



**January 25 - 31, 2021**

### **What's Happening?**

**Census Bureau director stepping down after outcry over immigrant count - Politico**

**Biden plan to reunite families separated at border could be tricky - USA Today**

**Covid19 travel restrictions means expulsions at border will continue - Border Report**

**Biden will pause deportations for 100 days - Vox.com**

**Trump admin last minute measures aims to thwart immigration policy reversals - NBC**

**Mexico calls on Biden to fix immigration status of Mexican nationals - Reuters**

**New lawsuit challenges legality of 'Remain in Mexico' program's migrant children removal - Arizona public media**

**ACLU sues feds over withholding records in immigration cases - AP**

**On last day, Trump admin announces 18-month DED for Venezuela - CLINIC**

**US asked to stop using Covid19 to deny asylum - WJTV.com**

**Chicago aldermen advance measure to expand protections for immigrants - wttw.com**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**Dear Lord, for all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing. For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection. For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit. For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight. For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone. For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all. For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity. For public officials and decision makers, we pray for wisdom and guidance. Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen (USCCB)**

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign and send the petition: Demand the Senate pass HR 1, For the**

**People Act, and rebuild our democracy.** [https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-the-senate-pass-hr-1-and-rebuild-our-democracy?source=2021HR1\\_AFT&referrer=group-americans-for-tax-fairness&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/passhr1&link\\_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email\\_1053455&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_1053455&email\\_subject=sign-now-tell-congress-to-empower-working-people-to-access-our-democracy](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-the-senate-pass-hr-1-and-rebuild-our-democracy?source=2021HR1_AFT&referrer=group-americans-for-tax-fairness&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/passhr1&link_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1053455&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1053455&email_subject=sign-now-tell-congress-to-empower-working-people-to-access-our-democracy)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Pres Biden to address the root causes of migration from Central**

**America -** [https://faithinactioninternational.salsalabs.org/rootcausesbidentransition/index.html?utm\\_source=congregation&utm\\_campaign=c8917cde2e-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_12\\_28\\_04\\_21&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_2ffe2ad288-c8917cde2e-365033757](https://faithinactioninternational.salsalabs.org/rootcausesbidentransition/index.html?utm_source=congregation&utm_campaign=c8917cde2e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_12_28_04_21&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_2ffe2ad288-c8917cde2e-365033757)

**NATIONAL LEVEL – Tell Congress: Citizenship now for 11 million immigrants -**

[https://www.nilc.org/action/?utm\\_source=hootsuite&utm\\_medium=twitter&utm\\_term=b9cd724d-7e7d-43e6-a7d5-1d4906fe998d&utm\\_content=&utm\\_campaign=](https://www.nilc.org/action/?utm_source=hootsuite&utm_medium=twitter&utm_term=b9cd724d-7e7d-43e6-a7d5-1d4906fe998d&utm_content=&utm_campaign=)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President elect Joe Biden to urge Congress to pass the Peoples Act (HR 1) as a first priority in his administration. Sign the petition:**

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/the-next-president-congress-must-enact-democracy-reform?source=10062020swap-fan&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d927f4ca-0792-4819-ae90-f4bea3fb4bc0>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to make family reunification a top priority until every single separated family is reunited.**

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-make-family-reunification-a-top-priority>

**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.votervoice.net/iframes/CCUSA/Campaigns/78249/Respond>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Add your name to tell the Biden Harris admin to build a country where everyone can thrive, no matter their race, age, birth place, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity.**

<https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/take-action-citizenship-roadmap-and-deportation-moratorium-now>

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### **Action Three: Education**

**Trump's legacy - what's reversible and what's not -** <https://capitalandmain.com/trumps-legacy-whats-reversible-whats-not-0118>

**DHS statement on the Suspension of New Enrollments in the Migrant Protection Protocol Program -**

<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2021/01/20/dhs-statement-suspension-new-enrollments-migrant-protection-protocols-program>

**Biden's sweeping immigration bill explained -** <https://www.vox.com/22233711/biden-day-one-immigration-congress-path-citizenship>

**Catholic leaders praise Biden's executive actions helping immigrants** <https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2021/01/catholic-leaders-praise-bidens-executive-actions-helping-immigrants/>

**Catholic sisters bring aid to asylum seekers in Mexico -**

<https://www.globalsistersreport.org/news/coronavirus/news/despite-pandemic-sisters-bring-material-aid-moral-support-migrants>

**How to decode Biden's immigration blitz -** <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/01/22/how-to-decode-biden-s-immigration-blitz>

**By repealing Trump's census order on unauthorized immigrants, Biden gave TX GOP extra**

**House seat -** <https://www.dallasnews.com/news/politics/2021/01/23/by-repealing-trump-census-order-on-unauthorized-immigrants-biden-just-gave-texas-gop-an-extra-house-seat-or-two/>

### **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](mailto:hello@icdichicago.org) with a request

**Action Five: Social Media: (@Rep/Sen)** Every day, immigrants are at the forefront of fighting the effects of this pandemic, helping keep us safe, even as immigrants and people of color are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. It is time for Congress to create a pathway to U.S. citizenship for the 11 million undocumented Americans. **Thank you for your efforts!**