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What's Happening

Afghans refugees in US face uncertainty as legislation stalls - AP

Advocacy group reunites Mexican immigrants with their families for holidays - NPR

Mexico draws more asylum seekers despite grisly violence - LA Times

Supreme Court orders Title 42 to remain until at least February - Poynter.org

2 miles of border fencing installed in El Paso area as migrants surge around TX - CNN

Nicaraguans join the mass of people migrating to the US - NY Times

Afghan Adjustment Act: Republicans block veteran supported bill - Wash Post

US asylum backlog is nearing 1.6 million, the highest number on record - CNN

Ukrainians offered haven in US while others wait - WSJ

Texas National Guard blocks migrant flow across the border in El Paso - Wash Post

Chief Justice Roberts briefly halts decision banning border expulsion - NY Times

Action One: Prayer

O God, we pray for all those in our world who are suffering from injustice: For those who are discriminated against because of their race, color or religion; For those imprisoned for working for the relief of oppression; For those who are hounded for speaking the inconvenient truth; For those tempted to violence as a cry against overwhelming hardship; For those deprived of reasonable health and education; For those suffering from hunger and famine; For those too weak to help themselves and who have no one else to help them; For the unemployed who cry out for work but do not find it. We pray for anyone of our acquaintance who is personally affected by injustice. Forgive us, Lord, if we unwittingly share in the conditions or in a system that perpetuates injustice. Show us how we can serve your children and make your love practical by washing their feet. (Mother Teresa)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition to US Senate - pass the Puerto Rico status act -

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/sign-the-petition-to-the-us-senate-pass-the-puerto-rico-status-act?detail=emailaction&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-the-petition-to-the-us-senate-pass-the-puerto-rico-status-act-2&email_referrer=email_1769786&email_subject=sign-the-petition-to-the-us-senate-pass-the-puerto-rico-status-act

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Biden: allow entry to families denied by Trump's Muslim and African bans - <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-allow-entry-to-families-denied-by-trumps-muslim-and-african-bans/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - DACA still in danger! ADD YOUR NAME: PROTECT ALL IMMIGRANTS!
https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-up-now-to-defend-all-immigrants?source=direct_link&

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress that undocumented immigrant youth need protection.
https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-undocumented-immigrant-youth-need-protection-from-deportations/?source=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/protections_for_dreamers&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1765882&email_subject=immigrant-rights-are-human-rights&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1765882

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to reject anti-asylum policies that perpetuate violence and racism. <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-reject-anti-asylum-policies-that-perpetuate-violence-and-racism/>

Action Three: Education

How a town famous for xenophobia fell in love with immigrants -

https://www.nytimes.com/2022/12/17/world/canada/quebec-immigrants-xenophobia.html?unlocked_article_code=H4JBveE-nEsaUqr6QR3UQXKLil4HjitASsKhm234JtXZs02cklJIWOVnvuefYFe2f1PFqCCfweBIXAoRX9RGh1K63ldCT7XQQ0TGdcWURYVmJY61GRXDqJ8EbqCuvWsM1fxhll6oxFxlQLHKVSHbRdPHNpi6ZUVu9TdW_Z40n2bV7oWomYB8RAiJMcm7OTx3hQ0fxkjjfjBEIESinly9xPccrHN7GiuMJEHF7XTwuZtAMBTfoGTIs23QYqsdjIRu2nu34qwbUFxyJ6kxS2w6Rolxw0mBt7T4dMP-CroCv_fnbNDOEUVRzB1_dmiODZXoav30fhLoBKE-RWq2UKarF6uG0v42Hj2-FBCF&smid=em-share

DHS's Public Charge final rule goes into effect Dec 23 - <https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/alerts/dhss-public-charge-final-rule-goes-into-effect-on-dec-23#:~:text=On%20Dec.%2023%2C%202022%2C,public%20charge%20ground%20of%20inadmissibility>

Climate migration and the future of immigration policy in the US - <https://cmsny.org/us-climate-migration-mahmud-121522/>

Nicaraguans join the mass of people migrating to the US - <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/12/27/world/americas/nicaragua-us-migration.html>

Title 42 actually contributes to increased migration numbers, data suggests - <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/title-42-contributes-increased-migration-numbers-data-suggests/story?id=95616742>

Report - Alternative pathways for arrivals at the border: a holistic response to increasing migration in the western hemisphere - <https://immigrationforum.org/article/alternative-pathways-for-arrivals-at-the-border-a-holistic-response-to-increasing-migration-in-the-western-hemisphere/>

Will lifting Title 42 cause a border crisis? It's already here - <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/12/29/us/title-42-border-el-paso.html>

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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwinisjJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@Sen/Rep) Our New Year's resolutions for 2023 – pay and protect immigrant workers, welcome asylum seekers and pass citizenship for immigrant youth. We stand strong in our commitment to building a just and humane immigration system.

Thank you for your efforts!