



April 29 – May 5, 2024

What's Happening

Biden weighs giving legal status to immigrant spouses of US citizens - WSJ

Advocates criticize ballooning immigrant detention - The Hill

Alabama House passes bill allowing some undocumented immigrants to attend college - Alabama Reflector

Migrant again riding trains to US-Mexico border - Fox5 San Diego/Border Report

El Paso DA indicts 140 migrants after judge dismisses charges - El Paso Matters

New Mexico county extends migrant detention agreement - AP

CASA helps immigrant families of fallen Baltimore bridge workers come to US - wpde.com

187,000 Ukrainian refugees resettled in the US with little controversy - CBS News

Some migrants flown by FL to Martha's Vineyard qualify for victim visas - Tampa Bay Times

In OH US Senate race, little concern about alarmist immigration language - Ohio Capital Jrnl

Maryland act to increase healthcare access to migrants awaits Gov's signature - CBS News

Mexico's migrant busing operation makes US border harder to reach - USA Today

Action One: Prayer

Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst! Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters. Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds. Lord Jesus, help us by your grace. Amen. (USCCB)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action for Haiti. <https://quixote.org/action#>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call for health care screening and medical care. Protect the health and safety of migrants and all of Chicago. <https://form.iotform.com/240558774672064>

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MOC to support secure, efficient and human border security management. <https://p2a.co/Tc6usik>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress - it's time to end child labor in the US now.

https://action.greenamerica.org/page/65000/action/1?utm_medium=email&utm_source=engagingnetworks&utm_campaign=EndChildLaborUS_Action_0324&utm_content=20240314+-+End+US+Child+Labor+-+Core&ea.url.id=2400059&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC: Co-sponsor the End Solitary Confinement Act -

<https://nrcat.salsalabs.org/esca-cosponsorship/index.html>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MOC to support HR 1325 - the Asylum Seekers Work

Authorization Act. <https://www.refugeesinternational.org/actions/let-asylum-seekers-work/>

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 - Sign the petition telling Biden to reunite immigrant families now.

<https://www.change.org/p/president-biden-please-reunite-families-now>

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress you support immigration reform that respect religious

liberty. <https://www.votervoice.net/JFI/Campaigns/110431/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform

<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

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%2Fdckl2024%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&refcode>EmailReferrer=email_2173391

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to invest in local communities' capacity to welcome

refugees. <https://cwsqlobal.org/action-alerts/urgent-action-tell-congress-to-invest-in-local-communities-capacity-to-welcome-refugees/>

Action Three: Education

Biden weighs giving legal status to immigrant spouses of US citizens -

https://www.wsj.com/politics/policy/biden-weighs-giving-legal-status-to-immigrant-spouses-of-u-s-citizens-04277843?st=9q3pemrdhb6s0hy&reflink=desktopwebshare_permalink

Some migrants flown by FL to Martha's Vineyard qualify for victim visas -

<https://www.tampabay.com/news/florida-politics/2024/04/22/desantis-migrant-flights-marthas-vineyard-visas-deportation/>

Navigating the US Mexico border: Digital practices of migrants and their psychosocial needs

CASA helps immigrant families of fallen Baltimore bridge workers come to US -

<https://wpde.com/news/nation-world/key-bridge-collapse-victims-casa-esperanza-center-reunion-immigrant-families-us-visas-burial-bodies-recovered-baltimore-six-presumed-dead-construction-workers-governor-wes-moore-biden>

187,000 Ukrainian refugees resettled in the US with little controversy -

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ukrainian-refugees-us-uniting-for-ukraine-russia-invasion/?linkId=406468487>

Mexico's migrant busing operation makes US border harder to reach -

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2024/04/28/migrant-bus-operation-in-mexico/73438134007/>

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: (@POTUS) TPS justice for countries like the DRC, Haiti, & Mauritania could safeguard specific Black immigrants from unsafe conditions and enable them to keep enriching our communities.

Thank you for your efforts!