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What's Happening

Migrant crossing continues to plunge, nearing the level to lift Biden's border crackdown - CBS

Biden admin calls for lawyers to help asylum seeking immigrants pro bono - Border Report

Panama prez says repatriation of migrants crossing the Darien Gap will be voluntary - AP

TX Gov Abbott says he will bus more migrants to Chicago ahead of DNC - Block Club Chicago

Ominous immigration claims made at Republican National Convention - AP

DOJ sues housing provider for unaccompanied migrant children, alleging severe sexual abuse - WSJ

Border arrests dropped 29 percent in June - lowest of Biden admin - AP

Biden immigration policies fuel rise of 'twilight population' - Newsweek

Another TX migrant aid group asks judge to push back on investigation by TX AG - AP

TX seeks direct appeal of Annunciation House ruling to TX Supreme Court - El Paso Matters

How would mass deportation under Trump actually work? - NBC News

Some Latino voters support Trump's mass deportation plans, to a point - NY Times

Action One: Prayer

God of life, source of hope, the violence within our world, our communities, our families, in our very selves is destroying your creation. Make still the restless spirit within me that is self-seeking. Stir within my heart a renewed Spirit of reverence, respect, and reconciliation. Give me strength to break the cycle of violence by realizing that peace begins with me. God of reconciliation, passionate for your whole creation, impel us to seek your guiding hand in leading us to forgiveness, pardon, and peace. Give us the heart that holds a place for all those who oppose us or who call us enemy. Help us by your grace in the ministry of reconciliation you have given us to do; to heal and make whole. Let the word of reconciliation be in our mouths and in our hearts that your peace might be present to all. Amen. *(Adapted from a prayer by Fr. Angelo Anthony, CPPS)*

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to support the chance to come home - https://sistersofmercy.org/mercy-for-justice/action-alerts/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMATAAR1DQiq2me_AYI_FP0V3I0XZGjrG9EtRmFh6TnhVZOnD_iPlggqwqmpPCQM_aem_7SVLkKfZtic3mLlpDeTKg

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC: Co-sponsor the End Solitary Confinement Act - <https://nrcat.salsalabs.org/esca-cosponsorship/index.html>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to invest in communities' capacity to welcome refugees. <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/urgent-action-tell-congress-to-invest-in-local-communities-capacity-to-welcome-refugees/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your representative in the US House to commit to protecting immigrant communities. <https://p2a.co/qd8timg>

NATIONAL LEVEL – Urge Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act -
<https://www.aila.org/advocacy-tools/aila-s-advocacy-action-center>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Senate to enact a permanent solution for Dreamers -
<https://p2a.co/Emn3bWM>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to create a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients
https://act.nilc.org/page/69018/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20240615_EG_DACA12_NILC&ea.url.id=2623645&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Biden to modernize DACA and expand protections.
https://unitedwedream.org/actions/12-years-of-daca-demand-president-biden-strengthen-and-expand-protections/?source=email_06.05&link_id=0&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_2344358&email_subject=with-12-years-of-daca-around-the-corner-tell-biden-to-strengthen-and-expand-protections-

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MOC to support HR 1325 - the Asylum Seekers Work Authorization Act. <https://www.refugeesinternational.org/actions/let-asylum-seekers-work/>

NATIONAL LEVEL- Tell POTUS - restore access to asylum.
https://act.nilc.org/page/68643/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20240605_EG_BidenEO_NILC&ea.url.id=2600326&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL- Tell Biden and Congress to reject inhumane, unlawful asylum restrictions
<https://cwsqglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-tell-president-biden-and-congress-to-reject-inhumane-unlawful-asylum-restrictions-stand-by-commitments-to-the-persecuted/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=b2feada5-0275-45c1-973a-a87242d0c234>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urges DHS to take immediate steps to keep families together and grant TPS to Ecuadorians. <https://action.momsrising.org/sign/tps-for-ecuador/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Biden - we will not be silent as you seal the border to people seeking asylum - https://act.hias.org/page/68653/action/1?en_txn6=MR-EM-FY24-06-asylum_ban_2024-adv-full_file-1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EngagingNetworks&utm_campaign=asylum_ban_2024&utm_content=240606+Border-Asylum+ActionAlert+General+e1&ea.url.id=2603107

Action Three: Education

Observing the anniversary of the 1924 immigration law - <https://catholicreview.org/do-you-commemorate-or-observe-an-anniversary-it-depends-on-the-event/>

How would mass deportation under Trump actually work - <https://www.nbcnews.com/investigations/mass-deportation-migrants-trump-actually-work-rcna161637>

Biden immigration policies fuel rise of ‘twilight population’ - <https://www.newsweek.com/biden-immigration-policies-migrants-protected-1925450>

(Report) We’ve tracked over 700 immigration bills this year. Here are the trends -
<https://immigrationimpact.com/2024/07/08/tracked-700-immigration-bills-2024-trends/>

The powerful network helping Chinese migrants in the US -
https://www.wsj.com/us-news/chinese-migrants-tap-extensive-networks-to-join-the-u-s-economy-4deeb436?st=r6lf7gl6ckfyztu&reflink=desktopwebshare_permalink

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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisjJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@Sen/Rep) Congress hasn’t passed meaningful immigration reform since 1986. It’s time for updating the immigration system that allows all of us to thrive.

Thank you for your efforts!