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What's Happening

Texas new immigration law is blocked again - Texas Tribune

Mexico vows to fight efforts by TX to deport migrants under SB4 - Wash Post

5 migrant shelters at Park District Field Houses will close - Block Club Chicago

Flurry of court actions on immigration law causes confusion in Texas - WSJ

US Appeals court skeptical of TX's argument for immigration law - NBC News

Iowa passes bill making undocumented immigration a state crime - The Hill

NYC mayor pushes for nat'l migrant strategy amid asylum seeker influx - ABC News

Mexico says it will not accept migrants expelled by Texas - Univision

Turmoil in Haiti hasn't yet lead to spike in migrants trying to reach US shore - CBS News

FL gov. signs bills intended to drive undocumented migrants out of FL - Florida Phoenix

Action One: Prayer

I believe in God, Creator of an unfinished world, a world in process. Who does not decree an eternal plan in which we cannot participate. I believe in God who has not discriminated and divided people into "developed" and "developing" countries, the poor and the rich. I believe in Jesus, born poor, born in difficult times, who came to understand the conditions of his own local world, who took such a courageous stand for justice and peace that it cost him his life. I believe in Jesus who lives for all people so that all people may truly live, and so that we may all become free and help to transform the world. I believe in the Spirit of God who breathes life into all creation, and I believe in the community of all persons: women and men and children, strangers and aliens, immigrants and refugees. Those who are poor, homeless and oppressed. Those who are old and ailing, sick and dying. And those who experience any kind of disability. I believe in our common human responsibility for making the world a more fit place for every human person to live. I believe that it is possible to build a just peace and care for a livable earth. I believe that life full of meaning and value is the right of every person everywhere. And I commit myself to making some serious changes in my own lifestyle, in order to bring about clearer signs of the Realm of God on earth. Amen. (Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to defend asylum - <https://www.maryknollogc.org/action/tell-senate-defend-asylum>

NATIONAL LEVEL -- Reject billions to ICE and CBP <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/government-shutdown-averted>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress - it's time to end child labor in the US now.

https://action.greenamerica.org/page/65000/action/1?utm_medium=email&utm_source=engagingnetworks&utm_campaign=EndChildLaborUS_Action_0324&utm_content=20240314+-+End+US+Child+Labor+Core&ea.url.id=2400059&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your US Senator to pass bipartisan anti-trafficking legislation -

<https://www.voterve.net/JFI/Campaigns/112506/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC: Co-sponsor the End Solitary Confinement Act -

<https://nrcat.salsalabs.org/esca-cosponsorship/index.html>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress you support immigration reform that respect religious liberty. <https://www.voterve.net/JFI/Campaigns/110431/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to fund refugee and newcomer inclusion -

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-fund-refugee-newcomer-inclusion-and-restore-needed-services-for-ukrainian-and-afghan-neighbors/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=bf6255be-6ec9-4356-a9bd-241dfc6f3993>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to invest in local 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 - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform

<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition telling Biden to reunite immigrant families now.

<https://www.change.org/p/president-biden-please-reunite-families-now>

NATIONAL LEVEL -Email your legislators urging them to protect family immigration.

<https://advancingjustice-ajjc.quorum.us/campaign/43496/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell TX AG Paxton to stop your anti-immigrant, anti-religion attacks on

Annunciation House. <https://act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/annunciation-house/?t=2&akid=9293%2E853384%2E4oetu8>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition - seeking asylum is a human right.

https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-seeking-asylum-is-a-human-right?source=2024Asylum_DK&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdkil2024%3Frefcode%3D20240116SWAsylum&link_id=2&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_2173391&email_subject=sign-if-you-agree-seeking-asylum-is-a-human-right-that-must-be-protected&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_2173391

Action Three: Education

Inside Biden's new tracking system for migrant families

https://www.nytimes.com/2024/03/16/us/politics/immigrants-tracking-program.html?unlocked_article_code=1.d00.8Xwe.z-ouM6HURvEq&smid=url-share

TX migrant busing pgm: What to know - <https://www.cnn.com/2024/03/16/politics/texas-migrant-buses-abbott/index.html>

Thousands of immigrants in Wisconsin lack lawyers - <https://www.wpr.org/news/thousands-immigrants-asylum-wisconsin-court-without-lawyers>

Mexico vows to fight efforts by TX to deport migrants under SB4 - <https://wapo.st/4cyxKhm>

Religious liberty concerns raised as Texas battles Catholic migrant ministries -

<https://www.ncregister.com/news/texas-border-battle-with-catholic-migrant-ministries>

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: (@Sen/Rep) With the recent TX decision, the US Supreme Court opens the doors for one of the most extremist and anti-immigrant policies in US history to go into effect at the state level. This needs to stop. **Thank you for your efforts!**