



February 15... Alert on Immigration – President's Day

What's Happening?

The Ignatian Solidarity Network is calling on partner institutions across the country to organize masses or prayer services in parallel with Pope Francis's Mass on the U.S.-Mexico Border on Wednesday, Feb. 17. With Pope Francis, communities can pray for a more just approach to migration and immigration in Central America, Mexico, and the U.S. Masses and prayer services can take place throughout the week of Feb. 15, but are hopeful to have as many as possible on the day of the border Mass, which will take place on **Wednesday, Feb. 17th at 5PM CENTRAL**. To have your Mass or prayer service included on the map and shared throughout the Ignatian network, please send an email with the name of your church/school/etc., date and time, and location to mhutchison@ignatiansolidarity.net

(Adapted from Ignatian Solidarity Network)

Action One: Prayer

Dear God of Peace, thank you for these 40 days of Lent. Bless me that I might use this holy season wisely to reflect on the life of the nonviolent Jesus, my own life, and how I might follow him more faithfully. Help me to renounce violence once and for all, and to practice the nonviolence of Jesus. Bless these holy days of Lent that I might cultivate interior nonviolence, spend time in prayer, and allow you to disarm my heart. Help me to be more nonviolent to all those around me. Help me to get more involved in the grassroots movement of nonviolence. Give me the grace to accompany the nonviolent Jesus on his campaign from Galilee to Jerusalem, to the cross and the resurrection, that I might truly be his nonviolent disciple and become a peacemaker. Amen.

(Adapted from Lenten Prayer for Peace by John Dear, Education for Justice)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

Stop Private Prisons from Abusing Immigrants:

https://action.aclu.org/secure/stopCARprisons2?redirect=stopCARprisons2FB&ms=FB_160201_massincarceration_immigrantrights_CARprisons

Tell Congress to Oppose the Harmful TPP Trade Agreement:

http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50601/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=18217

Sign-On Letter from Ignatian Solidarity Network asking Congress to commit to humane immigration policies: <http://ignatiansolidarity.net/pope2border/#letter>

President Obama: Stop the Raids! http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/president-obama-stop-59?source=s.fb&r_by=326945

Call the White House at 1-866-961-4293 or the White House Comment Line directly at 1-888-907-2053:

Sample Script: *"I am from City, State, and as a Catholic/person of faith, I urge President Obama to immediately STOP plans to deport Central American children and families. These individuals are refugees fleeing violence and should have access to legal counsel so that they can apply for asylum and protection in the United States."*

Stop the Deportation Raids against Central American Refugees:

http://act.presente.org/sign/stopraids/?referring_akid=a4843200.106609.eryTc6&source=copy_thanks_email

Tell the Administration to Stop the Raids: <http://action.groundswell-mvmt.org/petitions/tell-the-obama-administration-stop-the-raids-on-central-american-refugees>

Tell Obama to Call off the Raids against Immigrant Families: https://www.credomobilize.com/petitions/tell-president-obama-to-call-off-raids-against-immigrant-families?sp_ref=167551883.4.136309.o.1.2&source=clickcopy_sp

Action Three: Education

How For-Profit Companies are Driving Immigration Detention Policies:

<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/report/2015/12/18/127769/how-for-profit-companies-are-driving-immigration-detention-policies/>

8 of 12 Families Targeted by ICE Have Been Released: <https://cliniclegal.org/news/eight-twelve-families-targeted-ice-have-been-released-remaining-mothers-and-children-still>

AZ Senate Panel Passes Measure Targeting Immigrants:

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/13af95d54d4e4811ad22adf9078a5d55/arizona-senate-panel-passes-measures-targeting-immigrants>

Immigrant Community Braces for Possible Raid: <http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2016/02/02/fear-spreads-cincinnati-immigrant-community/79711136/>

Action Four: Events/Resources

Watch the Pope's Mass at the Border LIVE on Feb.17, 5PM: <http://ignatiansolidarity.net/pope2border/#livestream>

Resources on Pope Francis' Trip to the Border this Month: <http://ignatiansolidarity.net/pope2border/>

Sign Up for NETWORK's Lenten Resources: <http://networklobby.org/lent>

See Presidential Candidates' Stance on Immigration:

https://ballotpedia.org/2016_presidential_candidates_on_immigration

CLINIC Webinar – How to Help Central American Women & Children – Feb.25th at 1pm CST

Register here: <http://cliniclegal.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d1e29c8d7ab34d84237ecd8ee&id=d9b91794d1&e=87c044323d>

IIC Ash Wednesday/Lenten Resources: <http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/2015/06/05/religious-holiday-resources/>

HIAS Resources: <http://www.hias.org/resources>

ICIRR Hotline – Call if you need information on your case or are facing deportation [1-855-435-7693]

Find free or low cost immigration legal services/providers near you: <http://www.adminrelief.org/legalhelp/>

Immigration Raids Alert: <http://www.nilc.org/raidsalert2016.html>

Know Your Rights Resources: <https://afsc.org/category/topic/know-your-rights> and

<http://immigrantdefenseproject.org/community-trainings#homerails>

Action Five: Social Media

Twitter: Access your member of Congress' twitter handle at <http://stuffthought.com/blog/113th-congress-twitter-handles/>

Sample Tweet: .@WhiteHouse As a person of faith I am OPPOSED to your plans to deport Central American kids and families who need PROTECTION. #Not1More

@DHSgov @POTUS Children are fleeing violence, we must protect them not deport them

#ProtectionNotDeportation #RefugeNotRaids #WeAreOneFamily

Thank you for your efforts!