



**July 3 - 9, 2023**

### **What's Happening**

**Chicago could open as many as 5 migrant shelters - Chicago Sun Times**

**US military offering citizenship inducements to immigrants - SLATE**

**Business leaders ask Biden for more work visas - The Hill**

**Another bus of TX migrants arrives at Union Station in downtown LA - LA Times**

**On July 1, FL hospitals start asking patient's immigration status - Sun Sentinel**

**US restarts asylum appointments at Mexico border town despite extortions - Reuters**

**Truckers threaten Florida boycott over immigration law - Tampa Bay Times**

**FL farmers use guest worker program to find labor - Tampa Bay Times**

**US arrest 4 in deaths of 53 migrants discovered in tractor-trailer - WGN TV News**

**Canada is launching a new program to poach America's skilled foreign workers – Reason**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**God of all, we struggle to welcome those we don't know to join our communities. Please guide our actions so we may be a reflection of your love. We struggle to find common ground with those who are from different places and have different customs. Please guide our words so we speak with charity and hospitality. We struggle to remember our own times of transition and uncertainty. Please send your Holy Spirit to challenge our assumptions. May we continue to seek new ways to find you in our lives. May we Share the Journey with one another, every day. We ask all this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (from Bread for the World)**

### **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

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

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Support policies to welcome asylum seekers and reject further militarization of the border -**

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-tell-congress-to-support-policies-that-welcome-asylum-seekers-and-reject-the-further-militarization-of-the-border/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Biden Admin withdraw the asylum ban -**

[https://act.hias.org/page/54008/action/1?en\\_txn6=MR-EM-FY23-06-asylum\\_ban\\_2023-advo-full\\_file-1&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=EngagingNetworks&utm\\_campaign=AsylumTransitBan&utm\\_content=230630+AsylumTransitBan+ActionAlert+e1+Remainder&ea.url.id=1854164&forwarded=true](https://act.hias.org/page/54008/action/1?en_txn6=MR-EM-FY23-06-asylum_ban_2023-advo-full_file-1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EngagingNetworks&utm_campaign=AsylumTransitBan&utm_content=230630+AsylumTransitBan+ActionAlert+e1+Remainder&ea.url.id=1854164&forwarded=true)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - The New Way Forward Act provides a bold vision of what our immigration system should look like and advances our values of compassion and respect for everyone's rights. Add you name in support of the New Way Forward Act -**

<https://newwayforwardact.org/2022/02/28/support-nwf-petition/>

**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](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>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress we support refugees.**

[https://act.oxfamamerica.org/page/53801/action/1?ea.campaigner.email=&en\\_txn7=mass-prospects&en\\_txn9=advocacy&utm\\_campaign=FY24-WRD&utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=263240094&hsenc=p2ANqtz-KuGHovR6z\\_rEJ4OC8yU4eioTe76BIXbpl9tqQ\\_6iHLeDFhTtxQyK4-fi8btOOYzugoGTqBtMDtpi8muaZd44ZUseA&utm\\_content=primary\\_cta&utm\\_source=FY24-0620-Advocacy-OAAF-Mig-e3-sla](https://act.oxfamamerica.org/page/53801/action/1?ea.campaigner.email=&en_txn7=mass-prospects&en_txn9=advocacy&utm_campaign=FY24-WRD&utm_medium=email&hsmi=263240094&hsenc=p2ANqtz-KuGHovR6z_rEJ4OC8yU4eioTe76BIXbpl9tqQ_6iHLeDFhTtxQyK4-fi8btOOYzugoGTqBtMDtpi8muaZd44ZUseA&utm_content=primary_cta&utm_source=FY24-0620-Advocacy-OAAF-Mig-e3-sla)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Support DACA on its 11th anniversary. Remind your MOC that we must create a pathway to citizenship for DACA holders**<https://p2a.co/6Ho1sBR>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to pass a pathway to citizenship for DACA now.**

[https://act.nilc.org/page/53665/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20230613\\_DACALookback\\_NILC&ea.url.id=1821168&forwarded=true](https://act.nilc.org/page/53665/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20230613_DACALookback_NILC&ea.url.id=1821168&forwarded=true)

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

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

### **Action Three: Education**

**A well-known nun helps Texas governor bus migrants to LA -**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2023-06-29/nun-norma-pimentel-texas-migrant-busing-controversy>

**Canada is launching a new pgm to poach America's skilled foreign workers**

<https://reason.com/2023/06/28/canada-is-poaching-americas-high-skilled-foreign-workers/>

**Nearly 2,000 migrants have died crossing the Mediterranean Sea this year -**

<https://www.npr.org/2023/06/28/1184581187/migrant-deaths-mediterranean-crossing>

**Ending birthright citizenship is easier said than done -**

<https://www.tampabay.com/news/florida-politics/2023/06/28/desantis-birthright-citizenship-immigrants-constitution/>

**Critics say Florida immigration law will also impact non-immigrants -** <https://floridaphoenix.com/2023/06/28/with-fls-immigration-law-set-to-start-july-1-critics-say-it-will-impact-non-immigrants-as-well/>

**US military offering citizenship inducements to immigrants -** <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2023/06/us-citizenship-military-immigrations-naturalization-deportation-faustian-bargain.html>

### **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](mailto: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: (@POTUS)** Thousands of undocumented high school students are navigating their college & career plans without protections or certainty. Educators with DACA are acting as essential mentors for these youth, but it's not enough. Immigrant youth need permanent protections. Period. **Thank you for your efforts!**