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What's Happening

Work permits increase but undocumented immigrants are still left behind - The Hill

Undocumented immigrants from India entering US via Canada - VOA

Congress cuts funds cities need to handle the migrant surge - CNN

Federal court examining Florida immigration challenge - CBS News

More than half the US foreign-born population live in four states - AP

Iowa Gov signs law letting police arrest undocumented immigrants - Des Moines Register

Construction begins on TX's Operation Lone Star border military base camp in Eagle Pass - Austin American Statesman

TX Dems call on colleges to set aside FAFSA funds for immigrant families affected by the glitch - Texas Tribune

Hundreds of migrants still arriving in Chicago's suburbs - Chicago Trib

US-China in 'high-level talks' to deport more Chinese natl, per DHS secretary - NBC News

Mayorkas expresses 'confidence' facing potential Senate impeachment - Miami Herald

Action One: Prayer

Good and gracious God, we ask that you provide special protection for all families, particularly those who must leave their ancestral homes because the land can no longer sustain the members of the community. Be with them in their hardships as they move in search of a better life. Show mercy to those who travel in danger, and lead them to places of safety and peace. Comfort those who are alone and afraid because their families have been torn apart by changing weather patterns, altered landscapes, natural disasters, and acts of war and aggression. Help us to remember the suffering of all migrant families and to open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality to our sisters and brothers in search of refuge. Give us the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst. We ask this in your name. Amen. (Catholic Health Assoc.)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL -Email your legislators urging them to protect family immigration.

<https://advancingjustice-aaic.quorum.us/campaign/43496/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urges DHS to take immediate steps to keep families together and grant TPS to Ecuadorians. <https://action.momsrising.org/sign/tps-for-ecuador/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell TX AG Paxton to stop your anti-immigrant, anti-religion attacks on Annunciation House. <https://act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/annunciation-house/?t=2&akid=9293%2E853384%2E4oetu8>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC: Co-sponsor the End Solitary Confinement Act -
<https://nrcat.salsalabs.org/esca-cosponsorship/index.html>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition - seeking asylum is a human right.
https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-seeking-asylum-is-a-human-right?source=2024Asylum_DK&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2FdKll2024%3Frefcode%3D20240116SWAsylum&link_id=2&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_2173391&email_subject=sign-if-you-agree-seeking-asylum-is-a-human-right-that-must-be-protected&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_2173391

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress you support immigration reform that respect religious liberty. <https://www.votervoice.net/JFI/Campaigns/110431/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to invest in local communities' capacity to welcome refugees. <https://cwsqglobal.org/action-alerts/urgent-action-tell-congress-to-invest-in-local-communities-capacity-to-welcome-refugees/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform
<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition telling Biden to reunite immigrant families now.
<https://www.change.org/p/president-biden-please-reunite-families-now>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to defend asylum - <https://www.maryknollogc.org/action/tell-senate-defend-asylum>

NATIONAL LEVEL -- Reject billions to ICE and CBP <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/government-shutdown-averted>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your US Senator to pass bipartisan anti-trafficking legislation -
<https://www.votervoice.net/JFI/Campaigns/112506/Respond>

Action Three: Education

Movie puts a face on undocumented immigration - <https://www.bostonherald.com/2024/04/08/zoe-saldana-puts-face-on-illegal-immigration-in-absence-of-eden/>

TX Dems call on colleges to set aside FAFSA funds for immigrant families affected by the glitch - <https://www.texastribune.org/2024/04/08/fafsa-immigrant-students-congress-texas-democrats/>

24 hrs in a makeshift refuge for migrants in the CA wilderness
https://www.nytimes.com/2024/04/11/health/migrant-border-camp.html?unlocked_article_code=1.i00.V72h.Vc9I2aJEVuSf&smid=url-share

The Catholic Church's stance on immigration explained - <https://thedispatch.com/article/the-catholic-churchs-stance-on-immigration-explained/>

The Fed'l govt is cutting aid for migrant shelters and services. What will the States do now?
https://immigrationimpact.com/2024/04/09/government-cutting-aid-migrant-shelters-services/?utm_campaign=everaction&utm_medium=email&utm_source=&emci=582ee8ed-e7f8-ee11-aaf0-7c1e52017038&emdi=b679c427-67fa-ee11-aaf0-7c1e52017038&ceid=9493976

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: (@Rep/Sen) Congress must deliver a pathway to citizenship for immigrant youth. Support DACA. Help them to become citizens. **Thank you for your efforts!**