



# Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus UPDATE



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## CAAC Rocks the House!

### Concert Raises Funds and Awareness

#### Real Love Saves and Raises Money for Covenant House



From left: CAAC Chair Karol Brewer, CMC missionaries Melanie Paccillo and Jenay Smith and CMC Director Gina Scarpello enjoyed rock music while raising awareness of human trafficking.

Last week the Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition (CAAC) held a rock concert entitled, “Real Love Saves: Fight Slavery with Music” in an effort to raise awareness about human trafficking and money for Covenant House. With the help of countless supporters in person and spirit, \$450.60 was raised for this amazing charity.

Four local bands donated their time and talent to this event, and Tumulty's Pub in New Brunswick, NJ graciously donated the use of the space. An enthusiastic crowd was in attendance, bringing the dark pub to life with energy and enthusiasm. Rocking out to the music were Cabrini Mission Corps Director Gina Scarpello and CAAC Coordinator Karol Brewer. CMC missionary Jenay Smith welcomed people at the information and donation table, encouraging people to come in and donate.

Semiotics started off the evening with a fun 30-minute set of alternative rock/emo music. Lyrics such as, “as long as there's a roof over my head I will be happy,” invoked thoughts about the need for housing for the homeless. They were followed by punk rockers Hurricane Season, who started the set with a song about the difficulties of living with someone addicted to drugs. Living Tradition, an alternative rock band from central Jersey, brought the night to a fever pitch. The concert's headliner was the female-fronted indie rock band Foxanne. Between bands CMC missionary Melanie spoke about Covenant House's mission to keep homeless, runaway, and throwaway teens off the streets and safe from predators. Internationally, Covenant House serves 56,000 youth.

It was an amazing night of community coming together with local musicians to raise money for an extremely worthy cause. Partnerships such as this bring the message of social justice to a wider audience, and inspires young people to take action that will lead to change.

~ submitted by Melanie Paccillo ~ photo credit: Ashley Block Photography



Vincent Zucchetto, a social worker at St. Cabrini Nursing Home pauses to reflect on the anti-trafficking materials.

## United in Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking

Cabrini of Westchester joined Catholics around the world on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> in promoting awareness and offering prayers on the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. An informational display was arranged in the lobby along with hand-outs of pertinent information on the background on human trafficking, the Catholic Church's position on this important issue, as well as how to identify and assist victims. Prayer cards featuring Sr. Josephine Bakhita, whose feast day was chosen for the annual day of prayer and awareness, were available to residents and visitors in the Chapel and Lobby. The daily liturgy centered on promoting awareness with Mass intentions focused on an end to slavery and all forms of human trafficking, those who are struggling against this evil and those who work with the survivors with mercy and compassion.

Robin Larkins, Director of Cabrini Immigrant Services and Lorraine Campanelli, Director of Social Work, provided music for the Interfaith Prayer Service held at St. Frances Cabrini Shrine on February 8<sup>th</sup>. To further the day of awareness on this important topic, Cabrini Immigrant Services will include Human Trafficking as part of their next volunteer education "Coffee and Conversation." ~ *submitted by Susan Strangio*

## Cabrini College, Radnor, PA *Celebrating Founder's Day*

Founder's Day honors the birthday (February 18<sup>th</sup>) and legacy of Sister Ursula Infante, MSC who founded Cabrini College in 1957 and served as president until 1967. Under her leadership, the student body grew from 43 to 420.

Each year, the College selects a theme that reflects the visionary leadership of Sister Ursula and the devoted service of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the College's religious sponsors.

This year, the Founder's Day theme was: The Unfolding Climate Change Tragedy and the Mission of Catholic Universities that was presented by Richard W. Miller, Ph.D., associate professor of systemic theology and director of the master's in theology program at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

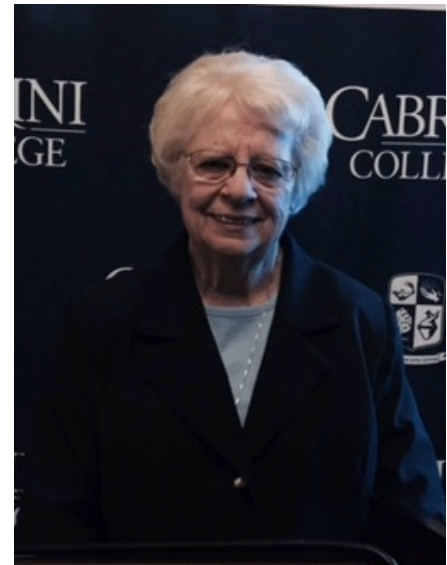
Prior to Dr. Miller's presentation, Sr. Arlene Primus, MSC, a 1963 Cabrini College graduate, who holds a Master's of Divinity, offered a heartwarming remembrance of Sister Ursula and provided a thought-provoking spin on what it means to educate one's heart. (The College's mission is the education of the heart.) Sr. Arlene posited that educating one's heart means



Sr. Ursula Infante,  
MSC

that one embraces new insights and awareness. One should look to broaden one's understanding and *use* of the heart. For example, how can someone transform his/her insights to develop a more caring heart? In doing so, Sister proposed that people, when listening to others, should look for "trigger words" that reflect suffering, pain, despair and even joy that beg from each of us a response of compassion, hope and peace. Better knowing one's own heart is to fully embrace one's humanity and that of others, which is akin to embracing the Divine.

On behalf of all the MSCs, Sr. Arlene offered an appreciation for everything that the College community continues to do to carry forth the vision and legacy of Sr. Ursula.



Sr. Arlene Primus, MSC offered the opening reflection.



Dr. Richard Miller presented a compelling, alarming view of global warming.

Dr. Miller's presentation – which he admitted would be truly sobering in terms of the potential devastation to land masses, coastlines, and indeed, the future of civilization, as we currently know it – addressed the following:

**~ What is the history of climate warnings? ~ Where are we now? ~ What are the forecasted impacts of climate change on our present path (the world of our students)? And finally, ~ what are the responsibilities of Catholic universities in light of the climate crisis?**

Dr. Miller stated that we are in a crisis situation with regard to global warming and that students, faculties and staff members in colleges and universities across the country must recognize their inherent power, unite and organize to reverse the course the world is currently on with regard to global warming.

In presenting his case, Dr. Miller cited the acute concerns of noted scientists in United States and in Europe, saying that if nations, particularly industrialized nations, continue to ignore the scientific evidence of global warning and procrastinate in changing emissions and environmental policies, the world will not have the capacity to recover. He was clear in stating the situation is critical, but, it can be remedied and reversed to some degree IF action is taken NOW. He called upon the Cabrini College students to take up this challenge because it is their world and the world their children and grandchildren will inherit. ~ *submitted by Nancy Costello*

#### One Minute Meditation

To cultivate an appreciation of nature is to deepen our own spiritual life, to come closer to creation, to see our own moral responsibility to it in the way we treat every blade of grass. When we destroy nature without the implications of what we are doing in the future, nature always has the last word. Look at what we are doing to the earth, and you will know what changes we need to make in our own lives if we are truly to be seekers of God.

~ Joan Chittister, OSB





## Bringing a Taste of N'awlins to Radnor Celebrating Mardi Gras

This year, for the first time in their lives, Cabrini College freshmen Lisette Hrapmann and Ellie Temonia, New Orleans natives, were far away from home for Mardi Gras. One can easily understand how they felt missing all the fun. But not to worry! Yvonne Hrapmann, Lisette's mom and principal of Cabrini High School in New Orleans, wanted to assure the girls that they would not miss out on at least one traditional aspect of the celebration – the King Cake. Yvonne had two King Cakes delivered to Cabrini College just in time for Mardi Gras. One was for friends of the girls and one was to share with the Missionary Sisters and MSC Mission Offices at The Cottage in Radnor.

As part of New Orleans' Christian faith, the coming of the wise men – the kings - bearing gifts to the Christ Child is celebrated twelve days after Christmas – the Epiphany. In observance of the Feast Day, a popular custom is the baking of a special cake in honor of the three kings – “A King's Cake”. Each cake has a tiny baby inside and the lucky person who receives the slice of cake with the baby is asked to host the next King Cake party.

January 6<sup>th</sup> is the day that Mardi Gras season begins. Mardi Gras day, also known as Fat Tuesday, - the day before Ash Wednesday - is always 47 days prior to Easter Sunday.

The oval King Cake is topped with a delicious frosting and sugar sprinkles of gold, green and purple – the traditional colors of Mardi Gras.

Thanks to Lisette, Ellie and Yvonne for sharing this delicious and spiritual New Orleans tradition with their friends at Cabrini College.



New Orleans natives Ellie Temonia (l.) and Lisette Hrapmann decorated the King Cake for all to enjoy.



Photo left: Sr. Grace Waters, MSC (l) has the honor of slicing the King Cake as CMC missionary Melanie Paccillo (r.) serves Lisette and Ellie. Photo right: SURPRISE!! Cabrini Mission Corps Director Gina Scarpello discovers the baby in her slice of cake. Tradition says that Gina will host the next King Cake party.





Cabrini *Action and Advocacy* Coalition



**Rescued Trafficking Victims Need Our On-Going Help\***

Dear Cabrini Friends,

The Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition received a request from an FBI victims advocate. She stated that while rescued trafficked victims are thankful for everything/anything they receive, it is difficult to see the clothing these young girls are given as they begin their new lives (sweat pants, sweat shirts, oversized T-shirts, etc.) Most of the time after rescue, their only possessions are the clothes on their back. We came up with the idea of starting a "Cabrini Closet" that would provide more trendy, size appropriate clothing that these victims would be proud to wear.

We are asking you to check your closets, ask your daughters, friends, co-workers, etc., to give us **"like new"** clothing, you may no longer wear, in order to fill our closet. If you don't have clothing, gift cards would also be greatly appreciated for these kids to shop at places such as Forever 21, Marshall's, Target, etc.. Please help us to bring a bit of happiness to those who have suffered so much in their young lives.

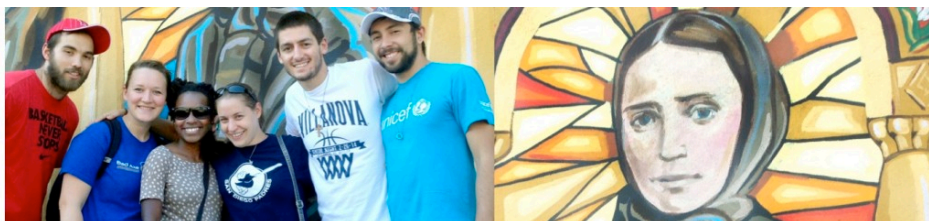
Please mail or drop off your donations to our office listed below or I can make arrangements to have them picked up. Our first closet is housed at the MSC Mission Offices at the Cabrini College Cottage. We hope to have many more "Cabrini Closets" at other Cabrini mission sites in the years to come.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. **\*Thank you for your support! The initial response to our request has been very generous and we thank you. However, the need for clothes and WINTER COATS will be on-going - as long as there are victims of trafficking.**

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## Cabrini Mission Corps and Cabrini College



(From left:) CMC missionaries Matt Kaehler, Martin Garcia and Connor White did extensive interviews with Cabrini College students on what a year on Cabrini Mission has meant for them.

During this academic year, three of the Cabrini Mission Corps missionaries are serving at Cabrini College, working side by side with staff and students in the College's Wolfington Center and Campus Ministry. Recently, missionaries Martin Garcia, Matt Kaehler and Connor White sat down with the College's Loqation student staffers Lauren Hight and Stan Thompson to share their thoughts on their year as missionaries: what attracted them to do post graduate service; why they chose to volunteer with Cabrini Mission Corps; what a typical day is for them; and their hopes and plans for the future. The interviews aired on the College's radio station Cavalier Radio WYBF and on the web at LOqation.

Their interviews offer wonderful insights into the service minded thinking of young people today.



Take time become better acquainted with Martin, Matt and Connor, click here to listen:

<http://theloquitur.com/bringing-the-mission-of-cabrini-alive>

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## *Fantastic News to Share...*

Our Update readers are the first to know!



The Missionary Sisters are about to launch their new website. Brand new! Exciting new features. Google Translation. More details to follow in next week's Update.





## LENTEN RESOURCES

Fr. Carl Janicki, Director of Campus Ministry at Cabrini College shares the following Lenten resources with the Cabrinian Community:

### **General Lenten Resources:**

<http://peopleforothers.loyolapress.com/2015/02/lenten-resources-2015/>

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>

<http://bustedhalo.com/features/watch-personal-journeys-through-lent>

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/>

### **Apps for Lent:**

This link highlights three: <http://www.praytelligblog.com/index.php/2015/02/12/lenten-devotion-goes-digital/>

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## A Lenten Reflection

Fast from judging others; feast on Christ living in them.  
Fast from harsh words; feast on words that build up others.  
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.  
Fast from anger; feast on patience.  
Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.  
Fast from worry; feast on God's providential care.  
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.  
Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.  
Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.  
Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.  
Fast from facts that depress; feast on facts that uplift.  
Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.  
Fast from idle gossip; feast on silence with a purpose.



# Prayer Requests

## ***Sr. Regina Palamara, MSC***

Please continue your prayers for Sr. Regina, who underwent eye surgery on Tuesday. This was Sr. Regina's third eye surgery in as many weeks. Please pray for her full recovery.

## ***Gisela Von Huene Slonneger***

Please continue to pray for Gisela (Villa Cabrini Academy, Burbank, class of 1963) who suffered another setback last Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. She is now on different medication and continues to recover. The Villa Cabrini Alumnae and Friends (VCAAF) group is praying that Gisela returns to health very soon so that she and her devoted husband, Steve, can celebrate their belated 50th wedding anniversary in style soon.

# In Loving Memory

## ***John Friel***

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Friel who passed away on Tuesday, February 17th. Mr. Friel was husband of Patricia Murphy Friel, Cabrini College Class of 1967 and the father of Chris Friel, Cabrini College Class of 2006. Please keep the Friel Family in your prayers at this sad time.

## ***John Lyle Harris***

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of John Lyle Harris, the father of two Villa Cabrini Academy (Burbank, CA) alumnae: Cate Harris (Class of '66) and Chris Harris Salisbury (Class of '64). Mr. Harris passed away on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. In remembering their father, his daughters wrote, "Thank you, Father God, for having blessed us with this wonderful man! May his soul rest in peace."

## ***Gloria Ricci Lathrop***

Gloria Ricci Lathrop, 80, passed away February 2, 2015. She spearheaded an effort to preserve a shrine near downtown Los Angeles built in the early 1900s by Mother Cabrini. Ms. Lathrop provided valuable historical information for the Villa Cabrini Academy Alumnae & Friends Exhibit in Burbank, CA. Her funeral will be held at the San Fernando Mission today - February 19, 2015. Several of the VCA alumnae will be attending the services.

