



**December 19 - 25, 2022**

### **What's Happening**

**Hope for DACA deal fizzles as border security takes top priority - Texas Trib**

**Immigration deal for 'Dreamers' appears to run out of time - Roll Call**

**Fedl judge says Biden can't yet end 'Remain in Mexico' immigration policy - CNN**

**Officials of both parties warn the US/Mexico border is ill prepared - Wash Post**

**US border cities strained ahead of expected migrant surge - AP**

**Legal immigration to the US rebounds from pandemic drop in visa approvals - CBS News**

**Mass migrant crossing floods Texas border facilities - NY Times**

**Title 42 near end, asylum seekers cross US border in large numbers - EL Paso Times**

**Biden restarts task force on immigrants' success in US - AP**

**Immigrants sue ICE for spying on their financial records - Seattle Times**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**Lord of All, some of us make our homes on hills, others in valleys. Some in tall buildings, some on shorelines, some at risk on the street. And we divide up our patches with lines we scratch into the ground and call them borders. Where the lines don't suffice, we build fences. Where fences fail, we dig moats. Where moats aren't enough, we erect walls. But what if we were to look across these borders? Across the fence, moat, and wall and see you on the other side? Lord, teach us to reach across all borders, fabricated or natural, to join with all our brothers and sisters to unify, and not separate. To honor all who wander seeking hope, seeking opportunity—seeking you as assuredly as we seek you. Lord, let no border ring our hearts. May we find a place within them for all. Turn our hands from building walls toward building justice. Stretch our arms across the fence, wall and moat to seek out those on the other side that we might find you in each other's eyes, In each other's hands, In each other's wounds. Amen (CRS)**

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to act now for a pathway to citizenship -**

[https://networklobby.org/advocacy-action/?vvsrsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f99282%2fRespond%3fvvcgUT%3dfSWRBX2aM9MZcjPHOXcRGw%26unregistered%3dfSWRBX2aM9MZcjPHOXcRGw%26vvcgRD%3dBc7NF76AJ9r7KyM3G%26vvsbr%3dewzZxz2N4ffhgQP0Cg\\_K1A](https://networklobby.org/advocacy-action/?vvsrsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f99282%2fRespond%3fvvcgUT%3dfSWRBX2aM9MZcjPHOXcRGw%26unregistered%3dfSWRBX2aM9MZcjPHOXcRGw%26vvcgRD%3dBc7NF76AJ9r7KyM3G%26vvsbr%3dewzZxz2N4ffhgQP0Cg_K1A)

**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](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/>

**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 - Support DACA recipients before the end of 2022.** [https://ignatiansolidarity.net/action-alerts/support-daca-recipients-before-end-of-2022/?utm\\_source=ISN+Updates+List&utm\\_campaign=9e696e1261-05.01.20 immigration update COPY 01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f721035495-9e696e1261-256933231&mc\\_cid=9e696e1261&mc\\_eid=4a4f05da92](https://ignatiansolidarity.net/action-alerts/support-daca-recipients-before-end-of-2022/?utm_source=ISN+Updates+List&utm_campaign=9e696e1261-05.01.20%20immigration%20update%20COPY%2001&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f721035495-9e696e1261-256933231&mc_cid=9e696e1261&mc_eid=4a4f05da92)

**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](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 your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform.** <https://p2a.co/KutxwRc>

**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&](https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-up-now-to-defend-all-immigrants?source=direct_link&)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the US to build a just and humane immigration system.** <https://www.sistersofmercy.org/mercy-for-justice/action-alerts/?vvsrvc=%2fCampaigns%2f98946%2fRespond>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Ensure human rights and needs of Venezuelans are being met.** [https://www.jrsusa.org/take-action-for-displaced-venezuelans/?utm\\_source=Pardot&utm\\_medium=Action+Alert&utm\\_campaign=Title42Venezuela](https://www.jrsusa.org/take-action-for-displaced-venezuelans/?utm_source=Pardot&utm_medium=Action+Alert&utm_campaign=Title42Venezuela)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Your Senators to Pass Immigration Reforms This Year -** <https://p2a.co/Z3J8nt2>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Send a letter to your MOC urging them to protect family immigration in any year-end package.** <https://advancingjustice-aaic.quorum.us/advancingjustice-aaic.immigration/>

### **Action Three: Education**

**As immigration politics pay out, Catholics at the border focus on people -** <https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2022/12/as-immigration-politics-play-out-catholics-at-the-border-focus-on-people>

**Legal immigration to the US rebounds from pandemic drop in visa approvals -** <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/immigration-us-visa-approvals-rebound-covid-19-pandemic/>

**50 years ago, a boat of Haitian refugees arrived in Miami -** <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/haiti/article269765082.html>

**Immigration revisions would alleviate worker shortages -** <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2022/12/15/immigration-reform-congress-worker-shortage/>

**Republicans accuse Catholic Charities of breaking the law in its border response -** [https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2022/12/15/border-crisis-republicans-catholic-charities-244359?s=09&fbclid=IwAR3UpFyT4gX5izUK13cynvCMTQNs0hxUWtPQZ7jzuDuoSj\\_Yjo\\_BvNlnLoU&mibextid=Zxz2cZ&utm\\_source=ISN+Updates+List&utm\\_campaign=9e696e1261-05.01.20 immigration update COPY 01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f721035495-9e696e1261-256933231&mc\\_cid=9e696e1261&mc\\_eid=4a4f](https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2022/12/15/border-crisis-republicans-catholic-charities-244359?s=09&fbclid=IwAR3UpFyT4gX5izUK13cynvCMTQNs0hxUWtPQZ7jzuDuoSj_Yjo_BvNlnLoU&mibextid=Zxz2cZ&utm_source=ISN+Updates+List&utm_campaign=9e696e1261-05.01.20%20immigration%20update%20COPY%2001&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f721035495-9e696e1261-256933231&mc_cid=9e696e1261&mc_eid=4a4f)

### **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](mailto: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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5Bwjnisj>

**Action Five: Social Media: (@Sen/Rep)** For 10 years, DACA has been a lifeline for immigrant youth who call this country home. But it has never been enough. Congress, it way past time to come together and deliver a pathway to citizenship. **Thank you for your efforts!**