



January 8 - 14, 2024

What's Happening

Suburbs put the brakes on migrant bus arrivals after crackdown in Chicago and NY - AP

New York City sues bus companies bringing migrants to the city - Border Report

US-Texas immigration clash could go to the Supreme Court - CBS News

US sees drop in illegal border crossing after Mexico increases enforcement - AP

Pressured by record migrant crossings. White House weighs tough concessions in border talks with Congress - CBS News

December migrant border encounters largest in more than two decades - CNN

Senate group edges closer to proposal aimed at securing southern border - WSJ

Biden admin sues TX over state's controversial immigration law - Texas Tribune

Deportations of migrants rise to more than 142,000 under Biden - Wash Post

Biden fast-tracks work authorization for migrants who cross legally - USA Today

Mexico, Venezuela resume repatriation flights amid US pressure to curb migration - PBS

More states offering health insurance to undocumented immigrants - Salt Lake Tribune

Action One: Prayer

God of Justice, who calls us to uphold the dignity of every human being, every child of this earth, beloved of you: empower your Church to help you heal this terrible cycle of violence and revenge; give us courage to rise above our fear that nothing can be done in the face of the conflict and chaos of our own creating; grant us the conviction to advocate for change and to work for the establishment of your peace, your shalom, you salaam, in this broken world. For your dream of justice and peace on earth, and for us, that we may take up your call to build it, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen. (excerpt from Prayer for the Holy Land)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to reject harmful changes to immigration law as a condition for supplemental funding - [https://www.votervoices.net/JFI/Campaigns/109841/Respond?ct=\(ACTION_ALERT_12_21_2023\)](https://www.votervoices.net/JFI/Campaigns/109841/Respond?ct=(ACTION_ALERT_12_21_2023))

NATIONAL LEVEL -- Urge Congress to reject anti-asylum proposal to protect those seeking safety - https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/54092/?mc_cid=07c0f9700b&mc_eid=c25de52b17

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 - Urge Congress to fund refugee and newcomer inclusion -

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Oppose dangerous changes to US asylum law - <https://www.jesuits.org/our-work/justice-and-ecology/take-action-2/asylum/>

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

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

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to reject any deal that links asylum to foreign aid -

https://act.niic.org/page/61129/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20231215_EG_AsylumNO_NILC&ea.url.id=2200493&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform

<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act to protect Afghans

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-pass-the-afghan-adjustment-act-to-protect-afghans-at-risk/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support the Afghan Adjustment Act.

<https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/49442/>

Action Three: Education

Migrants' mental health in Chicago is a looming crisis - https://chicago.suntimes.com/2024/1/5/24025617/migrant-mental-health-care-crisis-jorge-rubiano?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=010823%20Morning%20Edition&utm_content=010823%20Morning%20Edition+CID_9f6dcefe1d61938dc3345bccf8dd7cef&utm_source=cst_campaign_monitor&utm_term=Migrants%20mental%20health%20is%20a%20looming%20Chicago%20crisis&tpcc=010823%20Morning%20Edition

https://chicago.suntimes.com/2024/1/5/24025617/migrant-mental-health-care-crisis-jorge-rubiano?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=010823%20Morning%20Edition&utm_content=010823%20Morning%20Edition+CID_9f6dcefe1d61938dc3345bccf8dd7cef&utm_source=cst_campaign_monitor&utm_term=Migrants%20mental%20health%20is%20a%20looming%20Chicago%20crisis&tpcc=010823%20Morning%20Edition

Biden admin sues TX over state's controversial immigration law - <https://www.texastribune.org/2024/01/03/texas-senate-bill-4-illegal-immigration-justice-department-lawsuit/>

African migration to the US soars as Europe cracks down -

https://www.nytimes.com/2024/01/05/us/africa-migrants-us-border.html?unlocked_article_code=1.LU0.mqXW.Ad8BykTNGfXC&smid=url-share

New policy allows migrants to avoid dangerous journey - <https://apnews.com/article/border-migrants-biden-asylum-immigrants-e92625e164eb2efc24b07c1fe4c7c32b>

US citizens have been accidentally caught up in the Texas crackdown on migrants -

<https://www.texastribune.org/2024/01/03/texas-senate-bill-4-illegal-immigration-justice-department-lawsuit/>

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: (@Sen) Senators - reject any proposal that threatens to strip away asylum protections. Seeking asylum is a right & we must protect it. Support immigrants.

Thank you for your efforts!