



**July 10 - 16, 2023**

### **What's Happening**

**Lawsuit planned against Florida immigration law - WPTV.com**

**Chicago probing allegations of police sexual abuse of migrants - Chgo Sun Times**

**US opens new immigration path for Central Am and Columbians - CBS News**

**Migrant numbers on border plunge as Mexico helps US to stem flow - NY Times**

**Biden admin guaranteed attorney access for all migrant screenings. Most don't have it - AP**

**Ukrainian women fuel rise in immigrant employment - LA Times**

**New FL driver's license law targets undocumented immigrants - The Hill**

**US explores refugee pgm for non-Mexican asylum seekers in Mexico - Reuters**

**US citizenship test changes coming, raising concerns for those with low English skills - AP**

**LA groups plan for more migrant buses from Texas - Laist.com**

**CA officials join TX sheriff for fed'l investigation into DeSantis migrant flights - LA Times**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**God of love and compassion, may we always recognize your spirit: in the refugee family seeking safety from violence; in the migrant worker bringing food to our tables; in the asylum seekers, seeking justice for their families; in the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world.**

**Give us hearts that break open whenever our brothers and sisters turn to us. Give us hearts that no longer turn deaf to their voices in times of need. Give us eyes to recognize a moment for grace instead of a threat. Give us voices that fail to remain silent, but which decide instead to advocate prophetically. Give us hands that reach out in welcome, but also in work, for a world of justice until all homelands are safe and secure. Amen. (Fr. Dan Hartnett, S.J.)**

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the admin and Congress to prioritize refugee resettlement.**

<https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/44866/>

**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-advoc-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-advoc-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 - Tell Congress we support refugees.**

[https://act.oxfamamerica.org/page/53801/action/1?ea\\_campaigner\\_email=&en\\_txn7=mass-prospects&en\\_txn9=advocacy&utm\\_campaign=FY24-WRD&utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=263240094&hsenc=p2ANqtz-KuGHovR6z\\_rEJ4OC8yU4eioTe76BIXbpl9tqQ\\_6jHLeDFhTtxQykL4-fi8btOOYzuqoGTqBtMDtpi8muaZd44ZUseA&utm\\_content=primary\\_cta&utm\\_source=FY24-0620-Advocacy-OAAF-Mig-e3-sla](https://act.oxfamamerica.org/page/53801/action/1?ea_campaigner_email=&en_txn7=mass-prospects&en_txn9=advocacy&utm_campaign=FY24-WRD&utm_medium=email&hsmi=263240094&hsenc=p2ANqtz-KuGHovR6z_rEJ4OC8yU4eioTe76BIXbpl9tqQ_6jHLeDFhTtxQykL4-fi8btOOYzuqoGTqBtMDtpi8muaZd44ZUseA&utm_content=primary_cta&utm_source=FY24-0620-Advocacy-OAAF-Mig-e3-sla)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your MOC to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act.** <https://p2a.co/nn9fdmu>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform -**  
<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Biden admin and legislators to formally end family detention.**  
<https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/46496/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to pass a pathway to citizenship for DACA now.**  
[https://act.nilc.org/page/53665/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20230613\\_DACAllookback\\_NILC&ea.url.id=1821168&forwarded=true](https://act.nilc.org/page/53665/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20230613_DACAllookback_NILC&ea.url.id=1821168&forwarded=true)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden to reunite refugee families now.**  
<https://refugeerights.quorum.us/campaign/47496/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Support policies to 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 the Biden Admin withdraw the asylum ban -**  
[https://act.hias.org/page/54008/action/1?en\\_txn6=MR-EM-FY23-06-asylum\\_ban\\_2023-advo-full\\_file-1&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=EngagingNetworks&utm\\_campaign=AsylumTransitBan&utm\\_content=230630+AsylumTransitBan+ActionAlert+e1+Remainder&ea.url.id=1854164&forwarded=true](https://act.hias.org/page/54008/action/1?en_txn6=MR-EM-FY23-06-asylum_ban_2023-advo-full_file-1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EngagingNetworks&utm_campaign=AsylumTransitBan&utm_content=230630+AsylumTransitBan+ActionAlert+e1+Remainder&ea.url.id=1854164&forwarded=true)

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC to co-sign the Lift Your Bar Act.**  
[https://act.nilc.org/page/51422/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20230420\\_LTBA\\_NILC&ea.url.id=1730645&forwarded=true](https://act.nilc.org/page/51422/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20230420_LTBA_NILC&ea.url.id=1730645&forwarded=true)

### **Action Three: Education**

**Chicago parish holds mass, dinner for migrants -** <https://www.chicagocatholic.com/chicagoland/-/article/2023/07/05/our-lady-of-the-rosary-parish-hosts-mass-dinner-for-migran-1#:~:text=Our%20Lady%20of%20the%20Rosary%20Parish%20began%20hosting%20migrants%20who,to%20the%20college%2C%204300%20N>

**US citizenship test changes are coming, raising concerns for those with low English skills -**  
[https://www.nytimes.com/2023/06/27/travel/overcrowded-europe-summer.html?campaign\\_id=9&emc=edit\\_nn\\_20230705&instance\\_id=96740&nl=the-morning&req\\_id=81386446&segment\\_id=138392&te=1&user\\_id=b1ed32db9aa5ec222c34c6225116f467](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/06/27/travel/overcrowded-europe-summer.html?campaign_id=9&emc=edit_nn_20230705&instance_id=96740&nl=the-morning&req_id=81386446&segment_id=138392&te=1&user_id=b1ed32db9aa5ec222c34c6225116f467)

**How are people granted asylum in the US? The process explained -**  
<https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/border-issues/2023/06/30/how-are-people-granted-asylum-in-the-u-s-the-process-explained/70365168007/>

**US explores refugee pgm for non-Mexican asylum seekers in Mexico -**  
<https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/us-explores-refugee-program-non-mexican-asylum-seekers-mexico-2023-07-02>

**Little known immigration policy could solve pilot shortage -** <https://www.wfla.com/news/local-news/little-known-immigration-program-could-help-solve-pilot-shortage/>

**Migrant workers flee Florida as new immigration law takes effect -**  
[https://www.wsj.com/articles/migrant-workers-flee-florida-as-new-immigration-law-takes-effect-94796abf?st=h5o35ilyoja8n1b&reflink=desktopwebshare\\_permalink](https://www.wsj.com/articles/migrant-workers-flee-florida-as-new-immigration-law-takes-effect-94796abf?st=h5o35ilyoja8n1b&reflink=desktopwebshare_permalink)

**A Kansas hospital looked to foreign nurses to ease a shortage, but feel law got in the way -**  
<https://www.kcur.org/news/2023-06-27/a-kansas-hospital-looked-to-foreign-nurses-to-ease-a-shortage-but-federal-law-got-in-the-way>

### **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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5Bwjnisj>

**Action Five: Social Media: (@POTUS)** All workers deserve access to fair wages, healthcare, safe working conditions and a pathway to citizenship. Every single worker deserves dignity and justice in the workplace. **Thank you for your efforts!**