



SGFMC Action for Justice News

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This is a limited compilation of **CURRENT** opportunities for action. **Additional suggestions are welcomed at: marynpaul@comcast.net** we will make every effort to share them as quickly as possible.

NOTE: View "Walk the Talk" previous issues at: <http://www.stjilesparish.org/peace-and-justice/>

GUN VIOLENCE

ST. EDMUND CHURCH (Oak Park) Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence – SATURDAY, MAY 25th, 6:30 – 7:00 PM "The last Saturday of each month, please join us on the rectory lawn from 6:30 to 7pm for our monthly **Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence.**"



Illinois HB 96: "Fix the FOID" Act www.fixthefoid.org "Under current Illinois law, individuals seeking to buy a gun must first obtain a Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) Card from the Department of State Police. The tragic shooting at **Henry Pratt Company in Aurora on February 15, 2019** brought to light dangerous gaps in the state law that allowed the shooter to have easy access to guns despite a previous felony conviction. The Fix the FOID Act would address many of these gaps, strengthen the FOID system and help ensure that people with a violent criminal history, who are prohibited from gun possession, cannot evade the law and arm themselves."



SAVE THE DATE: 2019– National Gun Violence Awareness 'WEAR ORANGE'

weekend, Friday, June 7th - Sunday, June 9th . <https://everytown.org/>

(WHY WEAR ORANGE?) The color choice dates back to at least 2013 when 15-year-old **Hadiya Pendleton** was shot and killed in **Chicago**. Hadiya was an honor student who was [killed in a case of mistaken identity](#) -- a week after she performed at one of the events surrounding President Obama's second inauguration. Her friends picked the color orange to honor her and to call for gun reform. Why? It's what hunters wear to protect themselves -- from other hunters. This is how their organization, [Wear Orange](#), explains it: "Orange is what hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others from harm. Orange is a bright, bold color that demands to be seen. Orange expresses our collective hope as a nation — a hope for a future free from gun violence." <https://www.cnn.com/2018/03/14/us/color-orange-in-national-school-walkout-trnd/index.html>

ENVIRONMENT



Contact your representative to support **the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (H.R. 763)** "This legislation seeks to reduce national carbon pollution emissions by over 90% by 2050 by pricing carbon at \$15 per metric ton and increasing \$10 every year. This level of ambition would be a significant step towards addressing the climate challenge, especially its impacts our poor and vulnerable neighbors, and our shared future. As the most significant piece of bipartisan climate legislation to be introduced since 2009, we encourage you to ask your House Representative to co-sponsor this bill and ask your Senators to introduce a similar bill on a bipartisan basis."

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.salsalabs.org/SupportEIDCAA/index.html>



Have YOU signed the *U.S. Catholic Climate Declaration*??

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/us-catholic-climate-declaration> (see list of signing parishes)

“On June 1, 2017, President Trump announced that the United States would withdraw from the Paris agreement, the only nation to do so. In response, the U.S. bishops declared, “The President’s decision not to honor the U.S. commitment to the Paris agreement is deeply troubling” ([USCCB Statement on the President’s Withdrawal from Paris Agreement](#), June 1, 2017). As Catholic communities, organizations, and institutions in the United States, we join with other institutions from across American society to ensure that the United States remains a global leader in reducing emissions. We call for the Administration to join the global community and return to the Paris Agreement.” **Sign here:**

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4668211>

IMMIGRATION PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN DETENTION AND FAMILIES WHO WERE SEPARATED AT OUR BORDERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Prayer Request from Kankakee</u> https://www.icdichicago.org
Jose	Mexico	Please pray for my parents and my wife.
Enoc	Brazil	May God guard my life, bless every step I walk, and watch over my family in Brazil.
Donaldo	Honduras	Please pray for my parents and siblings, and for my immigration case.
Javier	Mexico	Please pray I will be free soon.
Christian	Mexico	Please pray for all the detained immigrants facing deportation.
Emmanuel	Mexico	Please pray for his grandmother who is ill, and for the volunteers who visit us.
Rafael	Guatemala	Pray for his wife who is expecting any day.
Jeffrey	Honduras	Pray for his family in U.S.
Augustin	Guatemala	Pray that he gets released.
Vladimir	Cuba	Pray that he can get to court soon.
Kerwin	Cuba	Pray he can get released and that his family is well.
William	Cuba	Pray that his case goes well.
Lorenzo	Mexico	Please pray for his family and friends.
Yoni	Honduras	Please pray that he follows God's will for him.
Jacio	Cuba	Please pray I'll be back with my family soon.
Pedro	Mexico	Pray in thanksgiving for his sisters helping him out and hoping for his release soon. Thanks to ICDI for coming to pray & talk with us.
Carlos	Congo	Please pray for my mother that she may rest in peace after dying on her journey to U.S. with her two sons.
Thierry	Congo	Please pray for his health, his family, and for the judge of his case.
Sergio	Mexico	Please pray for his mom & dad, son Sergio, girlfriend Misshan, and his lawyer & the judge.
Victor	Russia	Please pray for his family and his release.
Juan	Mexico	Please pray for all people in detention, for ICDI, and for my family.
Christian	Mexico	Please pray for his mom & whole family, and all the detainees.
Carlos	Cuba	Please pray for him, his mother-in-law in Miami, his family in Cuba, and especially for his final court on May 8th.
Gerson	Honduras	Please pray for him, his wife & children, his family & his case.
Wilfedo	Cuba	Please pray for him, his wife & family, and his final court date this May.
Yausmel	Cuba	Please pray for his father & mother, his family, and all the immigrants detained, and for his case.
Jose	Honduras	Please pray for him, his wife & children, his case, and for all the volunteers of ICDI.
Ricardo	Mexico	Please pray for him, his wife & daughters, his parents & family in Mexico, and for his final court May 29th.
Daniel	El	Please pray for him, his wife & children, his parents in El Salvador, and for his court this

	Salvador	week.
Deybys	Honduras	Please pray for him, and his parents living in U.S. Pray for his safe return to Honduras.
		Also, please kindly pray for the 72 people who were recently deported last week, including:
Rodrigo P	Jose V	
Javier C	Horacio B	
Rigoberto A		



**INTERFAITH COMMUNITY
FOR DETAINED IMMIGRANTS**

"This is a critical time for immigrants. ICDI visits people in immigration detention in four jails every week to accompany them and lift their spirits. We provide housing and case management for asylum seekers and survivors of torture. We need your help so that we can provide a welcoming faith-based response. We do not receive any government funding and rely completely on generous donors and foundations" <https://www.icdichicago.org>

...and more...

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COMMUNITY RENEWAL SOCIETY
KNOWLEDGE ACTION CHANGE

**"The Power of Prayer for Chicago" – Inauguration Day, Monday, May 20th
9AM, McCormick Place, 201 E. Cermak Road**

"Join Community Renewal Society as we lead the community in prayer. Inspired by the National Day of Prayer, and adjusted for Chicago weather, we bring the faith community together to:

- Pray for a safe summer in Chicago as the highest season of violence is approaching
- Pray for the incoming City Council and Mayor to work in sincere partnership for all communities across Chicago"

Community Renewal Society is a 136 year-old faith-based organization that works with communities to address issues of racism and poverty. <https://www.communityrenewalsociety.org/> (**prayers from HOME are welcome!**)

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FAMILY ACTION NETWORK

Monday, May 20th, 7PM - Evanston Township High School Auditorium, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201 - "CHARGED: The New Movement to Transform American Prosecution and End Mass Incarceration" – interview with EMILY BAZELON (Staff writer at *The New York Times Magazine*, the Truman Capote Fellow for Creative Writing and Law, and a lecturer at Yale Law School.) **INFO: familyactionnetwork.net**



**coalition for spiritual
& public leadership**

"Passionate about your faith and social justice issues? Join us at our annual strategizing and visioning session with CSPL's Immigration and Safety & Violence Prevention Committees on **Tuesday, May 21st at 6:30 PM at Meal of the Day Cafe located at 1701 S 1st Ave., Suite 410 Maywood, IL 60153**



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