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“We are here to create something **NEW**”

...These are the words of MSC General Superior Sr. Barbara Staley, spoken as she offered her opening remarks at the 2015 Provincial Assembly currently in session in Florham Park, New Jersey.



Actively engaged in the Assembly are from left: Sr. Beatriz Caal; MSC pre-candidate Claudia Lorena Redondo; Sr. Emperatriz Canales Espinoza; and Sr. Carmen Graciela Pantano.

Missionary Sisters and lay leaders from the Stella Maris Province were united in an Assembly for the first time with the Missionary Sisters from Mexico and Central America. In the near future, the MSCs from Mexico and Central America will join the MSCs of the Stella Maris Province in forming a new entity.

Sr. Barbara reflected, “we are living the dreams and visions of our sisters of the past. We are building the future, which we look to with hope. Sisters and brothers, we are living in the rivers of grace and mercy; a grace that comes to us through charism.”

Fittingly, as the Stella Maris Province unites with the region of Central America, the theme of the Provincial Assembly is “interculture-ality”. To explore the implications of this new entity - this new union - Dr. Arturo Chavez, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Mexican American Catholic College in San Antonio, Texas, led the Assembly in interactive exercises designed to consider the many dimensions of culture.

Taken from the work of Edward T. Hall and Eric H.F. Law, “culture is the particular way in which a human group interprets life and relates with nature, God, the world and other peoples. Culture is lived and expressed through traditions,



Dr. Arturo Chavez addresses the Assembly on the many facets of culture.

relationships, food, music, religion, beliefs, thought patterns, myths and how we act. It is not only how we are, it is who we are. It is our history, our ethnicity, how we think about our families, who we include in our families, how we speak and when we speak, how we think about God and how we relate to God. It is how we relate to each other and how we relate to the stranger.”

Dr. Chavez asked the Assembly to consider the “Iceberg Analogy of Culture” created by Hall and Law. In doing so, sisters and laity contemplated the internal and external aspects of culture. The Assembly was invited to share in conversation about individual family heritage and traditions - how these serve to form an individual and his or her perceptions of others and of the world.

The first step in building an intercultural community, posited Dr. Chavez, is to get to know our own hearts. Being aware of our own heart, we come to a better understanding of our own power and how cultures have formed us.

One session of the Assembly focused on the way in which Cabrinian ministries are addressing the pressing issues of immigration, migration, refugees, asylum seekers and human trafficking. It is through these responses that we see how the Cabrinian charism is living and active in the world today.



In a celebration of cultures, the Assembly was opened with a parade of flags from each nation emblematic of those at the Assembly. Here Sr. Joan Marie Sariti, MSC (I.) and Sr. Laura Baldini, MSC proudly carry the MSC stemma.



Offering congratulations and blessings to CLM Vicky Lucio (3rd I.) are Missionary Sisters from left: Romualda Molon, Bernadette Anello, Veronica Piccone, Amada Liboro, Isalia Carvalho and Antonia Plata.

Woven into the Assembly program were times for prayer and reflection each highlighting a different country present at the Assembly. Liturgies at the Assembly were offered in Spanish and English in honor of the new reality. In a further spirit of celebration, during Monday’s liturgy, Vicky Lucio renewed her commitment as a Cabrini Lay Missionary (CLM).

Nothing transcends culture like music and dancing. Therefore, no Assembly is complete without its own fiesta! With smiles and laughter, Missionary Sisters and laity shared the floor dancing to the beat of Latin, Swazi and American songs...united as one. For more photos visit: www.mothercabrini.org

Sr. Laura Baldini, MSC (I.) takes time for a photo with CMC missionaries. Front row L-R: Rachel Recolcolin, Vanessa Miranda, Morgan Perry and Ashley Block. Back row: L – R: Madison Koenig, Denzel Stanislaus and Rebecca Wyss.



Cabrini High School, New Orleans, LA

Celebrating Spanish Culture



Cabrini High School hosted the Día de la Hispanidad 2015 in the school's Sr. Aloysius Almerico Memorial Library on Columbus Day, in recognition of Spain's historic and cultural influence to the international community.

Vivian Coutin, Assistant Principal for Curriculum Instruction and



Professional Development at Cabrini High School and president of Sociedad Española, sponsored the Día de la Hispanidad event, Spain's national holiday honoring Christopher Columbus' arrival in the Americas and Spain's contributions in the region. The afternoon included two lectures given by Dr. Alfredo Lopez, past President of Sociedad Española, and Dr. Hortensia Calvo, director of the Latin American Library of Tulane University. The lectures highlighted Saint Teresa of Avila and Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, two influential women writers of Spanish descent from the 16th and 17th centuries. The afternoon concluded with Mrs. Coutin speaking about St. F. X. Cabrini, the Patroness of Immigrants.

~ submitted by Nall Gearheard

Mrs. Vivian Coutin
President of Sociedad Española.

Cabrini College, Radnor, PA

An Evening with Alveda King

Recently, members of Cabrini College's CAVS for Life attended, "An Evening with Dr. Alveda C. King" at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Doylestown, PA. The daughter of the late civil rights activist, Rev. A.D. King and his wife Naomi Barber King, Alveda spoke about growing up during the civil rights movement, her grandfather, Martin Luther King, Sr., her uncle, Martin Luther King, Jr., and her work as Director of African American Outreach with *Priests for Life*.

CAVS for Life member, Annette Godwin said, "Everyone enjoyed every last minute of the trip to see Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s niece, Dr. Alveda King. The trip was an experience."

Raquel Johnson said, "The trip to see Alveda King [introduced] me to a lot more



CAVs for Life members from left: Eric Lodi, Romona McMillian, Annette Godwin, Raquel Johnson and James Flanagan had the opportunity to meet and converse with Dr. Alveda C. King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

information. Dr. King also answered the one question I've always had about abortion and rape victims. I now have a better understanding and a better outlook on why every baby--no matter how they were conceived--deserves a chance to live. This trip really sealed the deal on why I am a pro-life activist. I hope we have more trips like this in the future."

~submitted by Anne Schwelm



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Prayer Requests

John Geary

Please pray for John Geary who was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. John is the brother of Barbara Reynolds, a good friend of Tom and Marianne McGowan. Marianne is a Cabrini Lay Missionary.

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Please remember the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to meet during their Provincial Assembly. Pray that their time together will be a time of unity, understanding and blessing as they seek to form a new entity within the Institute. Pray also, that everyone will return home safely.

A New Time to Embrace...

a song by Patricia Stancato, CLM



Walking with faith into the future. Be with us Lord, as we enter this time.
Come Holy Spirit, transform us. Lead us on this path of new life.
Caminar con fe en el futuro. Estar con nosotros, Señor, en este momento.
Ven, Espíritu Santo, nos transforman. Nos guíe en este camino de la vida nueva.

This is a new time... And, Lord we need your grace.
This is a new time to embrace.
Este es Nuevo tiempo...y Señor, necesitamos de tu gracia.
Este es un nuevo tiempo de abrazar.

We come together from the missions we serve. We give you glory, Lord, as you deserve.
Join now as one, from all corners of the earth. Open our hearts to this Jubilee birth.
Nos hemos reunido de las misiones donde servimos.
Le damos la gloria, Señor, como usted se merece.
Unase ahora como uno, de todos los rincones de la tierra.
Abrir nuestro corazon a este Jubileo nacimiento.