



Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus UPDATE



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World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

**A New CARA study was published just before the observance of
the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life on February 2nd**

**Findings: Religious Profession Class of 2014 Highly Educated, Very Likely To
Have Attended Catholic High School and University...study finds two-thirds of
new religious entered community life with a bachelors degree or higher.**

WASHINGTON—Men and women religious who professed perpetual vows to the nearly 800 communities of religious life in the United States in 2014 are highly educated and more likely than the average Catholic adult to attend Catholic high schools and universities. These were among the findings of the annual survey on new men and women religious conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University.

About four in 10 (42 %) attended a Catholic elementary school, which is the same as that for all Catholic adults in the United States. They are more likely than other U.S. Catholics, however, to have attended a Catholic high school (31% of responding religious, compared to 22% of U.S. adult Catholics) and much more likely to have attended a Catholic college (34 percent of responding religious, compared to just 7 % of U.S. adult Catholics.)

Eighteen percent of responding religious earned a graduate degree before entering their religious institute. Two in three (68 %) entered their religious institute with at least a bachelor's degree (61 % for women and 80 % for men).

Most religious did not report that educational debt delayed their application for entrance to their institute. Among those who did report educational debt, however, they averaged one



year of delay while they paid down an average of \$15,750 in educational debt. Several of the women, but none of the men, reported receiving assistance in paying down their debt.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations commissioned the survey and released the results before the annual celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life, February 2 which is also celebrated in parishes on this coming weekend. The survey also comes amidst the Year of Consecrated Life, which began November 30, 2014. During this year, Catholics are invited to learn more about religious life by participating in the Day of Open House with Religious on this Sunday, February 8. Resources for the World Day of Consecrated Life, the Year of Consecrated Life and the entire CARA survey can be found at www.usccb.org/consecratedlife.

"Given the fact that 89 percent of those responding to the recent CARA survey of new religious had participated in some form of a 'Come and See' experience prior to entering their religious institute, we know it is important for our youth and young adults to have greater exposure and familiarity with the community life of religious," said Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Raleigh, North Carolina, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. **"I encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to visit local religious communities in their own area during the Day of Religious Open Houses, Sunday, February 8."**

CARA received a response from 454 of 799 major superiors, for an overall response rate of 57 percent among religious institutes.

Among the major findings:

- ✚ The average age of responding religious of the Profession Class of 2014 is 37.
- ✚ Half of the responding religious are age 34 or younger. The youngest is 24 and the oldest is 64.
- ✚ Two-thirds of responding religious (67 %) identify as white, more than one in seven (15 %) identifies as Hispanic, and one in seven (14 %) identifies as Asian.
- ✚ Most responding religious (76 %) were born in the United States. Of those born outside the United States, the most common countries of origin are the Philippines and Vietnam.
- ✚ Among those identifying as Hispanic/Latino(a) two-thirds (67 %) are U.S. born and one-third (33 %) are foreign born
- ✚ Nearly nine in 10 (86 %) responding religious have been Catholic since birth. More than eight in 10 (83 %) come from families in which both parents are Catholic. Nearly all of the religious of the Profession Class of 2014 (89 %) participated in some type of vocation program or experience prior to entering their religious institute. Most commonly was a "Come and See" experience (59%) or a vocation retreat (50 %). Men were more likely than women to have participated in a "Come and See" experience (66% and 56%, respectively) or in a vocation retreat (59% for men compared to 45% for women).

The
Missionary Sisters will be
hosting an
Open House
for the
community on
Sunday,
February 8th
from
2 – 5 pm
at
Cabrini – on-
the Hudson
House of
Formation &
Discernment
Route 9W
West Park, NY

All are welcome!
Please do try to
join us!

To read the full CARA report:
<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/consecrated-life/upload/PR-15-018.pdf>

Missionary Sisters Observe and Celebrate The World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

The MSCs in Columbus Community had the joy of attending a celebration at Epiphany Parish, New York City on this past Sunday.

The MSCs in Chicago will attend a workshop on consecrated life with the new Archbishop and attend Mass at St. John Brebeuf Parish, in Niles, IL on Saturday, February 7th.

At Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO, MSCs will join in prayer for consecrated life at the 11:00 Mass at the Shrine.

The MSC Mission Offices in Radnor, PA will hold an hour of prayer on Friday, February 6th at noon. MSCs, lay collaborators and CMC missionaries will gather.

All MSC communities are encouraged to share your World Day of Prayer observances. We will publish your celebration in next week's Update.

From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...



Sr. Marie Cimperman,
RSCH

The new Center for the Study of Consecrated Life launches February 12 at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Its goal is to conduct research and dialogue on contemporary issues in consecrated life. It wants to encourage new scholarship across disciplines; provide processes for reflective dialogue and creative imagining; assist in the discovery of new calls to ministry; and explore the internationality of consecrated life. Sister Maria Cimperman, R.S.C.J. has been appointed director of the center.

Learn more about the Center for the Study of Consecrated Life at ctu.edu/consecratedlife or contact consecratedlife@ctu.edu for more information.



Cabrini *Action and Advocacy* Coalition

Real Love Saves
Fight Slavery with Music

Nottingham
 Living Tradition
 Hurricane Season
 Semiotics

PLACE
 Tumulty's Pub
 361 George St
 New Brunswick, NJ 08901

DATE AND TIME
 February 12, 2015
 8 pm

Suggested Donation \$10
All Ages
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO: COVENANT HOUSE

CAAC
 Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition

Plato is quoted as saying, “music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything.” If that is the case, then it is an ideal platform for raising awareness about human trafficking. On February 12th, the Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition (CAAC) will be holding an awareness raising rock concert at Tumulty’s Pub in New Brunswick, NJ.

Partnering with local bands Nottingham, Living Tradition, Semiotics, and Hurricane Season, the CAAC aims to reach a crowd of 20-somethings in the lively college town of New Brunswick. This city, referred to as the Hub City, sits between the large metro areas of New York City and Philadelphia, which makes it an ideal transit area for traffickers. In 2014, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center received 155 reports of human trafficking in New Jersey. A large percentage of calls come from the New Brunswick area. The CAAC and partners have led a robust advertising campaign and hope to get 100 young people to come out, enjoy music, and learn about human trafficking. All funds raised during the event will go to Covenant House’s work to keep homeless teens safe and off the street.

Cabrini community friends and family in the area are invited to join in this exciting event! If you are not in the area or cannot attend, please pray for the success of this event.

~ submitted by CMC *missioner* Melanie Paccillo



Help Support a Great Cause:

STOP Human Trafficking!

Join us on Thursday, February 12th

Tumulty's Pub

361 George Street

New Brunswick, NJ

The music begins at 8!



ST. FRANCES CABRINI SHRINE

*Join us for new Lenten Services, Spanish Masses
and a Special Mass for Immigration Support*

Morning Mass Monday through Friday 7:00 am

Mid-Day Mass Tuesday and Thursday 12:15 pm
New for Lent! *begins Feb. 19th*

Stations of the Cross Fridays 12:15 pm **New for Lent!** *begins Feb. 20th*

Weekend Masses Saturdays 8:00 am
Sundays 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Misas en Español 2:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th
Saturday of each month

Immigration Support Mass Saturday Feb. 21st 2:00 - 4:00 pm

There will be no Adoration on Sunday, February 8.
No habra Adoracion Domingo, 8 Febrero.

Shrine Hours: Open Tuesday-Sunday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Cabrini College, Radnor, PA

The campus community doing its part to raise awareness

Today, Cabrini College will observe the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. This day was designated by Pope Francis and world interfaith leaders as a day to reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity, and to comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors. There will be a series of events:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Join the Cabrini community to learn about human trafficking and to pray for its end

Thursday, February 5, 2015

8:30 a.m.
Mass offered for Sister Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of trafficking victims
The Bruckmann Memorial Chapel of St. Joseph

3:15 p.m.
"Human Trafficking: A Dawning Reality" by Sister Terry Shields, Director of Dawn's Place
Grace Hall Atrium

5-6:30 p.m.
Catholic Relief Services
#RefugeesSeekingSafety
Grace Hall Atrium

6:30 p.m.
Interfaith Prayer Service Against Human Trafficking led by Rev. Joseph Modica, Ph.D., Eastern University Chaplain
Grace Hall Atrium

PRAY FOR ITS END

CABRINI COLLEGE

Questions? Contact the Wolfington Center at wolfington@cabrini.edu or 610-902-8431.
Sponsored by the Wolfington Center, Campus Ministry, and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30 am: Mass - Bruckmann Memorial Chapel of Saint Joseph

Daily Mass will be celebrated in memory of [St. Josephine Bakhita](#), the patron saint of human trafficking victims.

3:15 pm: "Human Trafficking: A Dawning Reality" – Grace Hall Atrium

Sister Terry Shields, Director of Dawn's Place, (a nonprofit organization that proactively supports women negatively affected by commercial sexual exploitation) will speak about human trafficking in today's world.

5:00 pm-6:30 pm: Immigration Simulation - Grace Hall Atrium

The CRS Ambassadors will present their Immigration Simulation, drawing attention to one of the push factors of human trafficking. Participants can stop in at any point to experience the simulation. Pizza will be served.

6:30 pm: Interfaith Prayer Service Against Human Trafficking – Grace Hall Atrium by the mural

Rev. Dr. Joseph Modica, Chaplain of Eastern University, will lead an interfaith prayer service with clergy of many different backgrounds. We'll pray for change and push for action, as we join together.

During the week of February 2nd

Prayer Cards and Anti-Human Trafficking Buttons will be distributed on campus. Look for Cabrini Mission Corps Missioners, Campus Ministry staff, and Wolfington Center staff as they distribute them, or stop by Campus Ministry or the Wolfington Center to pick them up. Fliers for distribution can be picked up the Wolfington Center, if you'd like to help us promote the day.

These events are sponsored by Campus Ministry, the Wolfington Center, and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Please Join Us
on
Sunday, February 8th
1 -2 pm
St. Frances X. Cabrini
Shrine
New York City

Prayer Service for Victims of Human Trafficking

Non-Denominational All Are Welcome

Location

St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine
701 Fort Washington Ave
New York, NY 10040

Conveniently located
near the A train 190th
street stop.

Date and Time

February 8, 2015
1 – 2 pm (Service)
2 – 3 pm (Refreshments)

"Like" the Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition on Facebook for more
information



Human Trafficking
Is a crime against
human dignity.

Let us support the
victims with our
prayers.

Please Save the Date

CABRINI OF WESTCHESTER'S SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SHARING IN MISSION DINNER



Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill Mansion, Tarrytown, New York

FORMAL INVITATION AND EVENT DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!

Prayer Requests

Catherine Arnesen

Please unite in prayer for Catherine, a longtime Cabrini College staff member, now retired, who has suffered a series of falls. She is recuperating at the home of one of her children. Pray that she will heal and be well.

Nathaniel and Rita Contraes and Family

Cabrini Companion M. L. Richardson asks that we please pray for 8-year-old Nathaniel Contraes, his mother Rita, and their family. Nathaniel has been fighting cancer since 2012.

Nathaniel's mother writes, "In 2012 when Nathaniel was first diagnosed, aside from the fact that I felt like I'd been hit by a ton of bricks, we had to move swiftly to remove the tumor. We were faced with making the decision to move forward with his rotationplasty surgery. We were of the belief that Nathaniel losing a limb paled in comparison to losing his life. In 2013, the cancer returned to Nathaniel's lung. And, because we are now dealing with the brain, Nathaniel will need to get an MRI every 2 months...for the rest of his life!" This week, Nathaniel will begin radiation followed by chemo. "Thank you all so much for your continued support and concern for our family. Please keep us in your prayers as our family begins down this journey of the road less traveled."

Christine and Daniel Gallagher

Mary Gallagher, volunteer tutor at Cabrini Immigrant Services in Dobbs Ferry, asks for your prayers for her son, Daniel Gallagher, and for her daughter-in-law Christine C. Gallagher, both of whom are experiencing serious health issues at this time.

Sunny Scroggins

The following prayer request was received by the Province Communications Office:

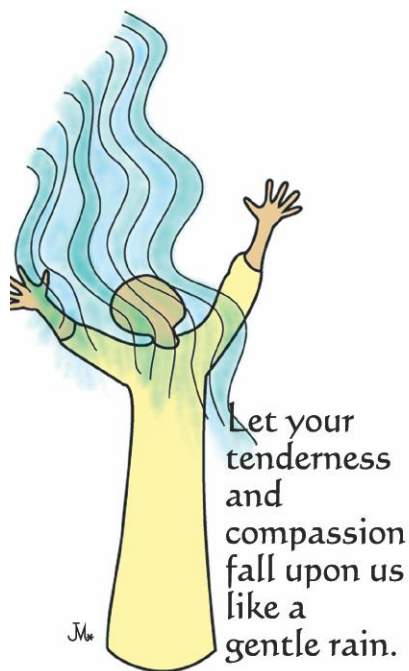
"My name is Sunny Scroggins. I have been sick and homebound for a year. The doctor thinks it is a metabolic problem. He says if I get the right medication and treatment I could fully recover. If not, I could continue to deteriorate. I have an appointment to see a specialist this month but have not been approved for Medicaid to pay for it. Please pray on my behalf

that I may get approved and receive the treatment I need. Thank you so much for your consideration. God bless."

Please keep Sunny in your prayers so that she may receive the medical treatment she needs.

Elizabeth Smith

Please pray for the continued health of Liz Smith, friend of Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC and Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC who is healing after open-heart surgery. She is doing well, but has asked for our continuing prayers.



Catherine Wagner

Earlier in the year we prayed for Catherine Wagner, the mother of Sr. Christopher Wagner, OSF, vocation director for the Sisters of St. Francis of Aston, PA. Mrs. Wagner continues to experience health challenges. Please pray for her and for her children who are tending to their mother's care.



In Loving Memory

Jan Bitcon

It is with sadness that the Cabrini Health, Australia community shares with us the passing of former Board Chair Jan Bitcon. Jan had a long history with Cabrini. Jan was a Founding Member of the Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini Governing Board. She served the Board in many roles and capacities and at the time of her death she was a member of the Mission and People Committee – a Board sub-committee. Jan's contribution to Cabrini has been invaluable and she will be sadly missed.

At this point, no funeral arrangements have yet been set. Messages of condolence may be sent to her husband James:

Mr. James Bitcon

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Dorothy C. Riley

Your prayers are asked for Dorothy, the mother of Cabrini College alumna and trustee Elizabeth Riley Bell. Dorothy was called home to God on February 2nd. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the comfort of her family at this sad time.

Adelaide Truillo

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Adelaide, the sister of Sr. Ilaria Povero, MSC, who passed away suddenly in upstate New York. May she rest in God's eternal peace.



In Honor of St. Josephine Bakhita

February 8, 2015

Patron Saint for those touched by Human Trafficking

Loving God, rewarder of the humble, you blessed St. Josephine Bakhita with charity and patience. May her prayers help us and her example inspire us to carry our cross and to love you always. Pour upon us the spirit of wisdom and love with which you filled St. Josephine Bakhita.

By serving you as she did, may we please you by our faith and actions. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.