THE UPDATE



December 3, 2015

As we enter into the Year of Mercy, we, Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, fully support the following Statement by the LCWR of which we are a member. It echoes our Corporate Stance on behalf of Immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers. We are committed to being "Bearers of the love of Christ in the world."



LCWR Statement on Welcoming Syrian Refugees

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious is horrified at the violence we witness in our world and appalled by the recent acts of bloodshed in Paris, Beirut, and throughout the Middle East. We continue to pray for all who suffer as a result of these senseless acts of terror.

We also pray for the strength and courage to respond to this violence with love and mercy. We refuse to let these acts of death and destruction sow the seeds of fear and mistrust that threaten to tear our communities apart and lead inevitably to more violence and harm.

We are witnessing the largest refugee crisis since the Second World War. More than 4 million Syrians have fled violence in their homeland and 12 million more are displaced internally. Syrian refugees are fleeing exactly the kind of terror that we have witnessed in these past few weeks. More than 250,000 Syrians have lost their lives, many more have lost family, home, and community.

At a time when the world is in desperate need of humanitarian relief, some are calling for suspension of the US refugee resettlement program, an end to funding for Syrians, or a rationing of mercy based on religious creed. Such restrictions violate the tenets of our faith and the principles of our nation.

We reject the false choice currently being proffered by some in Washington, state capitols across the country, and on the campaign trail. We need not choose between the gospel call to welcome the stranger and our legitimate need for security. The protection that we rightly promise the world's refugees must not be denied to Syrians fleeing for their lives. The US refugee resettlement program has rigorous and multilayered security screenings to ensure that those we admit as refugees pose no threat to our security.

The present situation presents us with great challenges and many hard decisions. As Pope Francis reminded us just a few short weeks ago in his address to Congress,

Let us remember the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Mt 7:12). This Rule points us in a clear direction. Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities, which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us.

As women religious, as citizens of the United States, we choose to stand for life and hope. We will not give in to fear. We will not allow others to divide us by race or creed or nationality and we will not turn our back on our Syrian sisters and brothers in their hour of greatest need.

To learn more about the Corporate Stances of the Missionary Sisters:

The Missionary Sisters' Corporate Stance on Immigration:

http://www.mothercabrini.org/who-we-are/our-corporate-stances/just-policies-for-immigrants

The Missionary Sisters' Corporate Stance on Human Trafficking: http://www.mothercabrini.org/who-we-are/our-corporate-stances/stop-human-trafficking



The Opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy

How can we show others the mercy of God? We say that God is compassionate, but we ignore the poor. We say that God loves us and has mercy on us, but we hold grudges against our friends. Our actions need to authentically reflect God's mercy. Click below to explore the different ways that you can live out that mercy every day!

<u>Corporal Works of Mercy</u> Learn more about the Corporal Works of Mercy and how you can live them in your daily life.

Spiritual Works of Mercy Learn more about the Spiritual Works of Mercy and how you can live them in your daily life.

Mercy with Francis Throughout the year, Pope Francis will do "Jubilee" signs of mercy. Find out what they are and how you can do something similar in your life!

Moments of Mercy Check out these short monthly suggestions for working mercy into your everyday life.

Meditations on Mercy Reflect more deeply on God's call to mercy through these monthly scripture reflections. Do them on your own, with family, or with small groups.

Join the Conversation Want to share where you see Mercy in Motion? Check out our social media pages to see what others are doing to put #mercyinmotion. ~ from the USCCB website

"Today love must not be hidden... It must be living, active and true."

~ St. Frances X. Cabrini

At the recent Provincial Assembly of the Missionary Sisters one session focused on the way in which Cabrinian ministries are addressing the pressing issues of immigration, migration, refugees, asylum seekers and human trafficking.

This week, we continue our series of in-depth looks at individual Cabrinian ministries and we explore how they are responding to the needs of those who are experiencing upheaval in their lives due to war, poverty, violence or captivity.

Cabrini Health, Australia

Support for asylum seekers and refugees is one of the three priorities of Cabrini's social outreach program.

Baptcare/Cabrini Houses of Hope Pilot Program

Baptcare has been providing transitional housing to asylum seekers and refugees through their Sanctuary program since 2008. Sanctuary has capacity for 76 asylum seekers across two facilities in the northern suburbs of Melbourne. As well as tenancy support, residents have access to caseworkers and pastoral services aimed at improving their well-being, independence and social participation. This pilot program will end in July 2016.

Jesuit Social Services/Cabrini Asylum Seeker Solidarity Project

This is a joint initiative between Jesuit Social Services and Cabrini, which was initiated in December 2013 with the goal of changing the hearts and minds of the Catholic community towards asylum seekers and refugees. This has ultimately resulted in the formation of the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA), a steering group comprising representatives from Catholic peak bodies, universities and other relevant organizations that have liaison with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Cabrini Health provided a grant to fund the establishment and sustainability of CAPSA and a project officer to facilitate the development of joint statements, regular communications and messaging.

Mental Health Screening Tool for Asylum Seekers

This has been a three-year project to develop and evaluate a tool to screen for and triage mental illness in asylum seekers. The project goals were that the tool is short, sensitive to the asylum seekers' mental health issues, and able to be administered by a non-professional staff member at the first interaction with asylum seekers. The tool is in the final stage of validation. Cabrini has fully funded the project.

CatholicCare Asylum Seeker Support Program

CatholicCare's Asylum Seeker Support Program supports vulnerable individuals and families released from onshore detention centers into community detention and other individuals and families who are living in the community on bridging visas and who have virtually no support. Cabrini Health provided a grant for this program which partners with parishes.



Cabrini High School, New Orleans

Enjoying the Feast Day Festivities

Cabrini High School honored Mother Cabrini's annual Feast Day with a Mass, a reception, and a Legacy Brunch as a large gathering of the Cabrini family came together on Friday, November 13th on the school's campus in celebration of Saint Cabrini's life.

Mother Cabrini's Feast Day is a momentous day for the many students, faculty, staff, alumnae, and their families who have been influenced by her legacy in New Orleans and around the world.



Celebrating the Feast Day of Mother Cabrini is always a special occasion for the Cabrini High School community. This year, former teacher and principal Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC (seated, center) is joined by members of the alumnae association. Joining in the celebration were seated left: Florence Onstad Wingerter,'71, member of the Board of Trustees; and Cabrini High School Principal Yvonne Legrand Hrapmann, '76. Standing from left: Maria Pieri Benes '82, faculty; Nadine LeBlanc Pizer '76, faculty; Janice Geeck Dean '70; Donna Corona Brocato '70; Gwen Dohre Busurelo '74; Joan Miller '71; Blanche Baker Bernadas '81 and Cat Fleurit '78.

This year's Feast Day was especially celebratory because three members of the Stella Maris Provincial Office of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart in New York City were in attendance: Provincial Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia MSC; former CHS principal and teacher and current member of the Board of Trustees, Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC; and former director of the Cabrini Day Care Center, Sr. Archangel Turco MSC.

In addition to the Feast Day Mass, Cabrini hosted its annual Legacy Brunch, honoring alumnae and their legacy daughters and granddaughters. The brunch/reception was open to special guests, all alumnae, faculty, and staff. During the lunch, many historical artifacts and photos of Mother Cabrini, the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, students, the buildings, and the events that are part of the history of the school were shared among the attendees.

Mother Cabrini Honored at Original French Quarter Day Nursery



From left: Dr. Carlos A. Trujillo, current St. Philip Street property homeowner; Sr. Archangel Turco, MSC, former director of the Cabrini Day Nursery; Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, Provincial, and Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC, former CHS principal and current Board of Trustees member.

Cabrini High School honored Mother Cabrini for her feast day with a special reception at the original orphanage on St. Philip Street in New Orleans.

The Cabrini Day Nursery presently serves as the home of Dr. Carlos A. Trujillo. In addition to local members of the Cabrini family, invitees and attendees included prominent New Orleanians, former students of the nursery, and three special guests from the Stella Maris Province of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart in New York City. Welcoming guests were

sisters from the Provincial Office including Sr. Archangel Turco, MSC, who directed the nursery until its closure in 1998, Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia MSC, Provincial, and Sr. Catherine Garry MSC, former Cabrini High principal.

The reception traced Mother Cabrini's life and legacy in New Orleans on the eve of her Feast Day, including a tour of the property, photos of Mother Cabrini and the sisters at work on the property, and her influence on the residents of New Orleans. Mother Cabrini established the orphanage on this site in 1892 when she came to New Orleans to care for the many immigrant children orphaned by yellow fever outbreaks.

Outgrowing the St. Philip Street space by 1905, St. Frances Cabrini built another orphanage on Esplanade Avenue that operated until 1959 when it was closed and the space was transformed into Cabrini High School. ~ submitted by Nall Gearheard

National Shrine of St. Frances X. Cabrini - Chicago, IL PREPARING FOR THE HOLY YEAR OF **DIVINE MERCY**

With Fr. Louis Cameli, Archbishop's Delegate

For Formation and Mission



Please Save the Date: Sunday, December 13 10 am: Mass

11 am: Program to follow – this free program sponsored by Stifel Nicolaus Join Fr. Cameli as he celebrates the 10 a.m. Mass at the Shrine and then enlightens us about this yearlong jubilee.

Click here for more information

Cabrini Mission Foundation

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Winner need not be present to win.



"You gotta' be in it, to win it!"

One Minute Meditation God's Peaceable Kingdom

The marvelous vision of the peaceable Kingdom, in which all violence has been overcome and all men, women and children live in loving unity with nature, calls for its realization in our everyday lives. Instead of being an escapist dream, it challenges us to anticipate what it promises. Every time we forgive our neighbor, or make a child smile, or show compassion to a suffering person, arrange a bouquet of flowers, prevent pollution, create beauty in our homes and gardens, and work for peace and justice among people and nations we are making the vision come true. Whenever it comes alive in us we will find new energy to live it out, right where we are.

~ Henri J.M. Nouwen – Bread for the Journey

From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...

Wake Up! We have work to do!



As the Year for Consecrated Life enters its final months – the official end is February 2, 2016, HORIZON, the journal of the National Religious Vocation Conference, presents these hope filled words from Sr. Angela Gannon, CSJ.

As women and men religious we live out our mission and charism to our last breath. It is not necessary *what* we are doing but the persons we *are*. While the world of our hands might decrease, the work of our hearts continues in new and at times, unanticipated ways. God never ceases to call us as we plod along on our journey.

As we look back in grateful remembrance as Pope Francis has invited us to do, we are well aware that whatever we have accomplished is not all our doing. It is not about us. Rather it is mission that drives us and enables us, like Mary, to praise our God who has done great things for us.

Let us awake the world! We must awake the world to the gift of consecrated life, a gift to the Church and to the world. It is a gift entrusted to us as vowed religious to be shared with all of our brothers and sisters. If we truly embrace the future with hope and as Pope Francis intends, we do so in the company of one another as Mary and Elizabeth did for each other. As Father Henri Nouwen wrote about Mary and Elizabeth: "These two women created a space for each other to wait. They affirmed for each other that something was happening that was worth waiting for."

Something is happening that has been worth waiting for. Did not our founders and foundresses have that same thought? And now we lift up what has already begun in us. We do so, not solely within our own institutes or even with others in consecrated life, but in the far wider circle of our lay sisters and brothers who with us continue the mission that first caught us up in responding to the call to consecrated life. There is little slumbering going on; rather it is an Advent time in our lives as we wait in joyful hope for what is yet to be. We wait, not passively, but actively engaged in creating a future for consecrated life that is yet to be revealed, a future that evolves from where we are today.

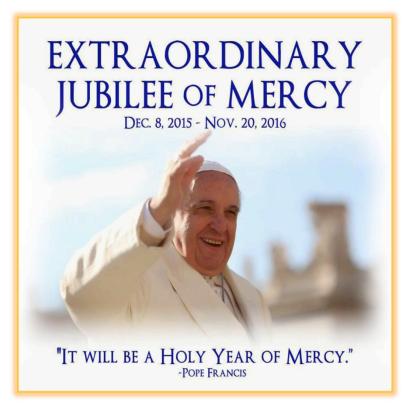
We still get moving, we still have work to do, we still arise with confidence that a new day is dawning, and that my friends, will continue on for much more than a year!

~excerpts from Sr. Angela Gannon, CSJ, Wake Up, we have work to do! HORIZON Journal

SAINT FRANCES CABRINI SHRINE NYC OFFICIAL JUBILEE CHURCH FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

Rite of Opening the Door of Mercy Sunday, December 13 – 2:00pm Multicultural Mass

Bishop Gerald Walsh and Father Ambiorix Rodriguez



JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE "The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life. Life itself is a pilgrimage, and the human being is a pilgrim travelling along the road. Everyone, each according to his or her ability, will have to make a pilgrimage... by crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God's mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us." Pope Francis in Misericordiae Vultus #14

GIFT OF INDULGENCE "A Jubilee also entails the granting of indulgences. This practice will acquire an even more important meaning in the Holy Year of Mercy. God's forgiveness knows no bounds... God is always ready to forgive, and never tires of forgiving in ways that are continually new and surprising. But the mercy of God is stronger even than this. It becomes indulgence on the part of the Father who reaches the pardoned sinner and frees them from every residue left by the consequences of sin." Pope Francis in Misericordiae Vultus #22

St. Frances Cabrini Shrine, 710 Fort Washington Avenue, New York City

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Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC

Rallying to work and study in the USA



Cabrini Immigrant Services client Rosa Gaona addressed the rally at City Hall.

You can read articles about the rally in English

here: http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national /obama-administration-asks-supreme-court-reviewproposal-article-1.2442107 and

here: http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/ralliespressure-scotus-take-major-immigration-case

And in Spanish

here: http://www.eldiariony.com/2015/11/20/latinosclaman-por-dapa-desde-

nyc/?utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=Addthisbutto ns&utm_medium=Social#.Vk-qhYbnluE.twitter

Also...

On Friday, November 20, CIS-NYC participated in a rally at City Hall to mark the one-year anniversary of President Obama's announcement of DAPA (Deferred Action for Parents of Americans) and expanded DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). These family-oriented programs would keep families together in the United States and offer undocumented immigrants a chance to legally work and study. Rosa Gaona, one of our clients, spoke at the rally about the fears her children have that she will be deported.

~submitted by CMC missioner Madison Koenig



Ella, a social work intern; Javier Ramirez Baron, CIS Director; Tiburcio (social work volunteer); Evelyn (social work intern); Rosa Gaona; and Monica Robles. The two little girls are Alexia (Rosa's daughter) and Liliana (Monica's daughter.)



CIS-NYC Still as busy as elves getting ready for Christmas

Our food pantry kicked into high gear for Thanksgiving! With the support of many generous donors and canned food drives from local schools and churches, we were able to give all of our clients expanded food packages to celebrate this American holiday. We



Many CIS-NYC clients were able to enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving dinner due to the generosity of many donors and friends. CMC missioners Madison Koenig and Rebecca Wyss (center I. and r.) help pack boxes with volunteers from left: Cecilia, Xioaxi and Emily who brought canned goods from Transfiguration Church.

hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving as well!

We're getting ready for our last big event of the year: our annual Christmas Celebration! On December 19, we'll be giving out Christmas gifts to the children of many of our clients whose parents can't afford to buy much for Christmas. We've already received the support of many generous individuals, but we still need help to make sure that every child

need help to make sur that every child receives a Christmas present. You can find out about donating to CIS-NYC at:

www.cis-nyc.org/donate or you can mail a donation to 139 Henry Street, New York, NY 10002.

(Please also see notice on page 13.) ~submitted by CMC missioner Madison Koenig



This is the First Week of Advent

Each week during Advent, let us concentrate on one of the following actions: listening, speaking or praying, growing in holiness and finally, working to make our world a better place. Through our faithful attention to Jesus' presence, we will prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christmas. As Pope Francis reminds us:

"Jesus no longer belongs to the past, but lives in the present and is projected towards the future. God's newness appears to us as

victory over sin, evil and death, over everything that crushes life and makes it seem less human. Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust; he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk. You won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you. He is with you and will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do."

Jesus, help me to be more attentive to your presence in those around me.

Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY

Conferring a Very Special Honor



2015 Liberty and Justice Award recipients from left: New York State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Judith Sanseverino and Dr. Barbara Keckler. *Photo credit: Margaret Fox Photography*

Cabrini Immigrant Services held its annual Liberty & Justice Awards Reception on Thursday, November 19th at Estherwood Mansion in Dobbs Ferry, New York. The event was held in honor of New York State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Dr. Barbara Keckler, Associate Professor for The School of Education of Mercy College and Judith Sanseverino, Teacher and English Language Learning Specialist at Springhurst Elementary School.

The event raised over \$20,000, which will benefit Cabrini Kids, an afterschool homework help program that assists the children of Cabrini Immigrant Services' clients with reading, writing and math.

The honorees were recognized for their dedication and service in empowering and educating immigrant families and the community. Each of the honorees has played a key role in shaping Cabrini's programs and services and we are grateful to them and all who supported this important fundraiser. ~submitted by Susan Herceg

The Update

Please note:

Due to scheduling in the Province Communications Office, The Update will be published on Thursday, 12/10 and <u>Wednesday</u>, 12/16. Please submit all news items by noon on Tuesday, 12/15. Thank you!

Cabrini Apartments, New York, NY

The Community of Sant'Egidio Hosts a Thanksgiving Dinner for Those in Need

On Thanksgiving Day the Community of Sant'Egidio, a Christian public lay association founded in Rome in 1968, hosted Thanksgiving dinner for homeless and elderly friends at Cabrini Apartments, NYC. Approximately 45 people representing more than 12 nationalities and ranging in ages ranging from 3 to 97 years gathered around the table to partake in a traditional meal prepared by the Sant'Egidio



members. The home-made dinner included turkey, ham, pumpkin soup and all the trimmings

Margie, 97, an old friend of the Community of Sant'Egidio and a tenant of Cabrini Apartments, addressed the gathering: "You do not know how lucky you are to be part of this community! I do not know where I would be or what I would have done without them!"

In addition to the invitees of the Community of Sant'Egidio, several tenants of Cabrini Apartments also enjoyed the Thanksgiving feast and meeting new friends. All were grateful to both Cabrini Apartments and the Community of Sant'Egidio for making Thanksgiving such a special day to give thanks for so many blessings. ~ submitted by Lorraine Horgan



Pausing to give thanks before the Thanksgiving meal.

Prayer for The Year of Mercy

Lord, Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees God. Show us your face and we will be saved. You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed and restore sight to the blind. Amen. ~ Pope Francis

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Cabrini Immigrant Services, New York, NY

Continuing to help others during the holiday season



We're continuing to get ready for the holiday season here at Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC. We're starting to buy Christmas gifts for our families, which Santa will distribute at our annual Christmas celebration on December 19.

We still need your help to make sure we have enough Christmas gifts for everyone. Any amount you can donate will help us guarantee that our community can celebrate this holiday season without worrying about whether they can afford a Christmas gift. ~ submitted by Madison Koenig, CMC missioner

Please donate at www.cis-nyc.org/donate or mail a donation to Cabrini Immigrant Services, 139 Henry Street, New York, NY 10002. Thank you!

The Virgin Mary Program Alert

On **Sunday, December 13th,**the National Geographic Channel
will air a program on
the Virgin Mary,
The World's Most Powerful Woman.
Check local listings for the exact time.
The December issue of National Geographic
will feature an article on Mary in Medjugorje.



Prayer Requests

San Bernadino tragedy

Let us keep all those who perished in the mass shootings in our prayers. Let us pray for their families and loved ones who are left behind to mourn. Pray also for the recovery of those who were injured and for all the first responders who came to their aid. Let us pray for the end to this senseless violence in our world.

Earl Rogers and Carmen,

Prayers are requested by CLM Marianne McGowan for Earl Rogers who is the brother of Marilyn Rogers, a long time faithful volunteer tutor at Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY who is experiencing ongoing medical difficulties. Carmen is Marilyn's student who is presently undergoing chemotherapy.

Eileen Sammon

Please keep Eileen Sammon, a dear friend of a tutor at Cabrini Immigrant Services in Dobbs Ferry, in your prayers. Eileen has undergone serious heart surgery. Please pray for her full recovery.

Victor Tavares

Sr. Isalia Carvalho, MSC requests prayers for her brother-in-law Victor Tavares who is in the ICU in critical condition. Please pray for his complete recovery.

In Loving Memory

Sr. Ambrogina Morselli, MSC

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Ambrogina Morselli, who passed away quietly on Sunday, November 29th around 6:00 PM at Beth Israel Medical Center on the hospice unit. Sr. Gina went home to her God. May she rest in eternal peace.