



March 27 – April 2, 2023

What's Happening

FL students spend spring break helping asylum seekers in Mexican border towns - Border Report

More immigrants, paid childcare key to economic growth, the White House says - Reuters

Oregon bill would provide emergency housing regardless of immigration status - katu.com

Top Dems warn Biden: Don't restart family detentions - LA Times

House panel to focus not on Mexico border but rising immigration at sea - ABC News

US strikes deal with Canada over northern border, asylum seekers - LA Times

TX Senate committee to consider several controversial immigration and border security bills - keranews.org

US flies migrants caught at Canada border to Texas in deterrence efforts - Reuters

Canada sees record population growth in 2022 - CNN

Pope promotes 'humanitarian corridors' for asylum seekers - AP

Action One: Prayer

Creator God, open our eyes so we can see you in the eyes of our immigrant brothers and sisters, eyes downcast for having lived so long in the shadows, eyes challenging us to join them in the streets or picket lines, eyes lifted looking for the Christ light in us. Compassionate God, who has come to dwell among us, open our ears to hear the cries of your children, children being separated from their parents, rounded up in raids, led to detention centers, silently giving up dreams. God of Justice, who crosses all boundaries, give us courage to resist, to say NO to unfair labor practices, to unjust laws. Give us the strength to stand with and for your inclusive love, faith to believe, another world is necessary and possible. Let it begin with us. (United Church of Christ)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Biden admin not to bring back Trump's asylum ban.

<https://immigrationjustice.quorum.us/campaign/44910/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress - undocumented youth need protection from deportation.

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&ema

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 - Tell the Biden admin: family detention is immoral

<https://act.sojo.net/page/49892/action/1?ea.url.id=1666355&forwarded=true&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=e29bb0e7-16f7-46e9-9b6c-a963a8be7bf6>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Biden admin to put the safety of migrant children at the forefront.

<https://p2a.co/d0HUxXB>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge MOC to prevent the admin from reinstating family detention.

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-members-of-congress-to-prevent-the-administration-from-reinstating-family-detention>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Roll back the asylum ban - protect the right to asylum.

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/roll-back-the-asylum-ban-protect-the-right-to-asylum/?emci=3cd69ded-32bc-ed11-a8e0-00224832e811&emdi=9546c253-d0c4-ed11-a8e0-00224832e811&ceid=6321161>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Oppose the expansion of asylum restriction.

https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2023/03/10/action-alert-oppose-the-expansion-of-asylum-restrictions/?utm_source=ISN+Updates+List&utm_campaign=5d06d386c2-05.01.20+immigration+update+COPY+01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f721035495-5d06d386c2-256933231&mc_cid=5d06d386c2&mc_eid=4a4f05da92

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to pass the Dream Act of 2023 and provide permanent legal protections for Dreamers.

<https://p2a.co/69W1yUH>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden: No family detention.

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-president-biden-no-family-detention>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to welcome people seeking protection and reject dangerous and immoral anti-asylum policies

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-tell-our-national-leaders-to-welcome-people-seeking-protection-and-reject-dangerous-and-immoral-anti-asylum-policies/>

Action Three: Education

FL students spend spring break helping asylum seekers in Mexican border town

<https://www.borderreport.com/immigration/florida-students-spend-spring-break-helping-asylum-seekers-in-mexican-border-towns/>

America's last of immigration reform is pushing workers to Canada, the UK and Japan -

<https://www.businessinsider.com/america-immigration-needs-reform-losing-workers-2023-3>

Immigration law students win asylum case

<https://news.qsu.edu/2023/03/20/immigration-clinic-students-win-case-for-asylee/>

Q&A with Sr. Lidia Mara Silvia de Souza, a migrant with migrants, in Mexico -

<https://www.globalsistersreport.org/news/q-sr-lidia-mara-silva-de-souza-migrant-migrants-mexico>

Migrant lawyer made Florida history. Republicans are closing the door -

<https://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/politics/2023/03/23/migrant-lawyer-made-florida-history-republicans-desantis-closing-door-jose-godinez-samperio/70031056007/>

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) As extreme weather has swept across the country leaving many displaced, we must remember to protect our most vulnerable. Immigration status and income shouldn't determine the help and support our communities receive.

Thank you for your efforts!