



May 13 - 19, 2024

What's Happening

Democrats prepare to go on offense on immigration in coming weeks - NBC News

US/China cooperating on deportation of Chinese Nationals arriving at US-Mexico border - AP

US announces new rule to empower asylum officials to eject more migrants earlier in the process - CBS News

Mexico tightens travel rules for Peruvians to limit migration across Western Hemisphere - AP

TX AG renews attempt to shut down Annunciation House - Natl Catholic Reporter

US explores AI to train immigration officers on talking to refugees - Reuters

Iowa law lets police arrest migrants. The fed'l govt and civil rights groups are suing - AP

Western nations pledge to continue coordinated response to record breaking migration - AP

GOP 'Megadonor' teaming up with Dems lawmakers on immigration policy - Austin American Statesman

President-elect of Panama says he will shut down key migration route to US-The Latin Times

Years after immigration policy separated families, 1,400 children aren't reunited - Wash Post

Action One: Prayer

A mother migrates with her children. They hope to escape poverty. No one will let them try. They are turned back at the border. A family flees to escape war and death. They leave with nothing. They will never return. A father entrusts his son to a relative who knows of a job for the boy. The boy becomes a slave in a factory. A young woman responds to an ad: Work in a factory! Make money! She is made to prostitute her body. A teenager migrates to the city, looking for work. He performs heavy labor for pennies. He sleeps with cockroaches. He almost starves, but he sends money to his family. Today we remember the plight of migrants. God, they are all your children. Help us, as Pope Benedict XVI calls us: to understand the causes of migration, to feel solidarity with those who migrate and to work for safety and justice for those who flee poverty and war. Amen. (Jill Rauh)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to sponsor the Asylum Seeker work authorization act of 2023 - <https://aila.quorum.us/campaign/50545/>

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 - 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://nr.cat.salsalabs.org/esca-cosponsorship/index.html>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to invest in housing programs -

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-to-invest-in-housing-programs/?link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-re-take-action-demand-congress-increase-funding-to-critical-programs-to-address-the-housing-crisis&email_referrer=email_2305267&email_subject=re-take-action-demand-congress-increase-funding-to-critical-programs-to-address-the-housing-crisis

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.voterve.net/JFI/Campaigns/110431/Respond>

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

<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action for Haiti.

<https://quixote.org/action#>

NATIONAL LEVEL -Email your legislators urging them to protect family immigration.

<https://advancingjustice-ajjc.quorum.us/campaign/43496/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MOC to support secure, efficient and human border security

management. <https://p2a.co/Tc6usjk>

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 - 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

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

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

Action Three: Education

How asylum works in the US and why there's a court backlog -

<https://www.npr.org/2024/05/08/1249629647/immigration-border-asylum-parole-explained>

Is the US-Mexico border easy to cross?

<https://www.npr.org/2024/05/06/1248670734/immigration-us-mexico-border>

When are new Americans allowed to vote in US elections?

<https://www.voanews.com/a/from-immigration-to-citizenship-when-is-an-immigrant-allowed-to-vote-in-a-us-election/7598842.html>

Years after families were separated, 1400 children aren't reunited -

<https://wapo.st/3USKpVS>

Woman who applied for green card status barred from US entry for decade -

<https://www.texastribune.org/2024/05/07/texas-immigrant-houston-green-card-ban-10-years/>

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) Congress must deliver a pathway to citizenship for immigrant youth. Support DACA. Help them to become citizens. **Thank you for your efforts!**