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What's Happening?

Immigrant children denied the chance to request asylum face deportation - BuzzFeed

Biden faces early test with immigration and Homeland Security after Trump - NY Times

Immigration officers have been told not to communicate with Biden's transition team - BuzzFeed

Fed'l judge blocks efforts to expand crimes for denying asylum - AP

White House nixed deal to pay for mental healthcare for migrant families separated at border - NBC News

Fed'l judge halts 'public health' expulsions of children at the border - NY Times

Fed'l judge rules restricting DACA program were invalid - The Record

Compliant filed against SF immigration judge accused of hostile treatment - NBC News

Critics call new citizenship test, which takes effect Dec 1, too long, politicized - Wash Post

Border work builders carry on, but project may never be completed - NPR

Action One: Prayer

O Blessed Mary, Mother of Mercy, you fled into exile in the moonlight, carrying your son, our Lord Jesus. You shared his journey to the Cross, and are now robed in the light of peace. Mary, Mother of the Poor, watch over migrants and refugees holding their families close on fearful journeys. Comfort and protect them, we pray, as they walk beneath the shining stars. Bless our communities, loving Mary, fill our hearts with compassion, help us to shelter the stranger, and share the goodness of God's consoling love with all our neighbors. Amen. (*Rachel McCarthy/CAFOD*)

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&eId=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 - Send a message to the San Antonio ICE Field Office and demand that these families get access to legal support they need to fight their cases. https://www.raicestexas.org/2020/11/19/ice-transferred-families-from-hotels-to-immigration-prisons/?ms=em20201119_karnes_tellice&emci=164d5f89-b32a-eb11-9fb4-0003ff196a4c&emdi=80b87d8f-b32a-eb11-9fb4-0003ff196a4c&ceid=98335

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell ICE to stop deportation of children and their families -
https://act.amnestyusa.org/page/59764/action/1

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand McConnell and Senate to pass Covid19 relief not more federal judges.
https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-to-the-us-senate-you-must-focus-on-covid-19-relief-immediately-not-more-federal-judge-confirmations?source=2020SenatePassCOVIDNotJudges_CHN&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/covidsenateletters&link_id=2&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_992551&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_992551&email_subject=sign-if-you-agree-the-senate-must-finally-pass-pandemic-relief

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to deliver a Covid19 health and stimulus bill that actually works for immigrant families. https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/take-action/

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to pass Covid19 relief now.
https://secure.bread.org/site/Advocacy;jsessionid=00000000.app30038b?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=393&autologin=true&NONCE_TOKEN=82014D0998329CA4971FF5EE95C16065

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stop the deportation of survivors and witnesses of ICE abuse -
https://action.mijente.net/petitions/protect-survivors-of-medical-abuse-in-ice-custody

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

NATIONAL LEVEL – Take the families belong together pledge. Add your name to our pledge to step up commitment in the fight to liberate families. https://actionnetwork.org/forms/take-the-families-belong-together-pledge

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to protect migrants and refugees in a Covid19 relief pkg.
https://sistersagainsttrafficking.salsalabs.org/WorldRefugeeDay2020/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=24106526-ce35-4684-8bd3-fe2784bfbb82

Action Three: Education
Border work builders carry on, but project may never be completed -
https://www.npr.org/2020/11/16/934784015/trumps-border-wall-builders-carry-on-even-though-projects-may-never-be-completed

'I can't feed myself': DC restaurant famous for feeding the homeless daily now struggling
https://wjla.com/news/local/dc-pakistani-immigrant-restaurant-viral-feeding-homeless-struggling-covid?fbclid=IwAR1UDPyJDrS74Pw0nwBnAk3r6HTIFdIhyaMyUwFofZyT1S3qwm47P3peymc

Can Biden reverse Trump's immigration crackdown? - https://www.dallasnews.com/news/immigration/2020/11/13/will-a-biden-administration-really-reverse-the-trump-administration-crackdown-on-immigrants/

Fashion activism in 2020: How brands are fighting for immigrants' rights -
https://www.glossy.co/fashion/fashion-activism-in-2020-how-brands-are-fighting-for-immigrants-rights/

Federal judge rules restricting DACA program were invalid - https://therecordnewspaper.org/federal-judge-rules-restricting-daca-program-were-invalid/

Inside the lives of immigrant teens working dangerous night shifts in suburban factories -
https://www.propublica.org/article/inside-the-lives-of-immigrant-teens-working-dangerous-night-shifts-in-suburban-factories?utm_source=sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=majorinvestigations&utm_content=feature

Building a new regional migration system: redefining US cooperation with Mexico and Central America - https://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/new-regional-migration-system-us-mexico-central-america

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: **(@Sen/Rep)** Since the start of the pandemic, immigrants have been working the frontlines. As we prepare for the holidays, we need to remember essential workers' lives are on the line. They are important and not disposable so please support them. ==Thank you for your efforts!==