



September 12 - 18, 2022

What's Happening

Farmers are eager for Senate to vote on migrant worker bill - The Hill

US expects to use all employment based green cards this year - WSJ

More than 230 Afghan refugee children are alone in the US without families - NBC News

Immigration emergency declared in Washington DC – Newsweek

DHS unwinds Trump-era public charge restrictions - The Hill

Health benefits received no longer factored in immigration criteria - Axios

More migrants from TX arrive in Chicago, the fourth group of buses in less than two weeks - Chicago Trib

Third wave of immigrants arrive in Chicago from Texas - Chicago Sun Times

NYC representatives go to US southern border to learn about helping asylum seekers - Border Report

San Antonio migrant center policy pushes some onto the street - San Antonio Report

Action One: Prayer

God our Father, we pray that you provide your divine protection to all migrants, particularly those whose material poverty pushes them to find opportunities elsewhere. Show us how we might reach out to these vulnerable populations and help them to begin a new life in a new home. Open our hearts, so that we may provide hospitality for all who come in search of refuge. Give us the courage to welcome every stranger, as Christ in our midst. Bring our voices together to call for the end to unjust economic conditions that require these children of God to leave their homelands in search of a dignified existence. We ask this through your name. Amen. (USCCB)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Sec Mayorkas to shut down Berks immigrant prison once and for all.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-secretary-mayorkas-to-shut-down-the-berks-immigrant-prison-once-and-for-all?source=direct_link&

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to swiftly pass the bipartisan Afghan Adjustment Act.

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-swiftly-pass-the-bipartisan-afghan-adjustment-act/>

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

<https://p2a.co/2tslYQu>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Protect immigrants and refugees. Congress is determining funding levels for 2023 right now. Urge your member of Congress to make needed investments in programs that offer protection and welcome for migrants and refugees.

<https://fctl.quorum.us/campaign/40541/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to support funding to reunite separated families.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/tell-congress-support-funding-to-reunite-separated-families?detail=emailaction&link_id=4&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-act-now-to-reunite-separated-families-2&email_referrer=email_1642119&email_subject=sign-the-petition-reunite-families-seeking-asylum

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge state and local leaders to support refugee resettlement in FY 2023.

<https://cwsqglobal.org/action-alerts/urgent-action-tell-your-state-local-lawmakers-to-urge-administration-to-set-refugee-admissions-goal-at-200000-for-fy-2023/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - US must restore the refugee admission program. Ask the Biden admin to raise refugee admissions for the coming fiscal year.

https://act.hias.org/page/44039/action/1?utm_medium=email&utm_source=hias.org&utm_campaign=advocacy&utm_content=+Take+Action:+The+U.S.+Should+Welcome+200k+Refugees+in+2023&ea.url.id=1400780&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Help our new Afghan neighbors to integrate. Tell Congress to support the Afghan Adjustment Act. <https://www.votervoicenet/USCCB/Campaigns/97338/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Congress must pass the Afghan Adjustment Act.

https://act.hias.org/page/43442/action/1?utm_medium=email&utm_source=hias.org&utm_campaign=advocacy&utm_content=It%E2%80%99s+time+to+pass+the+Afghan+Adjustment+Act&ea.url.id=1391005&forwarded=true

Action Three: Education

NYC representatives go to US southern border to learn about helping asylum seekers -

<https://www.borderreport.com/hot-topics/border-culture/busing-of-migrants-from-border-strengthening-advocacy-networks/>

(Commentary) The public charge final rule is far from the last -

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/news/public-charge-final-rule-far-last-word?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=321024a8-133e-4086-ad45-f8e4fa8bd1ac>

Health benefits received no longer factored in immigration criteria -

<https://www.axios.com/2022/09/09/health-benefits-received-immigration-criteria-biden>

(Pew Research) Immigration policy is top concern for Dems and Reps, but they have different priorities -

<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2022/09/08/republicans-and-democrats-have-different-top-priorities-for-u-s-immigration-policy/>

DHS unwinds Trump-era public charge restrictions - <https://thehill.com/policy/national-security/3633774-dhs-unwinds-trump-era-public-charge-restrictions/?emci=413dbf7a-8930-ed11-ae83-281878b83d8a&emdi=37736801-da31-ed11-ae83-281878b83d8a&ceid=9493976>

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW ONLINE FRIDAY ROSARY: The Rosary prayer is conducted every Friday at 7:15 a.m. 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 you are interested in participating, email kdonayre@icdichicago.org to be added to the emailing list.

ICDI Monthly meetings: Monthly meetings on the 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. Everyone is welcome. Register here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisiJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@POTUS) Last month, POTUS started the critical work of ending Remain in Mexico, a policy that put asylum seekers in serious danger. So far, DHS has fallen short. Please fix this and keep your promise to end the danger for those seeking asylum and safety.

Thank you for your efforts!