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THE UPDATE

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Missionary Sisters Attend On-going Formation Meeting in Codogno



An international group of Missionary Sisters and their lay collaborators gathered in Codogno, Italy for a meeting on on-going formation.

On March 26-28, Missionary Sister representatives from the different regions and provinces were present for an international meeting on On-going Formation. Some of the sister representatives were also present for the laity meeting which took place on March 29-31.

On March 28 there was a pilgrimage to Sant'Angelo, Vidardo, Livraga and Codogno with both sisters and PiM (Partners in Mission) participating.

The focus of the sisters' ongoing formation meeting was to share ideas and come to common themes for ongoing formation of sisters in every province and region in the light of the 2014 Chapter documents and the Journey of Fidelity (Ratio) so that sisters of all ages gain support and encouragement for their ongoing conversion as Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Ideas and themes from this meeting will be brought back and shared with the Provincial Councils.



Missionary Sisters representing the provinces and regions of the Institute met to share ideas and themes for Sisters' on-going formation.

~ submitted by Sr. Dianne McKenna, MSC and Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC



During several days, members of the laity participated in the formation discussions.

Photo above: From left: Sr. Mercedes Aguilar, CAMEX; Sr. Teresa Cavalhero, Argentina and Paraguay; Sr. Dianne McKenna and Sr. Lucy Panettieri, Stella Maris Province; Sr. Germana Conde, Mater Gratiae Province.

Photo left: Here, Javier Ramirez Baron, (standing) Director of Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC, shares his thoughts with the international group that gathered in Codogno.



Following in the Footsteps of Mother Cabrini

Since President Trump signed the Executive Order about Immigration, fear has entered the immigrant community in Dobbs Ferry, NY and the surrounding Rivertowns. Dobbs Ferry went from a town with bustling streets to a town where you see a few individuals walking freely. The Village officials have made a statement that it is a safe place that welcomes all no matter their race, creed, status, etc. But still, there is fear, fear of the unknown, fear of an ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) Raid.

At Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS) in Dobbs Ferry, we work with both adults and children. I remember the Thursday after the election at our afterschool homework program. The children expressed great fear about what may happen to our country and also to their home countries. Some children did not want to go to school for fear that their Mom and Dad may not be at home when they return. The majority of our children are American born but their parents are undocumented. Thus, the parents can be deported but not the children.

We did an impromptu prayer service to help them express some of their concerns. Each child received a picture of a vigil candle and was asked to write what their hopes were for the country. Some wrote that they hope their





parents will be allowed to stay in the US; some hoped for an end to wars and bullying; while others hoped for enough food and housing for all people. Some children who are Pakistani had additional fears because of not only where their family is from but also that they are Muslim. One of the children hoped that our country would not bomb Pakistan because a lot of his relatives live there. These children are in Grades 1-6. A lot of stress for such small children. We talked about their hopes and fears. We prayed that God will continue to watch over all of us.

The adults also have tremendous fear. I think their greatest fear is for their children. If they are arrested with the intent of deportation, they will not be able to see their children. The

children will more than likely be put into the foster care system. When you look into their eyes, you see the fear, you see the tears. They are also afraid that they may lose their jobs because employers may be fearful to have someone work for them who is undocumented. Housing has also become an issue for some.

We have many people who are trying to become US citizens. Some, do not have any documentation nor do they qualify in any way to become a citizen. Some may have the necessary documentation but do not have enough of a command of the English language to pass the interview part of the exam. In most cases, they must have an interview, read and write in English and learn 100 questions about US civics. We assist the clients in learning English and preparing for the naturalization exam.

Staff and tutors have attended rallies to voice our support for immigrants. I have been speaking at forums and at colleges. I am on a team that is going throughout the county informing people of their rights as well as letting them know what services CIS offers. When I speak about CIS, I always begin with the fact that St. Cabrini was an immigrant and how she was told to return to her homeland. I explain that in the Catholic Church, St. Cabrini is the Patroness of Immigrants and I tell the people to turn to St. Cabrini. CIS continues to welcome all in the name of St. Cabrini. We are a safe place for our clients to come. Our clients feel comfortable coming to CIS and they know that they will be accepted for who they are.

I ask that you please keep us and all immigrants in your prayers. We ask St. Cabrini to intercede for us.



~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, Director, Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY

Do you know about National Library Week?



This week, Cabrini University joins libraries across Pennsylvania and libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating the many ways libraries are transforming their communities every day through the services and invaluable expertise they offer.

National Library Week is a time to highlight the changing role of libraries, librarians and library workers. The library isn't only a place of quiet study, but also a creative and engaging community center where people can collaborate using new technologies and resources.

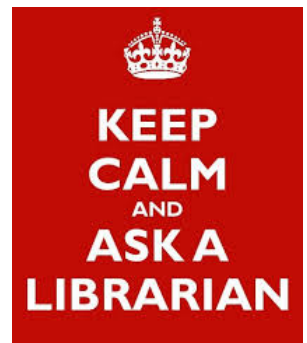
Libraries of all types are evolving to meet the needs of the communities they serve. Elected officials, small business owners, students and the public at large depend upon libraries and the resources they offer to address the needs of their communities. By providing such resources as e-books and technology classes, materials for English-language learners, programs for job seekers or a safe haven in times of crisis, libraries and librarians transform their communities.

"The library embraces the entire community, offering unlimited opportunities for personal growth and lifelong learning," said Roberta Jacquet, PhD, Library Director of Holy Spirit Library. "Libraries level the playing field for people of any age who are seeking the information and access to technologies that will improve their quality of life."

Libraries also offer something unique to their communities: the expertise of individual librarians. Librarians assist patrons in using increasingly complex technology and sorting through the potentially overwhelming mass of information bombarding today's digital society. This is especially crucial when access to reliable and trustworthy data is more important than ever.

Holy Spirit Library is celebrating National Library Week by having a week long Book Sale, hosting an Edible Book contest, inviting children to a School Reading Circle and a Scavenger Hunt, presenting a campus-wide Photo Exhibition, celebrating National Library Workers Day, and offering refreshments.

For more information, visit the Holy Spirit Library at 610 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, PA 19087, call 610 902-8538, or visit the library's home page www.cabrini.edu/library



CHS Students Honored at Academic Reception

From left: Scholarship recipients May Yuratich, Calley Chauvin, Sophie Brodtmann and Sarah D'Antoni.

Congratulations!



Two incoming Cabrini High School students, one current student, and one previously awarded scholarship student were recognized at the annual Academic Scholars Reception in the school's historic Esplanade building.

Incoming pre-freshmen recipients of Cabrini Academic Scholarships for the 2017-18 school year include Sophie Brodtmann and May Yuratich. They were joined by Calley Chauvin a current Cabrini pre-freshman who is the recipient of a newly awarded scholarship for the 2017-18 school year.

Students and their parents were welcomed by Principal Yvonne L. Hrapmann and a presentation by junior Sofia Mangerchine on "What Cabrini Means to Me!" Following the presentation of new scholarships, Cabrini President Jack Truxillo addressed the gathering.

~ submitted by Cabrini High School

Not a lot...

just a latte.



During Lent – don't give something up – please give.

Give **\$7.00** (the value of a latte) to help raise the roof for a family who has lost so much.



Please Help Fallon and her Family

The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are asking you to donate \$7.00 (the value of a latte) this Lent to help Fallon, a student at Cabrini High School, and her parents, Wellington and Collette. This family's roof was severely damaged by the tornadoes that hit New Orleans on February 7, 2017. Approximately 70% of the roof was lost. Please donate to help Fallon and her family:

<https://cabrinifoundation.org/donate/just-a-latte>



The 60th Anniversary Celebration continues at Cabrini University. This past weekend the University held an Accepted Students Day. Also taking place this week is a celebration of student-athletes during NCAA Division III Week.

Here is a message from Shannon Zottola, Asst. VP for Enrollment Management and Director of Undergraduate Admissions:

The Admissions staff would like to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who played a role in Sunday's Accepted Student Day (ASD). As you may know, we had a huge turnout, with 371 prospective students, and a total of approximately 1,150 people, in attendance. We received a total of 64 deposits on Sunday, which is fabulous!

Your energy, passion for Cabrini and student-centered attitude was evident to our families. The Admissions staff heard this over and over throughout the day and since then in our follow-up outreach. Here are a few comments from the exit surveys:

This is my number one school. - **I love this school!** - Although I was pretty set on coming to Cabrini, today's visit made me 100% sure. - **I feel as though Cabrini just has that "vibe" that you just really like. Everyone is so involved.** - We cannot wait for our son to become part of this wonderful community. - **All of the people we met were very engaging and full of spirit!!** - The energy level was awesome, everyone was happy and the faculty are great! - **Very excited for my daughter to begin her journey at this campus!** - As a parent, I'm very confident that my daughter will be safe and that Cabrini will help her to reach her full potential and have fun at the same time. - **My son chose Cabrini over 6 other schools because it just felt like a great fit for him.** - Take care of my baby! I think she is going to be greater than ever at Cabrini!

Many parents told me that they had attended a number of Accepted Student Days at other institutions, and none even came close to ours in terms of energy, information sharing, and the coming together of an entire University to welcome our accepted students. ~ Shannon Zottola



Cabrini University students and the Cabrini Cavalier mascot wait to welcome students on Accepted Students Day.



Wearing her Cabrini Cavaliers baseball cap with the DISPONIBILITA' motto Sr. Grace Waters, MSC (2nd. I.) celebrates student athletes at an on-campus reception along with from left: Karen Bonner, Coach Jackie Neary and President Don Taylor.

GO CAVS!

CABRINI LITERARY GUILD HOSTS CHILDREN'S AUTHOR

On Tuesday, March 21st, The Cabrini Literary Guild held its monthly meeting. It was hosted by Sister Regina Palamara, MSC at her home in Burbank, CA. They welcomed special guest speaker, children's author Michele Ramos. Michele, a native of Salzburg, Austria has written a children's book entitled *Bearigworld*.

Bearigworld was originally created during bedtime stories she told her two children. Michele decided to take it further and create a book for others to enjoy. The message of kindness and support to others is told through different forest creatures led by Strizie the Bear.

For more information, please visit the website, www.bearigworld.com.

~ submitted by Dianne Burke



Mother Cabrini Shrine

Golden, CO

Palm Sunday, April 9

Mass at 8 a.m.

Mass at 11 a.m.

Spanish Mass at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12

Reconciliation Service & Confessions at 7 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 13

Mass at 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14

Reflection on the Seven Last Words at 12 p.m.

Liturgy of the Passion at 2:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 15

Easter Vigil at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16

Mass at 8 a.m.

Mass at 11 a.m.

Spanish Mass at 2 p.m.

Save the Dates for Shrine Events:

Shrine Gala – Friday, June 23rd // Summer Feast and Bazaar – July 15th and 16th



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
Sr. Eileen Currie, MSC*

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50: *"For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away...."*

Philippians 2: *"His state was divine, yet he did not cling to equality with God, but emptied himself...."*

Matthew 26: *"And Jesus said: 'This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken.'"*

Perhaps the great mystery of the Incarnation is easier to contemplate at Christmas when we have a lovely tiny baby with mother and father, choirs of singing angels, cute sheep and their shepherds, and kings with gifts. Lovely human scenes, indeed. (Angels excluded). And all the wonderful gospel stores of healing and teaching can readily inspire our imaginations and stir our hearts.

But now? 'This? The story turns into one of intrigue, betrayals by long-standing companions, mockery, denials and abandonment by friends, cowardice, collusion of powers to demand the death penalty? 'This is raw humanity at its worst. I find contemplating this Incarnate One now so much more challenging. One born fully into our human condition, and resisting every temptation to flee that condition. From the shouts of Hosanna! to the shouts of Crucify! Jesus' acceptance of *all* of the human condition puts up a mirror to the manifold ways one might seek to deny or avoid the truth of being simply human: dependent; insufficient on our own; part of absolutely everyone else; vulnerable to nature, health conditions, and others' treatment. No alternative truth available here!

Jesus never claimed any exclusionary clauses in his mission charter. Never demanded loyalty oaths. He was not one to separate himself from "those others." He freely chose to be subject to the same wonders, doubts, fears, joys, delights, temptations and vulnerabilities as the rest of us. He felt every feeling, but without trying to deny them. Without avoidance or pretense. "Like us in all things...." Raw humanity. No wonder he said clearly that our faith in him would be shaken! He felt and endured all these things? God hidden in plain vulnerable humanity.

We enter this truly holy week, accompanying Jesus on the way to "his hour" with all the dignity that comes from tremendous integrity. There is no need to engage in the gory details nor fault-finding with all the players, those who "should have known better." The blame game is trying to extricate ourselves from the human condition. (To realize that we too, given the same conditions, might do the same thing!) Perhaps asking instead, how is my self-emptying going? Or am I still chasing self-fulfilment, recognition, success, etc.? How am I

accepting being merely a human being, subject to, and not railing against, the vicissitudes of life and other people and not being exempt from any of it?

Oh, how wonderful a grace to be like him in that great freedom!

~ *Sr. Eileen Currie, MSC*

Prayer Requests

Kathleen Sheils

Your prayers are requested for Kathleen Sheils, who is hospitalized and undergoing medical tests. Kathleen is the sister of Mary Shrader a staff member at Cabrini University. Please pray for Kathleen's return to full health.

Hugh Waters

Please continue your prayers for Hugh Waters who will be going to Johns Hopkins Medical Center for further testing and evaluation. Hugh is most grateful for your on-going prayers.

In Loving Memory

Irene Langan

The Cabrinian Community joins the Cabrini University Community in extending sympathy to Fran Harkness, Registrar, on the loss of her mother, Irene M. Langan, who passed away Thursday, March 30th 2017.

George Albert (Pete) Peters

The Cabrinian Community joins the Cabrini University Community in extending sympathy to Sherry Peters, The Nerney Leadership Institute, on the loss of her father, George Albert (Pete) Peters, who passed away Sunday, March 26th 2017.

