



September 19 - 25, 2022

What's Happening

5 states account for half of 123,962 requests to sponsor Ukrainian refugees in the US - CBS News

US urges Mexico to accept more migrants - Reuters

Gov. Pritzker calls up National Guard to help arriving migrants - NBC5 Chicago

Calexico immigration officials accused of using solitary confinement as retaliation - LA Times

8 arrested in suspected human trafficking ring that may have victimized thousands of migrants - ABC News

TX Gov. sends bus loads of migrants to VP Kamala Harris' home – Texas Tribune

FL Gov. Santis sends two planes carrying migrants to Martha's Vineyard in MA - CNN

Migrant surge overwhelms Border Patrol, shelters in El Paso - NBC News

Action One: Prayer

Here I Am, Lord, I am here to thank you for my life. For calling me to be an instrument of accompaniment. An instrument to make a difference wherever I am. Lord, open my ears so I can listen in silence and thus be able to hear the needs of my sisters and brothers. Lord, give me the strength to never give up, even if darkness appears. Perhaps it's only me to start, but you are with me. Lord, give the wisdom to continue being an instrument that listens, gives hope, and accompanies. Thank you Lord because through service, you fill me with joy. Lord, I am ready to go to the peripheries. Be my partner, my guide, my everything. Amen. Consuelo Sandoval, Pastoral Migratoria, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Chicago

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - To President Biden and Congress: DACA needs permanent protections.

<https://unitedwedream.org/actions/daca-turns-10-now-we-need-permanent-protections-for-all/?source=group-sojoaction&referrer=group-sojoaction>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Help our new Afghan neighbors to integrate. Tell Congress to support the Afghan Adjustment Act. <https://www.voterveice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/97338/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Congress must pass the Afghan Adjustment Act.

https://act.hias.org/page/43442/action/1?utm_medium=email&utm_source=hias.org&utm_campaign=advocacy&utm_content=It%E2%80%99s+time+to+pass+the+Afghan+Adjustment+Act&ea.url.id=1391005&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - US must restore the refugee admission program. Ask the Biden admin to raise refugee admissions for the coming fiscal year.

https://act.hias.org/page/44039/action/1?utm_medium=email&utm_source=hias.org&utm_campaign=advocacy&utm_content=+Take+Action:+The+U.S.+Should+Welcome+200k+Refugees+in+2023&ea.url.id=1400780&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Sec Mayorkas to shut down Berks immigrant prison once and for all.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-secretary-mayorkas-to-shut-down-the-berks-immigrant-prison-once-and-for-all?source=direct_link&

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to swiftly pass the bipartisan Afghan Adjustment Act.

<https://cwsqglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-swiftly-pass-the-bipartisan-afghan-adjustment-act/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform.

<https://p2a.co/2tslY0u>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Protect immigrants and refugees. Congress is determining funding levels for 2023 right now. Urge your member of Congress to make needed investments in programs that offer protection and welcome for migrants and refugees.

<https://fctl.quorum.us/campaign/40541/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to support funding to reunite separated families.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/tell-congress-support-funding-to-reunite-separated-families?detail=emailaction&link_id=4&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-act-now-to-reunite-separated-families-2&email_referrer=email_1642119&email_subject=sign-the-petition-reunite-families-seeking-asylum

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge state and local leaders to support refugee resettlement in FY 2023.

<https://cwsqglobal.org/action-alerts/urgent-action-tell-your-state-local-lawmakers-to-urge-administration-to-set-refugee-admissions-goal-at-200000-for-fy-2023/>

Action Three: Education

New immigration rules shouldn't discourage green card applicants - <https://www.keranews.org/news/2022-09-12/new-immigration-rules-shouldnt-discourage-green-card-applicants-from-seeking-help-advocates-say>

Refugee swimmer Yusra Mardini's inspirational journey celebrated in new movie, The Swimmers -

<https://olympics.com/ioc/news/refugee-swimmer-yusra-mardini-s-inspirational-journey-celebrated-in-new-movie-the-swimmers>

Religious immigration program helps foreign-born church members

<https://www.detroitcatholic.com/news/religious-immigration-program-helps-foreign-born-church-members>

Why are immigrants being sent from Texas to Chicago? <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/why-are-migrants-being-sent-to-chicago-from-texas/ar-AA11Ew3j>

What does the US Mexico border really look like - <https://www.cbsnews.com/pictures/u-s-mexico-border-wall-what-it-really-looks-like/>

Organizations in Tapachula work to educate migrant children despite huge barriers -

<https://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/2022/09/13/tapachula-mexico-organizations-fill-gaps-migrant-children-education/>

Southern governors sending migrants north face a crisis of faith - <https://religionnews.com/2022/09/16/southern-governors-sending-migrants-north-face-a-crisis-of-faith/>

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 on the 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. Everyone is welcome. Register here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisiJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@Rep/Sen) Immigrants are NOT political pawns, and they should NOT be used to advance an anti-immigrant agenda. Instead, they all deserve to be treated with humanity, dignity, and compassion. Let the laws of this country reflect fairness and freedom for all.

Thank you for your efforts!