



February 26 – March 3, 2024

What's Happening

- US pushes Canada to impose visas on Mexican visitors to ease flow from the north - WSJ**
- Biden and Trump make dueling trips to southern border this week - The Hill**
- Fewer migrants are crossing into TX. Gov Abbott is taking credit - Wash Post**
- Migrant arrests are up along border in CA and dropping in TX - LA Times**
- Venezuela halts flight of deported migrants from US and Mexico - WSJ**
- State picks up travel tab for migrants who want to leave Chicago - Chicago Trib**
- TX has spent over \$148 million busing migrants to other parts of the country - Houston Public Media**
- Texas plans military base near Mexican border - Wash Post**
- Tx Gov sues El Paso nonprofit for withholding client records - Texas Tribune**
- TX Attorney General seeks closure of El Paso migrant shelter - El Paso Matters**
- Refugees in the US have contributed nearly \$124B to US Government budget, new HHS study reveals - hhs.gov**
- Chicago closes 4 migrant shelters amid lull in arrivals - Chicago Sun Times**

Action One: Prayer

Loving and compassionate God, you have blessed us with the glorious gift of a diverse human family. Open our hearts and the hearts of all humankind to honor Your sacred presence within each and all. Deepen our understanding that the poor and the marginalized have a privileged claim upon the consciences and gifts of believers and the moral conscience of the state. Accept our prayers for all immigrants and refugees throughout the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord. Amen. (Archdiocese of Chicago)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform
<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition telling Biden to reunite immigrant families now.
<https://www.change.org/p/president-biden-please-reunite-families-now>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to defend asylum - <https://www.maryknollogc.org/action/tell-senate-defend-asylum>

NATIONAL LEVEL -Email your legislators urging them to protect family immigration.
<https://advancingjustice-ajc.quorum.us/campaign/43496/>

NATIONAL LEVEL -- Reject billions to ICE and CBP and safeguard asylum.

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/government-shutdown-averted>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stop border militarization - <https://afsc.org/action/take-action-stop-border-militarization>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your Senators to vote NO on the funding bill -

https://act.nilc.org/page/63134/action/1?supporter_appealCode=20240205_EG_SBETT_NILC&ea.url.id=2315098&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition - seeking asylum is a human right.

https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-seeking-asylum-is-a-human-right?source=2024Asylum_DK&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdkll2024%3Frefcode%3D20240116SWAsylum&ink_id=2&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_2173391&email_subject=sign-if-you-agree-seeking-asylum-is-a-human-right-that-must-be-protected&refcode>EmailReferrer=email_2173391

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Biden and Congress to reject anti-asylum provisions in ongoing funding negotiations

<https://cwsqglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-the-biden-administration-and-congress-to-reject-extreme-anti-asylum-provisions-amid-ongoing-negotiations>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress you support immigration reform that respect religious liberty. <https://www.voterveice.net/JFI/Campaigns/110431/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to fund refugee and newcomer inclusion -

<https://cwsqglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-fund-refugee-newcomer-inclusion-and-restore-needed-services-for-ukrainian-and-afghan-neighbors/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eid=bf6255be-6ec9-4356-a9bd-241dfc6f3993>

Action Three: Education

Refugees in the US have contributed nearly \$124B to US Government budget, new HHS study reveals - <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/blog/2024/02/refugees-us-have-contributed-nearly-124b-us-government-budget-new-hhs-study-reveals>

Nearly 800,000 TX immigrants could gain citizenship in time to vote in the 2024 genl election

https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/news/politics/immigration/2024/02/23/478520/nearly-800000-texas-immigrants-could-gain-citizenship-in-time-to-vote-in-the-2024-general-election/?utm_campaign=everyaction&utm_medium=email&utm_source=&emci=0121e349-93d2-ee11-85f9-002248223794&emdi=a0386268-eed3-ee11-85f9-002248223794&ceid=9493976

Biden admin weighs action to make it harder for migrants to get asylum and easier to deport them - <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/biden-weighs-making-harder-migrants-get-asylum-easier-deport-rcna139626>

TX AG sets off religious liberty alarms by attacking a Catholic charity in El Paso -

<https://baptistnews.com/article/texas-attorney-general-sets-off-religious-liberty-alarms-by-attacking-a-catholic-charity-in-el-paso/>

TX has spent over \$148 million busing migrants to other parts of the country -

<https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/news/politics/immigration/2024/02/21/478164/texas-has-spent-over-148-million-busing-migrants-to-other-parts-of-the-country/>

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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnsiJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (POTUS) The promises you made when you took office don't match your actions today. You are on a backwards path of embracing failed Trump-era policies at the border & it's putting people in danger. **Thank you for your efforts!**