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of the SACRED HEART of JESUS  
*Bringing Christ's love to the world*

THE UPDATE

April 27, 2017

## *A Very Special Blessing of this Easter Season*



Cabrini University senior Chelsea DiPompeo (c.) receives blessings from Fr. Carl Janicki, Director of Campus Ministry and University Chaplain, and Rosa Altomare, Campus Minister, and Chelsea's sponsor.

Divine Mercy Sunday was truly a very special and blessed day for Chelsea Di Pompeo, a senior at Cabrini University. Just a year ago Chelsea was part of a group of students preparing for a service trip to Ecuador. As part of the preparation Fr. Carl Janicki, our Director of Campus Ministry, reviewed the ten principles of Catholic Social Teaching with the group. Immediately after the meeting Chelsea went to Father's office and announced that she wanted to become a Catholic. Obviously, what she had heard made a great impression on her and the Holy Spirit spoke to her heart.

Throughout this academic year Chelsea was mentored in the teachings of the Catholic faith by several members of the campus community. This prepared her for acceptance into full membership in the Catholic Church. The Easter season was the perfect time for her to make her profession of faith, to receive Confirmation and to make her First Holy Communion.

Rosa Altomare, our Campus Minister, was Chelsea's sponsor and several of Chelsea's friends, and those who regularly attend the Sunday evening Mass, came to offer a show of love and support for her. After she received Confirmation, everyone circled around the altar and Chelsea extended the sign of peace to each one. What a beautiful and heart-warming scene this was!

Mother Cabrini's life and legacy prompted Chelsea to choose Francesca for her Confirmation name. May our beloved saint continue to guide and inspire her in her mission of being a bearer of Christ's love to the world.

*~ submitted by Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC*



## Cabrini High School Teacher accepted to Smithsonian Summer Art Institute

Michelle Fortier, chair of Cabrini High School's English Department, has been accepted to the Smithsonian American Art Museum's Summer Institute: Teaching the Humanities through Art in Washington D.C.

During her summer at the institute, Fortier '97 will learn about American art from professionals and learn how to integrate art into her daily teaching lessons. She will be joining educators from across the country to learn about the connections between American art, social studies, history, and English/language arts. After the institute, Fortier will be able to stay connected to her new network of colleagues and museum staff throughout the upcoming year.

Said Fortier, "I am so excited I was chosen for this opportunity because I understand the importance of the arts in every subject that we teach at school, and I am excited to have the opportunity to be able to bring new knowledge that I will gain from the institute to my future classes."



According to the institute, they were only able to accept less than half of all participants, which shows Fortier's acceptance is a testament to the strength of her application, her hard work and determination, and her many qualifications.

~ submitted by Katelyn Gross, CHS



Michelle Fortier

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### One-Minute Meditation

Today's first reading makes it clear that following Jesus takes courage. Over the centuries many holy men and women have accepted the challenge to speak the unwelcome truth of the Gospel to those in power. Following Jesus is serious business. It must be reflected in our words and actions regardless of the cost.

~ Angeline Hubert

# May Day Action: Immigrant and Workers March Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Vans leave **Cabrini University** at 10:30 am  
Lafayette Square, Washington D.C.

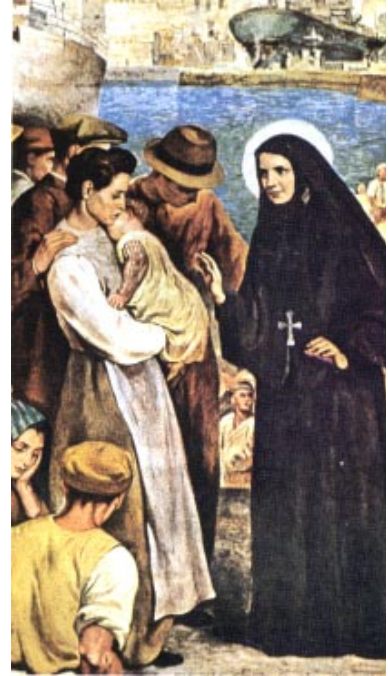
Come join members of the Cabrini University community as we march to demand fairness and respect for immigrants! The University will provide transportation for faculty, staff, students, and alumni who want to participate in the march. We look forward to marching with you to show our support of workers on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, and for immigrants with Mother Cabrini, Patron Saint of Immigrants!

Vans will leave campus at 10:30 am and return by 8:00 pm

Please RSVP to [wolffington@cabrini.edu](mailto:wolffington@cabrini.edu)

**"We are a nation of immigrants.  
We work, we build, we raise families, we vote. "**

More information on the march can be found at  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/245084992585200/>



## *From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...*

### REDISCOVERING FIRE

A Conversation with Brother Sean Sammon, FMS,  
Sister Deborah Borneman, SSCM,  
Congregational Leaders, Vocation/Formation Directors & Teams,  
Collegiate & Congregational Mission & Ministry Leaders



**Main Speaker (with a Breakout Session 1)**  
Brother Sean, a former Provincial of the Marist Brothers in the United States, holds a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, is an internationally known speaker on issues related to religious life and vocations and has authored many books. Sean will discuss the challenges facing Religious Life in the 21st Century and what needs to be done to ensure its availability as a life choice for future generations.



**Breakout Session 2**  
Sister Deborah Borneman, Associate Director of the National Religious Vocation Conference and a former campus minister, will focus on how to create a culture of vocations on college campuses.

**Religious Vocations:  
Why be Hopeful? How do we  
Energize Our Communities?**

Those of us  
in Religious Life today  
would do well to rediscover the  
fire that was there  
at the time of the foundation  
of our congregation...

When we find it for ourselves,  
young people will come  
once again  
to our way of life.  
They have in the past;  
they will in the future-  
have no doubt.

Adapted from  
Brother Sean Sammon, FMS

**APRIL 25 10:00 - 12:30PM**

Mount Saint Joseph Convent  
9701 Germantown Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19118

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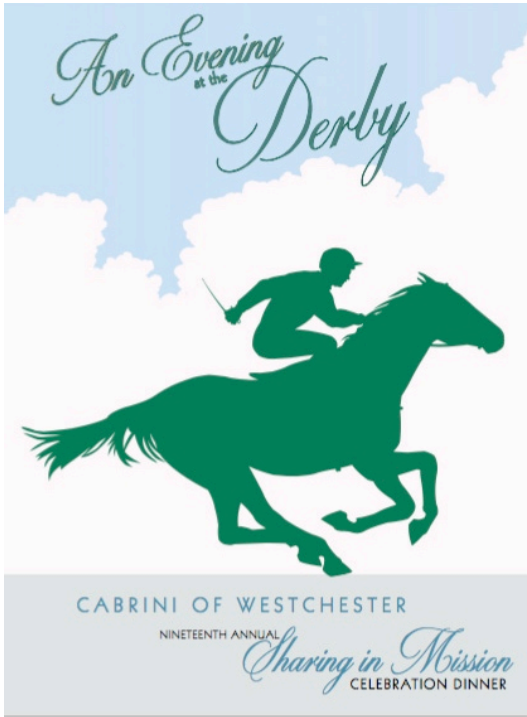
For more information or registration: [sisterceleste@ssjphila.org](mailto:sisterceleste@ssjphila.org)

The Delaware Valley Member Area of the National Religious Vocation Conference hosted Br. Sean Sammon, FMS and Sr. Debbie Bornemann, SSCM, at a workshop at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Chestnut Hill, PA.

Br. Sammon's topic was Rediscovering Fire - Religious Vocations: Fostering hope and energizing communities. He posed the question, "are all your members willing to devote 20% of their best time and energies to the work of establishing a culture of vocations?"

Sr. Debbie addressed the need for nurturing a culture of vocations on college and university campuses.





## *Save the Date*

Cabrini of Westchester's Nineteenth Annual Sharing in Mission Dinner "An Evening at the Derby," will be held on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Tappan Hill in Tarrytown, New York.

This year's honorees include James and Nancy Landy, Lisa Venditti and Bangaruraju Kolanuvada, MD (Dr. Raju).

**\*\* We would like to invite the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to be our guests at this event. Please**

**RSVP to Susan Herceg at (914) 693-6800 ext. 502 or [sherceg@cabrini-eldercare.org](mailto:sherceg@cabrini-eldercare.org) if you plan on attending.**

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## SAVE THE DATE!



Cabrini Mission Foundation  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bowling FUNdraiser

**Wednesday, June 21, 2017 – 6:00 – 9:00 pm**  
**Further details to follow**

# Prayer Requests

## ***Fr. John Arnone***

Denise Theriot, faculty member at Cabrini High School in New Orleans, asks that we please pray for Fr. John Arnone, who is in critical condition. John, a holy, dedicated priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is a dear friend of hers. Denise is grateful for our prayers.

## ***Diane Breeser***

Cabrini University alumna Maria Valente Breeser '73 and her husband, Bob, ask prayers for their sister-in-law, Diane, who is undergoing medical tests. Bob Breeser's brother, Gary, has requested our prayers.

## ***Theresa De Lawrence and Hugh Waters***

Please pray for Theresa, sister of Sr. Grace Waters, MSC, who, on May 4<sup>th</sup>, will be undergoing surgery for a basal cell carcinoma on her face. Sr. Grace also thanks you for the continuing prayers for her twin brother, Hugh, as he begins chemotherapy.

## ***The mother of Sr. Oxana, MSC***

Please keep Sr. Oxana and her mother in your prayers. Sr. Oxana's mother lives alone in Russia and Sr. Oxana has not been able to reach her mother and is understandably quite concerned. Sister is travelling home to see about her mother. Pray that all will be well.

# In Loving Memory

## ***Sr. Maria Therese Petersen, MSC***

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Maria-Therese, "MT", who passed away suddenly at St. Cabrini Nursing Home on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Sr. Maria Therese's name in religion was Mother Andrew and she taught for several years at Cabrini College, now Cabrini University. May she rest in God's eternal peace. Her Mass of the Resurrection will be during the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>.

## *May is the Month of Mary*

Mary is our Mother of Grace. Her mission has no limit. It reaches to the ends of the earth. All souls belong to her; her interest embraces all. Wherever we find Mary, we find mercy. Mary is our Morning Star. She is our true guide and leader in all our endeavors. As our great Mother and Foundress, she is close to God. Mary is lovable, kind and merciful. She is our Mother, Teacher and Foundress. ~ Mother Cabrini, October 19, 1889

