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What's Happening

Hispanic Dems send letter urging Biden admin to investigate TX's separation of migrant fathers - PBS.org

Thousands more Mauritians are making their way to the US, thanks to a route spread by social media - AP

Biden admin extends TPS for Ukrainians in US - The Hill

Venezuelans, Nicaraguans ask for protected immigration status - CBS News

Nearly half the states allow in-state tuition for undocumented immigrants - NJ Monitor

Immigrant advocates moves to partially block FL's new immigration law - Miami Herald

Nearly 80% of TX floating buoys are technically in Mexico - CBS News

Oak Pk faith communities offer services to neighboring Austin based migrants -Austin weekly

Barrels of drinking water for migrants walking through TX disappear - AP

Landowners permission key in TX plan to arrest migrants, separate families - USA Today

Road closure does not prevent asylum seekers from entering Canada - Canadian Press

Action One: Prayer

**Lord God, help us to remember those who tonight will go to sleep unfed and unwelcome, strangers in foreign lands, people who have fled for their lives and are far from their homes. We lift up to you those who are escaping persecution and conflict, having fled death, torture or ruthless exploitation. So many carry wounds, mental and physical. So many have suffered greatly. Lord Jesus, give us more of your compassion for their plight, soften our hearts to their situation, and help us follow your lead in seeking justice and mercy on their behalf. We pray for an end to the wars, poverty and human rights abuses that drive desperate people to become refugees in the first place. We give thanks for people working in troubled countries and ask for more of your blessing so we can bring life, dignity and hope to those that remain. We thank you that you are Lord of all the earth and all its people are loved by you. We pray these things in the name of your Son who was himself born into the troubled life of a refugee.
(Author Unknown)**

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress that the US should lead in providing int'l humanitarian assistance - https://act.hias.org/page/55660/action/1?en_txn6=MR-EM-FY23-08-Appropriations-advo-full_file-1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EngagingNetworks&utm_campaign=230816_Appropriations_ActionAlert_e1&utm_content=230816+Appropriations+ActionAlert+e1&ea.url.id=1931541

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

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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 - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform -

<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden to reunite refugee families now.

<https://refugeerights.quorum.us/campaign/47496/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act to protect Afghans at risk -

<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 support the Vulnerable Immigrant Youth Act and ensure communities have access to immigrant religious workers -

<https://www.voterve.net/USCCB/Campaigns/106744/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Biden to fight the cruelties of Operation Lone Star -

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-president-biden-to-fight-the-cruelties-of-operation-lone-star/>

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

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

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.voterve.net/JFI/Campaigns/106758/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stand in solidarity with our Afghan neighbors -

<https://www.voterve.net/JFI/Campaigns/106755/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action - oppose proposed cuts to refugee funding.

https://www.irsusa.org/take-action-to-oppose-proposed-cuts-to-refugee-funding/?utm_source=pardot&utm_medium=action-alert&utm_campaign=oppose-proposed-budget-cuts-2023

Action Three: Education

America is still failing Afghan allies - <https://www.vox.com/2023/8/15/23833209/afghanistan-kabul-anniversary-afghan-adjustment-act-parole-siv>

Migrant families living at church pay it forward with meals for asylum seekers at police station

https://blockclubchicago.org/2023/08/17/migrant-families-living-at-church-pay-it-forward-with-meals-for-asylum-seekers-at-police-station/?utm_source=Pico&utm_campaign=8cefcb9657-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_08_10_06+Morning+List+1_COPY_0&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_cbdb1cc15c-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D&mc_cid=8cefcb9657&mc_eid=7640b1e406

Government's own experts found 'barbaric' and 'negligent' conditions in ICE detention -

<https://www.npr.org/2023/08/16/1190767610/ice-detention-immigration-government-inspectors-barbaric-negligent-conditions>

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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisjJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@POTUS) This year is on track to be the hottest on record.

Farmworkers are working outside in extreme heat conditions to feed America — often without shade, water, or paid breaks. The urgency is clear: We need federal heat protections now.

Thank you for your efforts!