



March 31, 2016

A Look at Immigration and Politics

~ An account by Cabrini College freshman and communications intern Danielle Perez

Recently, Cabrini College in Radnor, Pennsylvania, hosted a panel discussion on immigration and the current political climate surrounding this issue. Guests Sabrina Vourvoulias, Executive Director of *Al Dia*, a local newspaper that focuses on immigration struggles and issues in Philadelphia, and Peter Pedemonti, the Director of the “New Sanctuary Movement,” an interfaith organization centered on immigration law and policies shared their views on the general issue of immigration in addition to the political dilemmas surrounding it.

Vourvoulias, a Guatemalan immigrant herself, understands the perils of many immigrants. She recounts her time in her home country and the Civil War that led to her family’s relocation to the U.S. The discussion on immigration began after Vourvoulias described the effect of immigrants in the U.S. as being that of a “blanket of fear [placed] over people” because of a lack of understanding.



In the past year with the presidential campaign in the forefront of the news, much of the conversation on immigration has shifted toward the actual policies on the issue and the action being taken by politicians and governments.

The federal government has introduced policies and laws like DACA, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, an immigration policy that grants undocumented immigrants who entered the country before their 16th birthday and before June 2007 a renewable two-year work permit and exemption from deportation. As well as DAPA, the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (and Lawful Residents), another immigration policy granting a delay in

the deportation of specific undocumented immigrants who have resided in the U.S. since 2010 and have children who are natural born American citizens or lawful permanent residents. This, however, does not entail full legal status but in this case would include a three-year renewable work permit as well as exemption from deportation.

DAPA was announced in late 2014 by President Obama along with DACA, but a temporary injunction was issued in February 2015, halting the programs from going into effect while the lawsuit is carried out.

From a local stance, politicians in certain cities have taken matters into their own hands and put immigration policies and laws in place protecting undocumented immigrants, in particular. These protections have resulted in cities identifying as a “Sanctuary City.” Previously, if an undocumented person was arrested, police departments could contact immigration services directly and immigration services could take action. A Sanctuary City is a city that protects undocumented people from immigration services personnel if they are detained by local law enforcement for whatever reason.

Philadelphia is one of these Sanctuary Cities, however, during his last days in office, Mayor Michael Nutter changed a critical immigration policy involving Philadelphia’s status as a Sanctuary City. This change in the policy put many undocumented immigrants who are placed under arrest in danger of deportation. To their relief, newly elected Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney reinstated the law effective immediately after taking office this January 2016. Such an action and its swift reversal shows how politically charged issues and policies surrounding immigration can be. ~ submitted by Danielle Perez

Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC

Joining with Advocacy Groups Across the Nation

Next month, Cabrini Immigrant Services will join immigrant advocacy groups from across the nation in Washington, DC, to rally in support of our immigrant community! On April 18, the Supreme Court will hear opening arguments for the case about DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and DAPA (Deferred Action for Parent of Americans), two programs that let undocumented immigrants with strong ties to the US live and work here without fear of deportation. President Obama announced these programs in 2014, but they've been caught up in lawsuits until now. We're gathering as many people as possible to show the Supreme Court and the whole country how vital these programs are for our families! If you live in New York and want to come with us, we have a free bus that will go just for the day! You can register for a seat here: <http://bit.ly/cabrini-bus>.



The bus is free for anyone who wants to join us, but if you would like to sponsor a seat, you can donate to CIS-NYC here: <http://bit.ly/donate-CIS>. \$50 supports 5 people to go to DC!

~ submitted by CMC missionary Madison Koenig

Continuing the Jubilee Year of Mercy

During this Year of Mercy we are considering ways in which we can more fully enter into the spirit of the Jubilee Year and will be offering practical suggestions for showing mercy to others. In the coming weeks we will be considering the ...

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to "help our neighbor in their spiritual needs" (USCCB).

COMFORTING THE SORROWFUL

Be open to listening and comforting those who are dealing with grief. Even if we aren't sure of the right words to say, our presence can make a big difference.

- Lend a listening ear to those going through a tough time
- Make a home cooked meal for a friend who is facing a difficult time
- Write a letter or send a card to someone who is suffering
- A few moments of your day may make a lifetime of difference to someone who is going through a difficult time



Cabrini High School, New Orleans, LA 2016 Drake Award Winner

Cabrini High School Science Instructor Bonnie Schneider is the recipient of the 2016 Drake Award by the American Chemical Society, ACS, as the outstanding high school chemistry teacher for the Southeast Louisiana and Mississippi Gulf Coast region.

Selected by the executive board of the Louisiana Chapter of the ACS, Schneider will receive her award during the Louisiana ACS awards banquet on Tuesday April 12th in the UNO Student Center. Cabrini junior, Chloe Mangerchine, nominated Schneider for the award.

"Bonnie's enthusiasm for teaching and her interest in assuring the success of every student make her truly deserving of this award," remarked Cabrini High School Science Department Head, Ann Smart. ~ *submitted by Nall Gearheard*



Bonnie Schneider
2016 Drake Award
Winner

Mother Cabrini Shrine, Golden, CO

Holy Week and Easter Services amidst the snow



Despite the two feet of snow that fell over the Shrine last Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter was a busy and grace-filled time at Mother Cabrini Shrine. Thanks to our male staff members and some faithful volunteers, all 373 steps were shoveled before Good Friday visitors came to pray the Stations of the Cross and walk to the Sacred Heart statue.

Fr. John Lager, O.F.M., Cap. celebrated all of the services. Several student friars and postulants as well as several other Capuchin priests concelebrated the services at the Shrine. The Sisters, staff and countless visitors, pilgrims and friends of the Shrine participated in the Triduum. Holy Thursday began with a Seder Meal for staff and volunteers followed by the Holy Thursday liturgy, which included the washing of feet. On Good Friday several groups of people walked up the road to the Shrine on Pilgrimage carrying crosses to commemorate the day.



At the Holy Thursday liturgy at the Mother Cabrini Shrine, Fr. John Lager, OFM Cap. washes the feet of Sr. Isalia Carvalho, MSC (r.).



Candlelight services on Holy Saturday.

There was a Reflection on the Seven Last Words Jesus spoke from the cross, followed by the Liturgy of the Passion and the veneration of the cross. The Easter Vigil was celebrated on Holy Saturday with the blessing of fire and water. Easter Sunday Masses were celebrated with crowds overflowing the chapel and into the surrounding area. The 2 p.m. Spanish Mass was very popular also.

One of our outreach projects during this Lenten season has been filling and delivering Easter baskets to the students at Annunciation Catholic School in Denver. Through the generosity of those who worship at the Shrine, we were able to deliver 200 baskets to the students.

~ submitted by JoAnn Seaman

St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine, New York

BENEFIT CONCERT!
Sunday, April 3, 2016 ~
4:00pm

Roberto De Biasio, Metropolitan Opera Tenor
Immigrant Songs

"Virile, glistening voice" ~ NY Times

"Full phrasing and exciting, ringing top" ~ SF Chronicle

"Appealingly natural sense of Italianate phrasing" ~ Boston Globe

At the Metropolitan Opera, Italian tenor Roberto Di Biasio has starred in Ernani, Madama Butterfly and Simon Boccanegra. He has also appeared at the Grand Théâtre de Genève, Opernhaus Zurich, Opéra de Montréal, Wiener Staatsoper, Opéra Bastille of Paris, Gran Teatre del Liceu of Barcelona, Arena di Verona, Teatro La Fenice in Venice, Santa Fe Opera, Tokyo Bunka Kaikan, Sejong Theater in Seoul and Poly Theatre of Beijing, and with the Boston and Vienna symphony orchestras. Mr. Di Biasio has worked with James Levine, Riccardo Muti, Robert Wilson, Anthony Minghella and Franco Zeffirelli. **A native of Italy, Roberto is devoted to Mother Cabrini, Patroness of Immigrants, and offers this concert in her honor.**



Concert Pianist Maxim Anikushin is known for his generous support of music at Cabrini Shrine. With a masters from Juilliard and a doctorate from Manhattan School of Music, Maxim has performed at Carnegie Hall, Merkin Hall, Steinway Hall and Lincoln Center; overseas at Moscow Conservatory and Philharmonic Hall in St. Petersburg; at Palau de la Música de València and many others. In addition to weekly masses at St. Elizabeth Church in Washington Heights, he maintains a busy performance schedule.

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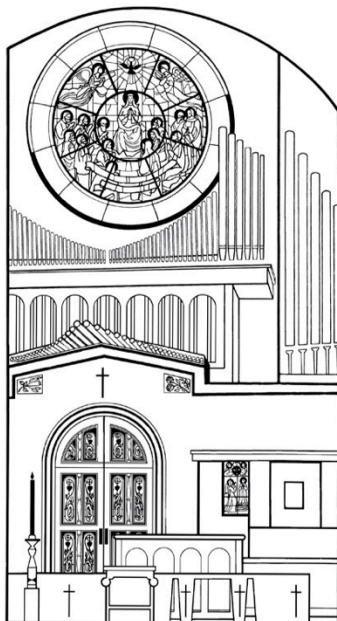
Music of Pentecost & Song of Songs

Sunday, May 22, 2016
1:30 pm

Free will donations
will be accepted.

Aestas Consort is a Chicago-based professional choir. Led by Artistic Director Maurice Boyer and Executive Director Eric Wallbruch, this ensemble is filled with skilled vocalists and musicians who gather together to celebrate and perform Sacred Music. This program features a repertoire of sacred music from renowned composers such as von Bingen, Bairstow, Part, and Brumel among others. The vocalists will be accompanied with an organ for the Berliner Mass.

MUSIC IN
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ABOUT THE ARTISTS:

Aestas Consort is excited to be a part of the tradition of exceptional choral music in Chicago. This chamber ensemble features passionate, talented and accomplished singers from the Chicago area, united through their mutual respect for Sacred Music thru the ages. The consort incorporates composers through all musical periods inspired by this great art form. This, in turn, creates a mixture of old and new, a unique fusion of music from the Baroque through Contemporary. Aestas Consort also strives to share is music with a diverse audience, and performs in a variety of beautiful sacred spaces across the Chicago metropolitan area. Aestas Consort hopes you will join them on their musical journey through beautiful choral music, old and new.

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Prayer Requests

Glen Burger

Prayers are requested for Glen Burger, the brother-in-law of Sr. Lisa Valentini, MSC, of the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus from Reading, PA. Glen has been diagnosed with liver cancer and will be undergoing surgery today. Please pray that the procedure will be successful and that he will experience a complete recovery.

A Cabrini Staff Member requests prayers

for her long-time friend who has been diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver and whose health is failing and whose spirits are very low. Prayers are also requested for the Cabrini staff member's grandson who is struggling with a serious addiction problem. He is in need of prayers and strength to overcome this terrible disease.

Elizabeth

Prayers are asked for Elizabeth, a Cabrini graduate alumna. She is applying for a position that seems like it might be her "dream job" and asks for your prayers.

Allan Klein

Please keep Allan Klein in your prayers. He is a friend of the Cabrini Mission Foundation who is currently experiencing potentially serious health issues.

From Villa Cabrini Academy, Burbank, CA:

Mary Cirello

Natalie Cirello Bloxham (VCA '60) needs prayers for her mother, Mary Cirello. Mary took a nasty fall last week and has been hospitalized with some bleeding in her head. Natalie and her family appreciate all prayers.

Ramona Rodriguez Candea (VCA '67)

Ramona is facing shoulder surgery due to a tear on her rotator cuff.

Sean Owen

Holly Digoras D'Abreau (VCA '63) requests prayers for Sean Owen, the adult son of Holly's friend, Ann Stotts. Sean has a neuro eye infection and is undergoing tests; he may lose partial or all sight.



In Loving Memory

Vito Colella

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Vito Colella, the father of Marie Colella, former MSC and friend to many MSCs. Mr. Colella passed away on Holy Saturday while the Easter Vigil was being said in Sacred Hearts Parish (Brooklyn). He will be laid to rest on Thursday, March 31st.

James L. Humphey, Sr.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of James, the grandfather of Jashoun, who works as doorman at the 222 E. 19th Street building of the Missionary Sisters.