



**January 4 - 10, 2021**

### **What's Happening?**

**Trump faces looming decision on extending visa suspension - The Hill**

**Texas case challenging the legality of DACA is back in federal court - Houston Chronicle**

**Trump extends immigration restrictions, citing pandemic's impact on labor market - CNN**

**Census Bureau to miss deadline jeopardizing Trump's plan - AP**

**Thousands of former interpreters for US military hope Biden can help them resettle here - Wash Post**

**As Covid19 vaccine rolls out, undocumented immigrants fear deportation after seeking dose - USA Today**

**Washington state prisoners are getting vaccinated for Covid19 amid outbreak - Seattle Times**

**Venezuelans urge Biden to keep his promise on granting TPS to migrants - Miami Herald**

**Canada is turning asylum seekers away at the border. In US, they face deportation - Seattle Times**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**O God, we pray for all those in our world who are suffering from injustice: For those who are discriminated against because of their race, color or religion; For those imprisoned for working for the relief of oppression; For those who are hounded for speaking the inconvenient truth; For those tempted to violence as a cry against overwhelming hardship; For those deprived of reasonable health and education; For those suffering from hunger and famine; For those too weak to help themselves and who have no one else to help them; For the unemployed who cry out for work but do not find it. We pray for anyone of our acquaintance who is personally affected by injustice. Forgive us, Lord, if we unwittingly share in the conditions or in a system that perpetuates injustice. Show us how we can serve your children and make your love practical by washing their feet. (Mother Teresa)**

### **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President-elect Biden to address the root causes of migration from Central America -**

**[https://faithinactioninternational.salsalabs.org/rootcausesbidentransition/index.html?utm\\_source=congregation&utm\\_campaign=c8917cde2e-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_12\\_28\\_04\\_21&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_2ffe2ad288-c8917cde2e-365033757](https://faithinactioninternational.salsalabs.org/rootcausesbidentransition/index.html?utm_source=congregation&utm_campaign=c8917cde2e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_12_28_04_21&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_2ffe2ad288-c8917cde2e-365033757)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell DHS to restore the right to asylum. <https://jesuitmigrantsolidarity.org/restore-right-to-asylum/>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Catholic Charities USA is calling on lawmakers to come together and pass a legislative pkg to provide frontline workers with PPE equipment and keep vulnerable people housed and fed.** <https://www.voterveoice.net/iframes/CCUSA/Campaigns/78249/Respond>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Add your name to tell the Biden Harris admin to build a country where everyone can thrive, no matter their race, age, birth place, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity.** <https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/take-action-citizenship-roadmap-and-deportation-moratorium-now>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress - no more forced hysterectomies. Protect those in detention.** <https://act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/shut-down-irwin?akid=s326031..IHSGzt&fbclid=IwAR1SGycUJhKTcZfVN1Jru660MgOuDqMm3WY3ws1EzDyAvx7Z6YIEYqXbzts>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President elect Joe Biden to urge Congress to pass the Peoples Act (HR 1) as a first priority in his administration. Sign the petition:** <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/the-next-president-congress-must-enact-democracy-reform?source=10062020swap-fan&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d927f4ca-0792-4819-ae90-f4bea3fb4bc0>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to make family reunification a top priority until every single separated family is reunited.** <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-make-family-reunification-a-top-priority>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to end the Muslim ban. America is a place where all races and religions should be able to live free and equal lives.** <https://muslimadvocates.org/action/no-ban-act/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=9d9ec701-e1f3-4a65-856b-127d95650b39>

### **Action Three: Education**

**Canada is turning away asylum seekers at the border. In US, they face deportation -** <https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/canada-is-turning-asylum-seekers-away-at-the-border-in->

**Worried about new citizenship test? Here are the questions and answers in nine languages -** [https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/immigration/article247930705.html#storylink=mainstage\\_card](https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/immigration/article247930705.html#storylink=mainstage_card)

**Arizona migrant border deaths on track to hit record amid heat -** <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/border-issues/2020/12/20/arizona-migrant-border-deaths-track-hit-record-amid-heat/3984268001/>

**Detained immigrants are asking for their own deportations -** <https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/12/26/immigration-detention-covid-deportation/?arc404=true>

**US citizen spouses and children of undocumented immigrants will finally get stimulus checks** <https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2020/12/28/22202728/mixed-status-immigrant-eligible-stimulus-checks-covid-19-relief>

**Census Bureau to miss deadline, jeopardizing Trump's plan -** <https://apnews.com/article/donald-trump-joe-biden-census-2020-8dd78fbb0460c377cde074e3c8d6f967>

### **Action Four: Action**

**ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS:** The ICDI Broadview Prayer Vigil is still happening but we are doing it weekly online. As is customary, First Fridays are interfaith and other weeks we pray the rosary. Anyone who wants to get the meeting access information can email [hello@icdichicago.org](mailto:hello@icdichicago.org) with a request.

**Action Five: Social Media: (@ Sen/Rep)** As people of faith, we start the New Year reaffirming our commitment to repealing the Muslim ban on Day 1 and reversing all of the discriminatory immigration policies that have kept families and loved ones apart.

**Thank you for your efforts!**