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What's Happening

- IL Gov & Chicago Mayor ask feds to fast-track work authorization for migrants - Chicago Trib**
- New citizens will be able to register as voters at swearing in ceremonies - Univision**
- ICE sends deportation flights to Haiti after warning US citizens to evacuate - The Hill**
- Migrant family border crossings reached record high in August - Wash Post**
- Fed'l judge says NJ law banning private immigrant detention facility unconstitutional - Politico**
- Asylum seekers from Muslim majority countries are disproportionately imprisoned at TX border - LA Times**
- LA city council pushes for legal action against TX Gov over migrant buses - LA Times**
- TX national guard members spied on migrants using WhatsApp - Texas Tribune**
- Afghans in the US who worked for CIA face uncertain future- NBC News**
- CA prisons are reporting US citizens to ICE, ACLU says - LA Times**
- Business leaders plea with Biden for work visas to help with unfilled jobs - The Hill**
- Judge asks if poverty qualifies applicants for humanitarian parole - AP**

Action One: Prayer

We lift up to you those who are escaping persecution and conflict, having fled death, torture or ruthless exploitation. So many carry wounds, mental and physical. So many have suffered greatly. Lord Jesus, give us more of your compassion for their plight, soften our hearts to their situation, and help us follow your lead in seeking justice and mercy on their behalf. We pray for an end to the wars, poverty and human rights abuses that drive desperate people to become refugees in the first place. We give thanks for people working in troubled countries and ask for more of your blessing so we can bring life, dignity and hope to those that remain. We thank you that you are Lord of all the earth and all its people are loved by you. We pray these things in the name of your Son who was himself born into the troubled life of a refugee. (Author Unknown)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Biden to fight the cruelties of Operation Lone Star -

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-president-biden-to-fight-the-cruelties-of-operation-lone-star/>

NATIONAL LEVEL – Tell Congress to pass permanent protections for immigrant youth:

<https://act.niic.org/page/46080/action/1?ea.tracking.id=web>

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

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

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell DHS to reunite families separated by TX Gov Abbott now - <https://act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/abbott-lone-star/?t=2&akid=8582%2E853384%2E131WI1>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stand in solidarity with our Afghan neighbors - <https://www.votervoice.net/JFI/Campaigns/106755/Respond>

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 - Urge Congress to safeguard children in need and ensure communities have access to religious workers - <https://www.votervoice.net/JFI/Campaigns/106758/Respond>

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden to reunite refugee families now. <https://refugeerights.quorum.us/campaign/47496/>

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/>

Action Three: Education

Judge asks if poverty qualifies applicants for humanitarian parole - <https://apnews.com/article/immigration-humanitarian-parole-trial-biden-border-080faf3d3d756bb5fb91b2175742c383>

Sanctuary cities welcome asylum seekers, but lack funds - <https://www.voanews.com/a/sanctuary-cities-welcome-asylum-seekers-deal-with-budget-shortfalls/7241689.html#:~:text=In%20the%20ongoing%20political%20battle,money%20to%20assist%20their%20resettlement>

12-ft refugee puppet blessed by Pope Francis to begin tour of the US - <https://www.stamfordadvocate.com/things-to-do/article/little-amal-hartford-ct-walk-refugee-18325478.php?src=sthppromostrip>

Afghans in the US who worked for CIA face uncertain future - <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/national-security/afghans-fought-secret-cia-trained-force-face-legal-uncertainty-us-rcna102105>

TX national guard members spied on migrants using WhatsApp - <https://www.texastribune.org/2023/08/29/texas-national-guard-migrants-whatsapp-intelligence/>

There is a labor shortage in the US. Why is it so hard for migrants to legally work? <https://www.npr.org/2023/08/26/1195670024/theres-a-labor-shortage-in-the-u-s-why-is-it-so-hard-for-migrants-to-legally-work>

More migrants are getting ankle monitors and rapid deportation - https://www.wsi.com/politics/policy/more-migrant-families-are-getting-ankle-monitorsand-rapid-deportation-c36fe2a7?st=1b9dx75ww6onbn2&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

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/tZwsde2spiotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwinisjJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@POTUS) When we say, "DACA is not enough," it means we need a permanent solution that protects their right to stay, live & thrive in the country that their home—without an expiration date. **Thank you for your efforts!**