



December 28, 2020 – January 3, 2021

What's Happening?

Biden team prepares to revamp US refugees admissions program - CNN

Mixed status immigrant families eligible for stimulus checks in Covid relief bill - CBS News

Trump admin awards border wall contracts on TX land it doesn't own in TX - Texas Tribune

Biden weighing deportation relief for Hondurans, Guatemalans - Reuters

Migrant women file class action lawsuit for alleged medical abuse at ICE detention cntr - NBC

DACA backers ask judge for reprieve until Biden administration - Politico

Pasadena, Long Beach police gave ICE license plate data - LA Times

US President-elect Biden, Mexico's president vow to cooperate on immigration - Reuters

Fed'l judge won't speed bail hearings at Tacoma immigration lockup - AP

Immigration status question revised on college application form - USA Today

Action One: Prayer

Lord God, help us to remember those who tonight will go to sleep unfed and unwelcome, strangers in foreign lands, people who have fled for their lives and are far from their homes. We lift up to you those who are escaping persecution and conflict, having fled death, torture or ruthless exploitation. So many carry wounds, mental and physical. So many have suffered greatly. Lord Jesus, give us more of your compassion for their plight, soften our hearts to their situation, and help us follow your lead in seeking justice and mercy on their behalf. We pray for an end to the wars, poverty and human rights abuses that drive desperate people to become refugees in the first place. We give thanks for people working in troubled countries and ask for more of your blessing so we can bring life, dignity and hope to those that remain. We thank you that you are Lord and all its people are loved by you. We pray these things in the name of your Son who was himself born into the troubled life of a refugee.

(Author unknown)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign this online postcard to go to ICE Director Simona Flores to [#savethe28](https://support.elca.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=1316&fbclid=IwAR3XpYCAhtWkwJe2pmKbUXI4ue223cf1ajupbQGdQgNlBx4aF7ixBy0idDw)
<https://support.elca.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=1316&fbclid=IwAR3XpYCAhtWkwJe2pmKbUXI4ue223cf1ajupbQGdQgNlBx4aF7ixBy0idDw>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President elect Joe Biden to urge Congress to pass the Peoples Act (HR 1) as a first priority in his administration. Sign the petition: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/the-next-president-congress-must-enact-democracy-reform?source=10062020swap-fan&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d927f4ca-0792-4819-ae90-f4bea3fb4bc0>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to make family reunification a top priority until every single separated family is reunited. <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-make-family-reunification-a-top-priority>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Send a message to the San Antonio ICE Field Office and demand that these families get access to legal support they need to fight their cases.

https://www.raicestexas.org/2020/11/19/ice-transferred-families-from-hotels-to-immigration-prisons/?ms=em20201119_karnes_tellice&emci=164d5f89-b32a-eb11-9fb4-0003ff196a4c&emdi=80b87d8f-b32a-eb11-9fb4-0003ff196a4c&ceid=98335

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stop the deportation of survivors and witnesses of ICE abuse -
<https://action.mijente.net/petitions/protect-survivors-of-medical-abuse-in-ice-custody>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Add your name to tell the Biden Harris admin to build a country where everyone can thrive, no matter their race, age, birth place, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity. <https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/take-action-citizenship-roadmap-and-deportation-moratorium-now>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to end the Muslim ban. America is a place where all races and religions should be able to live free and equal lives. <https://muslimadvocates.org/action/no-ban-act/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=9d9ec701-e1f3-4a65-856b-127d95650b39>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Keep borders and pathways to asylum open. Refugees still need our support and help now more than ever. Sign the petition:

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/keep-borders-and-pathways-to-asylum-open?detail=emailaction&link_id=4&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-re-borders-must-stay-open-for-refugees&email_referrer=email_853723&email_subject=re-borders-must-stay-open-for-refugees

Action Three: Education

(Report) Immigrant essential workers: crucial to Covid19 recovery -

<https://www.fwd.us/news/immigrant-essential-workers/>

The most inspiring immigrants of 2020 - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2020/12/17/the-most-inspiring-immigrants-of-2020/?sh=3394a6bf635b>

Biden DHS nominee has ‘refreshing’ meeting with faith groups about immigration, refugees -

<https://religionnews.com/2020/12/18/biden-dhs-nominee-has-refreshing-meeting-with-faith-groups-about-immigration-refugees/>

Biden advisers: It will take “months” to reestablish asylum at the border -

<https://www.efe.com/efe/america/mexico/asesores-de-biden-tardaremos-meses-en-restablecer-el-asilo-la-frontera/50000545-4425021>

Trump admin awards border wall contracts on Texas land it doesn’t own in Texas -

<https://www.texastribune.org/2020/12/23/trump-border-wall-land-texas/>

What will happen to immigration in the UK after Brexit?

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/brexit/brexit-uk-deal-immigration-priti-patel-b1764643.html>

Immigration status question revised on college application form -

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/education/2020/12/18/common-app-college-application-daca-immigrant-students/3938829001/>

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: The ICDI Broadview Prayer Vigil is still happening but we are doing it weekly online. As is customary, First Fridays are interfaith and other weeks we pray the rosary. Anyone who wants to get the meeting access information can email hello@icdichicago.org with a request.

Action Five: Social Media: (@DOJ, @Justice Dept.) Stop your drastic fee increases to essential court filings. The increases go as high as 9 times the current cost – which is yet another last gasp attempt by the Trump admin to solidify its anti-immigrant agenda

Thank you for your efforts!