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What's Happening?

New Trump DHS head tries end-around to shore up immigration rules - Axios.com

Incoming Biden admin to migrant caravan: Don't come, you won't get in immediately - NBC

Census Bureau stops work on Trump's memo on undocumented immigrant count - NPR

Biden promises immediate immigration legislation - Bloomberg News

Trump rushes to enact asylum restrictions ahead of Biden presidency - CBS News

Google pledges support for immigration reform - Reuters

Migrant caravan will not be allowed to pass, says US border official - Reuters

VP-elect pledges green cards to DACA, TPS recipients - Politico

Action One: Prayer

Merciful God, we pray to you for all the men, women and children who have died after leaving their homelands in search of a better life. Though many of their graves bear no name, to you each one is known, loved and cherished. May we never forget them, but honor their sacrifice with deeds more than words. We entrust to you all those who have made this journey, enduring fear, uncertainty and humiliation, in order to reach a place of safety and hope. Just as you never abandoned your Son as he was brought to a safe place by Mary and Joseph, so now be close to these, your sons and daughters, through our tenderness and protection. In caring for them may we seek a world where none are forced to leave their home and where all can live in freedom, dignity and peace. Merciful God and Father of all, wake us from the slumber of indifference, open our eyes to their suffering, and free us from the insensitivity born of worldly comfort and self-centredness. Inspire us, as nations, communities and individuals, to see that those who come to our shores are our brothers and sisters. May we share with them the blessings we have received from your hand, and recognize that together, as one human family, we are all migrants, journeying in hope to you, our true home, where every tear will be wiped away, where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace. (Pope Francis)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

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 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

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.voterveice.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>

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Action Three: Education

Immigrants feel shock and shame at overrunning of Capitol -

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/08/us/immigrants-capitol-riot.html>

Trump rushes to enact asylum restrictions ahead of Biden presidency -

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-asylum-restrictions-biden-presidency/>

Think private prison companies are going away under Biden? They have other plans -

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/11/17/think-private-prison-companies-are-going-away-under-biden-they-have-other-plans>

Here's where US-Mexico border wall construction stands as Trump wraps up presidency -

<https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/border-issues/2021/01/11/where-border-wall-construction-stands-near-end-trump-era/6623995002/>

Assessing President Trump's legacy on US immigration policy -

<https://www.npr.org/2021/01/12/956145685/assessing-president-trump-s-legacy-on-u-s-immigration-policy>

Trump's parting gift echoes his immigration policies toward Africa - https://baptistnews.com/article/trumps-parting-gift-echos-his-immigration-policies-toward-africa/#.YABi_ehKiUj

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Google vows to pay for 500 DACA applications in call for immigration reform -

<https://www.cnet.com/news/google-vows-to-pay-for-500-daca-applications-in-call-for-immigration-reform/>

What Biden wants to do on immigration, briefly explained - <https://www.vox.com/2021/1/16/22234766/biden-immigration-plan-daca-tps-citizenship>

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Praying for hand soap and masks - https://phr.org/our-work/resources/praying-for-hand-soap-and-masks/?CID=7015G000001dEsyQAE&ms=FY21_COVID_in_Detention_nonopeners&utm_medium=email&utm_source=non_openers&utm_content=Email_1-rs&utm_term=01142021&utm_campaign=FY21_COVID_in_Detention_Action&dm_i=4GV7,D80Y,11FFC0,1DOYX,1

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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 with a request

Action Five: Social Media: (@JoeBiden) As people of faith, we believe people should never be scared out of receiving the medical care they need. The COVID vaccine is crucial to our country's recovery, and everyone should have access to it—including immigrants.

Thank you for your efforts!