



November 30, 2017

Over the next few weeks, as we continue to **Share the Journey** with our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters, the Vatican office on Migrants and Refugees, consulting with various Bishops' Conferences and Catholic NGOs, has prepared **Twenty Action Points** on migrants and refugees. The **Twenty Points** are grounded on migrants' and refugees' needs identified at the grassroots level and on the Church's best practices. The Points have been approved by the Holy Father. This week, we will introduce the first three of the **Twenty Points**.

## *Continuing to Share the Journey*

Global migration is a major challenge for much of today's world and a priority for the Catholic Church. In words and deeds, Pope Francis repeatedly shows his deep compassion for all who are displaced. Witness his encounters with migrants and refugees on the Islands of Lampedusa and Lesbos. Witness his call for their full embrace: *to welcome, to protect, to promote* and *to integrate* migrants, refugees and victims of human trafficking.

In addition, the Holy Father is guiding the Church to assist the world community in systematically improving its responses to the displaced. The international political community has launched a multilateral process of consultation and negotiations with the goal of adopting two Global Compacts by the end of 2018, one on international migrants and the other on refugees. In doing so, **Twenty Action Points** have been formulated. The various Bishops' Conferences are urged to promote the **Points** in their parishes and Church organizations with the hope of fostering more effective solidarity with migrants and refugees.

Though grounded in the Church's experience and reflection, the **Twenty Points** are offered as valuable considerations to all people of good will who might be willing to implement them and advocate their inclusion in their country's negotiations. Leaders and members of all faiths, and organizations of civil society, are welcome to join in this effort.



### **Welcoming: Increasing Safe and Legal Routes for Migrants and Refugees**

The decision to emigrate should be made freely and voluntarily. Migration should be an orderly process which respects the laws of each country involved. To this end, the following points are to be considered:

1. The collective or arbitrary expulsion of migrants and refugees should be avoided. The principles of non-refoulement should always be respected: migrants and refugees must never be returned to a country which has been deemed unsafe. The application of this principle should be based on the level of safety effectively afforded to each individual, rather than on a summary evaluation of a country's general state of security. The routine application of a

list of “safe countries” often fails to consider the real security needs of particular refugees; they must be treated on an individual basis.

2. Legal routes for safe and voluntary migration or relocation should be multiplied. This can be achieved by granting more humanitarian visas, visas for students and apprentices, family reunification visas (including siblings, grandparents and grandchildren), and temporary visas for people fleeing conflict in neighboring countries; by creating humanitarian corridors for the most vulnerable; and by launching private and community sponsorship programs, programs for relocating refugees in communities rather than concentrating them in holding facilities
3. The value of each person’s safety – rooted in a profound respect for the inalienable rights of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees – should be correctly balanced with national security concerns. This can be achieved through appropriate training for border agents; by ensuring that migrants, asylum seekers and refugees have access to basic services, including legal services; by ensuring protection for anyone fleeing war and violence; and by seeking alternative solutions to detention for those who enter a country without authorization.

*~ Migrants and Refugees Section, Integral Human Development, Vatican City*



**Next week - *Protecting: Defending the Rights and Dignity of Migrants and Refugees***

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## Meet Our Neighbors

Bangladesh is experiencing one of the worst humanitarian crises in its history due to the unprecedented influx of refugees from Myanmar. In 3 months, more than 600,000 refugees have arrived, escaping horrific violence.

The needs of the Rohingya refugees, half of whom are children, are dire. They arrive in Bangladesh hungry, exhausted and depleted of any resources. Boats cross the Naf River with families, children, the elderly and people who have spent significant funds to pay for the crossing. Many have faced torture and lost loved ones, including children, in the violence. The human needs—emotional and physical—are immense. *~ Catholic Relief Services website*

To view videos from Catholic Relief Services Officer Caroline Brennan about the refugees, please click here:  
<https://www.crs.org/get-involved/learn/resource-center/responding-rohingya-refugee-crisis>

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## Extending Thanksgiving Hospitality

The Community of Sant'Egidio, a long-time friend to the tenants of Cabrini Apartments of NYC held their annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the homeless and poor at Cabrini Apartments once again this year. More than ten of the Community members prepared the entire meal on-site with prep-work starting the week before the holiday. Tenants of Cabrini Apartments are also invited to share in the meal and festivities.

The kitchen and library of Cabrini Apartments have become the site for weekly prayer and meeting for the Community members, and for storing and preparing meals to take out to the homeless each Tuesday evening. Phillip Deans, Housing Manager for Cabrini Apartments, is delighted to participate in this outreach to those who have so little, by providing hospitality and space to the Sant'Egidio members.

**The Community of Sant'Egidio** is a worldwide movement of lay people, based on prayer, solidarity, ecumenism, dialogue. Cabrini Apartments are sponsored and managed by Cabrini of Westchester.

*~ submitted by Pat Krasnansky*



Turkeys with all the trimmings were prepared and served by volunteers of the Community of Sant'Egidio at the Cabrini Apartments.



For the traditional celebration of Thanksgiving, volunteers from the Community of Sant'Egidio in New York gathered with many friends who live on the street. It was a large "table of brotherhood" without divisions or distance.

*~ caption from the Sant'Egidio website*



# Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY

## Announces a Record-Breaking Annual Liberty & Justice Awards Cocktail Reception!

Cabrini Immigrant Services held its annual Liberty & Justice Awards Reception on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at Estherwood Mansion in Dobbs Ferry, New York. The event was held in honor of the Sisters of Charity of New York and Thomas Dobbins, Coordinator of Justice and Peace and

Producer of Sirius XM Radio at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York.



From left: Pat Krasnausky, President and CEO and Bonita Burke, VP of Operations and Administrator of Cabrini of Westchester present the 2017 Liberty and Justice Award to the Sisters of Charity of New York.

In addition to the honorees, Marianne McGowan, ESL Coordinator for Cabrini Immigrant Services, was also recognized upon the occasion of her retirement for her 15 years of dedicated and outstanding service to the program and presented with an inscribed globe by Cabrini Immigrant Services volunteer and former honoree, Sr. Damien Ciminera, MSC.

The honorees drew a record crowd of over 100 supporters and raised a record-breaking net of \$28,000! The evening

was made even more special with the presence of Provincial, Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC and who shared a little-known fact about the history of Mother Cabrini. When Mother Cabrini arrived in New York with the first group of MSCs, they had nowhere to stay. They were taken in by the Sisters of Charity of New York and told they could stay as long as needed. As 2017 marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sisters of Charity of New York and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of Mother Cabrini into eternal life, it was very fitting and moving to witness Sr. Pietrina, MSC, thank the Sisters of Charity of New York for providing Mother Cabrini and the MSCs with refuge and present them with the Cabrini Liberty & Justice Award!

Proceeds from the event will benefit the programs of Cabrini Immigrant Services, which include: English for Speakers of Other Languages (“ESOL”) Programs, after-school homework help program, assistance with preparations for the citizenship test, aid in procuring benefits, provision of health screening and referrals, and various other support and educational services. We are grateful to the honorees for their many contributions to immigrant services and all who supported this important fundraiser.



From left: Marianne McGowan (c.) accepts a token of recognition for her 15 years of service at Cabrini Immigrant Services from Pat Krasnausky (l.) and Sr. Damien Ciminera, MSC.

~ submitted by Lorraine Horgan



## From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...



On Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, high school juniors from Archbishop Prendergast H.S., St. Mark's H.S. and Padua Academy participated in a vocation Gift of Mission Day at the Sisters of St. Francis, Aston, PA, sponsored by the members of the NRVC Delaware Valley Region.

The interactive day included icebreakers, skits, critical thinking activities, a tour of the Motherhouse, prayer and a panel discussion. Six religious congregations hosted the day including the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



### FOCUS ON CHARISM

Sr. Joan McGlinchey, MSC, Vicar for Religious in the Archdiocese of Chicago was the guest speaker on November 29<sup>th</sup> in the Cabrini University Wolfington Center's lecture series, *The Good That Must Be Done: The Life and Legacy of Mother Cabrini*. Sr. Joan highlighted the charism of Mother Cabrini.

The series will conclude in February with Maria Williams who will address Mother Cabrini's educational philosophy.





## Handbag Sale

**Please join us on Tuesday, December 5**

**at Cabrini University in Grace Hall Atrium**

610 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, PA 19087

**10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**(New and Like New Items at Very Low Prices)**



### **Cabrini Action & Advocacy Coalition and Cabrini University's ECG Class 200**

Rescued Trafficked Victims **Need Our On-Going Help**

“Cabrini Closet” efforts to supply rescued victims of  
human trafficking with much needed items.

Part of the proceeds will also benefit

New Day Drop-In Center

**(Cash & Checks Only)**

If you have new or like-new purses that you would like to donate,  
you can deliver or mail them to:

The Cottage at Cabrini University

1260 Upper Gulph Road, Radnor, PA 19087

For further information: Karol Brewer – 610 -902-1038

# *The Spirit of Christmas at Rockefeller Plaza*



**Saturday, December 9, 2017**

## **The Terrace Club**

25 W. 51st Street  
New York, New York 10019  
(Just off Rockefeller Plaza)

**6:30 pm - 10:30 pm**

**Hors d'Oeuvres \* Open Bar \* Buffet Dinner**  
**Individual Tickets \$150**

**Sponsorships Available!**

**For more information contact Ellen: 212-228-8608**



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**Help Us Bring A Smile  
To A Child This  
Christmas!**



Cabrini Immigrant Services is accepting monetary donations, gift cards & new toys for our annual Christmas celebration & gift distribution!

**If you would like to make a donation contact Zenith Isidor at  
[zisidor@cis-nyc.org](mailto:zisidor@cis-nyc.org) or 212-791-4590 ext. 104.**

**You can also purchase gifts from our wishlist at:  
[bit.ly/CISChristmas](http://bit.ly/CISChristmas) or make a donation here: [bit.ly/donatecis](http://bit.ly/donatecis)**



# Frances Xavier Cabrini: The People's Saint

The US Premiere of the documentary by Lucia Mauro

**Tuesday, December 5, 7 pm**

**Bryn Mawr Film Institute, Bryn Mawr, PA**

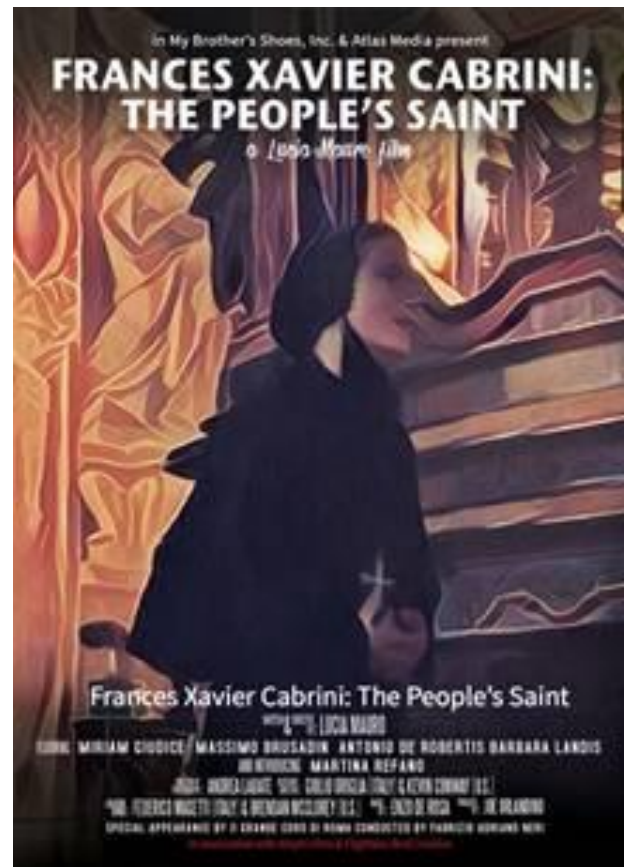
Please consider joining us for the premiere of the new documentary film, Frances Xavier Cabrini: The People's Saint. Ticket prices begin at \$20 and include popcorn and soda. This event is likely to draw people from all over the Philadelphia area with a connection to Mother Cabrini and her charism; come out and enjoy an enlightening evening of good conversation and fine filmmaking.

The director and producer, Lucia Mauro and Joe Orlandini, will join us to introduce the film and for a talkback following the screening. There are also opportunities to join them for more intimate conversation over wine and cheese.

[Click here for more information about tickets](#) or contact the Wolfington Center at 610-902-8431.

The film explores the environment and deep spirituality that shaped Mother Cabrini – the Patron Saint of Immigrants and Hospital Administrators -- in honor of the Centenary of her passing. It reintroduces audiences to the first American citizen saint and addresses her relevance today for refugees and immigrants around the world. Mother Cabrini -- despite frail health and a fear of water - - crossed the ocean many times to administer to the poor, the sick and children and established schools, hospitals, and safe havens across Europe and the Americas. The film begins in her birthplace of Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Italy and takes viewers through her brave, tireless commitment to serve those in need in the United States, as well as her global reach. The film includes enlightening interviews with author-scholar Achille Mascheroni, Sister Bridget Zanin, Father Richard Fragomeni, artist Meo Carbone, architect Christopher Payne, Sister Maria Regina Canale, Youth Ministers from the Archdiocese of Chicago, and more.

*~ submitted by Tom Southard, Cabrini University Wolfington Center*





# Come, Lord Jesus!

The holy season of anticipation is here.



For the Church the world *Advent* has two meanings: presence and anticipation. Presence: the light is present, Christ is with us and among us. His light is already shining and we must open the eyes of our hearts to see the light and be grateful that God himself entered history as a new source of good. But Advent also means anticipation. The dark night of evil is still strong and therefore, in Advent we pray insistently: come Jesus; come, give power to light and to good; come where falsehood, ignorance of God, violence and injustice predominate. Come Lord Jesus, give power to the good in the world and help us to be bearers of your light, peacemakers, and witnesses of the truth.

~ Pope Benedict XVI

*This year, how might I make presence and anticipation more prominent in my Advent?*

## Prayer Requests

### ***Cabrini University campus community member***

Prayers are requested for the husband of a campus community member who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

### ***Herb Powell***

Please pray for Herb Powell, a family member of Cabrini University alumna and trustee Anne Marie Borneman '80, who is encountering some serious medical issues.

## In Loving Memory

### ***William Turner***

The Cabrini University Community mourns the loss of William Turner, of Sodexo, Inc. & Associates, who passed away on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Cabrinian Community sends our prayers to the Turner Family at this sad time. May Mr. Turner rest in God's eternal peace.