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THE UPDATE

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Cabrini Mission Corps To Close

*CMC to close in June after 24 Years of Service in the US and Overseas
Closing Mass and Celebration to be held June 18th at Cabrini College*

In a recent letter to Cabrini Sisters, Lay Missionaries, CEOs and Board Chairs, Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, Stella Maris Provincial, and Council announced the closure of Cabrini Mission Corps, the lay mission program sponsored by the Province, after 24 years.



The 2015 - 2016 missionaries on community retreat - January 2016, Ocean City, NJ.

"The decision to end the program was made by the Stella Maris Provincial Council after careful discernment. The decision was made given the reality of the Province. Our mission sites are fewer as well as placements in community. This was not an easy decision, although we are confident it is the right action," said Raccuglia.

She went on to say, "We are sincerely grateful for the 'education of hearts' that the CMC program has offered to many missionaries and sisters, Cabrini ministry sites and all those they have served. Our hope is that the few months that remain can be a time of prayerful reflection on and reverence for all the program has offered over these many years.

We want to thank Gina Scarpello, especially, for the good work in forming the hearts of these

missionaries for life; and Sr. Lucille Souza, MSC who launched the program, and all the other directors of this ministry."

Gina Scarpello, CMC Director, will continue to work closely with the Province to ensure a graceful closure of the program that has meant so much to so many.

In a recent interview, Scarpello stated, "Overall the emotion is one of sadness, yet peace. The program has served its purpose well for almost a quarter century. 143 men and women have served as missionaries in the US and overseas, and each one has answered what they felt was call to serve in the spirit of Mother Cabrini. Wherever they were placed, for however long they served, they sought to be and were instruments of God's love and mercy. The beauty of love and mercy is that once it flows out there, its effects are endless - it just flows and multiplies. We have a saying at CMC that "#missionneverends" - and even though the

CMC program is coming to a close, the mission continues, and there is peace in knowing this."

A Closing Mass and Celebration will take place on June 18, 2016 at Cabrini College.

Please Save the Date for the CMC closing ritual...

SAVE THE DATE
Cabrini Mission Corps



A Celebration of 24 Years of Service
#missionneverends

Saturday, June 18th, 2016
Cabrini College
11:30 a.m. Mass, followed by Luncheon

There are three things that last:
faith, hope and love,
and the greatest of these is
love.
1 Cor. 13:13

Please click on the following link for further coverage:

<http://www.theloquitur.com/cabrini-mission-corps-ends-24-year-long-service-to-the-college/#.VwatpB1rJ0c>

Cabrini **Action and Advocacy** Coalition Raising Funds and Awareness

In recent years, Americans have grown increasingly aware of human trafficking – a modern day form of slavery. The victims of this crime suffer greatly – victims ranging from children to young teens and mature individuals, are sold into prostitution, hard labor, or both. Feeling hopeless, they can lose their sense of optimism and self worth.

Anti-human trafficking organizations and support networks have been created in response to the spread of human trafficking. Through the support these organizations provide many victims of this heinous crime have found solace and a fresh outlook on life. In turn, trafficking survivors have the opportunity to share their stories and join in the effort to save others.

One such advocacy organization is Dawn's Place, a shelter in our area, - a sanctuary, really, - for women who have fallen victim to human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Their staff members provide these women with a home-like environment where they are accompanied in their transition back into society.

The Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition (CAAC), with its Cabrini Closet initiative, has worked to provide stylish, contemporary clothing for victims of human trafficking. Concerned and generous individuals have donated new and gently used clothing, household items and gift cards to CAAC to enable the Coalition to assist organizations in helping these victims to recover. Many victims of human trafficking, at the time they are rescued, have nothing but the clothes on their backs.

To enhance their ability to assist these shelters and sanctuaries, the Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition recently hosted a sale at Cabrini College, where Coalition members and volunteers sold donated designer purses, belts, shoes, scarves, and jewelry to help fund CAAC's efforts.

The CAAC chairperson and sale coordinator, Karol Brewer, with the help of her coalition members Cassie Woestman and Ruby Remley, said that the funds raised were beyond their expectations. They were grateful that so many people, who had no particular affiliation to the Coalition or to the College, attended the sale. While they were on campus, visitors asked members enjoyed being able to educate others on the issue, as well as their work, all while raising money to continue their efforts.

Since the Cabrini Closet's resources are often called upon in times of emergencies, Karol says it is "a good feeling to [be able to] fulfill those needs right away." CAAC will donate a portion of the sale's proceeds to the women's shelter Dawn's Place.



Getting set up for the CAAC sale are Coalition chairperson Karol Brewer (l.) and CAAC volunteer Ruby Remley.

~ submitted by Cabrini College intern Danielle Perez

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).

FORGIVING INJURIES

Forgiving others is difficult at times because we do not have God's limitless mercy and compassion. But Jesus teaches us that we should forgive as God forgives, relying on him to help us show others the mercy of God

- Let go of grudges
- Saying sorry is something we learn as kids, but how often do we really mean it?

Forgiveness transforms hearts and lives

- Participate in the [Sacrament of Penance](#)
- Pray the [Divine Mercy Chaplet](#)



Taking a Day for Prayer

Vocation Directors from the National Religious Vocations Conference - Delaware Valley Member Area designated a day for prayer, reflection and renewal which was held at the Basilian Spirituality Center in Jenkintown, PA on Tuesday, April 5th.

Sr. Charlene Diorka, SSJ, Director of the Basilian Center, facilitated the day, which focused upon women in scripture as inspiration and guides particularly for the ministry of vocation promotion. Tours of the Basilian Center and Mass completed the day.



The NRVC Delaware Valley Member Area vocation directors spent a day of recollection led by Sr. Charlene Diorka, SSJ (c. left) at the Basilian Spirituality Center.

Cabrini High School, New Orleans, LA

"Spring into Science" Super Science Camp

Ann Smart, Science Department Head, led the campers on an adventure exploring the mysteries of solar power and plants during the Saturday morning camp. The campers started by threading UV light sensitive bead on ribbons to create necklaces. When exposed to UV light, the beads react by transforming from white to the colors of the spectrum, producing unique, rainbow colored necklaces. Campers also experimented with



Sunprint paper, leaf prints, and flowers. Sunprints are filter paper dipped into chemicals to make the paper UV sensitive. Using stencils, the students exposed the paper to sunlight to form a blue and white print of the stencil.

During the plant section of the camp, the students created leaf prints by placing a leaf under a sheet of paper and gently rubbing the paper with colored pencil or crayon to show the leaf details. Campers also learned about plant reproduction by dissecting azaleas to identify the flowers' petals, sepals, pistil, and stamen. For home study, the campers made "sock animals" by drawing faces on white socks, filling the socks with quick-growing grass seed and potting soil, and soaking the sock animals in

water. In a few days, the sock animals will grow grass "hair," allowing the campers to witness seed germination and plant growth.

"Best practices indicates that students grasp science and math concepts more readily when combined with practical application, so we incorporate theory and utility in all our STEM courses and activities, including our camps," stated Smart. "The UV beads and sunprints allow the girls to grasp the existence and significance of UV light energy. When we introduce plant reproduction combined with the sunprints and the sock animals, the campers are able to witness how nature converts light, seeds, soil, and water into living, growing plants. It is an eye-opening moment for many youngsters as they realize for the first time all of the invisible and mysterious scientific processes occurring around them each and every day."

~ submitted by Nall Gearheard



Cabrini High School Science Head, Ann Smart, talks with campers experimenting with sunprints during the Super Saturday "Spring into Science" camp.

From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

APRIL 17, 2016 The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly celebrate vocations to ordained ministry and religious life in all its forms. Many parishes and religious institutes commemorate this day with prayer for vocations and vocation promotion events. Considering that 73% of women and men professing final vows participated in one of more parish activities and 88% served in one or more parish ministries *before* entering religious life, the presence of religious in events in the parish setting is encouraged.

Click [here](#) for the papal message for 2016 World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Click [here](#) for resources offered by the USCCB. Click [here](#) for resources offered by SERRA USA.

Dates for 2017 and 2018 World Day of Prayer for Vocations: • May 7, 2017 • April 22, 2018

A Teaching Mass

Recent research by the Center for Applied Research on the Apostolate (CARA) indicates that those men and women who are applying for candidacy for the priesthood and religious life are older than candidates of previous generations. Whereas, in earlier generations, men and women typically entered religious life at 18 or 21, current candidates are more apt to be in their late 20s, their 30s and 40s.

Vocation ministers have taken note of this demographic shift and are increasingly directing their efforts of vocation invitation towards parish young adult groups, volunteer service corps members and young professionals. To that end, during the course of the past year, MSC Vocation Promotion

(VPT) members Sr. Grace Waters, MSC, Gina Scarpello, and Nancy

Costello have been collaborating with Augustinian friars Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA and Fr. Joe Narog, OSA in planning outreach for young adults. Fr. Tom is the Vocation Director for the Villanova Province of the Augustinians and Fr. Joe is the Pastor of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish.

Last evening, the MSC VPT hosted a Teaching Mass at the Cabrini Cottage for recent college graduates, young professionals, college students and those in discernment. Fr. Tom McCarthy celebrated Mass, and as he presided he



Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA, (r.) presided at a Teaching Mass at the Cabrini Cottage. Fr. Joe Narog, OSA, concelebrated.



Fr. Joe distributes communion to those attending Mass



explained the liturgical significance of the vestments he was wearing, the gestures he makes as he says the Mass, as well as the various elements of the Mass. Those in attendance were invited to ask questions at any time. The Cottage provided a warm and intimate setting for the Mass, which was followed by an informal Italian supper, good conversation and fellowship.

Prayer Requests

Sr. Debbie Borneman, SSCM

Please unite in prayer for Sr. Debbie Borneman, the Director of Member Services at the National Religious Vocations Conference. Sr. Debbie underwent surgery on March 30th and is now recuperating. Pray that she will soon be restored to full health.

A Cabrini College community member requests...

A Cabrini Community member is asking for continued prayers on behalf of her dear friend Robin. Robin was diagnosed with a serious liver condition and is now in hospice care and her prognosis is bleak. She is being made as comfortable as possible and her family is by her side.



Frances Conwell

Please pray for Frances, a staff member at Cabrini College, who will be undergoing surgery on Monday, April 11th. Please pray that all will go well during her surgery and that she will have a swift and uncomplicated recovery.

In Loving Memory

Maria (Reher)

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria, the eldest sister of Dr. Margaret Reher, Professor Emerita at Cabrini College. There were three Reher sisters. Gigi or Sr. Rosemarie Reher, IHM died on January 2, 2016 and just last week, the oldest sister, Maria, passed away. Please pray for Dr. Reher and Maria's husband Walt as they mourn the passing of Maria.