



**January 11 - 17, 2021**

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

**Trump extends green card work visa ban; court clears health insurance rule - AP**

**US modifies H-1b lottery to wage based selection - Economic Times**

**New ICE policy could hinder asylum for children - BuzzFeed**

**US judge blocks Trump admin sweeping asylum rules - VOA**

**IL is first in the nation to extend health coverage to undocumented seniors - KHN.org**

**Dozens of undocumented immigrants apply for Virginia driver privilege card - wtkr.com**

**Trump admin locks down border wall contracts, complicating Biden's pledge to stop construction - CNN**

**First new DACA applications approved in final weeks of 2020 - AP**

**Justice Dept. seeks to alter Civil Rights Act clause that protects minorities - Seattle Times**

**USCIS announces delays in biometric appointments due to Covid - Miami Herald**

**Local hate crimes, victimization of immigrants on the rise, says Chapel Hill Police chief - ABC11 Raleigh Durham**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**O God, of Mercy and Compassion, open our heart to your grace. We ask You to: Bless us with courage to embrace nonviolence in our everyday lives. Bless us with vision to seek alternatives when violence appears as the only solution. Encourage us to look deeply at our own complicity that allows violence to continue in our own hearts and in our world. Bless us with insight to see the roots of violence inherent in mercy's critical concerns. Bless us with the tenacity to stay committed to the struggle to shape a more peaceful, nonviolent world for all your people. O good and gracious God, source of all life, all creation is charged with your Divine Energy. Grant us the strength and courage, we pray, for a radical transformation of our lives and a deeper realization of your Kingdom among us. Amen. (from Sisters of Mercy)**

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

**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.voterveice.net/iframes/CCUSA/Campaigns/78249/Respond>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President-elect 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](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 DHS to restore the right to asylum.** <https://jesuitmigrantsolidarity.org/restore-right-to-asylum/>

**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 - 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 - 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>

**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&eld=9d9ec701-e1f3-4a65-856b-127d95650b39>

**Action Three: Education**

**Harvard Law school clinic sues Trump admin over proposed asylum rule changes -** <https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2021/1/2/hls-clinic-asylum-lawsuit/>

**The US asylum system is broken. How could it be reimaged?**

[https://www.bakersfield.com/ap/national/the-us-asylum-system-is-broken-how-could-it-be-reimagined/article\\_62223506-f039-56f5-bf4e-e8b2fac5cc8e.html](https://www.bakersfield.com/ap/national/the-us-asylum-system-is-broken-how-could-it-be-reimagined/article_62223506-f039-56f5-bf4e-e8b2fac5cc8e.html)

**USCIS announces delays in biometric appointments due to Covid -**

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/immigration/article248229910.html>

**Covid relief bill is a promising first act for immigration reform -** <https://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/politics/532580-covid-19-relief-bill-a-promising-first-act-for-immigration>

**The outlook on H1-B visas and international students in 2021 -**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2021/01/04/the-outlook-on-h-1b-visas-and-international-students-in-2021/?sh=40ddc5b4b44d>

**US judge block Trump admin's sweeping asylum rules -** <https://www.voanews.com/usa/immigration/us-judge-blocks-trump-administrations-sweeping-asylum-rules>

**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: (@JoeBiden)** After years of terror, we need you to seek healing and recognize the countless ways immigrants strengthen our nation. Our immigration system must be transformed towards justice. #BuildBackBetter **Thank you for your efforts!**