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What's Happening

Former Phoenix school shelters thousands of asylum seekers - AZ Central

US asylum restrictions at border granted temporary stay - Reuters

Immigrant comprise 31 percent of college students - News Nation

Mexico slams TX barriers as 'inhumane' as 2 bodies found in Rio Grande - Wash Post

Biden's curfew pgm for families seeking asylum will expand to CA - LA Times

Border Patrol arrests jump in July, a blow to Biden's plan for migration plan - Wash Post

Migration through Panama's perilous Darien Gap hits all time high - Reuters

US to accept certain non-Mexican migrants in Mexico as refugees - Reuters

TX troopers separating families at border, apparent policy shift - Houston Chronicle

TX state police purchased Israeli phone tracking for 'border emergency' - The Intercept

TX begins jailing migrant women under gov's border crackdown - Texas Tribune

US border agents habitually abuse human rights, report reveals - The Guardian

Lawmakers push Biden for speedier green card applications - Bloomberg Law

Action One: Prayer

O God, You remind us over and over in your Word that you are always with us. You tell us not to fear and you draw us close into your presence. We look to you to bring peace and calm to the storms we face. Remind us all that you are with us and that you control the waters. You're the only place we find refuge in the storms that surround us, an ever-present help in trouble. You're the only place we can find peace and strength. We ask you for holy peace, inner strength and deep courage to continue walking through the storm. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Franciscan Action Network)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to safeguard children in need and ensure communities have access to religious workers - <https://www.votervoices.net/JFI/Campaigns/106758/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stand in solidarity with our Afghan neighbors - <https://www.votervoices.net/JFI/Campaigns/106755/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action - oppose proposed cuts to refugee funding. https://www.irsusa.org/take-action-to-oppose-proposed-cuts-to-refugee-funding/?utm_source=pardot&utm_medium=action-alert&utm_campaign=oppose-proposed-budget-cuts-2023

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the admin and Congress to prioritize refugee resettlement. <https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/44866/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden to reunite refugee families now.

<https://refugeerights.quorum.us/campaign/47496/>

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

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

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-advoc-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 pass the Afghan Adjustment Act to protect Afghans at risk -

<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 support the Vulnerable Immigrant Youth Act and ensure communities have access to immigrant religious workers -

<https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/106744/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden: No family detention.

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-president-biden-no-family-detention>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC to co-sign the Lift Your Bar Act.

https://act.nilc.org/page/51422/action/1?supporter_appealCode=20230420_LTBA_NILC&ea.url.id=1730645&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your MOC to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act.

<https://p2a.co/nn9fdmu>

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

<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

Action Three: Education

Gov Abbott's border policy is at once cruel and ineffective. Many state leaders wouldn't have it any other way -

<https://www.texasmonthly.com/news-politics/greg-abbott-border-operation-lone-star/>

TX state police purchased Israeli phone tracking for 'border emergency' -

<https://theintercept.com/2023/07/26/texas-phone-tracking-border-surveillance/>

TX begins jailing migrant women under gov's border crackdown

<https://www.texastribune.org/2023/07/26/women-arrests-texas-border-operation-lone-star/>

Labor Dept. denounces surge in exploited migrant children -

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/07/27/us/migrant-child-labor.html?smid=nytcore-android-share>

Lawmakers push Biden for speedier green card applications -

<https://news.bloomberglaw.com/daily-labor-report/lawmakers-push-biden-to-let-immigrants-see-green-cards-earlier>

Chicago Arabic camp teaches refugee children home language -

<https://www.wbez.org/stories/chicago-arabic-camp-teaches-refugee-children-home-language/7a213612-22b4-41fe-81ed-24b42e1dbc2c>

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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisiJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@POTUS) If your administration's objective is a manageable border policy honoring its legal obligations, it should rescind the asylum ban immediately. We urge you to end the asylum ban now.

Thank you for your efforts!