



December 23 - 29, 2024

What's Happening

Faith leaders concerned over report that Trump will allow ICE raids at churches - Religion News Service

Anonymous letters urged Oregonians to track 'brown illegals', officials say - Wash Post

City stops tracking migrants as it closes remaining shelters - Block Club Chicago

TX City fears federal immigration funding may end under Trump admin - Border Report

US Census Bureau adding more migrants to census count - AP

NY Mayor says he will use Executive Order to change Sanctuary Laws - Gothamist

Central America braces for possible Trump era mass deportations - AP

America's private prison complex gears up for Trump's deportation bonanza - WSJ

Action One: Prayer

Lord, as we come together this Christmas season to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we reflect on the migration flight so long ago of the Holy Family escaping the persecution of King Herod. Let us now also consider the diverse group of migrant who come to our land from all parts of your divine creation. Many came fleeing persecution or perilous conditions in their home country. These refugees seek safety within our borders. They hope to rebuild their lives in the peace and safety of our country. We celebrate the power that immigration holds to reunite family members, strengthen communities and give opportunity to the poor and vulnerable. In your wisdom, you created a world full of diverse people, languages and cultures. We pray that Jesus' teachings of peace, compassion and solidarity may be expressed here and everywhere. Amen. (Catholic Legal Immigration Network)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your Senators to reject SB 4136 (Non-Profit Killer bill)

https://act.nilc.org/page/77456/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20241220_EG_HR9495_NILC&ea.url.id=3169066&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to vote NO on HR 9495 - <https://interfaithpowerandlight.org/blog/2024/11/20/urgent-tell-congress-to-vote-no-on-hr9495/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to reject HR 9495 - <https://act.moveon.org/call/reject-HR-9495>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Fight to protect DACA recipients right to health care.

https://act.nilc.org/page/74374/petition/1?ea.tracking.id=&supporter.appealCode=20241015_DACAND_EG_NILC&ea.url.id=2946810&forwarded=tru

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to create a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients

https://act.nilc.org/page/69018/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20240615_EG_DACA12_NILC&ea.url.id=2623645&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Senate to enact a permanent solution for Dreamers - <https://p2a.co/Emn3bWM>

NATIONAL LEVEL - To POTUS, do everything in your power to protect our democracy and rights before Trump takes office. <https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/do-everything-in-your-power-to-protect-our-democracy-and-rights-before-trump-takes-office>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to act. Send a message to your MOC. Demand a pathway to citizenship: <https://unitedwedream.org/actions/send-a-letter-demand-congress-deliver-a-pathway-to-citizenship/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Biden admin to implement real, humane solutions at the border - https://act.nilc.org/page/74800/petition/1?supporter.appealCode=20241023_Biden_EG_NILC&ea.url.id=2970173&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Congress stand up to all forms of hate - https://actionnetwork.org/letters/demand-congress-stand-up-to-all-forms-of-hate/?link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-re-demand-congress-stand-up-to-all-forms-of-hate&email_referrer=email_2461798&email_subject=re-demand-congress-stand-up-to-all-forms-of-hate

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your representative in the US House to commit to protecting immigrant communities. <https://p2a.co/qd8tjmg>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to act - pass a permanent pathway to citizenship for immigrant youth. https://act.nilc.org/page/74145/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20241010_DACAArg_EG_NILC&ea.url.id=2933863&forwarded=true

Action Three: Education

City of Chicago stops tracking migrants as it closes remaining shelters -

<https://blockclubchicago.org/2024/12/20/city-stops-tracking-migrants-as-it-closes-remaining-shelters/>

Most inspiring immigration stories of 2024 - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2024/12/16/the-most-inspiring-immigration-stories-of-2024/>

US Census Bureau adding more migrants to census count -

<https://apnews.com/article/immigrants-migration-census-bureau-cb4dddebad209cf14fac63e264825e0b>

One of Biden's best immigration reforms appears dead -

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2024/12/17/one-of-bidens-best-immigration-reforms-appears-dead/>

How many Americans want mass deportations - <https://reason.com/2024/12/17/how-many-americans-really-want-mass-deportation/https://reason.com/2024/12/17/how-many-americans-really-want-mass-deportation/>

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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjinisJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@POTUS) Schools and churches don't have to enforce immigration laws. Their first and primary focus should be on creating a safe and welcoming environment. To provide sanctuary. **Thank you for your efforts!**