



October 30 – November 5, 2023

What's Happening

Migrants who follow US entry rules face endless wait - NY Times

Maine asks for fed'l waiver to let asylum seekers go to work - Portland Press Herald

TX passes bill allowing police officers to arrest migrants - Texas Tribune

TX sues to stop border patrol from removing border razor wire - Texas Tribune

Border crossing by Venezuelans decline as Biden starts deportations - Wash Post

Immigrants welcomed to fill Nebraska's labor shortage - Nebraska Examiner

Smuggling migrants toward the US is a booming business - WSJ

Biden to host Americas summit to address immigration struggles - CBS News

Nicaragua is 'weaponizing' US-bound migrants as Haitians pour in on charter flights - AP

Record breaking number of Cuban migrants entered the US in 2022-23 - Politico

Latin Amer countries urge US to lift sanctions on Cuba & Venezuela to curb migration- El Pais

Fed'l agents found more than two dozen minors working in Ohio poultry plant - NBC News

As New Hampshire expands surveillance along Canadian border, advocated push back - New Hampshire public radio

Action One: Prayer

Give peace in our time, O good and gracious God, that peace which, as your son Jesus Christ told us and as we have experienced in these days, is a peace which the world cannot give. To world leaders grant the wisdom to see beyond the boundaries of race, religion, and nation to that common humanity that makes us all your children and brothers and sisters to one another. Amen. (Xavier University's Center for Faith & Justice)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell our legislators that the US can do better. We need welcoming policies for asylum seekers. https://uusi.salsalabs.org/iat_welcoming-asylum_after-title42/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=dc77e6ad-ad8c-4081-84d8-4f0b23b6bb23

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to support policies that 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 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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to safeguard children in need and ensure communities have access to religious workers - <https://www.voterveice.net/JFI/Campaigns/106758/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress and ask them to pass meaningful and permanent border solutions - <https://p2a.co/yJDU7s5>

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 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/iAPXBA-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/>

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/>

Action Three: Education

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https://www.nytimes.com/2023/10/24/world/americas/venezuela-migrants-darien-gap-biden.html?unlocked_article_code=1.5Ew.aNVO.ClwDixeFAFry&smid=url-share

Immigrants are ‘suffering’ people in need of help, says Sister Norma Pimentel -
<https://thecatholicspirit.com/news/local-news/sister-norma-pimentel-to-eradicate-hate-radicalize-kindness/>

Biden to host Americas summit to address immigration struggles -
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/biden-to-host-immigration-americas-summit-november/>

Why are so many migrant families still separated? Chaos in the data.
<https://news.northwestern.edu/stories/2023/10/why-are-so-many-migrant-families-still-separated-chaos-in-the-data/>

Why Latino and Ukrainian migrations to Chicago worked out so differently -
<https://www.axios.com/local/chicago/2023/10/25/migrants-refugees-ukraine-latino-mexico-border>

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) No matter what games politicians play to divide and distract us all – the truth remains that immigrants are essential and always will be.

Thank you for your efforts!