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What's Happening

Border Patrol releases hundreds of migrants at bus stop after San Diego runs out of money - USA Today

Georgia House passes immigration enforcement bill after Athens killing – Atlanta Journal Constitution

Fed'l appeals court to allow controversial TX immigration law to take effect, if SCOTUS doesn't intervene - CNN

TX investigation is latest attack on religious orgs aiding migrants at border - Texas Tribune

Fed'l judge blocks SB4, TX new migration deportation law - Houston Chronicle

Arizona bill would make it legal to shoot and kill migrants on private property - NBC News

Iowa Senate votes to require businesses to use E-Verify to avoid hiring undocumented workers - Des Moines Register

Darien Gap migration is halted after Columbia arrests boat captains - NY Times

US, Mexico and Guatemala pledge to deepen cooperation on illegal migration - CNN

The economy is roaring. Immigration is a key reason - Wash Post

Canada to reimpose visa requirement on Mexican visitors - WSJ

The migrant families separated under Trump are still in legal limbo - Mother Jones

Action One: Prayer

God of all faithfulness, deepen our faithfulness, strengthen our hope and fill our hearts with extravagant love for the diversity of the human family. Help us, in every way you desire, to be conduits of your life-giving love, compassion and mercy. Make us even more your people of promise, your people of love, mercy and justice, your people committed to creating a more just and hope-filled world. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, our brother and Savior, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of Your Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Archdiocese of Chicago)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your US Senator to pass bipartisan anti-trafficking legislation - <https://www.voterveice.net/JFI/Campaigns/112506/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to invest in local communities' capacity to welcome refugees. <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/urgent-action-tell-congress-to-invest-in-local-communities-capacity-to-welcome-refugees/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC: Co-sponsor the End Solitary Confinement Act - <https://nrcat.salsalabs.org/esca-cosponsorship/index.html>

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

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 - 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-aaic.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 - 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%2Fdckll2024%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

Action Three: Education

Gaps found in vetting of sponsors for unaccompanied migrant children -

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/watchdog-finds-gaps-federal-government-vetted-sponsors-migrant-kids-se-rcna139022>

Local leaders in TX react to TX AG lawsuit of Annunciation House - <https://www.ksm.com/news/local-leaders-react-to-texas-ag-lawsuit-of-annunciation-house/>

The GOP border bill would deport families of child migrants - <https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2024/02/hr2-child-migrants-immigration/>

How medical volunteers can help migrants arriving in Chicago - https://blockclubchicago.org/2024/02/27/how-medical-volunteers-can-help-migrants-arriving-in-chicago/?utm_source=Newslet

The cruel chaos of Greg Abbott's border battle - <https://newrepublic.com/article/178809/border-prevention-deterrence-abbott-texas>

On the Arizona border, even a slow day is busy

https://www.nytimes.com/2024/02/29/us/us-border-arizona-migrant-crossings.html?unlocked_article_code=1.ZE0.4Til.OFYJasMJ1tpr&smid=url-share

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!