



December 7, 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 4~11.*

Continuing to Share the Journey

Protecting: Defending the Rights and Dignity of Migrants and Refugees



The Church has repeatedly underlined the need for an integral approach to the issue of migration, in profound respect for each person's dignity and rights and in consideration of the multiple dimensions of each individual. The right to life is the most fundamental of all rights, and cannot depend on a person's legal status. To this end, the following points are suggested:

4. Emigrants must be protected by their countries of origin, authorities in these countries should offer reliable information before departure; should ensure that all channels of emigration are legalized and certified; should create a government department for the diaspora; and should offer consular assistance and protection abroad.

5. Immigrants must be protected by their countries of arrival, in order to prevent exploitation, forced labor and human trafficking. This can be achieved by prohibiting employers from withholding employees' documents; by ensuring access to justice for all migrants, independently of their legal status and without negative repercussions on their right to remain; by ensuring that all immigrants can open a

personal bank account; by establishing a minimum wage applicable to all workers; and by ensuring that wages are paid at least once a month.

6. Migrants, asylum seekers and refugees must be empowered to leverage their skills and competencies in order to improve their own wellbeing and the prosperity of their communities. This can be achieved by guaranteeing in-country freedom of movement and permission to return after work abroad; by providing ample access to the means of communications; by involving local communities in the integration of asylum seekers; and by developing programs of professional and social reintegration for anyone who chooses to return to their home country.

7. The vulnerability of unaccompanied minors and minors separated from their families much be tackled in accordance with the international Convention on the Rights of the Child. This can be achieved by seeking alternative solutions to detention for legally underage migrants who enter a country without authorization; by offering temporary custody or foster homes for unaccompanied or separated minors; and by setting up separate centers for the identification and processing of minors, adults and families.

8. All underage migrants must be protected in accordance with the international Convention on the Rights of the Child. This can be achieved through the compulsory registration of all births and by ensuring that underage migrants do not become irregular when they reach adulthood and that they can continue their education.

9. Access to education should be assured to all underage migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, so that they have access to primary and secondary schooling at the same standard as citizens and independently of their legal status.

10. Access to welfare should be assured to all migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, respecting their right to health and basic healthcare independently of legal status, and ensuring access to national pension schemes and the transferability of benefits in case of moving to another country,

11. Migrants should never become a-national or stateless, in accordance to the right to nationality stated by international conventions, and citizen ship should be recognized at birth.



Next week: Promoting: Fostering the Integral Human Development of Migrants and Refugees

Meet Our Neighbors

Women Religious Denounce US Withdrawal from UN Talks on Migration and Refugees

According to [a statement by the United States Mission to the United Nations](#), the U.S. government withdrew from the talks December 2 because it believes the [New York Declaration](#) — a 2016 U.N. declaration leading up to the expected compacts next year — "contains numerous provisions that are inconsistent with U.S. immigration and refugee policies and the Trump Administration's immigration principles."

Trump, the mission said, "determined that the United States would end its participation in the Compact process that aims to reach international consensus at the UN in 2018."



A boy in Mexico looks through the fence on the Mexican-American border.

But the [Leadership Conference of Women Religious](#) took issue with the president, calling the withdrawal a "misguided decision" that is "yet another example of the president's attempts to wall off this nation and subvert its values. Furthermore, the withdrawal from the New York Declaration is yet another demonstration of the failure of U.S. leadership in the global community."

"The world faces an unprecedented global migration crisis," the LCWR statement said. "More than **66 million people are on the move, more than at any time since World War II. Some 17.2 million are refugees; most are children.** They have been forced from their homes displaced by war, natural disaster, and endemic poverty. These brothers and sisters of ours are quite literally running for their lives."

The December 4 statement by the association of 1,300 congregational leaders representing approximately 38,800 women religious in the United States went on to say: "The United States has a long history of welcoming immigrants and sheltering refugees. Women religious have been blessed to be able to accompany and serve immigrant and refugee communities across this country and around the world for a very long time."

"We strongly object to any attempt to limit our ability to heed the scriptural command to welcome the stranger and care for our neighbors. Catholic sisters remain committed to welcoming refugees and migrants and will continue to demand that the dignity and rights of all refugees and migrants, regardless of status, are honored." ~ by Chris Herlinger for the Global Sisters Report

To read the complete article: <http://globalsistersreport.org/news/environment-migration/women-religious-bishops-denounce-us-withdrawal-un-talks-migration>



The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story: A poor Indian was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless, the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma. On **December 12**, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac. Mary's appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful reminder that Mary—and the God who sent her—accept all peoples. In these days when we hear so much about God's preferential option for the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God's love for and identification with the poor is an age-old truth that stems from the Gospel itself.

~excerpts from www.franciscanmedia.org



Making History Come Alive

Walking in the Footsteps of Mother Cabrini



Cabrini University students visit St. Donato Church in Philadelphia.

Students in Cabrini University's *RELS100 class, The Spirituality of Mother Cabrini*, took a field trip to St. Donato's Church in West Philadelphia. The Church and grounds are significant because Frances Cabrini worshiped at the site and was instrumental in opening the school. Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC, led the tour.

The students learned that Archbishop Patrick J. Ryan authorized the creation of St. Donato as a national parish for Italians in 1910. Reverend Pietro Michetti, born and educated in Italy, was the first pastor. Hundreds of immigrant Italian stone masons and skilled artisans began construction of St. Donato

Church in May 1910. The Lower Church, where Mother Cabrini worshiped, was completed at a cost of \$7,000 and founded officially on July 16, 1910, the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. The beautiful upper church, famed for its magnificent stained-glass windows, and the awe-inspiring art that adorns the apse and ceiling was dedicated by Dennis Cardinal Dougherty on Aug. 7, 1921.

Freshman Nicole Breece said that she enjoys "visiting different churches because they have their own beauty." Sophomore Chris Stefanowicz said that he "definitely learned a lot more, [and] how the littlest things can have the most meaning." The students also saw the two structures that Mother Cabrini purchased on North 65th St.. One became an orphanage and the other a convent.

~ submitted by Anne Schwelm, Interim Library Director, Cabrini University

Ever Ancient, Ever New



A living Nativity was presented on the campus of Cabrini University by students, faculty and staff on the evening of Sunday, December 3rd.

The living Nativity was held for the first time, inaugurating a new Christmas tradition for the University and local community.

All were invited to attend.

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



				The Annual Spirit of Christmas at Rockefeller Plaza Drawing will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 9:00 pm The Terrace Club 25 West 51st Street, 7th Floor, New York City	
CABRINI MISSION FOUNDATION					
– Prizes –					
1st Prize				\$2,500.00	
2nd Prize				\$1,000.00	
3rd Prize				Apple Watch	
4th Prize				Two (2) tickets to a NY Yankees Home Game	
Funds raised to benefit the ministries of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Help us to continue the legacy of Mother Cabrini: Healing, Teaching and Caring for those in need. <i>Winner need not be present</i> Donation: \$20.00 per ticket					

Name: _____

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Seller of Winning Ticket receives \$200.00



*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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One Minute Meditation – Two Way Prayer – A Message for Advent

Prayer is a two-way process: speaking and listening. God speaks to us: we listen. We speak to God: God listens. God speaks in the silence of our heart and we listen. Then we speak to God from the fullness of our heart and God listens. Our words are useless unless they come from our hearts. Listen in silence because if your heart is full of other things you cannot hear God's voice. But when you have listened to God's voice in the stillness of your heart, then your heart is filled with God. Then you can hear God everywhere: in the closing of a door, in the person who needs you, in the birds that sing, in the flowers, in the animals – that silence which is wonder and praise. ~ St. Mother Teresa/Words of Grace



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 or 212-791-4590 ext. 104.

You can also purchase gifts from our wishlist at: bit.ly/CISChristmas or make a donation here: bit.ly/donatecis

Please Make a Note!

Sr. Arlene Primus, MSC has been moved to the 3rd Floor at St. Cabrini Nursing Home and her new room number is **#339**. Her new phone number (which is a direct line) will be **(914) 693-1745**.

Sr. Benigna Morais, MSC has a new email address. Her new address is: Bmoraismsc@aol.com



Prayer Requests

Nancy La Mattina Costello

Please remember Nancy La Mattina Costello, sister-in-law of Nancy Gorevin Costello, Province Communications Office, in your prayers. Nancy will be undergoing surgery in the near future. Pray that all will be well and that Nancy will experience a swift recovery.

Emmalyn Maumus

Cabrini University staff member Anita Catalanotto requests our prayers for her granddaughter, Emmalyn, who will be undergoing a follow-up MRI on Monday December 18th. Let us pray for a good outcome from this test for this spirited little lady.

Fr. Joe Narog, OSA

Your prayers are invited for Fr. Joe, the vocation director for the Augustinian friars. Fr. Joe has been undergoing some medical tests and would be grateful for our prayerful support at this time.

Toni Talluto

Please keep Toni in your prayers as she recovers from recent surgery. Toni is a friend of Florence Wingerter a Cabrini High School alumna and trustee.

In Loving Memory

Sr. Adelina DiMare, MSC

Please pray for the passing of Sr. Adelina who was called home to God on December 26th. Sr. Adelina's Mass of the Resurrection was concelebrated at the St. Frances X. Cabrini in upper Manhattan on November 29th. May she rest in God's eternal peace.

Judy Sacco

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Judy Sacco, a long-time employee of Cabrini Hospital and St. Anthony's Hospital in Chicago, who passed away recently.

The Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus exhorts us to be vigilant, for God who authored all life, will be calling us to give an account of what we have done with the gift of our lives at an undetermined future date. The best way to be ready for this, he says, is to live every day in expectation of that accounting, doing the best we can to be faithful to our calling as God's people. We do this if we allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit in both recognizing and doing what is right and just.

Isaiah reminds us that we are formed by the hands of God like a potter who forms the clay of our lives into good and useful vessels. Allowing ourselves to be thus, we will always be ready to give an account of ourselves that will merit salvation.

The season of Advent focuses our attention on that readiness. May we take this opportunity for new beginnings to rededicate ourselves to being prepared when the Master finally comes. ~ Fr. Joe Genito, OSA

