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THE UPDATE

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Cabrini College to become a UNIVERSITY

From a letter from President Dr. Donald Taylor to the College community:

I am delighted to share that the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has officially approved our status change to university. It is an exciting new chapter in the life of our institution, and one that we will celebrate in the coming months.

Though we have official approval from the PDE, we will continue to operate as “Cabrini College” until the end of our fiscal year. **We will be Cabrini University on July 1, 2016!** On that day, we will launch our new website and brand identity; and we will begin to transition all campus signage and materials to reflect the new name and visual identity. Until July 1, we will use messages talking about the July 1 change to generate buzz and excitement.

The change to Cabrini University represents the culmination of years of work that expanded our program offerings and student populations. Our graduate programs have placed us beyond the realm of a regional residential college for well over a decade. You can see this reflected in *U.S. News & World Report* rankings in which Cabrini College is listed as a “regional university,” not college. With the addition of our new doctoral programs and more concerted international recruitment efforts, the change to university takes on even more significance.



Cabrini H.S. + Cabrini College = Greater Understanding

Cabrini High School (CHS) participated in the “Unaccompanied Minors: Refugees Seeking Safety” simulation developed by Cabrini College Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Ambassadors to increase understanding and awareness of the plight of unaccompanied minors fleeing South and Central American countries.

CHS Juniors participated in the simulation to increase their understanding of the plight of unaccompanied minors fleeing Central and South American countries. The program was created and implemented by Cabrini College CRS Student Ambassadors who visited from Radnor, PA. As part of the Cabrini College CRS goals and a course on the Common Good, the college students designed a simulation focusing on the specific immigration issue of the many unassisted children seeking refuge and safety in the U.S.



Cabrini College was the first college campus to establish a partnership with CRS, and Cabrini High School, a select Platinum Level Global CRS High School, is the first group of high school students chosen to participate in the program. The simulation began during the welcoming dinner, as the two CRS programs empowered one another to work together on a common Cabrinian goal: increasing awareness of the need for immigration reform.

Cabrini College’s Communications Professor Dr. Jerry Zurek and Dr. Ray Ward, Associate Director of Peace and Justice, initiated the simulation by remembering Mother Cabrini, the Patron Saint of Immigrants, and her work with immigrants, orphans and the marginalized during the time she spent in the United States. Mother Cabrini’s ministry in New Orleans was spent primarily serving the needs of many Italian immigrant children at the orphanage

on St. Philip Street. The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart continue to advocate for immigration reform as one of their two corporate stances.

The simulation included a complex map of the various routes to citizenship, and scenarios tracing the process leading to legalized citizenship to determine typical lengths of processing time, qualifications, costs, and the chance of deportation. Each student was assigned a simulated journey assuming the “role” of



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unaccompanied minor, and traveled through the stages of gang harassment, the court system, and detention center. Throughout the simulation, the college students explained the hazards of that stage of the journey, with the whole group sharing their reactions along the way.



Advocacy was addressed during the final stage of the simulation, suggesting strategies the students could use to influence legislation, such as write to senators, representatives, and the president.

Cabrini College provided pre-printed letters requesting government leaders to:

1. Stop deportation of minors back to dangerous home countries.
2. Provide lawyers and translators for minors when they are in legal proceedings.
3. Fund vocational training for teens in Central America.

Many students chose to formally participate, including handwritten notes with their pre-printed letters. ~ *submitted by Nall Gearheard*



Cabrini Immigrant Services' Model Citizen Votes in the Presidential Primary

Cesar Novoa, a Peruvian immigrant and octogenarian, cast his ballot for the very first time in Tuesday's Presidential Primary election. Cesar's journey to citizenship was a long and arduous one, but he persevered and succeeded. This journey was a very special one too, and one that will not easily be forgotten by Cabrini Immigrant Services skilled and caring tutors who helped make Cesar's dream of citizenship come true.

You may remember this glorious event. We at Cabrini had a grand celebration in honor of Cesar and his achievement just about one year ago. It was springtime. Daffodils and forsythia stood tall in blazing golds and yellows right outside Sam's Italian Restaurant where we raised our voices and our glasses, congratulating Cesar. A new citizen was born that spring. This spring we see a man who takes his citizenship privileges seriously. No one is more faithful to his civic duty than Cesar.

Today, Cabrini's student has become a model teacher and we have become the students. We have learned well, that hard work, determination and perseverance, equals success. Thanks, Cesar! ~ *submitted by Marianne McGowan*



Cesar Novoa, a client of Cabrini Immigrant Services in Dobbs Ferry, NY, and a newer American citizen, votes for the very first time.

Photo credit: Suzanne DeChillo

Lobby for Life Day

How beautiful it is to have the opportunity to express our feelings and our ideas defending life! Some of the Missionary Sisters of the International House of Formation in West Park, New York, participated last week in the “*Annual Lobby for Life Day*”, in Albany, New York. We were a total of 50 people, including 15 students from John A. Coleman Catholic High School and their religion teacher. It was affirming to have the presence of these students - girls of fourteen and fifteen years, supporting and defending life!



Missionary Sisters (center, left) Sr. Juana Clarivel (I.) from Guatemala and Srs. Genet Henock and Adanech Gebremariam from Ethiopia joined in the annual Lobby for Life Day in Albany, NY.

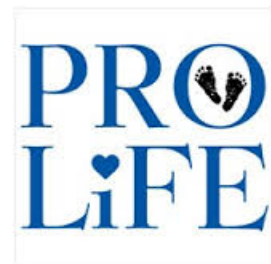
We were there to express our concern for the life of the unborn and all life from conception to natural death. It was a beautifully productive day. We started our day with the recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the rosary in union with our mission to remember those whose lives have been lost to abortion. When we arrived in Albany we listened to speakers address *Physician Assisted Suicide* that is being debated this year in the Senate and Assembly.



Along with a companion, the Missionary Sisters took time during their day in Albany to visit the Cathedral there.

We spoke with our local political representatives about pro-life issues. The high school students were especially attentive to these debates. The Lord provided us with a beautiful sunny day, bright spirits, wonderful conversation, new friends and most importantly a renewal of our commitment to our pro-life mission.

~ submitted by Sr. Martha Lopez,
MSC



A Multi-Cultural Mass

In the spirit of Mother Cabrini and her service of immigrants worldwide, the No Place for Hate Club sponsors an Annual Multi-Cultural Mass honoring the different cultural variations and traditions practiced by Catholics of diverse geographic and ethnic backgrounds worldwide. The Multi-Cultural Mass celebrates the similarities in the content of the mass while allowing for different and unique rituals of performing the Mass among the diverse cultures of the Cabrini family.



From left: Sisters Marisol, Gwyneth '17 and Kateri Thompson '20 demonstrate dance traditions of prayer in traditional Coughatta American Indian attire during the Cabrini Multi-Cultural Mass at Cabrini High School.

This year's service opened with traditional dances of the Coughatta Native Americans, as performed by students Kateri and Gwyneth Thompson, their father, and younger sister. The Thompsons demonstrated the drum rhythm and dance traditions of prayer that honor the women and ancestors of their tribe. Led by the members of the choir and the Spanish classes, the Cabrini community sung the hymns in both Spanish and English.

Students and faculty prayed the prayers of the faithful in nine different languages including Latin, Italian, Swazi, French, Vietnamese, Coughatta, Spanish, Tagalog, and Sign Language. After Mass, the Thompson family guided members of the faculty, staff, and students in a joyful friendship dance common to the Coughatta Indians.

~ submitted by Nall Gearheard

Rallying the Supreme Court for Immigrant Rights

Last week, Cabrini Immigrant Services joined more than 700 New Yorkers and close to 4,000 people from around the country in Washington, DC, to tell the Supreme Court that DACA+ and DAPA are vital for our community. The Court is hearing a case on whether the DACA+ and DAPA programs, which President Obama announced in 2014 but 26 states have obstructed, can be implemented. We went



Representatives from Cabrini Immigrant Services were among the 4,000 who rallied outside the Supreme Court asking for justice for immigrants.



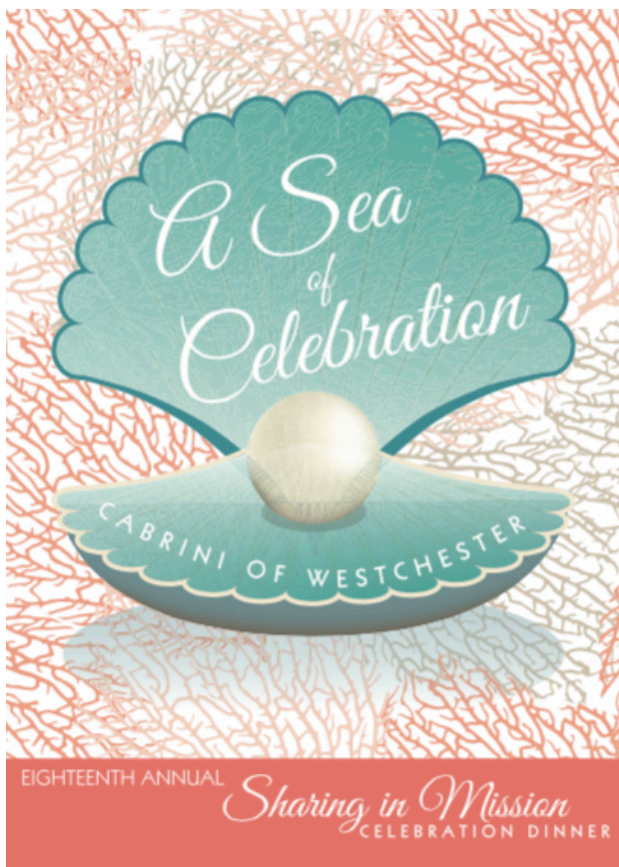
High schooler Karina Mendez stands outside the Supreme Court after a vigil held by undocumented parents, the night before opening arguments.

to Washington, DC, to show the Court and the country that we need these programs for our families. 42 members of our staff and community went to say that undocumented immigrants deserve to stay in the United States with their families. It was a great day, and it was incredible to see thousands of people there to defend the rights of immigrants. Thank you to everyone who came with us!

Before the April 18 action, one of our young members went to a conference held by the Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM) in Washington, DC, for high school students. The students learned about activism, the policies that have shaped the current state of immigration, and how to use their stories to create change in their communities. The night before the big action, the students joined undocumented mothers and fathers who had been fasting outside the Court. We held a vigil for all of the families who have been harmed by the broken immigration system. Please continue to pray that the Supreme Court upholds the value of family unity in this

case.

~ submitted by CMC missionary Madison Koenig



Cabrini of Westchester*

Annual Sharing in Mission Dinner "A Sea of Celebration," will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at 6:00 PM at Tappan Hill in Tarrytown, New York.

This year's honorees include Donald & Marie Amoruso, The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm and in recognition of 25 years of leadership to Cabrini Eldercare, Patricia Krasnauskay.

*** 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 if you plan on attending.**

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Prayer Requests

Monica Hahn

Sr. Christine Marie Baltas' sister requests prayers for Monica Hahn who will be undergoing medical tests.

Marty Tyrrell

A cousin of Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC has asked for prayers for her sister-in-law, Marty Tyrrell, who has been placed on hospice care . She has been battling cancer for the last few years.

With Gratitude

A message from Sr. Antonina Avitabile...

I wish to thank everyone for their kindnesses and reaching out to me during my surgery and recuperation time. I appreciated the cards, emails, phone calls, prayers and thoughts. I wish to express my gratitude to my Community (Srs. James, Yolanda and Veronica) and also to Sacred Heart Convent, Sisters and Staff, for taking care of me so well. A big thank you to Sr. Lucille and Geraldine Flaherty for their assistance. Sisters and friends, thank you for your love and support always. While I am going to physical therapy 3x a week, I intend to be without a cane and able to drive soon. God bless you all, Antonina, MSC



In Loving Memory

Sr. Maria Lucrecia Rueda Gonzalez, MSC

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Maria Lucrecia, aged 90, of the Sagrada Familia community in Managua, who returned to the Father's House. We entrust to the goodness of the Lord our dear Sr. Maria Lucrecia because, united to Christ, she can enjoy endless happiness.

The Month of May - Mary's Month

We turn to you for protection, Holy Mother of God. Listen to our prayers and help us in our needs. Save us from every danger, glorious and blessed Virgin.