



September 23 - 29, 2024

What's Happening

FL's Gov controversial 'migrant relocation' pgm targets Arizona - Border Report

Venezuelans sue for release after being detained for nearly a year - Border Report

Trump's goal of mass deportation fell short. But he has new plans - ABC News

Group says TX guards verbally, physically abusing asylum seekers - Border Report

60 Nebraska groups support updating state, fed'l policies to help immigrants - Nebraska Examiner

Ohio Catholic officials criticize anti-immigrant rhetoric - National Catholic Reporter

Biden defends Haitian immigrants after accusations by Republicans - ABC News

Safety concerns grip Haitian community in Springfield, OH - USA Today

Immigration spurs population growth in St. Louis - Spectrum News

TX follows FL in asking patients about their immigration status - AP

TX AG continues efforts to depose, shut down Catholic Charities - myRGV.com

Action One: Prayer

Christ Jesus, who gave yourself for the good of all, we come before you as brothers and sisters but we are divided and at times, even hostile--tearing one another down. We approach the altar unworthily and ask for your forgiveness. Move us, instead, towards encounter, listening, dialogue, reconciliation, and a commitment to build your kingdom for the good of all. Heal us, restore us, unite your divided family, Lord. Through the power of the Eucharist, overcome our divisions. Give us sincere hearts that make us open, not closed, and willing to encounter, ready to listen. In your broken body, given for all, may we find unity and peace in you. Amen. (USCCB)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call for the designation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo for TPS

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/tps4drc?source=direct_link&referrer=group-african-communities-together

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Congress stand up to all forms of hate - https://actionnetwork.org/letters/demand-congress-stand-up-to-all-forms-of-hate/?link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-re-demand-congress-stand-up-to-all-forms-of-hate&email_referrer=email_2461798&email_subject=re-demand-congress-stand-up-to-all-forms-of-hate

NATIONAL LEVEL – Take action – Urge Congress to co-sponsor the Protect Vulnerable Immigrant Youth Act: <https://www.aila.org/advocacy-tools/aila-s-advocacy-action-center>

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Senate to enact a permanent solution for Dreamers - <https://p2a.co/Emn3bWWM>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to create a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients https://act.nilc.org/page/69018/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20240615_EG_DACA12_NILC&ea.url.id=2623645&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your representative in the US House to commit to protecting immigrant communities. <https://p2a.co/qd8timg>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MOC to support HR 1325 - the Asylum Seekers Work Authorization Act. <https://www.refugeesinternational.org/actions/let-asylum-seekers-work/>

NATIONAL LEVEL – Urge Congress to demand a pathway to citizenship for immigrant youth. https://act.nilc.org/page/71325/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20240815_EG_DACA12_NILC&ea.url.id=2773775&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL- Tell POTUS - restore access to asylum. https://act.nilc.org/page/68643/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20240605_EG_BidenEO_NILC&ea.url.id=2600326&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to act. Send a message to your MOC. Demand a pathway to citizenship: <https://unitedwedream.org/actions/send-a-letter-demand-congress-deliver-a-pathway-to-citizenship/>

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

NATIONAL LEVEL- Tell Biden and Congress to reject inhumane, unlawful asylum restrictions <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-tell-president-biden-and-congress-to-reject-inhumane-unlawful-asylum-restrictions-stand-by-commitments-to-the-persecuted/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=b2feada5-0275-45c1-973a-a87242d0c234>

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/>

Action Three: Education

College educated immigrants in the US - <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/college-educated-immigrants-united-states?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=71841fed-4eee-4174-8c78-41623c251b4c>

How Mexico is trying to help curb increase in migration at the US border - <https://wapo.st/4e4pmqt>

Ohio Haitians find solidarity in church - <https://apnews.com/article/springfield-ohio-haitian-immigrants-sunday-church-aa7827f1236f207c9f64ae07096e3977>

TX AG continues efforts to depose, shut down Catholic Charities - <https://myrgv.com/local-news/2024/09/10/texas-ag-continues-effort-to-depose-shut-down-catholic-charities/>

Here's about how long it takes to become a naturalized US citizen - <https://www.ocregister.com/2024/09/16/heres-about-how-long-it-takes-to-become-a-naturalized-u-s-citizen/>

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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjinisjJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@Sen/Rep) History shows the dangers of unchecked racism & dangerous lies—they put entire communities at risk. Support Haitians in Springfield, OH

Thank you for your efforts!