



December 14, 2017

*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. This week, we will be examining points 12~17.*

Continuing to Share the Journey

Protecting: Defending the Rights and Dignity of Migrants and Refugees



The Church has repeatedly emphasized the need to promote integral human development for migrants, asylum seekers and refugees alongside local residents. Countries should include migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in their plan for national development. To this end, the following points are to be considered:

12. The competencies of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees should be valued and developed in countries of arrival by guaranteeing equal access to higher education, specialization courses, apprenticeships and internships, and by validating qualifications obtained elsewhere.

13. The social and professional inclusion of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees within local communities should be supported by recognizing their freedom of movement and their right to choose where to live; by making information available in their languages of origin; by offering language classes and courses on local customs and culture; and by granting asylum seekers and refugees the right to work.

14. The integrity and well-being of the family should always be protected and promoted, independently of legal status. This can be achieved by embracing broader family reunification (grandparents, grandchildren and siblings) independently of financial requirements; by allowing reunified family members to work; by undertaking the search for lost family members; by combating the exploitation of minors; and by ensuring, that, if employed, their work does not adversely affect their health or their right to education.

15. Migrants, asylum seekers and refugees with special needs are to be treated just like citizens with the same conditions, guaranteeing access to disability benefits independently of legal status, and enrolling unaccompanied or separated minors with disabilities in special education programs.

16. The funds for international development and humanitarian support, sent to countries which received a significant influx of refugees and migrants fleeing from armed conflict, should be increased, and ensure that the needs of both newcomer and resident populations can be met. This can be achieved by funding the establishment and development of institutions for medical, educational and social care in countries of arrival, and by extending financial help and assistance programs to local families in situations of vulnerability.



17. The right to religious freedom – in terms of both belief and practice – should be assured to all migrants, asylum seekers and refugees independently of legal status.

**Next week: Integrating:
Greater Participation of
Migrants and Refugees to
Enrich Local Communities**

December 18th is International Migrants Day

"Migration has always been with us. Climate change, demographics, instability, growing inequalities, and aspirations for a better life, as well as unmet needs in labor markets, mean it is here to stay. The answer is effective international cooperation in managing migration to ensure that its benefits are most widely distributed, and that the human rights of all concerned are properly protected."



— UN Secretary-General António Guterres

2017 Theme: Safe Migration in a World on the Move

Throughout human history, migration has been a courageous expression of the individual's will to overcome adversity and to live a better life. Today, globalization, together with advances in communications and transportation, has greatly increased the number of people who have the desire and the capacity to move to other places.

This new era has created challenges and opportunities for societies throughout the world. It also has served to underscore the clear linkage between migration and development, as well as the opportunities it provides for co-development, that is, the concerted improvement of economic and social conditions at both origin and destination.

Migration draws increasing attention in the world nowadays. Mixed with elements of unforeseeability, emergency, and complexity, the challenges and difficulties of international migration require enhanced cooperation and collective action among countries and regions. The United Nations is actively playing a catalyst role in this area, with the aim of creating more dialogues and interactions within countries and regions, as well as propelling experience exchange and collaboration opportunities.



On September 19, 2016 the United Nations General Assembly adopted a set of commitments during its first ever summit on large movements of refugees and migrants to enhance the protection of refugees and migrants. These commitments are known as the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants (NY Declaration). The NY Declaration reaffirms the importance of the international protection regime and represents a commitment by Member States to strengthen and enhance mechanisms to protect people on the move. It paves the way for the adoption of two new global compacts in 2018: the global compact on refugees and the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration. ~ *United Nations website*

Immigration-rights advocates say Homeland Security uses minors as 'bait'

Meet Our Neighbors

Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) and seven other immigrant-rights organizations filed a complaint December 7 with the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and Office of Inspector General.



The complaint is on behalf of the approximately 400 people arrested this summer in an Immigration and Customs Enforcement effort that the groups allege used unaccompanied minors as bait: When parents and other relatives came forward to sponsor children who would otherwise be kept in detention centers, they were arrested and detained.

Supporters of Oscar and Humberto Campos gather outside the office of Sen. Cory Booker, D-NJ, in Camden on December 6 the day before the couple was scheduled to be deported. CNS photo – M. McGuckin

"How is it in America's safety interests to keep these boys and girls in government-run shelters while their families are flung into chaos and potential deportation?" CLINIC executive director Jeanne Atkinson asked in a [statement announcing the complaint](#).

"Not only do ICE and other agencies of Homeland Security misrepresent themselves in order to obtain information about the families of children, these efforts ensure that vulnerable minors will continue to be separated from their relatives."

A case in point:

A single mother was called to an interview with DHS's Homeland Security Investigations in which she was accused of smuggling her daughters into the United States, despite the fact that her daughters are not in the United States. During the interview, the agents refused to provide adequate interpretation and attempted to separate the mother from her attorneys. At the conclusion of the interview, the woman was given an order to appear in immigration court, where she now faces deportation.



Jessica Jones, policy counsel at [Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service](#), said the program went against everything the nation stands for.

"Using kids as bait to target parents and other family members for immigration enforcement contravenes the most basic child welfare principles," Jones said in the statement. "Children deserve protection, not exploitation." ~ *Global Sisters Report* - Article by Dan Stockman

To read the full article: <http://globalsistersreport.org/blog/gsr-today/migration/immigration-rights-advocates-say-homeland-security-using-minors-bait-50776>

One Minute Meditation

Living on Overdrive

I have never been busier in my life than I have been recently. How can I talk about contemplation when I have been living on overdrive? It seems that we tend to think that more is better. I am told that busyness is actually a status symbol for us! It is strange that when people have so much, they are so anxious about not having enough – to do, to see, to own, to fix, to control, to change. What decreases in a culture of affluence is precisely and strangely time – along with wisdom and friendship. These are the very things that the human heart was created for, feeds on and lives for. No wonder we are producing so many depressed, unhealthy and even violent people.

~ Richard Rohr, Preparing for Christmas

MISSIONARY SISTERS HAVE AUDIENCE WITH POPE FRANCIS

~ from *Vatican Radio* by *Sean-Patrick Lovett*

Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini is an Italian-born saint who dedicated her life to helping thousands of immigrants living in the United States in the late 19th century. She died in Chicago exactly one hundred years ago. [December 22, 1917].

On Saturday morning in the Vatican, Pope Francis met members of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The congregation is present today on 6 continents and 15 countries throughout the world.



As the Centenary Year of St. Cabrini (1917 – 2017) draws to a close on December 22nd, the Missionary Sisters had a special audience with Pope Francis. Former MSC General Superiors from left: Sr. Lina Colombini and Sr. Maria Barbagallo join current General Superior Sr. Barbara Staley (3rd r.) and General Councilors Sr. Stella Maris Elena (2nd r.) and Sr. Bernadette Anello as the Pope speaks to the relevance of Mother Cabrini's mission today.

During his discourse in Italian, the Pope recalled the holiness of their Foundress and praised her tireless work with migrants and the poor. He held her up as an example for today, adding that the reality of migrants has evolved and is now “more current than ever”. Migrants, said the Pope, “need good laws, programs of development and organization, but, above all, they always need love, friendship, human closeness; they need to be heard, looked in the eye and accompanied.” They need God, he said, “encountered in love that is freely given”. We must do as Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini does, concluded Pope Francis: “be capable of responding to the signs of our time, reading them in the signs of our time. Reading them in the light of the Word of God and living them in such a way as to provide an answer that can reach the heart of every person.”

To read the English translation of the Pope’s address:

http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2017/12/09/pope_meets_sisters_of_congregation_founded_by_mother_cabrini/1353887



Pope Francis extends a warm welcome to General Superior Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC.



Advocating for DREAMERS

Even before the sun was up on Wednesday, December 6th, 18 community members, staff and volunteers from Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC (CIS-NYC) boarded a bus to Washington, DC to demand that Congress pass a Clean Dream Act and protect TPS (Temporary Protected Status).

Since the announcement on September 5th that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program would be ending, members of CIS-NYC's Justice for Immigrants program have been marching in the streets, making phone calls, sharing their stories in press and social media, and doing everything we can to ensure that our Dreamers are protected. On December 6th, we joined around 600 other New Yorkers from the New York Immigration Coalition and thousands of advocates from around the country in Washington, DC for a rally. Before the rally one of our young members, Carlos, shared his story with press and other attendees. He discussed his dreams of continuing his education and becoming a lawyer and emphasized the importance of passing a Dream Act now to protect Dreamers such as himself.



Photos above: CIS-NYC staffers and volunteers joined the New York Immigration Coalition in marching in Washington, D.C. on behalf of the DREAMERS.

This is a critical moment for Dreamers and for TPS. **Everyday 122 DACA recipients lose their work permits and protection from deportation. The lives of 300,000 TPS recipients and their families hang in limbo.** Immigrant families deserve to enjoy their holidays without fear of deportation and separation. **If you would like to join us in the fight for a Dream Act you can help by calling your members of Congress at 215-874-6784.** ~ submitted by Ella Nimmo, CIS

Ralph Lucariello M.D. honored with Trustee of the Year Award from LeadingAge New York

Ralph Lucariello M.D., long time board member and current board chair of Cabrini of Westchester, was honored with the Trustee of the Year Award from LeadingAge New York, part of a national association of 5,500 not-for-profit organizations. Dr. Lucariello, a resident of Bronxville, NY, graciously accepted the award on December 12, 2017 at Cabrini of Westchester. This prestigious award is given in recognition of trustees who have served with distinction and made significant contributions to the betterment of services for the aged and infirmed.



Dr. Ralph Lucariello (c.) receives the LeadingAge Trustee of the Year Award presented at Cabrini of Westchester by President and CEO Patricia Krasnausky, and fellow Cabrini of Westchester trustee Donald J. Amoruso.

Dr. Lucariello's extensive career in Catholic healthcare spans several decades as an accomplished physician as well as serving in many leadership roles including the areas of administration, medical education and ethics.

Throughout his years of service, Dr. Lucariello has always demonstrated a deep commitment to the Home's residents, clients and staff and has dedicated his time and expertise to ensure high quality outcomes for each of the organization's programs and services.

Donald J. Amoruso, fellow trustee and former board chair who received the Trustee of the Year Award in 2012, presented the award to Dr. Lucariello along with Patricia Krasnausky, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cabrini of Westchester. Dr. Lucariello humbly

accepted the award thanking all who nominated him. Ms. Krasnausky thanked Dr. Lucariello for his many years of service and added: "I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this honor."

~ submitted by Susan Herceg, Cabrini of Westchester



"Christmas at Cabrini"

In what has become a beloved tradition at Cabrini University, alumni and their children and grandchildren gathered on campus on Saturday, December 9 to share their wish list with Santa; design ornaments; enjoy hot cocoa; and clip-clop across campus in a horse-drawn carriage - this year with the snow falling right on cue! Student interns and alumni serve as Santa's workshop elves.



*The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Announce the Closing of the Centenary Year*

Bilingual Mass

Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Cardinal Timothy Dolan

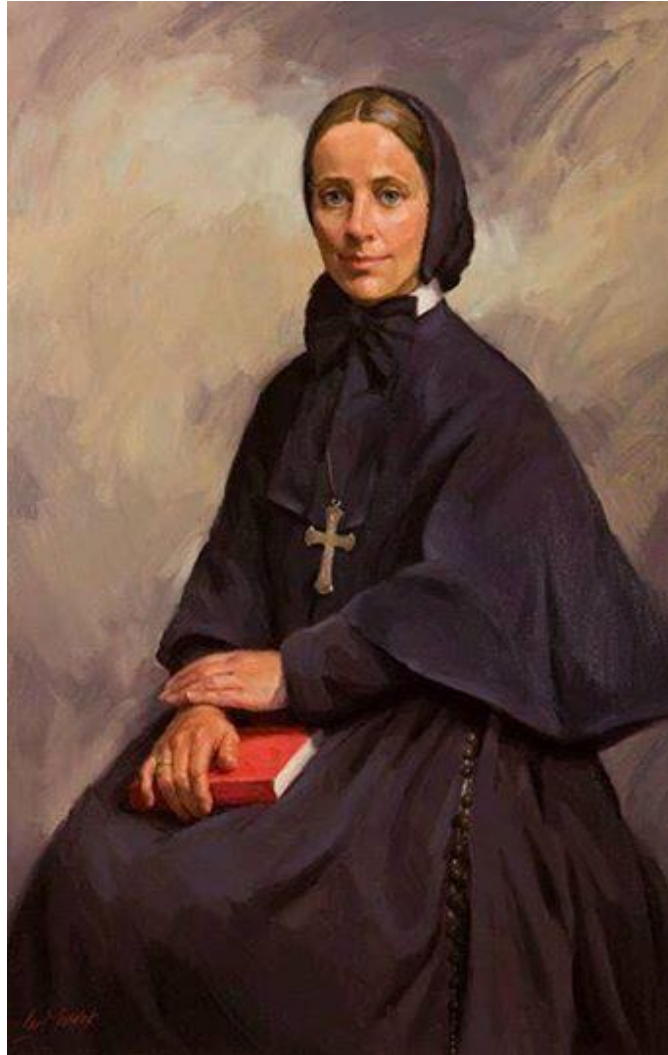
*Sábado 16 de Diciembre, Misa Bilingüe a las 5:00
del Centenario de la Muerte de Santa Francisca Javier Cabrini*

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St. Frances Cabrini Day in Colorado

December 22, 2017



To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the death of St. Frances X. Cabrini, December 22nd has been proclaimed Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini Day in Colorado. Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper, Mayor Marjorie Sloan of the city of Golden, Congressman Ed Perlmutter from Colorado's 7th Congressional District and the Jefferson County Commissioners have all made proclamations in recognition of our saint who walked, worked and prayed in the streets of Denver and in the foothills of Golden. We will honor the life and legacy of Mother Cabrini with a 9 am Mass followed by brunch at the Shrine on December 22. Please join us. Kindly RSVP to 303-526-0758

Third Sunday of Advent

To be silent before God means to be humble before God, but, beyond all measure, there is the joy of love and grace. What do we need to do in order to reach this state of silent waiting for God? None of us is so rushed that it would be impossible to allow for even ten minutes in the day, in the morning or evening, in which arrangements could be made for silence, in order to place oneself in the presence of Eternity, allow it to speak, question it, and thereby look deep within and far beyond oneself. Whoever earnestly works at this day by day will be overwhelmed by the golden harvest of the fruit of those times. ~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Words of Grace*



Prayer Requests

Alumnae and friends of Villa Cabrini Academy, Burbank, CA:

Jeannine Christians

Jeannine, the daughter of Rebecca Ymas Christians, '33 is suffering with heart problems. Let us pray for a return to good health.

Dewey Hubert

Your prayers are invited for Dewey, the husband of Kay Coughlin Hubert '67, who is recovering from surgery. We pray that he will recuperate quickly.

Joan Feeney Martin '64

Please pray for Joan who is currently suffering from heart ailments. May she soon be feeling better.

Judy Cast Orr '65

Kindly remember Judy in your prayers. She is recovering from pneumonia and sepsis. May she be returned to full health.

Rosemary Reilly '63 and Kathleen Mitchell '66

Both Rosemary and Kathleen have undergone cancer surgery this year and are currently having chemotherapy. Rosemary was the first president of the Villa Cabrini Alumnae and Friends (VCAAF) and Kathleen is the current president of the group. Please keep these dedicated Cabrini women in your prayers.

Emmalyn Maumus

Please continue to pray for little Emmalyn, the granddaughter of Cabrini University staff member Anita Catalanotto. Emmalyn will be undergoing an MRI on Monday, December 18th. Pray that all will continue to be well with her scans.

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

This week, the Missionary Sisters from the Stella Maris Province and Central America and Mexico are meeting to select leadership for the new canonical entity. Through a prayerful process of discernment, a new provincial will be selected to lead the new entity. A new name for the canonical entity will be decided upon. Please keep the MSCs in your thoughts and prayers in a very special way this week. Ask the Holy Spirit and Mother Cabrini to guide and inform their deliberations. It is not yet known when the announcement of the new provincial will be made. We also pray that everyone have safe travels to and from the meeting.

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth

Please unite in prayer for the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth who live and minister in the Philadelphia area and in Des Plaines, IL. Four of their sisters were critically injured Sunday night when a vehicle crashed head on into their car. Pray that all may survive their injuries and recover entirely.

In Loving Memory

Alumnae of Villa Cabrini Academy, Burbank, CA:

Karen Druce Burson '76

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Villa Cabrini alumna Karen who passed away on May 5, 1976.

Nellie Miranda Kerr

Beloved kindergarten teacher at Villa Cabrini in the 1960s, passed away peacefully in June 2017 at the age of 98. May she rest in God's eternal peace.



**Please note that due to scheduling in the
Province Communications Office, next week's Update, the final
edition for 2017, will be published on
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH.**

Kindly submit news stories and notices by Monday, 12/18 at noon.

Thank you.