



**December 21 - 27, 2020**

### **What's Happening?**

US border officials expelled dozens of migrant children in violation of court order - CBS News

Surgeon Genl: Immigration status should not be barrier to receiving Covid vaccine - The Hill

Mexican president defends restrictive immigration policies - Seattle pi

DHS Inspector: ICE detainees kept in solitary confinement for 300 days - BuzzFeed

After SCourt ruling, TX DACA case could offer another chance of ending the pgm - Texas Trib

SCourt throws out challenge to Trump's census plan to exclude undocumented immigrants - NBC

Abused, neglected children again sleeping in CPS offices in repeat of Texas foster care crisis - Dallas Morning News

El Salvador ready to accept asylum seekers sent from US border - Wash Post

NY enacts law barring ICE from courthouses without warrant - NY Daily News

DACA faces new court challenge - AP

Honduran migrant caravan heads to US, risking new tensions - Reuters

### **Action One: Prayer**

Merciful God and Father of all, wake us from the slumber of indifference, open our eyes to the suffering of migrants, and free us from the insensitivity born of worldly comfort and self-centeredness. Inspire us, as nations, communities and individuals, to see that those who come to our shores are our brothers and sisters. May we share with them the blessings we have received from your hand, and recognize that together, as one human family, we are all migrants, journeying in hope to you, our true home, where every tear will be wiped away, where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace. (*Pope Francis*)

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Add your name to tell the Biden Harris admin to build a country where everyone can thrive, no matter their race, age, birth place, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity.** <https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/take-action-citizenship-roadmap-and-deportation-moratorium-now>

**NATIONAL LEVEL – Demand that Congress and the next President enact a plan to combat Covid19 and prevent future pandemics.**

[https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-enact-a-plan-to-combat-covid-19-and-prevent-future-pandemics?source=2020PandemicPrevention\\_DKc3s&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdtkcovid19relief%3Frefcode%3D2020SWPandemicPrevention&link\\_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email\\_889076&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_889076&email\\_subject=re-pandemic-plan-in-statefull-default-your-state](https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-enact-a-plan-to-combat-covid-19-and-prevent-future-pandemics?source=2020PandemicPrevention_DKc3s&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdtkcovid19relief%3Frefcode%3D2020SWPandemicPrevention&link_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_889076&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_889076&email_subject=re-pandemic-plan-in-statefull-default-your-state)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to end the Muslim ban. America is a place where all races and religions should be able to live free and equal lives.** <https://muslimadvocates.org/action/no-ban-act/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=9d9ec701-e1f3-4a65-856b-127d95650b39>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Catholic Charities USA is calling on lawmakers to come together and pass a legislative pkg to provide frontline workers with PPE equipment and keep vulnerable people housed and fed.** <https://www.votervoice.net/iframes/CCUSA/Campaigns/78249/Respond>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Keep borders and pathways to asylum open. Refugees still need our support and help now more than ever. Sign the petition:**

[https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/keep-borders-and-pathways-to-asylum-open?detail=emailaction&link\\_id=4&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-re-borders-must-stay-open-for-refugees&email\\_referrer=email\\_853723&email\\_subject=re-borders-must-stay-open-for-refugees](https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/keep-borders-and-pathways-to-asylum-open?detail=emailaction&link_id=4&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-re-borders-must-stay-open-for-refugees&email_referrer=email_853723&email_subject=re-borders-must-stay-open-for-refugees)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign this online postcard to go to ICE Director Simona Flores to #savethe28**

<https://support.elca.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=1316&fbclid=IwAR3XpYCAhtWkwJe2pmKbUXi4ue223cf1ajupbQGdQqNLbx4aF7ixBy0idDw>

**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&eId=d927f4ca-0792-4819-ae90-f4bea3fb4bc0>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell PA Gov Wolf, deliver the gift of freedom and life for families in the Berks County Detention Center by issuing an Emergency Removal Order immediately. Send him a postcard.** [https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/berks\\_postcard\\_final1220.pdf](https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/berks_postcard_final1220.pdf)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Stop the deportation of survivors and witnesses of ICE abuse -**

<https://action.mijente.net/petitions/protect-survivors-of-medical-abuse-in-ice-custody>

### **Action Three: Education**

**Report finds ICE detention centers are “hotbeds of infection”** - <https://theintercept.com/2020/12/09/ice-covid-detention-centers/>

**Christmas arrangements: children weather holidays at migrant camps -**

<https://www.brownsvilleherald.com/2020/12/10/christmas-arrangements-children-weather-holidays-migrant-camp/>

**(Report) Failure of protection under the US - Guatemala asylum cooperative -**

<https://www.hrw.org/report/2020/05/19/deportation-layover/failure-protection-under-us-guatemala-asylum-cooperative#>

**(Report) Schools develop special programs for undocumented children -**

<https://hechingerreport.org/backpacks-full-of-boulders-how-one-district-is-addressing-the-trauma-undocumented-children-bring-to-school/>

**(Report) Immigrant essential workers: crucial to Covid19 recovery -**

<https://www.fwd.us/news/immigrant-essential-workers/>

**Why millions of Americans still can’t get coronavirus relief funds -**

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/12/15/why-millions-of-americans-still-can-t-get-coronavirus-relief-funds>

**Unauthorized immigrants in the US - stable numbers, changing origins -**

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/unauthorized-immigrants-united-states-stable-numbers-changing-origins>

### **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](mailto:hello@icdichicago.org) with a request.

**Action Five: Social Media:** ([@Sen/Rep](#)) Undocumented immigrants should be able to get the Covid19 vaccine without fear or intimidation of deportation. After years of punitive immigration policies, they fear for their lives with or without the vaccine. Everyone needs to be protected from the virus. Protect the immigrants. Thank you for your efforts