



**July 24 - 30, 2023**

### **What's Happening**

**State laws allow DACA recipients to become police officers - NBC News**

**Senate bill renews effort to enlist non-citizens in military - Stars and Stripes**

**House approved Defense bill does not increase/extend special immigrants for Afghans - VOA**

**Fifth bus carrying migrants from TX arrives in LA - LA Times**

**Death of migrant girl was 'preventable tragedy' that questions about border process - CBS**

**Public schools banned from sheltering migrants under bill passed by US House - The Hill**

**DOJ says it will sue Greg Abbott over buoy wall barrier in Rio Grande - Houston Chronicle**

**TX troopers told to push children into Rio Grande, record says - Houston Chronicle**

**Mexico files diplomatic complaint over TX Gov's floating border barriers - Texas Tribune**

**Canada reaches cap of 10,000 applications for US H-1B visa open work permit - CIC news.com**

**High school transformed into 'welcome center' for migrant families - Chicago Sun Times**

**Detainees and advocates decry 'horrific' conditions at Louisiana ICE detention cntr - NBC**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**Show us God how to care for one another, respecting our differences and learning how to live with one another in our differences. Help us to remember that this life we live is not about us but is about you. The challenges we face are not our battles but they are yours. Help us to use your weapons of love to tear down walls of hate. God, let peace begin with me. Show me how to love me so that I may love others, show me how to respect myself so that I may learn to respect others, show me the worth and value in me that I may see in others. Show me God each day how you would have me walk. Guide me each moment that I may live a life that honors you. God change me so that I may be the change. Amen. (Author unknown)**

### **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action - oppose proposed cuts to refugee funding. [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](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)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to support the Vulnerable Immigrant Youth Act and ensure communities have access to immigrant religious workers - <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/106744/Respond>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act to protect Afghans at risk - <https://cwsqglobal.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.niic.org/page/51422/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20230420\\_LTBA\\_NILC&ea.url.id=1730645&forwarded=true](https://act.niic.org/page/51422/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20230420_LTBA_NILC&ea.url.id=1730645&forwarded=true)

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

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

**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-advo-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](https://act.hias.org/page/54296/action/1?en_txn6=MR-EM-FY23-07-asylum_ban_2023-advo-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\\_rEJ4OC8yU4eioTe76BIXbpl9tqQ\\_6jHLeDFhTtxQyKl4-fi8btOOYzuoqGTqBtMDtpi8muaZd44ZUseA&utm\\_content=primary\\_cta&utm\\_source=FY24-0620-Advocacy-OAAF-Miq-e3-sla](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_rEJ4OC8yU4eioTe76BIXbpl9tqQ_6jHLeDFhTtxQyKl4-fi8btOOYzuoqGTqBtMDtpi8muaZd44ZUseA&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 - Urge the Biden admin and legislators to formally end family detention.**

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

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

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

**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**

**A day with Chicago migrants and the people trying to help them -**

[https://chicago.suntimes.com/2023/7/18/23795604/migrants-chicago-police-stations-volunteers?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Morning%20Edition%20071723&utm\\_content=Morning%20Edition%20071723+CID\\_407239a316ea1d146b9fc4f574a98ac4&utm\\_source=cst%20campaign%20monitor&utm\\_term=A%20day%20with%20migrants%20in%20Chicago%20and%20the%20people%20trying%20to%20help%20them&tpcc=Morning%20Edition%20071723](https://chicago.suntimes.com/2023/7/18/23795604/migrants-chicago-police-stations-volunteers?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Morning%20Edition%20071723&utm_content=Morning%20Edition%20071723+CID_407239a316ea1d146b9fc4f574a98ac4&utm_source=cst%20campaign%20monitor&utm_term=A%20day%20with%20migrants%20in%20Chicago%20and%20the%20people%20trying%20to%20help%20them&tpcc=Morning%20Edition%20071723)

**Detainees and advocates decry ‘horrific’ conditions at Louisiana ICE detention cntr -**

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/detainees-advocates-decry-horrific-conditions-louisiana-ice-detention-rcna92339>

**DHS announces family unification parole processes for Columbia, El Salvador, Guatemala,**

**and Honduras -** <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2023/07/07/dhs-announces-family-reunification-parole-processes-colombia-el-salvador-guatemala>

**Biden’s asylum changes reduced border crossings.** <https://wapo.st/3K656rh>

**H-1B visa applications overwhelm Canada’s new program -** <https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2023/07/19/h-1b-visa-holder-applications-overwhelm-canadas-new-program/?sh=3ecbeb5622c6>

[https://www.wsj.com/articles/texas-billion-dollar-border-security-migration-isn-t-paying-off-16ed598d?st=c4zccqnbua2zbw&reflink=desktopwebshare\\_permalink](https://www.wsj.com/articles/texas-billion-dollar-border-security-migration-isn-t-paying-off-16ed598d?st=c4zccqnbua2zbw&reflink=desktopwebshare_permalink)

**Texas spent billions on border security. It’s not working -**

[https://www.wsj.com/articles/texas-billion-dollar-border-security-migration-isn-t-paying-off-16ed598d?st=c4zccqnbua2zbw&reflink=desktopwebshare\\_permalink](https://www.wsj.com/articles/texas-billion-dollar-border-security-migration-isn-t-paying-off-16ed598d?st=c4zccqnbua2zbw&reflink=desktopwebshare_permalink)

### **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](mailto: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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisJ>

**Action Five: Social Media: (@POTUS) TX officers were told to push children & babies into the Rio Grande, under Gov’s “border security initiative.” This is not about “security”—it’s about abject inhumanity & wanton cruelty. It needs to stop NOW. Thank you for your efforts!**