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THE UPDATE

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# MUCH TO CELEBRATE!

## Cabrini Marks First Commencement as a University



With a stunningly beautiful spring day as the backdrop for graduates and their families and friends, William R. Hite Jr., EdD, Superintendent of The School District of Philadelphia, addressed bachelor's degree candidates at Cabrini University's undergraduate Commencement on Sunday, May 21 on the campus in Radnor, PA.

Bhavna Shyamalan, PhD, Co-founder and Vice President of the M. Night Shyamalan Foundation, addressed master's degree candidates at the University's graduate Commencement on Sunday afternoon May 21, at 2:30pm.

Celebrating a trifold of milestones, the ceremonies marked Cabrini's 57th Commencement, the first exercises since becoming a University, and Cabrini's 60th anniversary.

Honorary degrees were conferred upon former presidents and leaders of Cabrini University. **Front row from left:** Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC accepted the honorary degree on behalf of past president Sr. Regina Casey, MSC; Sr. Eileen Currie, MSC; Dr. Antoinette Iadarola; Marcia Butland, cousin of Sr. Mary Louise Sullivan, MSC, accepted the honorary degree given posthumously to Sr. Mary Louise. **Back row from left:** Dr. Joseph Romano, the longest serving faculty member was given an honorary degree and is congratulated by Cabrini University President Dr. Donald B. Taylor and undergraduate commencement speaker Dr. William R. Hite, Jr..

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Hite and Dr. Shyamalan during a year of momentous occasions," said Donald B. Taylor, PhD, President of Cabrini

University. "By sharing Cabrini's steadfast commitment to social justice and education, these leaders exemplify how graduates will continue to impact their communities, long after leaving campus."

During the undergraduate ceremony honorary degrees were conferred upon several past presidents of Cabrini University: Sr. Regina Casey, MSC (1969 – 1972) accepted by Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC; Sr. Mary Louise Sullivan, MSC, PhD (1972 – 1982) – given posthumously

and accepted by her cousin Marcia Butland – Sr. Eileen Currie, MSC (1982 – 1992); and Antoinette Iadarola, PhD(1992 – 2008) the first lay president of Cabrini College. Honored also was the University's longest serving faculty member Professor Emeritus Dr. Joseph Romano.

During the afternoon Commencement, Dr. Bhavna Shyamalan, Vice-President of the M. Night Shyamalan Foundation was awarded an honorary degree. In her heartfelt address, Dr. Shyamalan encouraged graduates to be their most authentic selves, to believe in themselves and say 'yes' to opportunities to grow.

**Photo right:** Dr. Bhavna Shyamalan, (2<sup>nd</sup> r.) is joined by her husband M. Night Shyamalan (2<sup>nd</sup> l.) and their daughters to receive congratulations from Cabrini University President Dr. Donald B. Taylor. **Photo below:** Dr. Marilyn Johnson (r.) leads the Undergraduate Commencement academic procession. **Photo below right:** Honorary doctoral hoods are presented to Dr. Joe Romano, Dr. Toni Iadarola and Hon. Dr. Sr. Eileen Currie.



### One Minute Meditation - Essential Pruning

While Jesus told his followers that they were intimately related to him as branches are to a vine, they still needed to be pruned to bear more fruit. Pruning means cutting, reshaping, removing what diminishes vitality. Pruning allows the vines to concentrate their energy and produce more grapes. Grateful people learn to celebrate even amid life's hard and harrowing moments and memories because they know that pruning is no mere punishment, but preparation. When our gratitude for the past is only partial, our hope for the future can never be full. But submitting to God's pruning work will not ultimately leave us sad but hopeful for what can happen in us and through us. I am gradually learning that the call to gratitude asks us to say, "Everything is grace." ~ Henri J.M. Nouwen



# Cabrini Of Westchester

## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Sharing in Mission Dinner

### was a Great Success!



Cabrini of Westchester recognized the achievements of three honorees at its 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Event, The Sharing in Mission Dinner held on May 10, 2017 at the beautiful Tappan Hill Mansion in Tarrytown, NY. Thanks to the honorees, sponsors, donors and the 2017 Sharing in Mission Dinner Event Committee the evening **netted almost \$180,000 to benefit the ministry of Cabrini of Westchester!**

The Evening at the Derby theme added a lot of frivolity to the evening. In keeping with the Derby theme, many guests arrived wearing the latest fashions and stylish hats. Guests were greeted by beautifully dressed young boys and girls selling raffle tickets and were served Mint Julips, a signature drink of the Derby. Upon entering the dining room, they were surrounded by red roses and centerpieces that featured racehorses and derby hats. Mike Bennett, a local radio host, kicked off the evening with his great wit followed by moving speeches from each of the three honorees. A highlight of the evening featured a virtual horse race where guests could buy a chance to win \$100!

This year's honorees included: James and Nancy Landy, Lisa Venditti and Dr. Bangaruraju Kolanuvada (Dr. Raju). The honorees were chosen for their dedication to Cabrini of Westchester's mission, which calls on individuals to be leaders, educators, advocates and sponsors of quality services to those in need of care and compassion.

*~ submitted by Lorraine Horgan and Susan Herceg*

**Photo top:** Dr. Ralph Lucariello, Cabrini of Westchester Chair of the Board of Trustees (l.) and Ms. Patricia Krasnausky, President and CEO Cabrini of Westchester present the 2017 Sharing in Mission Award to Dr. Bangaruraju Kolanuvada (Dr. Raju)

**Photo middle:** Ms. Lisa Venditti (r.) is honored and receives her Sharing in Mission Award.

**Photo bottom:** Nancy and James Landy accept their award from Dr. Lucariello and Ms. Krasnausky.



Beautifully dressed young ladies assisted in selling raffle tickets at the 2017 Sharing in Mission Dinner.

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Wearing their fancy hats for the Derby are from left: Sr. Antonina Avitabile, MSC; Cabrini Lay Missionary Marianne McGowan and Sr. Bernadette Casciano, MSC



**Photo left:** Susan Herceg, Cabrini of Westchester Development and Public Relations Coordinator, and her distinguished gentlemen are ready and dressed for the Derby!

**Photo above:** Guests cheer on their favorite horse during the race. Looks like everyone enjoyed a lively evening at the racetrack!



*Off to the Races!*



## Special Delivery on Mothers' Day 2017

Mothers' Day 2017 was a busy and joyous day in Cabrini Maternity with four bonny new babies safely delivered at the service located at Cabrini Malvern.

Celine Williams and partner Thomas welcomed baby Iylah, Danielle Keating and partner Ben welcomed baby Rory, and Nee Zhou and partner Raymond welcomed baby William. The next day, they had the opportunity of meeting one another when they posed for a photograph to mark the exciting milestone in the lives of their families.

For first-time mother Danielle Keating, a hairdresser and husband Ben, a sales representative, baby Rory's arrival on Mothers' Day was quite unexpected and in fact, they had thought it "beyond the realm of possibilities". Their baby was due on 3 May but he took his time, arriving one-and-a-half weeks later weighing 4210 grams (9.2 lbs) and measuring 53 cm (20.8 in.) in length

Mr Keating says his wife "absolutely loves birthdays" and that it will make her Mothers' Day even more special to be celebrating Rory's birthday on the same day.

The Ormond couple, who have been together almost ten years, have always known they wanted to start a family. "We were very excited to get the news we were expecting and it is exciting to start this next chapter of our lives," they said. Their hopes for their son is that he will be happy and healthy although his father secretly hopes Rory will become a famous guitarist.



Cabrini was an easy choice for their maternity care, according to the couple. "We have only heard great things about Cabrini and were happy that our obstetrician Dr. Mark Lawrence preferred Cabrini for Rory's birth," said Mrs. Keating. "Being our first child, we really didn't know what we were doing or what to expect and the care we experienced gave us much needed confidence to look after our little man."

Mrs. Keating says the couple had "such wonderful care at Cabrini" and that she cannot speak highly enough of the service and its "incredible" midwives.

"The care was amazing and everyone we met who cared for us were so helpful and full of good advice when we needed it, nothing was too difficult and we felt in safe hands at all times," she said. "We would definitely recommend Cabrini, and it would be our hospital choice for any future pregnancies." ~ submitted by *Christine Elmer, Cabrini Health*



From left: Celine Williams (with baby Iylah), Danielle Keating (with baby Rory) and Nee Zhou (with baby William.) All born on Mother's Day 2017 at Cabrini Health, Malvern.

## All one body; Forming Intercultural Communities



*In the Spring 2017 issue of HORIZON, the journal of the National Religious Vocation Conference, Fr. Anthony J. Gittins, C.S.Sp., a professional social culture anthropologist, offers insights about what time and effort must be expended to have religious communities become truly intercultural. Fr. Gittins' theories have implications for other types of groups and communities, as well. This is the second installment of Fr. Gittins' article.*

Fr. Anthony Gittins, C.S.Sp.

### Characteristics of Candidates for Religious Life

Three critically important characteristics distinguished the “old” from the “new” cohort of candidates. First, the vast majority of the former – European – candidates shared a common culture with the existing members of the communities they sought to join. Second, these candidates were typically young, naïve, and still in need of professional education. And third, they did have a common base of religious socialization; they had been steeped in the Catholic faith.

By contrast, the “new” candidates neither share a common culture with the dominant membership of the community they sought to join, nor a common culture with many of their peers. It's common for novices to come from different ethnic groups or sub-groups, while the formation directors represent the religious culture, history, tradition, and ethos of the founding community in the U.S. or Europe. Second, the ages, experience and proficiency of the various new candidates tend to vary widely (and increasingly so in recent years). And third, many of the candidates are first generation Christians, recent converts, or members of localized ecclesial communities. Consequently, their common foundation in a common faith tradition cannot be assumed. Against this background, we consider the importance of intercultural living today.

I've shown what the dynamics are like in international communities, but, similar dynamics affect religious communities that are not international. Thanks to dramatic changes in the U.S. church, non-international communities are receiving new members who are culturally distinct from older members, and an assimilation model is not a helpful way to incorporate them.

### From pragmatic social science to faith-driven theology

Given that the changed circumstances of religious communities today constitute a real challenge to the future of religious life, a double conversion would seem to be called for. Most obviously, members of religious communities need to adapt and adopt their own cherished and traditional way of imagining religious life, shaped by historical and religious

forces in the northern hemisphere and overwhelmingly by Western theology. But it is increasingly evident that good will is insufficient to effect the kind of conversion required, and that the acquisition of new skills and virtues, - a quite new habitus, an entire shift of attitude and mentality – is called for. Today's generation has the advantage that the past half-century or so has generated an immense amount of sociological wisdom that can directly assist the quest for a new way of living religious life in an international, globalized context.



The primary obstacles therefore, would be our own obstinacy, resistance to change, and perhaps prejudice against what the social sciences might have to offer. But if we are willing to undertake this second conversion, metaphorically gird our loins, and undertake to learn new skills and develop a new habitus together with members of our broader, international communities we will be prepared, at least attitudinally, to work toward the creation and maintenance of intercultural religious communities.

But to facilitate this, we need a vision of the way ahead and this requires clarification and standardization of the sometimes confusing, ambiguous, and novel terminology involved.

Next week: From International or multicultural to intercultural living

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## Visiting The Cottage at Cabrini University

From left: Sr. Grace Waters, MSC and Karol Brewer, Cabrini Formation Office, welcome Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC and Sr. Maria Elena Plata Alvarado, MSC to the MSC Offices at The Cottage at Cabrini University on a glorious spring day last week.

This year, the rhododendrons outside The Cottage are luminous and especially abundant providing a beautiful backdrop for this photo opportunity.

The "Cottage ladies" always enjoy visits from our Missionary Sisters.

Thank you for joining us!





# Prayer Requests

## ***Tom Brewer***

Your prayers are asked for Tom, the brother-in-law of Karol Brewer of the Province Formation Office, who underwent surgery on Tuesday to remove tumors on his kidneys and liver. Please pray for a good outcome and a quick recovery.

## ***Marie DeAngelo***

Please keep Marie DeAngelo in your prayers. She is a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who is in hospice care right now. Her daughter Annemarie works at the University of Pennsylvania. Annemarie also cares for her Uncle Lou who has dementia and was recently hospitalized. Your prayers for this wonderful family at this difficult time are sincerely appreciated.

## ***Tommy Deegan***


Please continue your prayers for Tommy Deegan who is recovering from surgery. Pray that his recovery will be uncomplicated and he will be restored to full health.

## ***Brittany Jacobs***

The Cabrini University community has received word that alumna Brittany Jacobs, M.Ed '12 was involved in a terrible bus accident that took place last week in Maryland on I-95. Brittany is a special education teacher who was serving as a chaperone on a school field trip when the bus in which she and her students were riding was hit by a car, rolled and overturned. Brittany was airlifted to a nearby hospital and is in critical condition. Her mother, Lynn, also a Cabrini alumna, Class of 2011, traveled to Maryland and has been with Brittany since the accident.

Please pray that Brittany will recover fully from her injuries.

To learn more: <http://www.philly.com/philly/education/Brittany-Jacobs-special-ed-teacher-bus-crash-Philly-.html>



*May the waters  
of peace flow gently  
through your spirit.*

## ***Manchester Bombing victims***

Sadly, once again, as world citizens, we must unite in prayer for the innocent victims of violence. Please pray for all those who have died and all those who are suffering as a result of the heinous act in Manchester, England.

## ***Bob Olmstead, MSC***

Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC requests prayers for her father "Bob" Olmstead who was newly diagnosed with pre-leukemia. He has started treatments and prayers are requested that he tolerate the treatments and does not advance to acute leukemia.



### ***Jean Russo***

Prayers are requested for Jean Russo, the mother of Rosemary Gehrlein, a staff member at Cabrini University. Mrs. Russo is 94 years old and is currently hospitalized.

### ***Dr. Donald B. Taylor***

Please pray for Dr. Donald Taylor, President of Cabrini University, who underwent surgery yesterday and is now at home and recuperating. Pray that Dr. Taylor will experience a swift and uncomplicated recovery.

## **In Loving Memory**

### ***Tineo Christian Gomez***

Please pray for Christian Gomez, a new employee of CSI, the housekeeping firm at Cabrini University, who was tragically killed in a car accident on Sunday evening, May 21<sup>st</sup>, following Commencement. Christian is the nephew of Karina De Romero, who also works at CSI. Christian was only 23 years old. Please pray for this family as they cope with this sudden loss.

### ***Charles Lanski***

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charles Lanski, the brother of Sr. Tommasina Lanski, MSC. Charles was called home to God on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please remember him, Sr. Tommasina and the entire Lanski Family at this sad time.

### ***Nova Johnson Morgan***

Prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Nova Johnson Morgan, a former Institutional Advancement Department staff member at Cabrini University, who passed away suddenly this past weekend. Nova was only 34 years old. Please keep her family and friends who are shocked and saddened by her loss in your thoughts and prayers.

