



February 27 – March 5, 2023

What's Happening

Minnesota pass 'Driver's Licenses for All' bill, sending to Gov for signature - Sahan Jrnl

DeSantis wants new restrictions on undocumented students to work and go to college in Florida - Business insider.com

GOP bills threaten legal immigrant property purchases in Texas - Texas Monthly

Asylum seekers face decision to split up families or wait indefinitely under new border policy - La Times

Thousands of Ukrainians in the US risk losing legal status in April - WSJ

Chicago groups scramble to find housing for newly arrived immigrants 6 months after busing began - Chicago Sun Times

New Biden policy limits asylum access at southern border - LA Times

DHS Mayorkas tells Congress to fix immigration system - CNN

Action One: Prayer

God of All Peoples, as we look ahead to our Lenten journey, may our fasting be a hunger for justice, our alms an offering of peace, and our prayers a reflection of humble and grateful hearts. We ask the Holy Spirit to accompany us as we spend these 40 days reflecting on what it means to be companions on the journey to encounter our global human family. How may this encounter with our neighbor transform our own lives? How may our prayers, fasting and almsgiving support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes for safety or better opportunities? We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen (Franciscan Action Network)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

STATE LEVEL - Ask IL Reps and Senators to fight for EVERYONE in 2023! <https://p2a.co/Vav4HOJ>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to pass the Dream Act of 2023. https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-pass-the-dream-act-of-2023/?referrer=group-progressive-reform-network&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fpl_prn%3Famount%3D10%26refcode%3Dpl_20230222_01%26noskip%3Dtrue&link_id=0&can_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&source=email-news-dream-act-is-back&email_referrer=email_1825591&email_subject=sign-pass-the-dream-act-of-2023&refcode>EmailReferrer=email_1825591

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition to President Biden - No transit asylum ban.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-no-transit-asylum-ban?detail=emailaction%22&link_id=2&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-take-action-the-biden-admin-will-rush-through-the-comment-period-for-this-asylum-policy-7&email_referrer=email_1826270&email_subject=take-action-the-biden-admin-will-rush-through-the-comment-period-for-this-asylum-policy

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to pass the Dream Act of 2023 and provide permanent legal protections for Dreamers. <https://p2a.co/69W1yUH>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Say NO to the asylum ban. Remind Congress and the White House we are a country that welcomes asylum seekers. <https://quixote.org/action#/6>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to welcome people seeking protection and reject dangerous and immoral anti-asylum policies - <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-tell-our-national-leaders-to-welcome-people-seeking-protection-and-reject-dangerous-and-immoral-anti-asylum-policies/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Biden and Congress to make immigration reforms a top priority. <https://p2a.co/YtXyQRd>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress - undocumented youth need protection from deportation. https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-undocumented-immigrant-youth-need-protection-from-deportations/?source=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/protections_for_dreamers&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email=

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to reject anti-asylum policies that perpetuate violence and racism. <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-reject-anti-asylum-policies-that-perpetuate-violence-and-racism/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell our natl leaders to welcome people seeking protection and reject dangerous and immoral anti-asylum policies. <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-tell-our-national-leaders-to-welcome-people-seeking-protection-and-reject-dangerous-and-immoral-anti-asylum-policies/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Biden: allow entry to families denied by Trump's Muslim and African bans - <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-allow-entry-to-families-denied-by-trumps-muslim-and-african-bans/>

Action Three: Education

Thousands of Ukrainians in the US risk losing legal status in April - https://www.wsj.com/articles/thousands-of-ukrainians-in-u-s-risk-losing-legal-status-in-april-d6bceaf4?st=d13qwlflu9effnu&reflink=desktopwebshare_permalink

Biden admin rolls out new asylum restrictions mirroring Trump-era policy -

https://www.cnn.com/2023/02/21/politics/asylum-policy-biden-administration/index.html?utm_term=.1677066887897e7498f236c2c&utm_source=cnn_Five+Things+for+Wednesday%2C+February+22%2C+2023&utm_medium=mail&bt_ee=0Q7ECiF%2FjQ1iuzL7HWkDuz7Qg6xPsTDq%2FSjyGNqrBpLhI2y3KSOBvaTnR8It8Vkt&bt_ts=1677066887900

Chicago groups scramble to find housing for newly arrived immigrants 6 months after busing began - <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2023/2/22/23581982/chicago-immigration-space-beds-evanston-family-venezuela-immigration-migration-asylum-seekers>

How Biden asylum rule affects immigration compared to Trump - <https://apnews.com/article/biden-politics-united-states-government-donald-trump-mobile-phones-1502c6d6125c1dede583002722144488>

New rules leave asylum seekers in the hands of smugglers. say advocates - <https://www.borderreport.com/immigration/biden-travel-ban-leaves-asylum-seekers-in-hands-of-coyotes-advocates-say/>

Two GOP Bills Would Block Some Legal Immigrants from Buying Texas Property - <https://www.texasmonthly.com/news-politics/texas-bills-threaten-legal-immigrant-property-purchase/>

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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisjJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@POTUS) You committed to ending Trump's detrimental policies and protecting people fleeing persecution. But the new policies stop people from exercising their legal right to seek asylum at the border. **Thank you for your efforts!**