



**November 20 - 26, 2023**

### **What's Happening**

**Border wall falls leave migrants with devastating and costly injuries - NY Times**

**Democratic-led cities pay for migrants' tickets to other places as resources dwindle - AP**

**Texas suit could kill "parole" program for immigrants from four countries - Texas Tribune**

**Biden and Mexico's leader pledge to work together on border issues, drugs - Wash Post**

**TX legislature votes to seize immigration authority from Feds - Texas Observer**

**Mexico rejects TX proposal to deport undocumented immigrants - Texas Tribune**

**Chicago imposing 60-day limit on migrants in shelters - WBEZ**

**Many migrants in Chicago are ineligible for status allowing for work permits - CBS News**

**Advocates march in Wash DC to demand work permits for migrants - VOA**

**El Salvador slaps a \$1,130 fee on African and Indian travelers as US pressures it to curb migration - Wash Post**

**TX legislators approve bill allowing police to arrest people who cross the border illegally - Texas Trib**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**We thank you for opening the hearts of many to those who are fleeing for their lives. Help us now to open our arms in welcome, and reach out our hands in support. That the desperate may find new hope, and lives torn apart be restored. We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. (Author Unknown)**

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Send a letter. Demand Congress deliver a pathway to citizenship**

<https://unitedwedream.org/actions/send-a-letter-demand-congress-deliver-a-pathway-to-citizenship/?source=partner&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=f5aa4e6e-925e-4b84-b00a-e17dd1ffd05f>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to support asylum seeker work authorization act -**

[https://act.hias.org/page/54296/action/1?en\\_txn6=MR-EM-FY23-07-asylum\\_ban\\_2023-advo-full\\_file-1&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=EngagingNetworks&utm\\_campaign=230707\\_Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization\\_Action\\_Remainder&utm\\_content=230707+Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization+Action+Remainder&ea.url.id=1865401&forwarded=true](https://act.hias.org/page/54296/action/1?en_txn6=MR-EM-FY23-07-asylum_ban_2023-advo-full_file-1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EngagingNetworks&utm_campaign=230707_Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization_Action_Remainder&utm_content=230707+Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization+Action+Remainder&ea.url.id=1865401&forwarded=true)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to fund refugee and newcomer inclusion -**

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-fund-refugee-newcomer-inclusion-and-restore-needed-services-for-ukrainian-and-afghan-neighbors/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=bf6255be-6ec9-4356-a9bd-241dfc6f3993>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to protect abused, abandoned immigrant children.**

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-protect-abused-abandoned-and-neglected-immigrant-children/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MOC that you want them to co-sponsor and support the Asylum Seeker Work Authorization Act.**

<https://www.refugeesinternational.org/actions/let-asylum-seekers-work/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Immigrants are facing detention and deportation without a lawyer. Add your name to support the Fairness to Freedom Act.**

[https://secure.vera.org/a/fairness-to-freedom-act-sign-on-3?ms=acqi\\_comm\\_all\\_progam\\_Vera24\\_ctr\\_Sep5&utm\\_source=progam&utm\\_medium=acqi&utm\\_campaign=all\\_Sep5&link\\_id=1&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_2107133&email\\_subject=no-one-should-face-deportation-proceedings-alone](https://secure.vera.org/a/fairness-to-freedom-act-sign-on-3?ms=acqi_comm_all_progam_Vera24_ctr_Sep5&utm_source=progam&utm_medium=acqi&utm_campaign=all_Sep5&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_2107133&email_subject=no-one-should-face-deportation-proceedings-alone)

**NATIONAL LEVEL – Tell Congress to pass permanent protections for immigrant youth:**

<https://act.nilc.org/page/46080/action/1?ea.tracking.id=web>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Ask Biden/DHS Mayorkas to designate/ re-designate TPS for Ethiopia, Syria, Pakistan and Democratic Rep of the Congo.**

<https://act.nilc.org/page/57272/petition/1?supporter.appealCode=20230925 EG Migration NILC&ea.url.id=2009673&forwarded=true>

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

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell DHS Mayorkas to fast track work permits for noncitizens.**

[https://secure.everyaction.com/i/APXBA-j\\_kGpcM1\\_fKLWZw2?emci=dc9b1342-ad51-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=11684080-4052-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=10679](https://secure.everyaction.com/i/APXBA-j_kGpcM1_fKLWZw2?emci=dc9b1342-ad51-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=11684080-4052-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=10679)

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

<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act to protect Afghans**

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-pass-the-afghan-adjustment-act-to-protect-afghans-at-risk/>

**Action Three: Education**

**Accent discrimination is a problem in our church -** <https://uscatholic.org/articles/202311/accent-discrimination-is-a-problem-in-our-church/>

**Many migrants in Chicago are ineligible for status allowing for work permits -**

<https://www.cbsnews.com/chicago/news/migrants-ineligible-federal-protection-status-work-permits/>

**In Chicago, asylum seekers will be limited to 60 day stay at city run shelters -**

<https://blockclubchicago.org/2023/11/15/asylum-seekers-will-be-limited-to-60-day-stays-at-city-run-shelters-mayor-says/>

**TX legislature votes to seize immigration authority from Feds -** <https://www.texasobserver.org/texas-legislature-votes-to-seize-immigration-authority-from-feds/>

**Migrants in Oak Park get help from the community -** <https://www.wbez.org/stories/migrants-in-oak-park-get-help-from-the-community/88095f6c-8d12-4ec4-a252-84b90e1da48b>

**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

**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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisiJ>

**Action Five: Social Media: (@Potus) Dreamers deserve full certainty they can build a life in the only country they've ever known – and that includes having access to healthcare. Tell Potus to finalize a rule to expand healthcare for DACA recipients. Thank you for your efforts!**