  
[http://www.expressnews.com/news/local/article/McManus-Police-did-not-have-jurisdiction-to-12474110.php?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=77b6da95ea-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_1-8-17&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-77b6da95ea-28401582](http://www.expressnews.com/news/local/article/McManus-Police-did-not-have-jurisdiction-to-12474110.php?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=77b6da95ea-CLINIC_Daily_1-8-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-77b6da95ea-28401582)

**Exclusive: U.S. memo weakens guidelines for protecting immigrant children in court -**  
[https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-children-exclusive/exclusive-u-s-memo-weakens-guidelines-for-protecting-immigrant-children-in-court-idUSKBN1EH037?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=0feb52bd06-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_1-3-17&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-0feb52bd06-284015825](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-children-exclusive/exclusive-u-s-memo-weakens-guidelines-for-protecting-immigrant-children-in-court-idUSKBN1EH037?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=0feb52bd06-CLINIC_Daily_1-3-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-0feb52bd06-284015825)

### **Action Four: Action**

**Panel Discussion - Thursday, January 11, 2018 - 2-4 pm CST at Catholic University of America, Washington DC.** The discussion will feature a number of experts in the fields of Catholic thought and immigration. USCCB/MRS will be participating with the Institute for Human Ecology entitled "On the Margins: At the Intersection of Catholic Thought and Migration". To register, visit [www.marginsevent.org](http://www.marginsevent.org), to view livestream <https://livestream.com/CatholicUniversity/events/8001597>.

**Interfaith Prayer Service - Sunday, January 14, 2018 - 4pm at St. Viator Church, 4170 W. Addison Ave, Chicago.** Join Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants, as they reflect on sharing the journey with members of diverse faiths and populations. For more info, contact: [mgosch@viatorians.com](mailto:mgosch@viatorians.com)

**Action Five: Social Media -- Faith communities urge [Senator / Rep] to pass #DreamAct & protect 800,000 immigrant youth #HereToStay #Dream2018! Thank you for your efforts!**