



May 29 – June 4, 2023

What's Happening

TX Senate panel passes border bill to add new crime, stiffer penalties - Texas Tribune

ICE continues Title 8 repatriation flights - Border Report

Seeking asylum and work, migrants bused out of NYC find hostility - WTOP News

Surging number of young migrants trying to reach US - WSJ

TX sues Biden admin, claiming app sparks unauthorized migration - AP

Biden admin officials pushing to send US troops to Darien Gap - NBC News

Fed'l Court rules US deportation law that fueled family separation is 'neutral as to race' - AP

1.5 million apply for US migrant sponsorship pgm with 30,000 monthly cap - CBS News

Mexico moving migrants away from borders to relieve pressure - AP

Hispanic women introduce bipartisan immigration bill in the US House - Wash Post

Action One: Prayer

Merciful God, we pray to you for all the men, women and children who have died after leaving their homelands in search of a better life. Though many of their graves bear no name, to you each one is known, loved and cherished. May we never forget them, but honor their sacrifice with deeds more than words. We entrust to you all those who have made this journey, enduring fear, uncertainty and humiliation, in order to reach a place of safety and hope. Merciful God and Father of all, wake us from the slumber of indifference, open our eyes to their suffering, and free us from the insensitivity born of worldly comfort and self-centeredness. Inspire us, as nations, communities and individuals, to see that those who come to our shores are our brothers and sisters. May we share with them the blessings we have received from your hand, and recognize that together, as one human family, we are all migrants, journeying in hope to you, our true home, where every tear will be wiped away, where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace. (Adapted from prayer by Pope Francis)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Spread the sunshine: Sign to support immigrants in Florida.

<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/spread-the-sunshine-sign-to-support-immigrants-in-florida/?source=partner>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell our national leaders to protect refugees and commemorate World

Refugee day on June 20th. <https://cwsqglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-tell-our-national-leaders-to-protect-refugees-and-commemorate-world-refugee-day-on-june-20th/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC to co-sign the Lift Your Bar Act.

<https://act.nilc.org/page/51422/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20230420 LTBA NILC&ea.url.id=1730645&forwarded=true>

NATIONAL LEVEL - The New Way Forward Act provides a bold vision of what our immigration system should look like and advances our values of compassion and respect for everyone's rights. Add you name in support of the New Way Forward Act -

<https://newwayforwardact.org/2022/02/28/support-nwf-petition/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden: No family detention. <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-president-biden-no-family-detention>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Let the Biden Admin know that it's wrong to support family detention.

https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-no-family-detention?source=2023FamilyDetention_MPC&referrer=group-mpower-change&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mpowerchange.org

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition to Biden - we need compassionate immigration reform.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-we-need-compassionate-immigration-reform?detail=emailaction&link_id=0&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-we-need-compassionate-immigration-reform-2&email_referrer=email_1919470&email_subject=sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-we-need-compassionate-immigration-reform

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress they must protect people fleeing persecution and violence.

https://fcnل.quorum.us/campaign/45318/?utm_campaign=lam&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ak&utm_term=31219.163285.EpuPpy

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

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to defund hate and cut ICE and CBP funding NOW.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/where-do-you-want-your-taxes-to-go?link_id=1&can_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&source=email-where-do-your-taxes-to-go&email_referrer=email_1884919&email_subject=where-do-your-taxes-go

Action Three: Education

Bipartisan immigration bill proposed - <https://rollcall.com/2023/05/23/salazar-escobar-to-propose-comprehensive-immigration-bill/>

Border views tied to opinion about immigrants, says poll - <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/border-situation-migrants-opinion-poll-2023-05-23-analysis/>

Mexico border crisis - what the US doesn't see - <https://www.axios.com/2023/05/26/border-mexico-us-immigration-policy>

Inside the border encampments where migrants await their chance to enter the US -

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/inside-the-border-encampments-where-migrants-await-their-chance-to-enter-u-s>

ICE continues Title 8 repatriation flights - <https://www.borderreport.com/immigration/ice-repatriation-flights-continue-under-title-8/>

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-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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisjJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@POTUS) 37 states have extended postpartum Medicaid coverage, but only a handful are granting it to undocumented people. All parents deserve comprehensive postpartum care — no matter how much they make or where they're from.

Thank you for your efforts!