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What's Happening

New US rules send asylum requests soaring in Mexico - NPR

US ramps up effort to stem hemispheric migration - CNN

Per CA Gov: FL committed crimes sending migrants to California - NBC News

TX to deploy buoys to deter Rio Grande crossings, per Gov. Abbott - Texas Trib

FL confirms DeSantis Admin arranged migrant flights to CA - NY Times

TX sheriff recommends charges in Martha's Vineyard migrant flights - NBC Boston

Acting ICE director to step down end of June - NBC News

Biden names new BP Chief as immigration policies draw scrutiny - NY Times

Child labor investigation spread to meatpacking, produce companies in 11 states - NBC

Survival mode: FL's migrant workers consider future after new law - Tampa Bay Times

Action One: Prayer

God of the journey, God of the traveler, we pray for those who leave their homes in search new beginnings and possibilities, may they know your presence with them. We pray that those who seek to make a home in this country may find us welcoming and willing to help them find a path toward citizenship, we pray that our legislators, as they craft new immigration legislation may find the wisdom and courage to enact new policies that do justice for our country and for those who would immigrate here. We pray for those who fan the flames of fear and discrimination against the undocumented may be touched with your divine compassion. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen (The Archdiocese of Chicago, adapted)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell our national leaders to protect refugees and commemorate World Refugee day on June 20th. <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-tell-our-national-leaders-to-protect-refugees-and-commemorate-world-refugee-day-on-june-20th/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress they must protect people fleeing persecution and violence. https://fcnl.quorum.us/campaign/45318/?utm_campaign=lam&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ak&utm_term=31219.163285.EpuPpv

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Spread the sunshine: Sign to support immigrants in Florida.

<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/spread-the-sunshine-sign-to-support-immigrants-in-florida/?source=partner>

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>

NATIONAL LEVEL - The New Way Forward Act provides a bold vision of what our immigration system should look like and advances our values of compassion and respect for everyone's rights. Add you name in support of the New Way Forward Act -

<https://newwayforwardact.org/2022/02/28/support-nwf-petition/>

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Let the Biden Admin know that it's wrong to support family detention.

<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-no-family-detention?source=2023FamilyDetention MPC&referrer=group-mpower-change&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mpowerchange.org>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition to Biden - we need compassionate immigration reform.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-we-need-compassionate-immigration-reform?detail=emailaction&link_id=0&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-we-need-compassionate-immigration-reform-2&email_referrer=email_1919470&email_subject=sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-we-need-compassionate-immigration-reform

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to defund hate and cut ICE and CBP funding NOW.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/where-do-you-want-your-taxes-to-go?link_id=1&can_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&source=email-where-do-your-taxes-to-go&email_referrer=email_1884919&email_subject=where-do-your-taxes-go

Action Three: Education

What Florida's new immigration laws mean for Latinos -

<https://www.pnj.com/story/news/local/pensacola/2023/06/05/florida-sb-1718-leaves-pensacola-hispanic-community-bracing-for-impact/70272560007/>

US must 'connect' with Central Americans on migration debate -

<https://www.borderreport.com/regions/central-america/u-s-must-connect-with-central-americans-on-migration-debate/>

I treat patients who fall from the border wall - <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2023/06/migrants-border-wall-title-42/674339/>

Decrease in migrants traveling along Darien Gap -

<https://www.npr.org/2023/06/09/1180696336/immigration-colombia-darien-us-border-rules>

(Research) Migration narratives in North Central America: How competing stories shape policy and public opinion in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador -

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/migration-narratives-central-america>

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW ONLINE FRIDAY ROSARY: The Rosary prayer is conducted every Friday at 7:15 a.m. 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 you are interested in participating, email kdonayre@icdichicago.org to be added to the emailing list.

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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnsiJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@POTUS) Seeking asylum is a legal right that should not be dependent on having a smartphone or using an app. US and Mexico should instead be working together to create fair and humane systems that meet the realities of our world in the 21st century.

Thank you for your efforts!