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What's Happening?

DHS updates website to indicate DACA program has been restored - CNN

Contractors dynamite mountains, bulldoze desert in race to build Trump's border wall - NPR

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

As Biden prepares to take office, new rush at the border - NY Times

Trump finalizes sweeping asylum restrictions in last minute immigration push - Reuters

Phoenix wrongfully barred immigrants from housing assistance, judge rules - Phoenix New Times

Immigrant children now facing expedited deportation proceedings - Houston Chronicle

US humanitarian protection extended for Honduras and other countries - CNN

US appeals court rules against Trump admin's public charge rule - AZ Central

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. Bless us, O Lord. Amen. (Fr. Dan Hartnett S.J.)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the Petition: Congress must cut funding for ICE and CBP!

<https://defundhate.org/2020/11/30/petition/>

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 CONGRESS: Reject costly tax breaks for the rich and corporations.

Deliver aid to those who need it most. https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-reject-costly-tax-breaks-for-the-rich-and-corporations-deliver-aid-to-those-who-need-it-most?source=direct&link_id=0&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1020348&email_subject=tell-congress-reject-costly-tax-breaks-for-the-rich-deliver-aid-to-those-who-need-it-most

NATIONAL LEVEL - It is vital that Congress support and pass robust funding for refugees, asylees, and other displaced populations to help with Covid19. Send an email to your 2 Senators and House Representative showing your support for refugees. <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/urgent-take-action-urge-congress-to-support-robust-funding-for-refugees-in-fy-2021/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=51a55392-9dd3-49c4-8682-8a5f5eeb82d6>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to pass Covid19 relief now.

https://secure.bread.org/site/Advocacy?jsessionid=00000000.app30038b?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=393&autologin=true&NONCE_TOKEN=82014D0998329CA4971FF5EE95C16065

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign this online postcard to go to ICE Director Simona Flores to #savethe28 Take 30 seconds to sign right now!

<https://support.elca.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=1316&fbclid=IwAR3XpYCAhtWkwJe2pmKbUXj4ue223cf1ajupbQGdQgNlBx4aF7ixBy0idDw>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand the Senate pass comprehensive Covid relief. We are facing a natl emergency and public health crisis that demands immediate attention.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-the-senate-we-are-facing-a-national-emergency-and-public-health-crisis/?source=group-coalition-on-human-needs&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/senatecovidletters&link_id=1&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1003719&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1003719&email_subject=add-your-name-demand-the-senate-address-the-nations-public-health-crisis

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

The Government's cruelty to immigrants will outlast Trump - <https://newrepublic.com/article/160365/ice-accountability-biden-immigration-justice>

(Opinion) Biden's immigration plan must reform DACA to cover Dreamers whose parents are here legally - <https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/biden-s-immigration-plan-must-reform-daca-cover-dreamers-whose-ncna1248885>

Three years after family separation, her son is back. But her life is not.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/07/us/family-separation-complications.html?>

(Report) Comparing crime rates between undocumented immigrants, legal immigrants and native-born US citizens in Texas - <https://www.pnas.org/content/early/2020/12/01/2014704117>

(Report) Charting a course to rebuild and strengthen the US refugee admissions program -

<https://cmsny.org/publications/rebuilding-usrap/>

More immigration needed to offset Covid19 and America's demographic decline -

<https://www.mercatus.org/publications/immigration-reform/more-immigration-needed-offset-covid-19-and-america%E2%80%99s-demographic>

Report finds ICE detention centers ae "hotbeds of infection" - <https://theintercept.com/2020/12/09/ice-covid-detention-centers/>

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 with a request.

Action Five: Social Media: (@Sen/Rep) Regardless of who we are or where we're from, every human being deserves basic human rights. In 2018, the Trump admin made a choice to separate children from their families. We can never let that happen again. Protect the immigrants.

Thank you for your efforts!