



November 27 – December 3, 2023

What's Happening

Border Patrol sending migrants to unofficial camps in California's desert - NPR

Border related falls are increasing in California - NY Times

Trump refuses to rule out new family separations, but allies are wary - Reuters

Lawsuit from Chicago residents over handling of migrant housing in court - ABC7 Chicago

Tensions simmer as newcomers and immigrants with deeper US roots strive for work permits - ABC News

More asylum claims, illegal crossings along US-Canada border - NBC News

Migrant camp confusion intensifies – Block Club Chicago

Biden plans to deploy immigration officers to Panama to help screen and deport US bound migrants - CBS News

Action One: Prayer

God of all, we struggle to welcome those we don't know to join our communities. Please guide our actions so we may be a reflection of your love. We struggle to find common ground with those who are from different places and have different customs. Please guide our words so we speak with charity and hospitality. We struggle to remember our own times of transition and uncertainty. Please send your Holy Spirit to challenge our assumptions. May we continue to seek new ways to find you in our lives. May we *Share the Journey* with one another, every day. We ask all this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Bread for Life)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

**NATIONAL LEVEL – Tell Congress to pass permanent protections for immigrant youth:
<https://act.nilc.org/page/46080/action/1?ea.tracking.id=web>**

NATIONAL LEVEL - Ask Biden/DHS Mayorkas to designate/ re-designate TPS for Ethiopia, Syria, Pakistan and Democratic Rep of the Congo.

https://act.nilc.org/page/57272/petition/1?supporter.appealCode=20230925_EG_Migration_NILC&ea.url.id=2009673&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Biden admin and legislators to formally end family detention.

<https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/46496/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell DHS Mayorkas to fast track work permits for noncitizens.

https://secure.everyaction.com/iAPXBA-j_kGpcM1_fKLWZw2?emci=dc9b1342-ad51-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=11684080-4052-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=10679

NATIONAL LEVEL - Send a letter. Demand Congress deliver a pathway to citizenship

<https://unitedwedream.org/actions/send-a-letter-demand-congress-deliver-a-pathway-to-citizenship/?source=partner&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=f5aa4e6e-925e-4b84-b00a-e17dd1ffd05f>

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 - Tell your MOC that you want them to co-sponsor and support the Asylum Seeker Work Authorization Act. <https://www.refugeesinternational.org/actions/let-asylum-seekers-work/>

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 - Urge Congress to protect abused, abandoned immigrant children.

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-protect-abused-abandoned-and-neglected-immigrant-children/>

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/>

Action Three: Education

Border Patrol sending migrants to unofficial camps in California's desert -

<https://www.npr.org/2023/11/21/1213597119/border-patrol-migrants-unofficial-camps-jacumba-california-desert?ft=nprml&f=1003>

Biden plans to deploy immigration officers to Panama to help screen and deport US bound migrants - <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/biden-immigration-officials-panama-migrant-screening-darien-gap/>

As Chicago shelter rule for migrant families takes effect, here are three student rights to know - <https://blockclubchicago.org/2023/11/27/as-chicagos-shelter-rule-for-migrant-families-takes-effect-here-are-three-student-rights-to-know/>

Trump refuses to rule out new family separations, but allies are wary -

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/trump-refuses-rule-out-new-migrant-family-separations-allies-are-wary-2023-11-27/>

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: (@Rep/Sen) Tens of thousands of immigrant youth are eligible for DACA, but their lives are being put on hold because of the application freeze. We can't wait any longer. We need a pathway to citizenship now. **Thank you for your efforts!**