



October 23 - 29, 2023

What's Happening

Migrant families separated at border by Trump reach settlement - NY Times

TX has bused 50,000 migrants. Now Abbott wants to arrest them instead - NY Times

Immigrant detainees' forced labor case ends in settlement - Atlanta Jrnl Constitution

Biden to host first-of-its-kind Americas summit to address immigration struggles - CBS

Venezuelans tops Mexicans for first time in illegal US border crossings - NPR

Border crossing from Canada to NY State are on the rise - Times Union

Brazil offers Venezuelans jobs in growing migrant crisis - Bloomberg News

US starts deportation flights to Venezuela, aiming to curb migration - Wash Post

US to create new pgm for Ecuadorians aimed at discouraging border crossings - CBS News

Some migrants could end up in St. Louis amid efforts there to boost jobs- Chicago Sun Times

Pakistan urged not to deport Afghan US visa, refugee applicants - Reuters

Rep Jackson calls for fedl investigation into TX Gov migrant busing pgm - NBC5 Chicago

Chicago's spending plan for migrants doesn't add up, critics say - Block Club Chicago

TX Senate passed bill to give them a bigger role in immigration enforcement - Houston Public Media

Action One: Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love. Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war. Glorious Virgin Mary, Saint Michael the Archangel, every angel and saint: please pray for peace. Pray for unity amongst nations. Pray for unity amongst all people. Pray for the most vulnerable. Pray for those suffering. Pray for the fearful. Pray for those most in need. Pray for us all. Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. Jesus, hear our prayers. Jesus, I trust in You! Amen. (Author unknown)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Send a letter. Demand Congress deliver a pathway to citizenship

<https://unitedwedream.org/actions/send-a-letter-demand-congress-deliver-a-pathway-to-citizenship/?source=partner&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=f5aa4e6e-925e-4b84-b00a-e17dd1ffd05f>

NATIONAL LEVEL – Tell Congress to pass permanent protections for immigrant youth:

<https://act.niic.org/page/46080/action/1?ea.tracking.id=web>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Ask Biden/DHS Mayorkas to designate/ re-designate TPS for Ethiopia, Syria, Pakistan and Democratic Rep of the Congo.

https://act.nilc.org/page/57272/petition/1?supporter.appealCode=20230925_EG_Migration_NILC&ea.url.id=2009673&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Biden admin and legislators to formally end family detention.

<https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/46496/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell DHS Mayorkas to fast track work permits for noncitizens.

https://secure.everyaction.com/iAPXBA-j_kGpcM1_fKLWZw2?emci=dc9b1342-ad51-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=11684080-4052-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=10679

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform

<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act to protect Afghans

<https://cwsqglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-pass-the-afghan-adjustment-act-to-protect-afghans-at-risk/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to protect abused, abandoned immigrant children.

<https://cwsqglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-protect-abused-abandoned-and-neglected-immigrant-children/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to support policies that welcome asylum seekers and reject further militarization of the border

<https://cwsqglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-tell-congress-to-support-policies-that-welcome-asylum-seekers-and-reject-the-further-militarization-of-the-border/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to support asylum seeker work authorization act -

https://act.hias.org/page/54296/action/1?en_txn6=MR-EM-FY23-07-asylum_ban_2023-advo-full_file-1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EngagingNetworks&utm_campaign=230707_Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization_Action_Remainder&utm_content=230707+Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization+Action+Remainder&ea.url.id=1865401&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to safeguard children in need and ensure communities have access to religious workers

<https://www.votervoice.net/JFI/Campaigns/106758/Respond>

Action Three: Education

US to settle lawsuit with migrant families separated under Trump admin, offering benefits and limiting separations

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/family-separation-lawsuit-settlement-agreement/>

'60 Minutes' shows Florida's 'stunt' could get legal status for migrants sent to Mass. -

<https://www.masslive.com/news/2023/10/60-minutes-shows-floridas-stunt-could-get-legal-status-for-migrants-sent-to-mass.html>

Texas Senate passed legislation to give the state a bigger role in immigration enforcement -

<https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/news/border/2023/10/16/466697/the-texas-senate-passed-legislation-to-give-the-state-a-bigger-role-in-immigration-enforcement/>

For Republicans, all roads lead to US Mexico border-

https://www.nytimes.com/2023/10/19/us/politics/republicans-mexico-border-israel.html?unlocked_article_code=1.4Ew.qf7H.V-cpDWax8Ao&smid=url-share

US to create new immigration pgm for Ecuadorians aimed at discouraging border crossings -

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/immigration-us-program-ecuador-border-crossings/>

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW ONLINE FRIDAY ROSARY: The Rosary prayer is conducted every Friday at 715 am CT for our immigrant sisters and brothers in detention, deportation and their families. The prayer is led by Sr JoAnn Persch, RSM and Pat Murphy, RSM. If anyone want to connect in Zoom or participate in person, they can contact Sr. JoAnn Persch at 773-597-5394 or jpmrsm2@gmail.com

ICDI Monthly meetings: Monthly meetings-first Thursday of every month at 12:00pm CT.

These meetings begin with a small interfaith reflection and continue with our ICDI staff giving program updates. Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwinisjJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@SecMayorkas) Forcing asylum seekers to provide their own interpreters is another unnecessary and burdensome barrier for those seeking safety. Language access is a civil right, and the government is responsible for providing it at no cost.

Thank you for your efforts!