



August 25 - 31, 2025

What's Happening

Judge orders Alligator Alcatraz shut down in 60 days, says no more new detainees - Miami Herald

US to review 55 million foreign born visa holders - AP

State Dept can't deny visas based on Trump travel ban, judge rules - Politico

DHS is using the Bible to promote ICE, claiming 'righteous' fight against immigrants - Religion News Service

Church attendance is dropping amid Trump admin's DC takeover - Religion News Service

Hurricane season increases fear for immigrants lacking legal status - AP

US broadens deportation agreements, striking deals with Honduras and Uganda - CBS News

20 states and DC sue DOJ to stop immigration requirements on victim funds - AP

New IL law guarantees public education for immigrant students - chalkbeat.org

Trump admin to more heavily scrutinize 'good moral character' requirement for US citizenship - CBS News

Trump revisits first term goal: cutting housing aid for immigrants - Bloomberg.com

Action One: Prayer

God Almighty, You are breathing, living Spirit within us. May your Holy Spirit fill us with the capacity to pursue justice and to declare the truth when it can feel easier to stay quiet. In our pursuit of the truth, guide and direct us so that we are genuinely transformed to live out a bold love for our neighbor, the foreigner and the sojourner. Break our hearts for our neighbor and like the glass cup forged and bent in fire, may we come out blazing, reflecting your light in our mission. Remind us, daily, that love and compassion is not a sign of weakness but of our direct resolve to be like Jesus. Give us the courage to advocate and not lose sight of the God-given dignity of refugees and other immigrants fleeing the most horrifying of circumstances. Prompt us to move, rooted in a faith anchored in love. Nudge us closer and closer to truth to bring glory to your creation. May the Holy Spirit serve as our dependable guide, showing us the way. Amen. (by Jess Galván, World Relief)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your MOC to pass adjustment legislation for Afghans -

<https://immigrationforum.quorum.us/campaign/afghan-adjustment-2025/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Act now to protect immigrants in detention and their families -

<https://www.congressweb.com/GSNAC/368/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your MOC to take action to support refugees this August recess -

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-your-member-of-congress-to-support-refugees-this-august-recess/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to abolish ICE - <https://rootsaction.org/tell-congress-to-abolish-ice>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Unmask ICE. No secret police in America - https://actionnetwork.org/forms/unmask-ice/?source=group-takeitbackorg&referrer=group-takeitbackorg&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/tib_fight_to_unmask_ice_and_stop_secret_police_tactics&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_2844421&&email_subject=the-secret-police-are-already-here-and-theyre-wearing-masks&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_2844421

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition: Investigate and shut down violent ICE detention centers https://act.demandprogress.org/sign/investigate_ice_prisons/?t=19&akid=33987%2E8294413%2E2Qk6cd

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Trump admin: Immigrant children deserve access to early education - <https://act.nwlc.org/a/headstart-comments?contactdata=HxW7eVYy9oMFCe%2f9%2f8%2fnYbucofEBJ9T922AnTvmAXrLtkyR1OmL2RxPc81LfEKScmZzzw4Olpx%2f0rZsX3ent8NF73rDcEZMM116%2fNaB4jSDGvQBfoc8ndN4YSvGfz15KMqVxmJStVi3PAPBCGikH3r9VfDxgeig%2fbL2BTIKrTrOZTzFBK2GBp3okKKJhesl+wujQjHHaPtxe%2f3cqqrNe7wcy3CFOGob88zc3UalBtUwtpbPuCd7Gu4E45Xere&emci=fb86cff0-e772-f011-8dc9-6045bda9d96b&emdi=2e03f8cb-9673-f011-8dc9-6045bda9d96b&ceid=1077271>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stop the Everglades detention camp - https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/stop-the-everglades-detention-camp?source=mo&utm_source=mo&link_id=0&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_2813069&email_subject=sign-the-petition-stop-the-everglades-detention-camp&

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stop Trump's authoritarian mass deportation regime. <https://act.demandprogress.org/sign/stop-trumps-authoritarian-mass-deportations/?t=3&akid=33636%2E8294413%2EPPIKM->

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Investigate Stephen Miller - https://act.commoncause.org/petitions/tell-congress-investigate-stephen-miller-3/?source=direct_link&referrer=group-demand-progress-3&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fstop-stephen-miller-s

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call on Congress to pass a pathway to citizenship for DACA - https://act.nilc.org/page/86624/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20250811_EG_DHSDACAETT_NILC&ea.url.id=3862768&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your MOC to restart refugee resettlement and unfreeze federal funding <https://p2a.co/bVI53mo>

Action Three: Education

Catholics and other faith leaders aiding immigrants at hearings - <https://www.ncronline.org/catholics-faith-leaders-give-aid-comfort-immigrants-hearings-ice-arrests-rise>

Who ICE is deporting: Thousands with minor offenses or none at all - <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2025/08/15/ice-georgia-traffic-stop-arrest-immigration/>

TX colleges lack state guidance on in-state tuition order for undocumented students <https://www.texastribune.org/2025/08/19/texas-colleges-undocumented-immigrants-tuition-ruling>

New IL law guarantees public education for immigrant student <https://www.chalkbeat.org/chicago/2025/08/19/illinois-passes-law-to-protect-immigrant-students/>

US immigrant population drops for the first time in decades https://www.nytimes.com/2025/08/21/us/immigration-decline-united-states-trump.html?unlocked_article_code=1.g08.Wv84.ZfScbqQus-cT&smid=nytcore-ios-share&referringSource=articleShare

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. If you want to connect in Zoom or participate in person, 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. Meetings begin with a small interfaith reflection and continue with our ICDI staff giving pgm updates. Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97m09XQRns5Bwinisil>

Action Five: Social Media: (@Sen/Rep) You must pass the Afghan Adjustment Act or similar adjustment legislation – which would give Afghan allies in the U.S. a clear pathway to permanent residence. They helped us, now it's our turn to help. **Thank you for your efforts!**