



April 1 - 7, 2024

What's Happening

Dem. Senators urge Biden to protect migrant children, spouses who might be deported under Trump - The Hill

City would have to publish data on migrant shelter evictions under proposed ordinance - Block Club Chicago

Venezuelans are increasingly stuck in Mexico, explaining drop in illegal crossing to US - AP

Health concerns mount for children at outdoor holding sites - NY Times

USCIS fee schedule changes expected to go into effect April 1 - Natl Immigration Law Cntr

TX deployed hundreds of specially trained troops to El Paso border - Houston Chronicle

New York City defends migrant debit card program - Politico

New fed'l funding staves off migrant 'street releases' in Tucson - Tucson Sentinel

Six presumed dead in Baltimore bridge collapse were immigrants, family men - Wash Post

Biden and Harris discuss migration in separate WH mtgs with Guatemalan leader - AP

US Appeals court extends block on TX migrant arrests - The Hill

Foreign-born Priests and Nuns, lacking green cards, may have to leave the US - The Tablet

Girl Scout troop resolved to support migrants despite backlash - AP

Latinos are starting US businesses at a torrid pace - WSJ

Action One: Prayer

Easter is here! Christ is risen from the dead – and we are grateful, O Christ, that you chose not to rise alone but to lead all of us together to resurrection and new life. Our hearts rejoice in this resurrection which releases us from the fear of death. We pray that our living your resurrection this Easter may reveal and guide us in your vision for the common good, embodying solidarity and compassion. We pray for the commitment to make the necessary choices in our politics and in our policies to bring about the Beloved Community in a flourishing, renewed society. May Easter be lived by all of us together! This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen. (NETWORK Lobby Board Chair Sr. Catherine Ferguson, SNJM)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

STATE LEVEL (IL) - Take action: Ask your IL Senator and Rep to fight for everybody in 2024.

<https://p2a.co/eggp9ac>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urges DHS to take immediate steps to keep families together and grant TPS to Ecuadorians.

<https://action.momsrising.org/sign/tps-for-ecuador/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell TX AG Paxton to stop your anti-immigrant, anti-religion attacks on Annunciation House. <https://act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/annunciation-house/?t=2&akid=9293%2E853384%2E4oetu8>

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

NATIONAL LEVEL -- Reject billions to ICE and CBP <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/government-shutdown-averted>

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

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

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

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

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 -Email your legislators urging them to protect family immigration.
<https://advancingjustice-aaic.quorum.us/campaign/43496/>

Action Three: Education

Right wing influencers descend on the Darien Gap - https://www.nytimes.com/2024/03/20/us/politics/migrants-darien-gap-biden-trump.html?unlocked_article_code=1.fk0.TzFP.Ew-xNdl0fgM&smid=url-share

Threats to Catholic Charities staffers increase amid anti-migrant campaign -

https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2024/03/22/catholic-charities-anti-migrant-harrasment-247571?utm_source=piano&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2928&pnespid=7rJ9VCRMb6NCyvXN.C66FZ_T5By0CJ4sP_yj2OZrvB1mpndn1TnfpTqQVECJzF3PhZWUzekp

How a political system failed to solve the border crisis -

https://www.wsj.com/us-news/how-the-political-system-failed-to-solve-the-border-crisis-a77f202e?st=oceg6ugh72g08lw&reflink=desktopwebshare_permalink

Latinos are starting US businesses at a torrid pace - https://www.wsj.com/business/entrepreneurship/latinos-are-starting-u-s-businesses-at-a-torrid-pace-64773fc3?st=erjif96shbdal69m&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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisjJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@Sen/Rep) Over 100,000 immigrant youth are stuck in a visa backlog, waiting to be granted protection and in jeopardy of being exploited and deported. Let's fix this system now.

Thank you for your efforts!