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*Bringing Christ's love to the world*

THE UPDATE

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## World Day for Consecrated Life

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day - the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all people. The World Day for Consecrated Life was celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2017 and will be celebrated in parishes this coming weekend of February 4-5, 2017.

Joseph Cardinal Tobin, of New Jersey and Chair of the USCCB's Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations states, "Our Holy Father Francis has given the Church this special opportunity to pray for all those women and men in consecrated life who have given their lives in love to God. This prayer may prompt each of us to ask, 'How is God calling me to give of myself this day, that I might know the deeper joy of service to God and others?'"



**Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, especially our beloved Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. You might want to thank them on their special day by giving the Sisters a call or sending them an email. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.**

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**Other important dates:**

**National Catholic Sisters Week – March 8 – 14, 2017**

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations – May 7, 2017**

*Following the recent executive order on immigration by the current administration in Washington, D.C., Dr. Donald B. Taylor, President of Cabrini University, issued the following statement to the University Board of Trustees and campus community:*



Dear Cabrini University Community,

As you are aware, President Trump issued an executive order on Friday, January 27, that bans entry into the United States for individuals from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen, and bans refugee entry from all nations. This executive order has prompted swift opposition, including large demonstrations and legal challenges.

Cabrini University applauds the opposition of this executive order and stands in solidarity with those who are protesting the injustice of this order. Cabrini too has taken steps to stand with our immigrant brothers and sisters, including, among other actions, signing a letter from the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities promising not to voluntarily identify undocumented students.

Cabrini has always been a University that welcomes immigrants, refugees, and undocumented students. We will continue to do so, and we will continue to protect all of our students—each and every one.

We are not alone in this, as we stand in solidarity with colleges and universities around that nation, both faith-based and secular, who oppose this executive order. Catholic colleges and universities in particular have been strong opponents, heeding the words of Pope Francis who said that “authentic hospitality is our greatest security against hateful acts of terrorism.” You can read a statement by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, of which Cabrini is a member, by following this link: [ACCU Statement on Recent Executive Order by the President](#) Some students may be wondering how this executive order will affect their spring break travel plans. There is no one answer to this question, so I suggest that students who have concerns reach out to Cabrini’s faculty and staff for assistance. We’re here to help and will provide whatever assistance and information we can.

Let us never forget that Cabrini University is named for the universal Patron Saint of Immigrants—Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini—an immigrant to this country who eventually became an American citizen. She and her Missionary Sisters ministered to the marginalized immigrants from all walks of life, many of whom faced discrimination and outright harassment. From her example and that of her Missionary Sisters, we have, and will continue, to stand in solidarity with immigrants and refugees from anywhere in the world.

In the spirit of the Patron Saint of Immigrants,  
Don Taylor

Donald B. Taylor, PhD  
President  
Cabrini University

*Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, Provincial, Stella Maris Province shares this important communication from the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) following the executive order on immigration issued by the White House.*

## LCWR Expresses Deep Concern about Executive Orders

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) is deeply disturbed by many of President Trump's recent executive orders. His misplaced priorities and denigration of the values that form the bedrock of this nation, threaten us all.



We are deeply concerned about the administration's executive orders on immigration and refugee resettlement which serve only to threaten border communities, force our immigrant community members further into the shadows, and endanger those fleeing violence. These misguided executive orders do nothing to make anyone more secure and may well have the opposite effect.

Spending billions of dollars on an unnecessary and ineffective wall and further militarizing the border will divert funding from health, education, and social programs and will not make America safe again. In fact, such action threatens the health and well-being of border communities, the environment, and those seeking refuge in our country. President Trump's orders, if enacted, will tear families apart, challenge our already stressed immigration courts, and deny those fleeing persecution and violence their right to asylum; all at enormous cost to our treasure and our souls.

The president's attempt to enhance public safety in the interior by cutting federal funding to sanctuary cities and counties will have the opposite effect. It challenges local authority and threatens to destroy the hard won trust of the immigrant community. The order eviscerates prosecutorial discretion and places every undocumented person in the country in danger of immediate deportation.

Finally, we are appalled by President Trump's order which bans residents of seven Muslim majority countries from entering the U.S. for 90 days, suspends refugee resettlement entirely for four months, and bars resettlement of Syrian refugees indefinitely. This is unconscionable in the face of the unprecedented global refugee crisis. More than 61 million people have been displaced from their homes, more than at any time since World War II. Some 21 million are refugees; most are children who have been forced from their homes by unthinkable violence. The Trump administration has forced all of us to turn our backs on families who are literally running for their lives.

This nation 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 for a very long time. Catholic sisters remain committed to welcoming refugees who come to this country after passing through the U.S. government's already rigorous screening processes. Halting or undermining the U.S. refugee resettlement

program leaves vulnerable refugees, including women and children fleeing violence, in extreme danger and diminishes us all.

We strongly object to President Trump's attempts to limit our ability to heed God's call to welcome the stranger (Mt. 25:35) and to care for those most in need (Mt 25:40) and we are particularly concerned about rules and regulations that deny access to refugees because of their religion, race, or nationality. It is a violation of our faith and every norm of humanity.

We vow to continue to welcome refugees and minister to immigrants. LCWR and its members will continue to press for restoration of refugee resettlement, relief for families, an end to needless deportations, and the closure of all family detention centers. We will continue to advocate for compassionate, bipartisan legislation that fixes our broken immigration system. We will continue to stand in solidarity with families, regardless of immigration status, who labor daily to provide safety and security for their children.

LCWR is an association of leaders of congregations of Catholic women religious in the United States. The conference has nearly 1300 members, who represent more than 38,800 women religious in the United States. Founded in 1956, LCWR assists its members to collaboratively carry out their service of leadership to further the mission of the Gospel in today's world.

To learn more please visit the LCWR website: <https://lwr.org>

Also, learn more at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website:

<http://www.usccb.org>







Sacred Heart statue on the Shrine mountaintop

## You are Invited on a Pilgrimage

The Missionary Sisters are offering an opportunity for a pilgrim journey to be held at the beautiful Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, Colorado!

**The gathering will begin on Saturday afternoon, April 22, 2017 and end on Wednesday afternoon, April 26, 2017.** Please visit the Shrine Website to learn more about this very special place - <http://www.mothercabrinishrine.org/about-us/history>

The gathering will focus on the principles of Sacred Heart spirituality and practical applications of learnings from Mother Cabrini's charism and ministry. The content and process of the pilgrimage will be presented by Mark Davis and the Missionary Sisters.

The Pilgrimage is both a personal and communal process, with the goals of:



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- Engaging and inspiring the lived experience of the participants in their role as leaders of Cabrini ministries;
- Furthering the understanding of Cabrinian heritage and charism to sustain Cabrini ministries in the present and for the future.

In order to achieve these goals, the experience will offer a balance of content input, immersion experiences and reflective processes. Getting to know leaders from other Cabrini ministries offers an exceptional opportunity.

If you live near the Shrine and do not require an overnight guest room, your fee would be \$150.00 for the entire event.

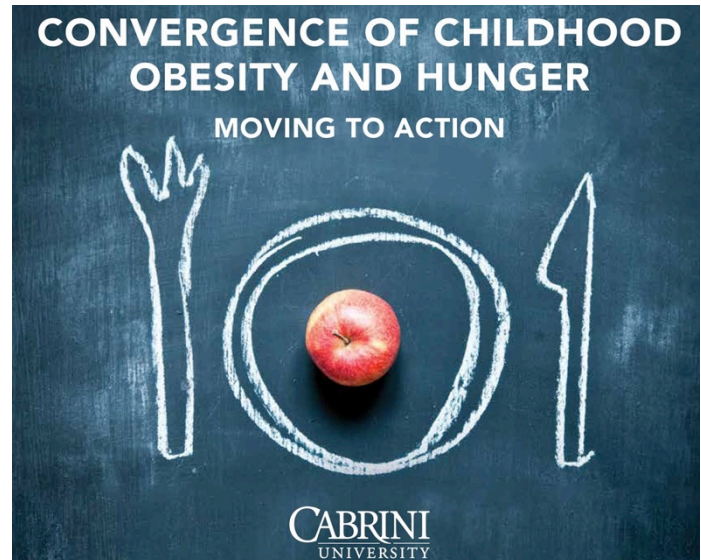
**Space is limited so please contact the Province Formation Office** for more information and/or to make your reservation: 610-902-1038 or [cabriniformation@mothercabrini.org](mailto:cabriniformation@mothercabrini.org)

We do hope you will be able to join us and share in this exciting formative experience!

# Obesity and Hunger

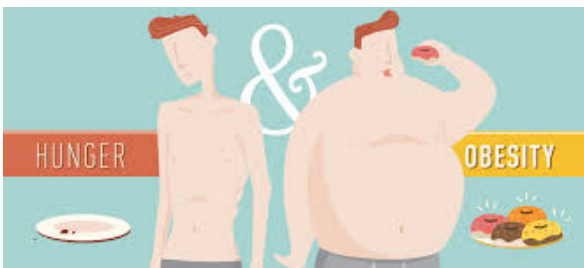
On Feb. 17, Cabrini University will host a one-day symposium addressing childhood obesity and hunger, two leading public health issues in the nation.

From 9am to 4:30pm in the Grace Hall Atrium, **Convergence of Childhood Obesity and Hunger: Moving to Action**—a follow-up to 2015's **Convergence of Childhood Obesity and Hunger: A Forum for Response**—will provide attendees with collaborative discussions that help them analyze trends within and links between childhood hunger and obesity and identify ways the community can help resolve issues of childhood obesity and hunger.



Speakers will include:

- **Sandra Hassink, MD, FAAP**, Past President of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Director of the AAP Institute on Healthy Childhood Weight, and Adjunct Professor of Pediatrics at the Center for Child Health and Policy at Case Western Reserve, whose presentation is titled **Building the Foundations of Child Health: Addressing the Triple Threat of Obesity, Food Insecurity and Hunger**
- **Eric Mitchell**, Government Relations Director, Bread for the World, whose presentation is titled **Putting Us on Track to End Hunger by 2030**
- **Kim Fremont Fortunato**, Director of Community Affairs, Campbell Soup Company, and President, Campbell Soup Foundation, who will be discussing **Positive Social Change for Healthy Communities**
- **Garrett Broad, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Fordham University, and author of *More Than Just Food: Food Justice and Community Change*, who will speak to **More than Just Food: Food Justice and Community Change**



Service providers, teachers, and leaders from local organizations, as well as undergraduate and graduate students in health, education, social work, public policy, and nutrition, would benefit from attending. Continuing education credits are available; registered dietitians, Certified Health Education Specialists, social workers, and others should enquire about specific credentials.

**Registration is \$40, \$20 for students; day of registration and breakfast will begin at 8:15 am. For more information or to register, please visit the Child Health Forum webpage or contact Maria Elena Hallion, PhD at 610-902-8388 or [mehallion@cabrini.edu](mailto:mehallion@cabrini.edu)**

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Serve Others



Mr. Peter Langhoff (2<sup>nd</sup> l.) of Cargill, Inc. presented Cabrini High School with a \$3,750.00 donation from Cargill to help feed the poor at St. Jude's Community Center.

Mr. Jack Truxillo (far r.), President of Cabrini, Father Tony Rigoli, (2<sup>nd</sup> r.) of St. Jude's, and Yvonne Hrapmann, (l.) Principal, accepted the gift.

On the third Saturday of each month, Cabrini students, faculty, parents, and alumnae volunteer at St. Jude's to feed the poor. The members of the local Cargill committee have partnered with Cabrini on this project since 2011.

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## *From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...* **Vatican calls for vocational discernment synod**



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### **Bishops to gather in October 2018**

"Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment" will be the theme of a synod that Pope Francis has called to take place in Rome in October 2018.

A [Vatican statement](#) reported: "the theme, an expression of the pastoral care of the Church for the young, is consistent with the results of the recent Synod assemblies on the family and with the content of the post-Synodal apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*."

"Its aim is to accompany the young on their existential journey to maturity so that, through a process of discernment, they discover their plan for life and realise it with joy, opening up to the encounter with God and with human beings, and actively participating in the edification of the Church and of society."

Crux, an online religion news outlet, [reported](#): "Vatican spokesman Greg Burke said that the synod won't focus solely on the choice between married life and religious life." Rather the gathering of

several hundred bishops will treat the full array of vocational choices before young people.

The topic for the 2018 synod was chosen by the XIV Ordinary Council of the Synod of Bishops, according to the Vatican. Find a preparatory document [here](#). Download the pope's letter to young people [here](#).

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**We pray for the millions of people who have been victims of modern day slavery. Like St. Josephine Bakhita, we stand firm in our resolve to create a slavery-free world.**

**JOIN** in prayer for all women, children and men affected by human trafficking and slavery.

**LEARN** about the survivors and how to help them.

**BRING** tooth brushes and toothpaste for the young women served by the Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition. St. Josephine was known for her warm smile which won the hearts of all who met her.

Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition  
Find us on Facebook or at [mothercabrini.org](http://mothercabrini.org)



**St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine**





## What is National Catholic Schools Week?

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2017 is January 29 - February 4. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. ~ *National Catholic Education Association*

### *Did you know?...*



Twenty billion dollars a year. That's how much it's estimated Catholic schools save the United States annually. As we observe Catholic Schools Week, celebrate the accomplishments behind these statistics: 6,600 parochial schools are staffed by more than 150,000 dedicated teachers K-12. The graduation rate from parochial schools is 99 percent. The percentage of our students who go on to college is 84 percent. Just as our teachers make sacrifices to create these "communities of faith, knowledge, and service," so too do parents surrender comforts to ensure their kids learn faith and character along with the facts. ~ *Take Five for Faith*

# Prayer Requests

## ***Peter Karpinski***

Please continue to remember our Cabrini Companion, Peter Karpinski, and his wife in your prayers. Pray for Peter, who is a caregiver for his wife, to remain in good health.

## ***Mark***

Please keep Mark, the son-in-law of a Cabrini University trustee, in your prayers. Mark has been diagnosed with adult onset epilepsy and the doctors are having difficulty controlling his symptoms.

## ***Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus***

As we observe the World Day of Consecrated Life, let us give thanks for the blessing of the Missionary Sisters' lives in Christ. May they continue to live out their baptismal promises and be graced in their commitment to the Lord as they serve with open hearts and willing spirits. Please keep the MSCs in prayer.

## ***Adinar Molon***

Your prayers are asked for Adinar Molon, who is going through a very difficult time. He is the son of Maria Molon, the sister of Sr. Romualda Molon, MSC.

## ***Mrs. Wagner***

Sr. Christopher Wagner, OSF, co-coordinator for the NRVC Delaware Valley Member Area, has asked for prayers for her mother, family and herself. Her mother is very ill and close to death. We pray that God's peace and consolation be theirs as they enter into this sacred time with her.

# In Loving Memory

## ***Harry Fuges***

The Cabrinian Community at large joins with the Cabrini University Community in extending sympathy to Ed Fuges, Cabrini University Facilities, on the loss of his father, Harry Fuges, who passed away on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please continue to keep Ed and his family in your prayers.

Today we celebrate the feast of Saint Blase, who was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia in the fourth century. Before being martyred, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. Since the eighth century, Saint Blase has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat.

We pray in a special way today for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. The blessing of Saint Blase is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.

