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THE UPDATE

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Cardinal Dolan Honors MSC Jubilarians



May 21st was a day of celebration when Cardinal Dolan of New York honored a group of consecrated religious men and women. Among the group of honorees were Missionary Sisters Sr. Joan Marie Sariti; Sr. John Giani and Sr. Celia Cid. (They are pictured in the front row, 4th, 3rd, and 2nd respectively from the right.) Sr. Joan Marie is celebrating 70 years as an MSC, Srs. John and Celia are celebrating 60 years, and Sr. Amada Liboro, (not pictured) is celebrating 50 years. The photo above appeared on the front page of the May 25th edition of *Catholic New York*.

Sr. Joan Marie writes, “We were invited by Cardinal Dolan for a jubilee Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral for all religious women and men. We then proceeded to his residence for a delicious buffet luncheon. We all received a rosary blessed by the Pope when he was in New York in 2015. It was a great day.”

Blessings and Congratulations, Sisters!

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 third installment of Fr. Gittins' article.

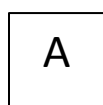
Fr. Anthony Gittins, C.S.Sp.

From international or multicultural to *intercultural* living

The world's most successful international companies and conglomerates have learned how to live with and profit from diversity in the workforce, the boardroom, and the strategic planning departments. But the church is not an international consortium or company operating in a capitalistic or rational economic context; it is a "koinonia", a communion-of-communities operating across the entire globe as a faith-driven enterprise. The church aspires to be a community whose members hold in common "one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism: - yet also a community comprising people of diverse cultures, striving to live together as one, united in (rather than torn apart or polarized by) their diversity. This is indeed a tall order, a utopian ideal, and far from being an existential reality.

But it is the aspiration that distinguishes the church from international or multi-national corporations, and likewise distinguishes authentic intercultural living from basic international collaboration. The latter is not intrinsically connected to, and may be explicitly separated from or antagonistic toward faith-based living; but, intercultural living is intentionally and explicitly faith-based and faith-dependent. The word *intercultural*, and the concept behind it, is not only a recent coinage but is used theologically to carry a specific meaning. To grasp the theological implications it is necessary to clarify some associated terms, from which it must be clearly distinguished.

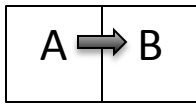
Monocultural living



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In this graphic "A" represents a group of people who share a common culture that is distinguishable from the culture of the people designated as "B". At this point we need not define culture specifically, on the assumption that people have a general sense of what it entails: belief, thought, practice, symbols, meaning, language, and so on.

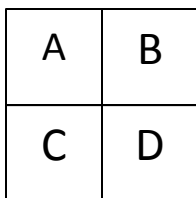
Cross-cultural living



In this graphic the arrow represents the intentional movement of someone of culture “A” into the locality occupied by people of culture “B”. Person “A” remains a person of his or her own culture (a critically important point) but is now “out of place,” living among people of culture “B”.

This re-location identifies a cross-cultural encounter. All the people of culture “B” remain “at home”, of course, in their natural culture with its conventions, language and common understandings. But the cross-cultural person “A” needs to learn a new culture in order to communicate effectively and to live alongside, among, and with people of culture “B”.

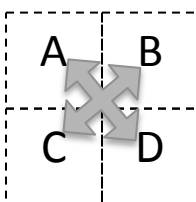
Multicultural living



This graphic represents a situation in which people of many diverse cultures share an area, be it a street, a neighborhood, or a whole country. But in the case of simple multicultural living, the interaction between people of the different cultures may vary widely, from mutual avoidance to minimal civility, from active hostility to selective collaboration. This is sometimes characterized as “people living together (but) separately.” One characteristic of such multicultural context is that people living in such close proximity do not strive to learn each other’s language or understand the nuances of their differing cultures.

By contrast, as the next diagram tries to indicate, an intercultural community includes people who intentionally strive to be both cross-cultural individuals and committed to the tedious process of learning an alien language and culture.

Intercultural living



In this final graphic, we see something different. Instead of lines of separation, we can now see the possibility of integration. The lines are not barriers that exclude, but they allow for interaction, encounter and community building. The individuals “A”, “B”, “C”, and “D” and the various cultures each of them represent do not lose their identity but gain a degree of mutual interaction and communication. If the avowed aim of the undertaking is to create a new community that shares a common faith and a diversity of cultural and individual expressions, such a community can be called *intercultural*, and such *modus vivendi* can be called *intercultural living*.

But for this to happen, everyone must first undertake the cross-cultural process of relocating from a previous comfort zone to an encounter with unfamiliar people and cultures. Furthermore, every member of the intercultural community must work to create, in effect, a fifth culture. This would mean that each individual retains his or her own culture, and yet, in becoming cross-cultural, find him or herself in another culture: a culture-in-the-making “E”. Without such commitment, intercultural living will degenerate into a struggle between

community members of different cultures, and the emergence of a (single) dominant culture. But even allowing for a unity of purpose and good will on the part of all, an intercultural community can only be built gradually, organically, by trial and error, mutual understanding, and forgiveness. A visualization of an integrated, intercultural community would simply entail superimposing the letter “E” on the diagram, to indicate the culture-in-the-making whose constituents are the people of cultures “A”, “B”, “C”, and “D”.

Next time: Implications and applications of intercultural living

Fifty Years - Plus! - of Friendship

On Saturday, May 20th, the Cabrini High School Class of 1967 celebrated their 50 year class reunion almost exactly 50 years to the date of their graduation from Cabrini on May 21, 1967.



Cabrini High School Class of 1967 Reunion

The reunion began with a prayer service lead by Deacon Uriel Durr, the High School's chaplain, during which they recited the Novena in honor of Mother Cabrini. The ladies shared their favorite stories, photos, and their favorite bottles of wine. One classmate even brought her gym romper from 1967 and had all of her classmates sign it in honor of the reunion.

Thirty-one percent of the graduating class was able to attend the event held in Alumnae Hall in the Esplanade Building of Cabrini High School, which was originally built as an orphanage in 1905. The ladies are looking forward to their 55th reunion in 5 years.

~ submitted by Katelyn Gross

SAVE THE DATE!



**Cabrini Mission Foundation
3rd Annual Bowling FUNdraiser**

**Wednesday, June 21, 2017
6:00 – 9:00 pm - Further Details to Follow**



Please join us for the 16th Annual

Mother Cabrini Shrine Gala

Celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart

Friday, June 23, 2017

**Pinnacle Club at the Grand Hyatt
555 17th Street, Denver Colorado**

Cocktails and Silent Auction – 5:30 pm
Dinner, Awards and Live Auction – 7:30
Summer/Business Casual Attire

*To Purchase Tickets or Sponsor Tables
[Click Here](#)*

If you can donate to our silent or live auction, please contact JoAnn at 303.526.0758 or joann@mothercabrinishrine.org. We are looking for gift cards, sporting event tickets, points for hotels or airfare, wine, vacation excursions, casual and fine dining certificates and gift baskets.

Prayer Requests

Suzanne Gallagher

Your prayers are asked for Suzanne, the sister of Cabrini University alumna and trustee Claire Roth, who is currently hospitalized and undergoing tests. Please pray that Suzanne will soon be feeling better and that all will be well.

Laura, George and Caroline Groves

Please keep the Groves Family in your prayers. Dr. Laura Groves is a faculty member at Cabrini University. Her husband, George, is seriously ill and in need of our prayers. Please pray for his comfort and for the strength of Laura and her daughter, Caroline, at this time.

With a Grateful Heart

Jeanne Russo

Rosemary Gehrlein, a Cabrini University staff member and the daughter of Jeanne Russo, for whom we have been praying, writes us to tell us that Jeanne is out of the hospital and is looking well. The family is grateful for our prayers. Jeanne will be undergoing some treatments this month, so please continue to keep her in your prayers.

In Loving Memory

Sr. Clelia Patricio, MSC

Sr. Clelia, of the Santa Cabrini Community in Sao Paulo, Brazil, was called home to God on Thursday, May 25th. May she rest in God's eternal peace and may perpetual light shine upon her.

Sr. Margaret Dos Santos, MSC

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Sr. Margaret who returned to God on Tuesday, May 30th. Please pray for Sr. Margaret and for her sister, Sr. Adelaide, at this sad time. Sr. Margaret would have been celebrating her 60th Jubilee this year.

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; the Feast Day is June 23rd. To access the Sacred Heart Novena:

<https://www.mothercabrini.org/spirituality/sacred-heart-feast-day-novena>



UPDATE Publication Notice

Due to the MSC Leadership Conference being held from June 4th – 6th there will be no Update on June 8th.

**The Update will return on Thursday, June 15th.
Thank you.**