



**October 16 - 22, 2023**

### **What's Happening**

**Chicago opens more migrant shelters as number surpasses 18,000 - Chicago Trib**

**End of pandemic-era practice of providing interpreters for asylum seekers stirs anger, confusion - CBS News**

**Judge denies bid to prohibit US border officials from turning back asylum seekers at land crossings - AP**

**US reopening facility near southern border to house unaccompanied migrant children - CBS**

**TX Senate approves bill allowing local, state police to arrest undocumented immigrants - Dallas Morning News**

**Catholic Charities flights lead to surging number of migrants at O'Hare - Chicago Sun Times**

**Texas-Mexico border truck inspections clog commercial truck traffic - Bloomberg**

**Mexico says it has rejected US funded migrant transit centers - AP**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**You are holy, Lord, the only God. You do wondrous things. You are good, every good, the highest good, Lord God, living and true. You are strength; you are justice. As I look upon wars abroad and violence in our cities, enlighten the darkness of my heart and grant me true faith, insight, and perfect charity so that I might be a messenger of peace according to your holy will. If I do not forgive perfectly, Lord, help me learn to love those I see as enemies and pray for them out of love for you, never returning evil for evil. Praised be you, O Lord, for all who show forgiveness and make peace for your sake. For you, Most High, shall give them a crown. Amen. (Excerpted from St. Francis' Praises to God)**

### **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Send a letter. Demand Congress deliver a pathway to citizenship**

<https://unitedwedream.org/actions/send-a-letter-demand-congress-deliver-a-pathway-to-citizenship/?source=partner&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=f5aa4e6e-925e-4b84-b00a-e17dd1ffd05f>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell DHS Mayorkas to fast track work permits for noncitizens.**

[https://secure.everyaction.com/iAPXBA-j\\_kGpcM1\\_fKLWZw2?emci=dc9b1342-ad51-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=11684080-4052-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=10679](https://secure.everyaction.com/iAPXBA-j_kGpcM1_fKLWZw2?emci=dc9b1342-ad51-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=11684080-4052-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=10679)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform**

<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

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

<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 protect abused, abandoned immigrant children.**

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-protect-abused-abandoned-and-neglected-immigrant-children/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to support policies that welcome asylum seekers and reject further militarization of the border** - <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-tell-congress-to-support-policies-that-welcome-asylum-seekers-and-reject-the-further-militarization-of-the-border/>

**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](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.votervoice.net/JFI/Campaigns/106758/Respond>

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Ask Biden and DHS Mayorkas to designate and re-designate TPS for Ethiopia, Syria, Pakistan and Democratic Rep of the Congo.**

[https://act.nilc.org/page/57272/petition/1?supporter.appealCode=20230925\\_EG\\_Migration\\_NILC&ea.url.id=2009673&forwarded=true](https://act.nilc.org/page/57272/petition/1?supporter.appealCode=20230925_EG_Migration_NILC&ea.url.id=2009673&forwarded=true)

**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/>

### **Action Three: Education**

**The kids on the night shift -**

[https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/18/magazine/child-labor-dangerous-jobs.html?unlocked\\_article\\_code=2FD1jNSixCJGD3J8-DwwVD87MisRNT1aJavnQ\\_Wra4HP-KA6PyiYmHTX91TZqHFMCFQgkfx23JTFuH7OVJcJOcvdBvjiufGlmnTkkgwXbmtNsOTeEdm6jVJAprcyzDkfPOAJCPelny36FgFuqfKevlflbFPutb-waEEhcwJtlNN1Tp4dqCNFbs0kCHlcQQ1BD9WdaoljXckf2VV\\_aBggfYMQyxqScpwmmE0wSrNSVRpyEhKE9zoL.SzJ6R0KQl0sZ3eDhNGwKTFsrxqQaK3XVkg-2HimMeUwtCmDgtPGdbqpWnIV1aFA1AwFYIGyviN4XXmdrlao8iG1OFybbJABFRuhZ6UZb&smid=url-share](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/18/magazine/child-labor-dangerous-jobs.html?unlocked_article_code=2FD1jNSixCJGD3J8-DwwVD87MisRNT1aJavnQ_Wra4HP-KA6PyiYmHTX91TZqHFMCFQgkfx23JTFuH7OVJcJOcvdBvjiufGlmnTkkgwXbmtNsOTeEdm6jVJAprcyzDkfPOAJCPelny36FgFuqfKevlflbFPutb-waEEhcwJtlNN1Tp4dqCNFbs0kCHlcQQ1BD9WdaoljXckf2VV_aBggfYMQyxqScpwmmE0wSrNSVRpyEhKE9zoL.SzJ6R0KQl0sZ3eDhNGwKTFsrxqQaK3XVkg-2HimMeUwtCmDgtPGdbqpWnIV1aFA1AwFYIGyviN4XXmdrlao8iG1OFybbJABFRuhZ6UZb&smid=url-share)

**Four years after the raid on Mississippi’s immigrant population -** <https://cliniclegal.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d1e29c8d7ab34d84237ecd8ee&id=84a5dabe9f&e=00acac1a37>

**A TX community attracts migrants and Republican ire –**

[https://www.nytimes.com/2023/10/08/us/texas-migrants-housing-colony-ridge.html?unlocked\\_article\\_code=IhqEohOJzRfJlLukmSje2mGXv\\_kyq4NEah-S8rqtK6g8TymAkJYr0RNU6le7Lgu-OgLsp3sIAirPy\\_rg\\_lrp6Fc\\_HQYYtrqt9qHpU7MnZvQUgnaciTQFgoFxoKwfoBms9ayGbAHEGvWxrQWjyk6TLCcvTVOC9cO4zxbqVYjro69XB\\_fin32pRZ2EuwxCCZcM6LmtnmQ5hgPwrSgPZc0LLKnDiUnOp5csf5wvHQ-y3jeRgvujl0oBa2mLU4oF39uX8dZYRcaW2gCsZsl\\_jyRtMfOtMnW1ENhRuNW4ehgnfYQPxYBMLQy14BrgaQiHJLKYP0E1dJK1EK7HQUBHis8DEXHw1QsBM2pq&smid=url-share](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/10/08/us/texas-migrants-housing-colony-ridge.html?unlocked_article_code=IhqEohOJzRfJlLukmSje2mGXv_kyq4NEah-S8rqtK6g8TymAkJYr0RNU6le7Lgu-OgLsp3sIAirPy_rg_lrp6Fc_HQYYtrqt9qHpU7MnZvQUgnaciTQFgoFxoKwfoBms9ayGbAHEGvWxrQWjyk6TLCcvTVOC9cO4zxbqVYjro69XB_fin32pRZ2EuwxCCZcM6LmtnmQ5hgPwrSgPZc0LLKnDiUnOp5csf5wvHQ-y3jeRgvujl0oBa2mLU4oF39uX8dZYRcaW2gCsZsl_jyRtMfOtMnW1ENhRuNW4ehgnfYQPxYBMLQy14BrgaQiHJLKYP0E1dJK1EK7HQUBHis8DEXHw1QsBM2pq&smid=url-share)

**Yes, it’s legal to seek immigration asylum in the US**

<https://www.vera.org/news/yes-its-legal-to-seek-immigration-asylum-in-the-united-states>

**Refugees are an American immigration success story -** <https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2023/10/12/refugees-are-an-american-immigration-success-story/?sh=e8b2b411f9ad>

### **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](mailto: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: (@SecMayorkas)** Forcing asylum seekers to provide their own interpreters is another unnecessary and burdensome barrier for those seeking safety. Language access is a civil right, and the government is responsible for providing it at no cost.

**Thank you for your efforts!**