



MISSIONARY SISTERS
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Bringing Christ's love to the world

THE UPDATE

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Love through Service



Cabrini Mission Corps held a fundraising event at Cabrini College. Sr. Grace Waters, MSC (c.) joins CMC missionaries from left: Matt Kaehler, Martin Garcia, Connor White and Ashley Block in offering a blessing for all in attendance.

The Cabrini family knows no boundaries, and the Cabrini Mission Corps has long embodied this beautiful characteristic of our community. On the evening of Friday, April 17th, the Woodcrest Mansion at Cabrini College came alive with the energy of current and former missionaries, board members, family, and friends in celebration. In reflecting upon her experience with the young men and women who have served alongside the Missionary Sisters, Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, beautifully captured what the gathering was meant to recognize in the Cabrini Mission Corps: **relationship**.

As current missionaries Ashley Block, Martin Garcia, Matt Kaehler, and Connor White each offered a moment of reflection on their experiences with Cabrini Mission Corps, it was clear that Sr. Diane had hit the nail on the head.



GMC Director Gina Scarpello welcomes Dr. Tom O'Donnell to the Love through Service event.

“Cabrini College challenges us to do something extraordinary, but Cabrini Mission Corps challenges us to *be* something extraordinary,” shared Martin Garcia. Cabrini Mission Corps, for those currently or formerly involved with the program, has served as an extraordinary source of love for the world around it. As Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC, phrases it, these young men and women, “bloom where they are planted.” The beautiful presence of relationship continues to blossom wherever missionaries find themselves planted.

An enormous credit for the evening must be handed to our beloved director, Gina Scarpello, whose guidance has seen to the growth and presence of Cabrini Mission Corps for years. Throughout the evening, a slideshow displaying photos of former and current missionaries all over the world played as a backdrop to the festivities. Each smiling face in these photos served as testament to the life and love, which Gina has infused into the Cabrini Mission Corps.

Another huge thank you is to be directed towards the people who supported the mission through the event. Proceeds from the evening will go to support future missionaries in their endeavors to be bearers of the love of Christ in the world.



Cabrini College students enjoyed the event – among them is Molly Seaman (c.) who is completing her freshman year. Molly is the daughter of JoAnn Seaman of Mother Cabrini Shrine.



Cabrini College staffers from left: Karen Bonner, Jackie Neary and Anne Schwelm connect at the CMC fundraiser.

As Friday evening showed, the Cabrini family knows no boundaries for the love that it cultivates. Music, food, and drink were accompanied by conversation and laughter, but one thing stole the evening more so than any of those: **relationship.**

--submitted by CMC missionary Matt Kaehler



Sr. Bernadette Casciano, MSC (l.) enjoys chatting with members of the family of Sr. Grace Waters, MSC (r.) including Brian Melton (c.) the Chair of the CMC Advisory Board.



Cabrini College, Radnor, PA

Hosts Workshop on Faith, Climate and Health



Dr. John Burke organized the day-long workshop on Faith, Climate and Health.

Cabrini College lays claim to a beautiful campus forested with trees both young and old, a bustling wildlife presence, and students who call these grounds home. On Friday, April 17th, The Wolfington Center sponsored a conference to engage concerned citizens in the practice of entering into a healthy relationship with that natural world which men and women everywhere call home. Dr. John Burke, Cabrini College Professor of Religious Studies, organized the day-long event with a series of speakers, presenters, and dialogue amongst community members.

More than fifty attendees were treated to a thought-provoking piece by Dr. Burke to begin the day. The conversation concentrated on the relationship between the Catholic faith and environmental issues in our modern world. He reviewed the different themes of Catholic

engagement with these issues ranging from the work of Cardinal Turkson to different encyclicals that display the varying facets of how the Church has mostly been on the stewardship and anthropocentric side of the environmental relationship. Dr. Burke then projected the steps which these people of faith ought to take in order for the concept of “green discipleship” to become genuine practice. His challenge to the Catholic Church was to view Catholic Social Teaching through an environmental lens as inhabitants in relationship with the natural world around it, rather than in a dominating relationship over the world.

Catholic perspectives were not the only ones heard throughout the day. Renowned Rabbi Arthur Waskow sparked the room with dialogue about the earth-oriented theology of Hebrew Scriptures. Rabbi Waskow spoke of how we need to change what we name ideas, both the idea of global warming and how we understand the name of God. Rabbi Waskow suggests that we start saying that we are scorching the earth, and recommends we start using the term global scorching in order to get across the extremity of the situation. He then exhorted us to think of the name of God as the breath of life, the breath that all



Workshop participants had time during breakout sessions to engage in dialogue about the climate issues.



living things breathe and that we all breathe reciprocally from each organism to the next: the trees breathe in what we breathe out, and we breathe in what the trees breathe out. Reconsidering our understanding of the name of God, will make us reconsider our relationship to our breath, and thus what we put out into the world to breathe.



Dr. Caroline Neilson of Cabrini College spoke to the health concerns of climate change.

Continuing with the theme of applying green practices to all aspects of our world, the conference broke into small groups with three presentations. Dr. Carrie Nielsen, Cabrini College associate professor of Biology, shared the science of climate change is making people around the world sick. Global warming (or scorching if we abide by Rabbi Waskows suggestion) often is associated with nature and the harm we are doing to nature, or the ice caps, or the polar bears at the ice caps. However, Dr. Nielsen shows that global warming has killed, and will continue to kill people until something is done. Dr. Nielsen also gave groups time to reflect and come up with ideas to help change our stereotypical understanding of global warming to add a human element.

Chuck Marshall, joining from Central Baptist Church, led his group through the history of his church becoming a carbon neutral building and institution, the processes they went through to get to that level, and suggestions of what they could do further,

and what other buildings and institutes could do in order to get to neutral emissions.

Finally, as a continuation of his larger presentation, Rabbi Arthur Waskow spoke about the application of Hebrew Scriptures in today's ecological world, and specifically how we can allocate our money responsibly, in order to help maintain a more ecologically friendly world.

Through interfaith dialogue and a shared passion to embody genuine care for God's creation, this gathering offered a deepened sense of responsibility for this beautiful campus which so many people call home. This small gathering for Cabrini College is one big step forward to educating the hearts of the world around it. For as St. Francis of Assisi says, "A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows." ~ submitted by CMC missionaries Matt Kaehler and Connor White



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This is Earth Week

A Sustainable Spirit

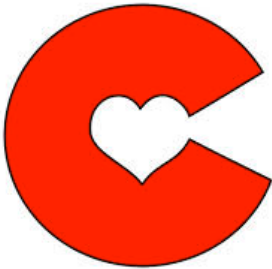


Pope Francis has made many strong statements about stewardship of the environment, including, "You are called to care for creation not only as responsible citizens, but also as followers of Christ!" His message is clear: Catholics must protect what he calls "a gracious gift" with efforts "set at the service of our brothers and sisters, including future generations." Use this annual Earth Week to commit to what

you can do to help the environment—through supporting causes and in your daily routine—all year long, and encourage others to do the same. ~ Take Five for Faith

Cabrini Health, Australia

Getting ready to respond, if necessary



Preparation is everything in protection against the Ebola virus and other contagious infections. As staff and the community would expect, Cabrini stands prepared.

The global health community has turned its focus to the containment and management of the major

Ebola (ebolavirus disease) outbreak in Africa. While Australia might be considered low-risk for such an outbreak, Cabrini cannot afford to be complacent. The infection control department, working with the emergency and education departments, has implemented a plan to protect all who come into contact with an infected patient. Extensive training has been undertaken and a thorough simulation was held in March 2015.

As Cabrini is not designated to treat such a patient who is suspected to be suffering Ebola, exposure would be limited to the emergency department (ED). Should a person suspected of having Ebola present at our ED, specially trained staff will isolate and manage care of the person(s) until they can be transferred to a designated facility. Personal protective equipment will ensure that staff can work safely with this patient and that the risk is well contained. Should such a patient arrive at our doors, the entire ED flow and triage will respond to the plan that has been prepared for such an event. Cabrini's infection control plan is being updated I -line with the Department of Health's *Victorian Ebola Virus Disease Response*.

The West African countries of Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea are struggling to deal with the large numbers of infected, often dying people. Ebola virus is a member of the viral haemorrhagic fever family and is a highly contagious, spread from person to person through contact with bodily fluids and waste. It is therefore necessary to have such plans in place so that all our health workers, staff, other patients and their families can be confident that they are protected by the most robust infection control possible. ~ *submitted by Christine Elmer*



Cabrini Health staff members conduct a simulation exercise in the Cabrini Malvern emergency department to ensure preparedness for a patient who has the Ebola virus or any other contagious infection.

One Minute Meditation

"Is the life I am living the same as the life that wants to live in me? Before you tell your life what you intend to do with it, listen for what it intends to you with you. Vocation does not come from willfulness. It comes from listening. Vocation is not a goal that I pursue. It is a calling that I hear. I must listen for the truths and values at the heart of my own identity."

~ Parker J. Palmer *Let your Life Speak*

From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...

Give God the chance to speak to your heart...

Do you wonder what it might
be like to be a religious sister,
brother or priest?

Are you hoping to invite God
into choices for your future?

Join with other young women
and men, ages 18-40, who are
exploring these questions.

Come and “Sea” Weekend

May 29th – 31, 2015

7:00PM arrival on Friday until after lunch on Sunday

**Saint Mary by-the-Sea Retreat House,
Cape May Point, NJ**

Sponsored by the NRVC Region 3 Vocation Directors

Offering for the weekend: \$60.00

Deposit of \$30.00 (Spaces are limited).

Register by May 15. Contact religiouslifenrvc@gmail.com

Questions about the Come and “Sea”? Want more details?

Kindly contact Nancy Costello – mscvocations@mothercabrini.org or 610-902-1039

Prayer Requests

Theresa Liu Avitabile

Prayers requested for Theresa, the sister-in-law of Sr Antonina Avitabile MSC who is going through medical testing.

Sr. Maria Loretta Caeti, MSC

Please continue your prayers for Sr. Maria Loretta who is completing her rehabilitation at St. Cabrini Nursing Home and will be returning to Sacred Heart Convent next week.

Sr. Marie Louise De Antonio, MSC

Sr. Marie Louise is doing well, but at the present time developed an infection in her leg – please pray for her swift healing.

Sr. John Giani, MSC

Please accompany Sr. John with prayer as she continues to recuperate at St. Cabrini Nursing Home.

Devon Malloy

Please keep 18 year-old Devon in your prayers. We pray that she will be restored to complete health and for her family to remain strong. Devon has written a blog where you can follow her progress: <http://devonmalloy.com>

Jamie Panetta

Your prayers are requested for Jamie, the son of Jim and Elaine Panetta whose house Sr. Grace Waters, MSC rented in Havertown. Jamie is very ill at this time.

Arlene Scanlon

Prayers are requested for Arlene Scanlon, a long time friend of the Cabrinian family, who requests our prayers for serious health issues.

Sr. Alberta Surico, MSC

As she transitions to St. Cabrini Nursing Home please remember Sr. Alberta in your prayers.

Sr. Concepcion Vallecillo, MSC's mother

We are asking prayers for the mother of Sr. Concepcion, who has been hospitalized in Nicaragua.



Continued Prayers

Sr. Hanna Dima, MSC

Laura Goldberg

Sr. Ambrogina Morselli, MSC

Sr. Regina Palamara, MSC