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What's Happening?

Biden to address racism toward Asian Americans during pandemic with executive action - CBS

US extends TPS for Syria - AP

Durbin, Graham teaming up on immigration bill - Politico

Biden to rescind Trump's pandemic era limits on immigrant and work visas - CBS

Court allows US border agents to resume expelling unaccompanied children without asylum interviews - CBS News

James McHenry, director of immigration courts, has stepped down - BuzzFeed

Senate Dems introduce legislation to grant TPS status to Venezuelans - NBC

US judge blocks deportation freeze in swift setback for Biden - Reuters

DOJ rescinds 'zero tolerance' immigration rule - AP

Feds ordered to hand over data on freed immigrants facing removal - Courthouse News

Biden Justice Dept. rescinds Trump 'zero tolerance' migrant family separation policy - NBC

ICE frees potential witnesses in Georgia medical abuse case - AP

Texas sues to stop Biden freeze on deportation - Courthouse News

Action One: Prayer

Merciful God, our history as human beings, and even before, has been a history of life on the move. As your sons and daughters, we continue to search for a place to sleep, food to eat, and families and communities to support us. We are a people on a journey. We are grateful for the earth that sustains us, but we do not always take time to thank you. Also, we too often lack compassion for our brothers and sisters who have been uprooted by violence, natural disasters and poverty. Help us to remember that we are always on a journey with them and with You, to a new way of life in abundance. Amen. (Written by Father Paul Masson, M.M., who was on mission for ten years in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Restore our asylum system - halt expulsions of people fleeing violence.

<https://lawg.salsalabs.org/stopexpulsions/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=f672b306-5059-42c4-81af-e12ca3a1af48&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=617e3018-9941-458b-b32a-de065604e721>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Ask your member of Congress to make HR1 a priority in Congress.

<https://publiccitizen.salsalabs.org/forthepeopleact1/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=5b961975-c204-427a-8866-97e5d9fb9e54>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Citizenship now for 11 million immigrants.

<https://www.nilc.org/action/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - The Biden admin must take action to welcome refugees. Raise the cap to 125,000.

https://act.hias.org/page/26120/action/1?utm_medium=email&utm_source=hias.org&utm_campaign=hias_advocacy&utm_content=Take+Action:+Ask+the+Biden+Administration+to+Welcome+Refugees&ea.url.id=738256&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign and send the petition: Demand the Senate pass HR 1, For the People Act, and rebuild our democracy.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-the-senate-pass-hr-1-and-rebuild-our-democracy?source=2021HR1_AFT&referrer=group-americans-for-tax-fairness&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/passhr1&link_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1053455&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1053455&email_subject=sign-now-tell-congress-to-empower-working-people-to-access-our-democracy

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Pres Biden to address the root causes of migration from Central America -

https://faithinactioninternational.salsalabs.org/rootcausesbidentransition/index.html?utm_source=congregation&utm_campaign=c8917cde2e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_12_28_04_21&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_2ffe2ad288-c8917cde2e-365033757

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President elect Joe Biden to urge Congress to pass the Peoples Act (HR 1) as a first priority in his administration. Sign the petition:

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/the-next-president-congress-must-enact-democracy-reform?source=10062020swap-fan&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d927f4ca-0792-4819-ae90-f4bea3fb4bc0>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to make family reunification a top priority until every single separated family is reunited.

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-make-family-reunification-a-top-priority>

Action Three: Education

Muslim families hope to reunite following Biden's travel ban repeal - <https://www.axios.com/muslim-ban-repeal-family-reunion-0f8a83f4-d049-4c0b-8138-6f0afb4b18fa.html>

US to reverse Trump's draconian immigration policies, Biden tells Mexican president -

<https://www.reuters.com/article/idUSKBN29S0H4>

Biden's first 100 days: what's not for evangelicals to like - <https://religionnews.com/2021/01/25/bidens-first-100-days-whats-not-for-evangelicals-to-like/>

Language barriers, wariness make vaccinating immigrants hard - <https://apnews.com/article/language-migrant-workers-immigration-coronavirus-pandemic-california-4565a299c825f013ee43d07cdfa019a8>

MPI report: Expanded use of Attorney General's immigration power under Trump revives concerns - <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/obscure-powerful-immigration-attorney-general-referral-review>

The strange business of Alaska native corporations and ICE immigration detention -

<https://elpasomatters.org/2021/01/26/the-strange-business-of-alaska-native-corporations-and-ice-immigrant-detention/>

(Opinion piece) - We spoke with 430 former immigrants in Mexico. This is what they shared -

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/01/27/opinion/mexico-deportation-immigration-reform.html>

Reunited families separated again, a challenge for Biden task force -

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/family-separations-biden-trump-honduras/2021/01/31/f6b815cc-6198-11eb-9430-e7c77b5b0297_story.html

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: The ICDI Broadview Prayer Vigil is still happening but we are doing it weekly online. As is customary, First Fridays are interfaith and other weeks we pray the rosary. Anyone who wants to get the meeting access information can email hello@icdichicago.org with a request

Action Five: Social Media: (@Biden/Harris). As people of faith, we urge you to respect the sacred humanity of refugees and increase refugee admissions, restore resettlement program #BuildBackBetter

Thank you for your efforts!