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THE UPDATE

March 15, 2017

Missionary Sisters Continue Formation on Intercultural Competency



Arturo Chávez, Ph.D. (c.) led a workshop on Intercultural Competency for the Missionary Sisters. Joining in the conversation are clockwise from Dr. Chavez's left: Sr. Juana Clarivel Mendoza; Sr. Lucy Panettieri; Sr. Antonia Plata; Sr. Antonina Avitabile; Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, Provincial; Sr. Marisel Mora; and Sr. Dianne McKenna (partially hidden.)

deep respect and reverence, recognizing that every culture has unique values, behaviors, and perceptions that shape their identity.

The workshop was facilitated by Arturo Chávez, Ph.D., President and CEO of the Mexican American Catholic College in San Antonio, Texas. The workshop focused on the following areas: differences in cultural values and orientations; stereotypes and prejudices; perceptions of power; and the dynamics of intercultural communication. The workshop further addressed interculturality in the social context of racism and the Church's call for systematic justice and transformation.

"For the Gospel to draw near to a culture, the one who proclaims the Gospel must know not only the language of the people, but also their values, ways of living, and their particular ways of knowing."

~ Pope Francis

On March 8 - 11, 2017 eleven MSCs gathered in New York to continue their formation on the topic of Intercultural Competency for effective ministry and service. The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSCs) are an international missionary community demonstrating the love of God in 15 countries. The development of intercultural competency is one way of approaching another culture with



Sr. Toni Plata, MSC (r.) reacts enthusiastically to an area of focus during the workshop.



Through the presentations, guided reflections and group dialogue our goal was to improve our skills for pastoral ministry, service and leadership as Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

~ submitted by Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC

An altar display reflects the diversity of cultures represented by the Missionary Sisters who participated in the workshop.

National Shrine of St. Frances X. Cabrini, Chicago, IL

The National Shrine of St. Frances X. Cabrini is reaching out to the Lakeview Food Pantry this Lenten Season to feed the hungry. Our community is collecting non-perishable food. We have 2 bins in the narthex at the Shrine that gets filled every week. On the weekends at our Saturday and Sunday Masses we do a second collection. The money goes to the food pantry to buy food for the hungry! We are grateful to our community for their generosity. ~ submitted by Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC



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Their Broadway site has moved:

Note their new address 3945 N. Sheridan Rd.

Their Oakdale site has an updated phone number:

773-525-1777

Cabrini High School Crescents Soar at District Rally

More than half of the 32 Cabrini High School students who competed in the Literary District rally qualified to enter the State Literary Rally competition at Louisiana State University to be held on April 1, 2017.

Congratulations

and

best of luck, young ladies!



Cabrini Immigrant Services, New York, NY 4th Annual Benefit

Cabrini Immigrant Services invites you to our annual benefit on Tuesday, April 4th! Please join us at Pulse restaurant to honor Patricia Krasnausky, President/CEO of Cabrini Elder Care, and celebrate the work of Cabrini Immigrant Services' staff and volunteers.

The benefit will take place on Tuesday, April 4th from 6:00-9:30 pm at Pulse Restaurant, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, 3rd Floor, New York, NY.

Tickets are \$200 for an individual seat, \$1,000 for a table of six, or \$1,400 for a table of 8.

Please reserve your ticket by March 24th.

For more information, to make a reservation, or to purchase an ad space in our program, please contact Brenda Barsallo at 212-791-4590 ext. 100 or info@cis-nyc.org.



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Tuesday, April 4, 2017



This Lenten season, in what has become a beloved tradition, the Missionary Sisters and some of their lay collaborators will be offering reflections on the Gospels of the Sundays of Lent.

This week's reflection is written by Ben Kickert, Director, Cabrini Ministries Swaziland

March 19 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (28) Pss III

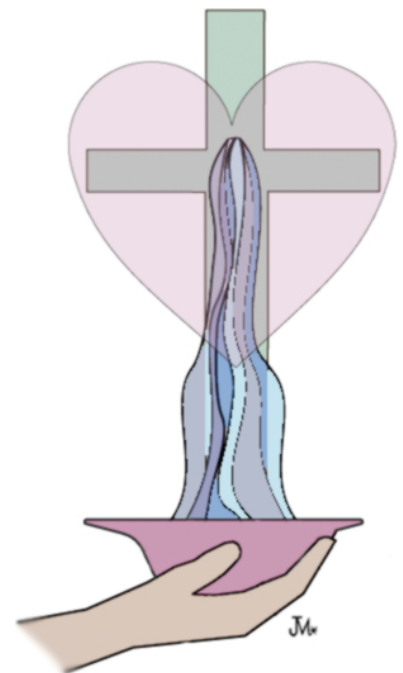
Scripture often uses the physical world to help us understand spiritual truths. We know that water is an essential element of life. Without water there is no life, and when we are lacking it our bodies scream out with the sensation of thirst. This concept of thirst is a common thread throughout the readings for today. First we see the children of God crying out for water to Moses and God in the desert because of their physical needs. Then, at Jacob's well we find Jesus using the imagery of water to explain his own life-giving nature and ability to quench our spiritual needs. In both instances we find that God provides for his people.

This imagery of water, thirst, and finding our peace in Christ is particularly powerful during the Lenten season as I write during the waning days of a Southern Hemisphere summer in Swaziland. Readers in the Northern Hemisphere often associate the time around Easter as coinciding with spring rains and new life. Here in Swaziland, Easter brings with it cool evenings and respite from scorching days. In both, we see the promise of the resurrection: something new and better and life-giving is coming.

In Swaziland the coming cool months also represent the start of our dry season at a time when the country has already been hit by drought resulting in decimated crops, lost livestock, and water rationing (when it is available at all). It demonstrates how visceral our need for water is because it is essential for life. When Jesus calls himself the living water, he reminds us that our need for spiritual replenishment is just as strong and that he is the ultimate source of life abundant.

As we reflect together during this time, may we not forget the very real physical needs of those around us, nor the spiritual fulfilment Christ promises when he says "*the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.*"

-Ben Kickert, Director, Cabrini Ministries Swaziland



Prayer Requests

Emmalyn Maumus

Please pray for Emmalyn, a youngster who will be having an MRI on Monday, March 20th. Pray that all will be well with her scans. Her family is most grateful for your prayers.

In Loving Memory

Alice Cullen

Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC asks prayers for a dear friend of hers, Alice Cullen, who passed away yesterday. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the consolation of her daughters.

Scott Derham

Pray for the repose of the soul of Scott Derham, the 53-year-old son of former Cabrini College staff member Zita Derham. Scott passed away suddenly. This, of course, was a terrible shock for Zita, her husband, Jay, and the entire Derham family. Please remember all of them in your prayers.

During this next week of March we honor two special saints...

Saint Patrick – March 17th

St. Joseph – March 19th

