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THE UPDATE

February 9, 2017

"No Ban! No Wall!"

Cabrini immigrant Services-Dobbs Ferry Resistance



Bonnie Burke (l.) VP of Operations of Cabrini of Westchester and Patricia Krasnausky, President and CEO of Cabrini of Westchester, participate in the resistance rally in White Plains, NY.

On Saturday, February 4th, Cabrini Immigrant Services of Dobbs Ferry partnered with a diverse coalition of community organizations to host the Westchester Resistance Rally in White Plains.

The protest, at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, was organized by State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins who represents Dobbs Ferry among other Westchester towns and villages, and also included New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman. The event was organized in opposition to policies issued via executive order by President Donald J. Trump.

Senator Stewart-Cousins convened local leaders, elected officials and Westchester community members who came together in support of human rights and in opposition to policies banning immigration from seven Muslim-

majority countries and the construction of a multi-billion dollar wall between the United States and Mexico.

"As President Woodrow Wilson once said, 'The history of liberty is a history of resistance,'" said Stewart-Cousins. "The organic demonstrations of people all over the world underscore the importance of American ideals and values."

The event followed weeks of protests and rallies since the Presidential Inauguration.

Meanwhile, on February 4th, while other Cabrini staff members were protesting in White Plains, Lorraine Campanelli, Director of CIS, was a panelist on the "Forum on Immigration" at the Yonkers Public Library, presented by The Legal Aid Society of Westchester County, The Westchester Black Bar Association and The Regional Immigration Assistance Center. Lorraine spoke about the many services available at CIS-DF. "It was an honor to hear from attendees that Cabrini is well



NY State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins assisted by Kaitlyn Horgan, daughter of Lorraine Horgan, VP for Community Affairs, Cabrini of Westchester.



respected and is highly recommended by so many other agencies,” said Lorraine Campanelli who has been asked to join “the team” as they travel to different regions of Westchester County.

Previously, on January 28th, Concerned Families of Westchester rallied in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY to protest President Trump’s Anti-Immigrant Agenda. The staff from Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, along with several tutors and their spouses were in attendance.

~ submitted by Patricia Krasnausky

President Trump’s recent Executive Order has galvanized people across generations and has triggered protests to decry injustice against immigrants.

And in New York City similar activism is taking place...

Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC **Responds to the Executive Order on Immigration**



Since December 2016 we have engaged in the following events and activities to advocate for the immigrant community:

Press Conferences, Rallies, Actions, Legislative Visits

- December 18th: Attended rally and march to Trump Tower for immigrant New York with the New York Immigration Coalition
- January 4th: Steering Committee meeting with local leaders.
- January 14th: Engaged in New York Immigration Coalition’s #OurNY social media campaign
- January 17th: Signed onto letter to Senators Gillibrand and Schumer to oppose appointment of Jeff Sessions as Attorney General
- January 18th: Signed the Immigrant Legal Resource Center’s letter to President Trump asking him to save DACA
- January 21st: Women’s March on Washington and NYC

- January 26th: Participated in Press Conference with the New York Immigration Coalition
- January 26th: Know Your Rights workshop with around 50 participants
- January 27th: Jummah Prayer and Rally in support of Muslims and Immigrants at Foley Square
- January 28th: Action at Brooklyn immigration court in opposition to Muslim Ban
- January 31st: Participated in leadership summit and advocacy day in Albany with the New York Immigration Coalition. Spoke directly with Senators Squadron, Klein, and Stewart-Cousins.



- February 2nd: Training for affected immigrants to learn how to speak at press conferences and with media about their personal stories.

- In addition to these actions CIS-NYC has engaged in a number of online campaigns, advocacy, education, and promotion of various events we were unable to attend.

- We have prepared and distributed comprehensive Know Your Rights informational packets in English, Spanish and Chinese.

- We are currently in the process of developing a comprehensive rapid response plan in case of an immigration raid in our community. This includes a plan of action for staff, lists of community contacts and resources, a map of city-wide resources, a plan for engaging media and other actors who can draw attention to the event, etc. In order to do

this we are strengthening our relationships and collaboration with local partners and developing strategies for more effective outreach to clients and community members.

Press:

- After the election CIS-NYC appeared in two articles by Thrillist and Gothamist and as a result we contacted by over 50 individuals interested in volunteering with us.
http://gothamist.com/2016/11/21/thanksgiving_donating_volunteering.php
<https://www.thrillist.com/lifestyle/new-york/volunteer-opportunities-in-nyc-for-groups-individuals>
- Information about Know Your Rights workshop appeared in the “Lo-Down”
- <http://www.thelodownny.com/leslog/2017/01/where-to-turn-if-youre-concerned-about-trump-immigration-crackdown.html>

- Article in El Diario - <http://eldiariorny.com/2017/02/01/neoyorquinos-se-educan-sobre-derechos-del-inmigrante/>
- Appearance on “Tiempo” on ABC Channel 7 – it aired on Sunday, February 5th
- <http://abc7ny.com/tiempo/>
- Appearance (early February) at ZDF German Television www.zdf.de
- Appearance on NHK television network – Japanese Network (interview February 3rd)
- Daily updates through our social media (webpage, Twitter and Facebook)



Ways to be more involved in our work:

- Attend our monthly Know Your Rights workshops to learn about immigrant rights and how to protect your community members.
- Volunteer! (Contact Ella Nimmo for more information – ellanimmo@cis-nyc.org OR 212 791 4590 ext. 107). Tell us about your skills and we will find the best way for you to help!
- Join us at upcoming rallies and marches and invite your friends. Follow us on social media (@cisnyc) or join our mailing list (<http://eepurl.com/wpeEv>) to stay up to date on upcoming events.

— www.cis-nyc.org

— Follow Us!

— [@cisnyc](https://twitter.com/cisnyc)

— [f https://www.facebook.com/cisnyc/](https://www.facebook.com/cisnyc/) **Donate here:** <http://bit.ly/2g1KQqY>

Cabrini University holds Breakfast Conversation on Immigration

To commemorate the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita on February 8th members of the Cabrini University community gathered for “Cabrinian Responses to Immigration Issues: A Breakfast Conversation.” Tom Southard, Executive Director of the Wolfington Center, welcomed students, faculty and staff to the event with a brief story about the life of Sr. Bakhita, and Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC, offered a reflection on the work of Sr. Bakhita in light of our Catholic and Cabrinian mission as a University.

President Donald Taylor offered further reflections on the statements of solidarity with immigrants that he has signed on behalf of the University, reading aloud two letters, from a current student and an alumna,

which offered contrasting views on whether the University should take a public stand on these issues. While maintaining the vital importance of honest discussion and diverse perspectives on these matters, President Taylor explained the rationale for his decision to make such strong public statements—rooted in the Cabrinian corporate stance on immigration, Mother Cabrini’s identity as the Patroness of Immigrants, and Pope Francis’ teachings on these matters.

The event featured a talk by Fr. Augustine Puleo, PhD, who offered a first-hand perspective on the realities of life in the predominantly Mexican-immigrant parish of St. Patrick’s in Norristown, PA. Fr. Gus began his talk with two prayers: the Prayer of St. Francis, and the Novena to Mother Cabrini. Through a series of stories involving the highs and lows of life in St. Pat’s, Fr. Gus emphasized the vibrant faith of his congregants, the massive obstacles they face in raising their families, and the continuous work done by the church to offer hope and assistance to the most poor and vulnerable. The great Catholic call to respect the life and dignity of all, he reminded us, extends from conception to natural death—and includes prenatal care, assistance for at-risk

children, and a viable path to higher education. In the end, Fr. Gus reminded us, none of the migrants in his parish live *en las sombras* (in the shadows), because they live in the light of Christ, and for all of us our true citizenship is in Heaven. These are concerns that would be close to the heart of Mother Cabrini, as we prayed at the outset: “Inspire me with your love of the Heart of Jesus; then, at my end, guide this my migrant soul and bring me safe to God.”

~submitted by Raymond E. Ward, PhD, Associate Director for Peace and Justice, Wolfington Center, Cabrini University



Fr. Augustine Puleo, PhD, pastor of St. Patrick’s Parish in Norristown PA, was the guest speaker.

World Day for Consecrated Life

"The Consecrated Life Appears to Us Just As It Really is: A Gift of God!"

February 2 was a beautiful day in the Archdiocese of Denver. Consecrated Religious from 52 different congregations and religious institutes gathered to celebrate our day with enthusiasm! The Parish of San Cajetan - where the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus render our service - organized the activity, led by Father Lorenzo Uribe, CR, priest of the Order of the Theatines.

The Auxiliary Bishop Monsignor Jorge Rodríguez was sharing with us as Religious and the Closing Sisters, Capuchin Poor Clares opened the doors of their closure for the first time to welcome us in their dining room, in their work room, in their kitchen.



Consecrated religious from 52 congregations and institutes gathered on February 2nd in Denver to celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life.



Sr. Martha Lopez Prada, MSC (front) joins the celebration of Consecrated Life.

It was a beautiful Eucharist! Echoing the words of Pope Francis, the bishop told us: "Why sometimes that face of a funeral in the Religious? Do you believe that by living bitterly, new vocations will come to your convents? Do you attract with your way of living the [community life]? Do you devote at least 2 hours a day to your personal encounter with Jesus? Remember: life must be lived in colors and not in black and white! " It was a strong questioning and motivation for everyone.

We had the presence of 6 young people who have considered the possibility of religious life. They are of different ages and different parishes of the Archdiocese. One of them named Clarita, who is from San Cajetan's Church, shared a little of her history, her search and in the name of all the young people who are in vocational discernment, she raised a beautiful prayer for wisdom, discernment and fidelity.

At the end of the rich Italian meal that San Cajetan's parish provided for us we had the opportunity to share in the midst of laughter about our charisms, founders, missions and dreams. May this experience motivate us to live as we should live: as Consecrated! And, also motivate us to walk alongside other congregations, as members of one family.

~ submitted by Sr. Martha Lopez Prada, MSC

Yvonne LaFleur Named Cabrini H.S. Alumna of the Year for 2017

Yvonne LaFleur has been named the 2017 Alumna of the Year of Cabrini High School. The internationally acclaimed fashion designer graduated from the historic high school in 1965 and matriculated at Louisiana State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Fashion Merchandising. Following her graduation she began her career in design and merchandising that spans more than 40 years.

At 22 years old and directly out of college, she opened a retail store in what is her location today. Her store specialized in jeans hand-altered to fit perfectly. Today she is chief executive officer of Yvonne LaFleur/New Orleans and predecessor companies. That small boutique is now known around the world as a shop fitting women's fashion needs including lingerie, dresses, hats, a legendary bridal department, and a signature fragrance line. Everything *Yvonne LaFleur* is rich in timeless style and quality.



But she has accomplished her climb to the top of an extremely competitive business with compassion and grace. She has been quoted as saying that her mother told her to “Think best and be best.” She recalls that she graduated from Cabrini High School “where I was taught by the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (the religious order founded by Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini). They were very family oriented, but they were also very strict,” she has been quoted [as saying]. “The words ‘can’t’ and ‘forgot’ were not in their vocabulary.” She carries that education with her today as her shopping bags and store decor are covered with violets, the flower associated with Mother Cabrini.

Her career has brought her accolades such the Amita award for business; the Small Business Association award; New Orleans Magazine Fashion Gala Honoree, and more.

Her fashions can be seen at high-end events around the world including Mardi Gras reviewing stands and in motion pictures. Her gowns and her hats are renowned for their style and taste.

She is married and the mother of seven children. In naming her Alumna of the Year, it was said: “In everything she does, both in her personal life, as well as her professional life, Yvonne continues to exemplify excellence, service, leadership, and respect. She is a Christian, kind-hearted woman and serves her family, the Cabrini community, and the community at large. She is a strong, Catholic, successful, yet humble, woman who has proven herself as a role model and a wonderful representative of Cabrini High School and its ideals and mission.”

~ submitted by Cabrini High School



A portrait of St. Josephine Bakhita, a Black woman with her hair styled in a bun, wearing a dark blue or black garment with a small circular medallion at the neckline. The background of the portrait is a textured, mottled grey.

Mass for St. Josephine Bakhita

PATRON SAINT OF TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

February 11, 2017

Mass at 2:00 pm
Reception at 3:00 pm

LOCATION: St. Frances Cabrini Shrine
701 Fort Washington Avenue
New York, NY 10040 212-923-3536

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





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:



The Stone House

- 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.

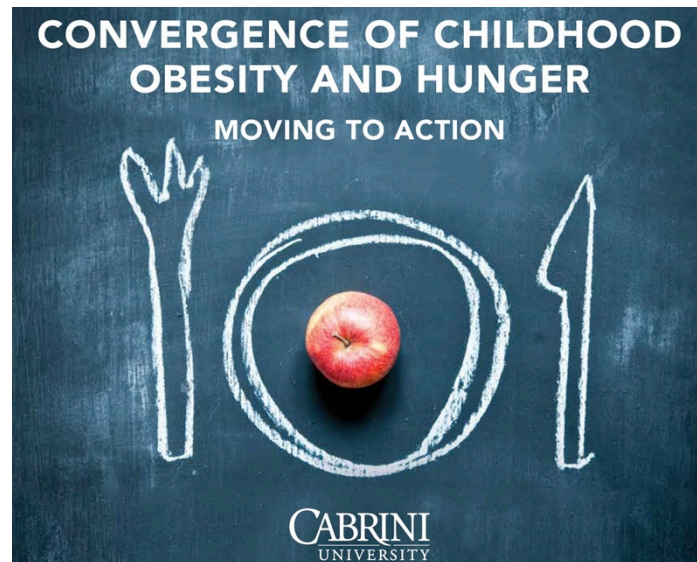
Space is limited so please contact the Province Formation Office for more information and/or to make your reservation: 610-902-1038 or cabriniformation@mothercabrini.org

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

Obesity and Hunger

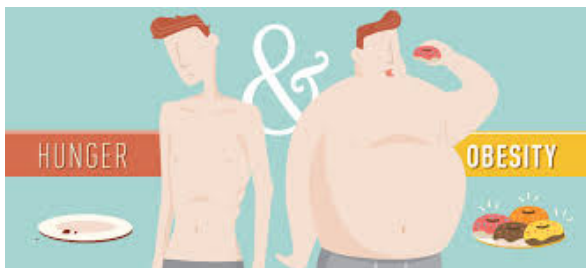
On Feb. 17, Cabrini University will host a one-day symposium addressing childhood obesity and hunger, two leading public health issues in the nation.

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

Prayer Requests

Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke

Sr. Grace Waters, MSC asks our prayers for her dear friend Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, SC, who is undergoing IV treatment for cancer. Please pray for her healing.

William Joseph McFarland

Please pray for William Joseph McFarland the father of Doreen McFarland, a good friend of the Missionary Sisters. Mr. McFarland is critically ill. Please keep him and Doreen and her family in your prayers.

Leonard Norman Primiano, Ph.D.

Dr. Primiano, Professor of Religious Studies at Cabrini University, asks for the prayers of the Missionary Sisters for his healing and recuperation from a recent surgery.

Anthony Yu

Rosalind Yu, a good friend of Sr. Grace Waters, MSC, asks prayers for her brother Anthony who is scheduled for surgery on February 8th to remove a large tumor on his pituitary gland.



In Loving Memory

Norma Wulack Pearlman

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Ruby Remley's sister, Norma Wulack Pearlman, who passed away somewhat unexpectedly on Sunday, February 5th. Ruby is a professor emerita at Cabrini University. Please keep Ruby and her family in your prayers at this time.

Catherine Wagner

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Wagner, who was called home to God on Friday, February 3. She is the mother of Sr. Christopher Wagner, OSF, co-coordinator of the NRVC Delaware Valley Member Area. Please keep Sr. Chris and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Jean Walker Campbell

Kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Jean Walker Campbell, the sister-in-law of Cabrini University alumna and trustee Shirley Dixon. Please remember Shirley's family in your prayers.