

ACTION ALERT

Office of Peace, Justice and Ecological Integrity
Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth

Fridays during Lent

ISSUE: PROTECTION OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

In addition to fasting and prayer during this Lenten season, please join us in voicing support for vulnerable immigrants and refugees. You can do so by calling the offices of your Members of Congress during JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS weekly **Phone-In Fridays**, an advocacy event which we are undertaking this liturgical season.

Every Friday between now and April 14th, please call your federal lawmakers and urge them to cosponsor legislation that supports immigrants and refugees seeking protection and safety in the U.S. If your Representative has already supported the legislation protecting immigrants and refugees listed below, call in to thank them!

ACTION: Contacting your Representative

1. Call this toll-free number 1-855-589-5698.
2. Follow the recorded instructions to be connected to your Member's office.
3. Leave the following message with the person answering the phone:
 - ***"I am Representative [Member's name]'s constituent, and I am calling to:***
 - ***Urge the [Congressman/Congresswoman] to publicly support and consider cosponsoring H.R. 920, the "Protecting Our Border Communities Act of 2017," and H.R. 921, the "Community Trust Act of 2017," which would repeal President Trump's executive orders on border security and interior immigration enforcement.***
 - ***I similarly call on the [Congressman/Congresswoman] to oppose President Trump's executive order on refugees and work towards passing a bill to nullify the order.***
 - ***Finally, I urge [him/her] to also support H.R. 496, the "BRIDGE Act," a bipartisan effort to protect Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) youth ."***

Contacting your Senators

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3. Leave the following message with the person answering the phone:
 - ***"I am Senator [name]'s constituent, and I am calling to:***

- *Urge the Senator to publicly support and consider co-sponsoring S. 415, which would repeal President Trump's executive order on interior immigration enforcement.*
- *I also call on the Senator to oppose President Trump's executive orders on border security and refugees, and I ask [him/her] to work towards passing a bill to nullify these two orders.*
- *Finally, I urge [him/her] to also support S. 128, the "BRIDGE Act," a bipartisan effort to protect Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) youth."*

PRAYER: Prayer for Our Immigrant Sisters and Brothers, from Pax Christi

Blessed are You, Lord Jesus Christ.
 You crossed every border
 between Divinity and humanity
 to make your home with us.
 Help us to welcome you in newcomers,
 migrants and refugees.

Blessed are You, God of all nations.
 You bless our land richly
 with goods of creation
 and with people made in your image.
 Help us to be good stewards and peacemakers,
 who live as your children.

Blessed are You, Holy Spirit.
 You work in the hearts of all
 to bring about harmony and goodwill.
 Strengthen us to welcome those
 from other lands, cultures, religions,
 that we may live in human solidarity
 and in hope.

God of all people, grant us vision
 to see your presence in our midst,
 especially in our immigrant sisters and brothers.
 Give us courage to open the door to our neighbors
 and grace to build a society of justice. Amen.