



Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus UPDATE



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International Day of Prayer against *Human Trafficking*

A Crime Against Humanity – Modern Day Slavery

Pope Francis has strongly denounced, many times, the trafficking of human beings, defining it as "a crime against humanity" and calling on everyone to get involved in looking after the victims. Responding to the Holy Father's plea, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Migration, has designated **February 8th** as an annual day of prayer for survivors and victims of human trafficking. February 8th is the feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped from her home in the Sudan at age 7 and sold into slavery. Once Josephine was freed she became a Cannosian Sister and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering.

The day of prayer on February 8th is intended to raise awareness of and encourage reflection on the violence and injustice that impact victims of human trafficking.

Each year, approximately 2.5 million people are victims of trafficking and slavery. On the other hand, for traffickers and pimps, this is one of the most lucrative illegal activities in the world, generating a total of 32 billion dollars a year. This horrific crime continues to grow and is now the 2nd most profitable "business" just behind the illegal drug trade.



We are all called to build a civilization based on the equal dignity of every person and join efforts to eliminate the scourge of human trafficking. Please join the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community in praying the special intentions listed on the next page for each day leading up to February 8th. On the 8th we will join together in praying the prayer written by our own Sr. Veronica Piccone, MSC. During these days, let each of us pray for the emotional, physical and spiritual healing of victims, and make a personal commitment to work against human trafficking.

Daily Special Intentions:

Sunday, February 1st

There are an estimated 27 million slaves in the world today—more than any other time in history. Pray for an awakening to move like wildfire in our country and around the world to bring an end to slavery once and for all.

Monday, February 2nd

Children below the age of 18 years represent between 40 to 50% of all forced labor victims. Pray for these children specifically as they spend their childhoods working, being abused, and having their innocence stolen.

Tuesday, February 3rd

After drug dealing, human trafficking (both sex trafficking and trafficking for forced labor) is now the second largest criminal industry in the world today, and it is the fastest growing. Pray for the men and women who are wrapped up in this evil and darkness. Ask Jesus for an awakening among the worst offenders and that they would repent and instead become a force for freedom.

Wednesday, February 4th

Worldwide, there are nearly two million children in the commercial sex trade. Pray specifically for these children who are being abused, raped, and treated inhumanely today.

Thursday, February 5th

There are an estimated 600,000 to 800,000 children, women and men trafficked across international borders annually. Pray for the many women and children who are being trafficked this very moment to another country.

Friday, February 6th

Pray for pimps selling girls on the streets. Pray that their hearts will be changed and radical transformation will happen in their lives causing them to no longer abuse and force sex on girls.

Saturday, February 7th

The total market value of illicit human trafficking is estimated to be in excess of \$37 billion. Protect our hearts from greed and evil. Open our eyes to what is good and move us to fight for justice.



Sunday, February 8th
International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

Prayer to End Human Trafficking

by Sr. Veronica Piccone, MSC

O Lord, you said you came: “to set the captives free.”

In our world young men and women who are trafficked are modern day slaves.

Help these young people not to lose hope.

Give the grace for elected officials to grow in awareness of and to take active steps to eradicate this horror.

Teach them not to prosecute the victims of trafficking but to bring to justice those who perpetrate this crime.

Lord, give the grace of conversion to those who mistreat unfortunates for their own personal gain.

May demand decrease as people realize that prostitution is a crime against human dignity, forced upon these people, who are more victim than anything else.

May the awareness of this horrendous crime spread throughout the world and may many join the efforts to stop trafficking and help the victims begin anew, filled with hope.



We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Please Join Us
on
Sunday, February 8th
1 -2 pm
St. Frances X. Cabrini
Shrine
New York City

**Prayer Service for
Victims of Human
Trafficking**

Non-Denominational All Are Welcome

Location

St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine
701 Fort Washington Ave
New York, NY 10040

Conveniently located
near the A train 190th
street stop.

Date and Time

February 8, 2015
1 – 2 pm (Service)
2 – 3 pm (Refreshments)

“Like” the Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition on Facebook for more information



Human Trafficking
Is a crime against
human dignity.

Let us support the
victims with our
prayers.

Cabrini College, Radnor, PA

The campus community doing its part to raise awareness

On February 5th, Cabrini College will observe the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. This day was designated by Pope Francis and world interfaith leaders as a day to reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity, and to comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors. We will observe February 5th with a series of events:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Join the Cabrini community to learn about human trafficking and to pray for its end

Thursday, February 5, 2015

8:30 a.m.
Mass offered for Sister Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of trafficking victims
The Bruckmann Memorial Chapel of St. Joseph

3:15 p.m.
"Human Trafficking: A Dawning Reality" by Sister Terry Shields, Director of Dawn's Place
Grace Hall Atrium

5-6:30 p.m.
Catholic Relief Services
#RefugeesSeekingSafety
Grace Hall Atrium

6:30 p.m.
Interfaith Prayer Service Against Human Trafficking led by Rev. Joseph Modica, Ph.D., Eastern University Chaplain
Grace Hall Atrium

PRAY FOR ITS END

CABRINI COLLEGE

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Sponsored by the Wolfington Center, Campus Ministry, and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30 am: Mass - Bruckmann Memorial Chapel of Saint Joseph

Daily Mass will be celebrated in memory of [St. Josephine Bakhita](#), the patron saint of human trafficking victims.

3:15 pm: "Human Trafficking: A Dawning Reality" – Grace Hall Atrium

Sister Terry Shields, Director of Dawn's Place, (a nonprofit organization that proactively supports women negatively affected by commercial sexual exploitation) will speak about human trafficking in today's world.

5:00 pm-6:30 pm: Immigration Simulation - Grace Hall Atrium

The CRS Ambassadors will present their Immigration Simulation, drawing attention to one of the push factors of human trafficking. Participants can stop in at any point to experience the simulation. Pizza will be served.

6:30 pm: Interfaith Prayer Service Against Human Trafficking – Grace Hall Atrium by the mural

Rev. Dr. Joseph Modica, Chaplain of Eastern University, will lead an interfaith prayer service with clergy of many different backgrounds. We'll pray for change and push for action, as we join together.

During the week of February 2nd

Prayer Cards and Anti-Human Trafficking Buttons will be distributed on campus. Look for Cabrini Mission Corps Missioners, Campus Ministry staff, and Wolfington Center staff as they distribute them, or stop by Campus Ministry or the Wolfington Center to pick them up. Fliers for distribution can be picked up the Wolfington Center, if you'd like to help us promote the day.

These events are sponsored by Campus Ministry, the Wolfington Center, and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Cabrini High School, New Orleans, LA

Religion Chair Denise Theriot Commissioned as Ecclesial Lay Minister

Cabrini High School Religion Chairperson Denise Theriot was commissioned as an Ecclesial Lay Minister as part of Archbishop Aymond's Co-Workers Leadership Institute.

Theriot was one of ten individuals commissioned in the first lay ecclesial class.

"I have been trained and formed spiritually, academically, pastorally, and humanly to take on leadership in the church. It is not a specific position title, a new rank or order of laity," commented Theriot on her commission. "The Archbishop and priests can call on me to step in or lead in a parish or school setting, in a hospital or prison ministry, as my gifts, work and life experiences AND THE NEED for such services arise."

Theriot continued, "In all probability, after 30 years of working with young people, that is where I will serve. However, I am open to working with adults in spiritual formation or spiritual direction or working with single adults. Does this mean a new, different job for me? I doubt it. Does it open the door to other opportunities within the realm of spiritual formation? Absolutely! Am I excited about that? Absolutely!"

~ submitted by Nall Gearheard



Cabrini High School, New Orleans, LA

Hosts a prayer vigil Mass against crime

A prayer vigil Mass against crime was held on January 28th in the Sacred Heart Chapel of the Cabrini High School.



Deacon Uriel Durr opened the vigil Mass leading the students, faculty, and staff in prayer. Crimestoppers local chapter director Darlene Cusanza and her assistant Shira Hussain discussed methods for reporting and reducing crime in New Orleans, with an emphasis on the importance community involvement, at the request of Cabrini's Crimestoppers Club.

Adoration was held with praise and worship music by Jonathan Koeppel. There was also the recitation of a rosary followed by a period of silence for private, spontaneous prayers. A large basket was placed at the entrance of the chapel for personal intentions for crime victims. *~submitted by Nall Gearheard*

From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...

February 2nd is the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.

(Celebrated in Parishes February 7-8)



In 1997, Pope John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. This year's observance falls during The Year of Consecrated Life.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day – especially our beloved Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. *~from the USCCB website*

Please Save the Date

CABRINI OF WESTCHESTER'S SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SHARING IN MISSION DINNER



Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill Mansion, Tarrytown, New York

FORMAL INVITATION AND EVENT DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!



Cabrini *Action and Advocacy* Coalition



Rescued Trafficking Victims Need Our Help

Dear Cabrini Friends,

The Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition received a request from an FBI victims advocate. She stated that while rescued trafficked victims are thankful for everything/anything they receive, it is difficult to see the clothing these young girls are given as they begin their new lives (sweat pants, sweat shirts, oversized T-shirts, etc.) Most of the time after rescue, their only possessions are the clothes on their back. We came up with the idea of starting a "Cabrini Closet" that would provide more trendy, size appropriate clothing that these victims would be proud to wear.

We are asking you to check your closets, ask your daughters, friends, co-workers, etc., to give us **"like new"** clothing, you may no longer wear, in order to fill our closet. If you don't have clothing, gift cards would also be greatly appreciated for these kids to shop at places such as Forever 21, Marshall's, Target, etc.. Please help us to bring a bit of happiness to those who have suffered so much in their young lives.

Please mail or drop off your donations to our office listed below or I can make arrangements to have them picked up. Our first closet is housed at the MSC Mission Offices at the Cabrini College Cottage. We hope to have many more "Cabrini Closets" at other Cabrini mission sites in the years to come.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your support!

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Prayer Requests

Lourdes Baretto

Your prayers are requested for Lourdes, a former Cabrini College staff member who has had to undergo surgery for vision problems. It is anticipated that Lourdes will have to undergo further surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

Nancy Borneman

Your prayers are asked for Nancy, the mother of Sr. Debbie Borneman, SSCM, Director of Member Relations and Services at the National Religious Vocations Conference. Mrs. Borneman is currently in treatment for pancreatic cancer. Please pray that she will be able to tolerate the treatments well and will experience great healing.

Dr. Mary Ann Biller

Dr. Biller, a former Vice President for Academic Affairs at Cabrini College has recently suffered a traumatic fall and has sustained subsequent injuries. It will take a few months for Mary Ann to fully recover. Please keep her in your prayers so that she will be restored to full health.

Mariam Gough

Please pray for Mariam, the niece of Sr. Immaculate Gough, MSC who was recently diagnosed with cancer.



Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Monday, February 2nd is the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. On this day let us give thanks for the Missionary Sisters and their lives of dedicated and loving service to those on the margins of society. Please keep them and all consecrated religious in your thoughts and prayers in a special way on this day and throughout this The Year of Consecrated Life.

May God bless you abundantly, Sisters!

Sr. Ambrogina Morselli, MSC

Please pray for Sr. Gina who had a recent hospitalization. She is now back at Sacred Heart Convent. Please pray for her comfort and continued healing.

Sr. Matilda Pepe, MSC

Pray for Sr. Matilda who came through her recent leg surgery very well. Sr. Matilda is now back at St. Cabrini Nursing Home and is doing fine.

Jane McFarland Petty

Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC, asks prayers for a friend's sister, Jane McFarland Petty, who has just been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Sr. Ilaria Povero, MSC

Your prayers are asked for Sr. Ilaria who continues to recover from an injury. She will be doing rehabilitation at St. Cabrini Nursing Home before returning to Sacred Heart Convent. If you would like to send her greetings:

To send greetings:

**Sr. Ilaria Povero, MSC
c/o St. Cabrini Nursing Home
1 West Unit - Rm. 128
115 Broadway
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
Phone: 974-693-6800 x 609**

John Rossi

Prayers are asked for John Rossi who has been diagnosed with inoperable tumors on his spine and brain and for his wife Maria as she deals with this diagnosis for her husband.

Gisela Von Huene Slonneger

Your prayers for healing are requested for Gisela Von Huene Slonneger, a dedicated and hard-working alumna from Villa Cabrini Academy, Burbank, CA, Class of 1963, and for Steve, her devoted husband of 50 years, as he tends to Gisela as she recovers from multiple health problems.

With Thanks



With thanks for our prayers...

Cabrini Companion John Laudi, whose daughter, Carolyn Byers, we prayed for last week as she was about to undergo major surgery, writes,

"Thank you so much, your prayers mean a lot to us. According to her doctors the surgery was successful and recovery will be a very long process. In the coming months she will be getting a prosthetic lower leg and she have to learn how to walk all over again. Again, I cannot express how much your prayers mean to us."

*Yours in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
John Laudi*

Further gratitude for prayers offered...

Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC wishes to thank everyone for their prayers for Adam Henry, a young father who had recently been diagnosed with a brain aneurysm. Sr. Christine Marie reports that Adam is recovering from surgery and is doing well. His family is most grateful to everyone for their concern, prayers and good thoughts.

In Loving Memory

Sophie

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sophie, the aunt of Sr. Amada Liboro, MSC. May she rest in God's peace.