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What's Happening

The border crisis has a new group of sympathizers: evangelical women - USA Today

Advocates call on Senate to approve amendment giving Afghan evacuees path to legal residency - CNN

Unprecedented increase in migration will boost US economy, officials say - TIME

DACA report slower permit renewal process in strained immigration system - CBS Austin

Chinese migrants quickly becoming largest group crossing US-Mexico border - CBS

Senate Republicans block bipartisan border security deal - The Hill

Fed'l records show increasing use of solitary confinement for immigrants - NY Times

Chicago aldermen push for accountability amid complaints of mistreatment arise - Borderlessmag.org

House GOP bid to impeach DHS Mayorkas failed - The Hill

As conservatives balk, US Border Patrol union endorses Senate immigration deal - NBC

'Dreamers' left out in the cold by US Senate border bill - Reuters

Action One: Prayer

God of Goodness, we come to you humbled by the truth of our lives. We have been busy about so many things, that we have neglected to show concern and tenderness towards our struggling immigrant brothers and sisters. We have not dared to speak when they have been unjustly treated, we've not cared about their perilous journey to this country nor their heartbreak at having to flee from terror and violence only to be met by fear, suspicion and detention. Our indifference will be our judge. Give us your eyes to see and ears to hear the immigrants' cries to belong. Give us hearts open to welcome and to accept the gifts that they are. Grant us the ability to forgive ourselves and to ask for reconciliation from the One who gave His life so that all of us might live fully. Amen. (author unknown)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

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

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to reject harmful changes to immigration law as a condition for supplemental funding -

<https://www.votervoicenet.com/JFI/Campaigns/109841/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Durbin and Duckworth they must vote against any further anti-immigration measures -

<https://p2a.co/VsZJZgq>

NATIONAL LEVEL- Urge your MOC to pass bipartisan anti-trafficking legislation -

<https://www.voterve.net/USCCB/Campaigns/111572/Respond>

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%2FdkiI2024%3Frefcode%3D20240116SWAsylum&link_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&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_2173391

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

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 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 - 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&eld=bf6255be-6ec9-4356-a9bd-241dfc6f3993>

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-aajc.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 - 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

Action Three: Education

When migrant families were evicted, neighbors invited them home -

https://www.nytimes.com/2024/02/04/nyregion/migrant-family-gofundme.html?unlocked_article_code=1.TU0.jQ1J.pSYAWIBngVnT&bgrp=g&smid=url-share

Where voters stand on immigration - <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/where-voters-stand-on-immigration>

Surge in immigration will boost US economy, Congressional Budget Office says -

<https://time.com/6692645/immigration-economy-us-gdp-growth-cbo-report/>

The collapse of bipartisan immigration reform: A guide for the perplexed -

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/the-collapse-of-bipartisan-immigration-reform-a-guide-for-the-perplexed/>

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 jpmsm2@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/tZwsde2spiotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisjJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (Sen/Rep) Reject harmful changes to immigration law as a condition to any supplemental funding. Thank you for your efforts!