



July 31 – August 6, 2023

What's Happening

Buses of migrants keep arriving in LA from Texas - NY Times

Fed'l judge blocks Biden admin's new asylum policy - NY Times

Catholic immigration experts hail court for striking down Biden asylum rule - Crux

US to accept certain non-Mexican migrants as refugees - Reuters

Number of migrant families with kids crossing US border nearly triples in two months - NBC

TX gov condemned for deploying razor wire at buoy at US-Mexico border - The Guardian

Proposed 'New Americans' office would assist refugees, immigrants - News Nation

As NYC limits access to migrants and asylum seekers, many are left homeless - NPR

Chicago will partner with local nonprofits to run migrant shelters - Block club Chicago

Gov Abbott's policing of TX border pushes limits of state power - NY Times

Survivors of Mexico's worst detention cntr fire stuck in limbo, unable to support families- AP

Advocates work to launch health cntr and fight issues over immigration law-Tampa BayTimes

Action One: Prayer

Loving God, grant us the grace to see you, not only in moments of extraordinary revelation but also in the ordinary and mundane aspects of our daily lives. Open our eyes to recognize your presence in the people we encounter, in the beauty of creation, and in the challenges we face. As we are transfigured by your love, may we reflect your light and radiate your compassion to all those around us. Help us to be instruments of your peace, bringing hope to the discouraged, comfort to the sorrowful, and healing to the broken. In your mercy, grant us the grace to be transfigured in our thoughts, words, and actions. May we be evermore conformed to your image, that we may live as children of the light, spreading your love and truth to the ends of the earth. Amen. (Franciscan Action Network)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden to reunite refugee families now.

<https://refugeerights.quorum.us/campaign/47496/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Biden admin and legislators to formally end family detention.

<https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/46496/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action - oppose proposed cuts to refugee funding. [https://www.irsusa.org/take-](https://www.irsusa.org/take-action-to-oppose-proposed-cuts-to-refugee-funding/?utm_source=pardot&utm_medium=action-alert&utm_campaign=oppose-proposed-budget-cuts-2023)

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

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to support the Vulnerable Immigrant Youth Act and ensure communities have access to immigrant religious workers -

<https://www.voterve.net/USCCB/Campaigns/106744/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act to protect Afghans at risk - <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-pass-the-afghan-adjustment-act-to-protect-afghans-at-risk/>

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

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

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_rEJ40C8yU4eioTe76BIXbpI9tqQ_6jHLeDFhTtxQykL4-fi8btOOYzugoGTqBtMDtppi8muaZd44ZUseA&utm_content=primary_cta&utm_source=FY24-0620-Advocacy-OAAF-Miq-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 - 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/>

Action Three: Education

US has welcomed more than 500,000 migrants as part of historic expansion of legal immigration under Biden - <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/immigration-parole-migrants-us-expansion-biden/>

IL immigrants need more language help to thrive and partake in civic life -

https://chicago.suntimes.com/2023/7/25/23803678/illinois-immigrants-ore-language-civic-life-democracy-solutions-project-vote-voting?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=072523%20Afternoon%20Edition&utm_content=072523%20Afternoon%20Edition+CID_3cf42057eac23c8eeddcfbf53ea5ab42&utm_source=cst%20campaign%20monitor&utm_term=READ%20MORE&tpcc=072523%20Afternoon%20Edition

A refugee's experience breaking into the professional world -

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90915903/america-welcomed-this-refugee-who-fled-the-taliban-now-hes-a-founding-ceo-opening-doors-for-job-seekers-facing-adversity>

America's farms are desperate for labor. Foreign workers bring relief and controversy -

<https://www.npr.org/2023/07/27/1187682674/farm-workers-guest-workers-h-2a-visa-agricultural-harvest-farm-labor>

Catholic immigration experts hail court for striking down Biden asylum rule - <https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2023/07/catholic-immigration-experts-hail-court-for-striking-down-biden-asylum-rule>

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

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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisiJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@Rep/Sen) An average of 43 workers died from heat exposure on the job from 2011-21. As temperatures keep rising, heat is a matter of life or death for farmworkers. Workers need strong federal heat protections now. **Thank you for your efforts!**