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JOVIE'S HUMANITARIAN SAFARI



In February 2015, Jovie Ann Decoyna, a nurse who works at Cabrini Health, Australia left for two weeks to volunteer in Rwanda. Accompanying her on the flight was the goodwill of many within the Cabrini community who had donated toys, clothes and medical supplies.

Rwanda, a central African country, remains impoverished and deeply scarred by the civil war that began in 1990, which climaxed in a frenzied period of genocide in 1994. Jovie travelled there as part of the medical program of the Global Volunteer Network and was supported by a Cabrini clinical services grant.

Jovie worked in a health centre taking blood, performing HIV tests, giving immunization protection, dressing wounds and assisting in the maternity unit. She dewormed children in a transient centre and visited women who had been victims of domestic violence. The medical supplies Jovie brought with her provided health

workers there, at least for a short while, with the means to do their work as best they could. The donated clothing was distributed to the waiting arms of those who had little to call their own and whose gratitude was immense.

Until the volunteers arrived, the children's beds in the transient centre were alive with bed bugs. Jovie was one of the volunteers who washed blankets and sheets by hand for hours and painted the beds in preparation for a shipment of new mattresses and bedcovers. The donated toys now grace beds fit for the children and have brought joy to their lives.

Jovie was shaken by much that she saw but grateful and honoured to be able to help. She says: "During one of my dressing changes, an elderly woman came in. Her wound was almost healed but I noticed that the scar encircled the entire lower leg around the ankle. She said she sustained it during the genocide. What can you say to an elderly woman who has carried the burden of seeing the horror and atrocities of the genocide through her open wound every day for 20 years? I just went on my knees and cleaned her wound in reverent silence."

Jovie's work does not end in Rwanda, she volunteers weekly with Asylum Seekers.



~submitted by Christine Elmer

Cabrini Senior Housing, Seattle, WA

Celebrating the Feast Day

It was an overwhelming celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus here at Cabrini Senior Housing, Seattle, WA. Before the start of the novena, I printed the novena prayers and gave a copy to all the residents who are members of the Catholic Guild that Sr. Renee Kittelson, MSC started when she was here. Thanks, Sr. Renee!

I encouraged them to pray each day at their convenience. During that time, some residents came to me and shared their reflections. It was an opportunity for us to learn and share about Mother Cabrini's reflections in relation to our experiences.

Before the novena, I was in contact with Fr. Lim William, a priest from St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Baguio City, Philippines. He knows the MSCs well and has gone to the former Casa Cabrini in Baguio City. He told me that he would be in Seattle for a day so I invited him to join our novena with the residents on June 10th. In spite of his very hectic schedule, he came and joined our novena prayer. He also gave a blessing to all of us present and blessed all the intentions the residents offered to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The feast culminated with the residents attending Mass together at St. James Cathedral.

~ submitted by CLM Vicki Lucio



Fr. Lim (5th r.) is joined by Daisy, (6th r.) who hosted Fr. Lim, and CLM Vicki Lucio (5th l.) who are joined by Cabrini Senior Housing residents who are members of the Catholic Guild.

Website Tip

Did you know that if you click on a photo image on the homepage carousel (slide show) that you will link to a story relevant to that photo? Why not give it a try?!

Cabrini Mission Corps



We continue our series of conversations with the CMC missionaries who have just completed a year of service. Now that they are embarking on the next chapter of their lives, you might be wondering where will their journeys take them next? What did they think about this special year, just concluded? What are their plans, hopes and dreams? This week, we visit with Ashley Block and Matt Kaehler.

Ashley Block

Served: Cabrini Ministries, Swaziland, Southern Africa, Sacred Heart Convent, NY and MSC Mission Offices, Radnor, PA

What have you most appreciated about the CMC experience this year?



CMC is much more than a group of people acting for the greater good of the communities with whom we are working in and with. It is a family built on a foundation of love and appreciation for who we are as individuals. I have loved being part of a family that loves completely and unconditionally.



What are your plans for the future?

I have committed to a second year with the Cabrini Mission Corps and will be a missionary in Radnor, PA working with the MSC Mission Offices and Cabrini College.

What would you like to say to

the Cabrini Community as your commitment comes to a close?

Thank you for welcoming me home with open hearts and arms. I look forward to continued relationships with my beautiful Cabrini family. See you soon!



Matt Kaehler

Served: Cabrini College, Radnor, PA – Wolfington Center and Campus Ministry

What have you most appreciated about the CMC experience this year?



I couldn't possibly express my fullest appreciation for the sense of community, which has been present throughout my year. It has been omnipresent through everyone I met. From the other missionaries, to the students, to the faculty, staff and MSCs, I have received endless love and support over the past ten months. I will never, ever forget the experience of God working through these beautiful relationships.



What are your plans for the future?

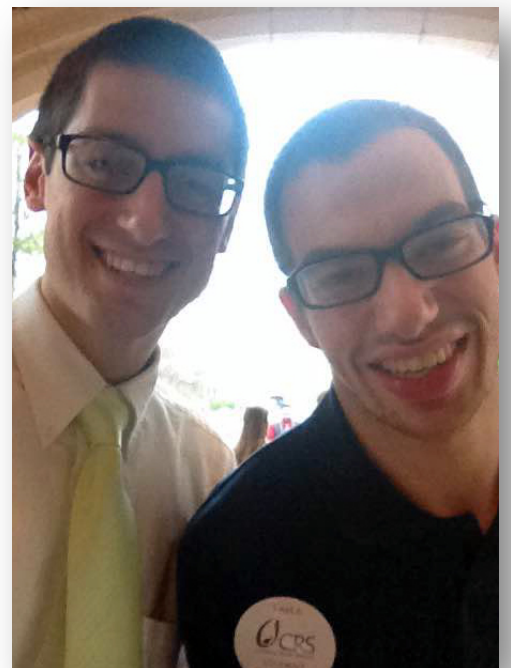
Starting in August I will begin a job in finance at Vanguard's Malvern office. I am blessed to be living with friends in Center City, Philadelphia, and I look forward to remaining in touch with the Cabrini community as I move on from my year with CMC.

What would you like to say to the Cabrini Community as your commitment comes to a close?

At orientation, we were asked to make a candle. All year, the candle was present during my prayers and reflection. Inscribed across the jar is 'My Heart Listens to Yours'. Thank you...to each and every person I met this year...for opening your hearts to me this year and thank you even more for allowing me to open mine to you. I have truly found family over the past ten months and I am forever grateful for that.

Anything else?

Dear CMC,
You're pretty cool. Don't ever change.



Cabrini Mission Corps – Alumnae!



Photo above: Cabrini Mission Corps alumnae from left: Crystal Catalan, Michelle Sherman Rademacher and Mary Meleski traveled from various parts of the United States for a mini-reunion and spent time in New York City and Radnor, PA.

Photo above right: No Cabrini-CMC reunion would be complete without taking a “selfie” outside Sacred Heart Convent.

Photo below: Visiting with the MSCs at the Sacred Heart Convent, Mary Meleski (standing) shared what she has been up to since her time of service with CMC. Mary is about to complete her graduate studies in Theology at the University of Notre Dame. Crystal is studying for her Master’s at Eastern University in Radnor, PA and Michelle is working with the Sisters of the Assumption as their volunteer program and vocations director. She and her husband, Dr. Nick Rademacher, will be returning to the Philadelphia area after surviving last winter in Worcester, MA!!



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**CABRINI
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Cabrini College, Radnor, PA

*A Special and Determined Young Lady Among
the Incoming Freshman Class*

This week on the front page of the Philadelphia Inquirer was the story of 18 year-old Valery Swope, who will begin her studies at Cabrini College in August. Read her inspirational story: http://www.philly.com/philly/education/20150712_Emerging_from_a_tragic_battered_childhood_hope_in_a_college_future.html

Mother Cabrini Shrine, Golden, CO

Summer Feast & Bazaar!



Sr. Laura Baldini, MSC (l.) tries her hand at what looks to be the paper roll toss while Sr. Hanna Dimma, MSC (c.) gets ready to snap a photo and Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC (r.) watches with amusement. Did Sr. Laura win a prize?

The Mother Cabrini Shrine Summer Feast and Bazaar took place July 11 & 12 and was a celebration in honor of the birth of St. Frances Cabrini and her canonization. It was a faith and fun-filled weekend with Masses, rosary processions, Spanish dancers, food booths, games, bingo and handmade craft items. The weather was perfect and the newly constructed pavilion over the picnic area provided the perfect space for the gathering. We were also delighted to have Missionary Sisters Lucy Panettieri, Laura Baldini, Hanna Dima and discerner Claudia with us for the weekend.

~ submitted by JoAnn Seaman



Native dancers added to the festivity and celebration of the Summer Feast!

One Minute Meditation

Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey.

~ Pope Francis

Cabrini College, Radnor, PA

Hosting the NHI



NATIONAL HISPANIC INSTITUTE

Hispanic Institute (NHI) Collegiate World Series. The event offers students insight into the college admissions process, financial aid, and strategic planning for personal and professional success. Cabrini faculty, staff and students participated in a number of the conference events.

Last week, July 8-12, Cabrini College hosted - for the second year in a row - more than 100 rising high school seniors from across the U.S., Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic as part of the **National**

To read more: <http://aldianews.com/articles/politics/education/top-performing-latinos-attend-program-cabrini/39761>

Cabrini Health, Australia

Cabrini Doctors Rate



Dr. Ben Brady is the Chair of the Cabrini Health medical staff.

The quality of Cabrini's accredited medical practitioners has been highlighted in a survey by not-for-profit health insurer HCF based on the hospital experiences of more than 12,000 of its members.

Cabrini rated among the top ten highest scoring hospitals for our medical team receiving a score of 9.4 for patients' likelihood to recommend the medical team that cared for them (the average was 9.1).

Cabrini was in good company with its Catholic peer St Vincent's Private also featured in the top ten.

It is the second time that Cabrini's medical staff has been recognized in this way. In the 2012 HCF survey, Cabrini Malvern was one of only two hospitals in Victoria to be rated in the top ten for medical team satisfaction.

This latest accolade follows Cabrini's recent Victoria Day Award for Public and Community Service by a Good Corporate Citizen.

~ submitted by Christine Elmer





Treasures of the Vatican

Franklin Institute – September 19, 2015 to February 15, 2016

The Franklin Institute of Philadelphia has announced plans to host the exclusive East Coast destination of Vatican Splendors beginning on September 19th. The exhibit explores the historical and cultural impact of the Vatican over the span of 2,000 years through significantly relevant objects straight from the Vatican. Every object in the exhibition tells its own story, together forming a great historical mosaic of the Vatican. Many of the artifacts have never before been on public view. Highlights include works by Michelangelo, and Bernini and Guercino, some dating back to the first century. For further info: <https://www.fi.edu>



From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...

Today's Catholic Sisters

Who they are. Why we need them.

Learn more about the faith and work of these amazing women.

Sept. 12, 2015 9 am-noon
University of the Incarnate Word San Antonio, TX

Sept. 20, 2015 1-4 pm
Dominican University River Forest, IL

Oct. 10, 2015 1-4 pm Mass to follow
Immaculate University Immaculata, PA

Jan. 23, 2016 9 am-noon
Mount Saint Mary's University Los Angeles, CA

FEATURED SPEAKERS
New Generations of Catholic Sisters authors:
Sr. Mary Johnson, S.N.D.deN.
Sr. Patricia Wittberg, S.C.
Dr. Mary Gautier

Questions? 773-363-5454 NRVC.net

Laudato Si'

Our Common Home



Pope Francis pulls no punches when he writes that the earth “cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her,” saying that “the earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth.” He laments atmospheric pollution, a warming climate, a lack of clean water as well as privatization of water, a loss of biodiversity and an overall decline in human life and the breakdown of society. “Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years,” he adds.

He is equally critical of responses to the crisis made from a position of privilege and comfort, which often go hand in hand with a “green” rhetoric. For example, the belief that “ecological problems will solve themselves simply with the application of new technology and without any need for ethical considerations or deep change.”

The Gospel of Creation

Pope Francis states, “I am well aware that in the areas of politics and philosophy there are those who firmly reject the idea of a Creator, or consider it irrelevant... Others view religions simply as a sub-culture to be tolerated. Nonetheless, science and religion, with their distinctive approaches to understanding reality, can enter into an intense dialogue fruitful for both.”

The Human Roots of the Crisis

Pope Francis sees the cause of the current crisis in what he calls a “technocratic” mentality, one that considers “the rise of a relativism which sees everything as irrelevant unless it serves one’s own immediate interests.” This relativism puts human beings, rather than God, at the center, producing a view that sees no intrinsic value in lesser creatures – and even in other human beings.

All Creation in Connected

Pope Francis stresses that “nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live.” He asks of us, “What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? It is no longer enough, then, simply to state that we should be concerned for future generations. We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity.



Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations, is first and foremost, up to us."

What are We Called to Do?



The Pope lists many concrete ways in which individuals, communities and nations can make a real difference. He asks us to pay attention to our water consumption, to sort out waste and recycle, and even simply to "turn off the lights."

At the same time, Pope Francis is calling us to care for one another in a new way, to place human dignity and the interconnectedness of all creation above all else. In this way, "we must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it."

~ with thanks to Sr. Grace Waters, MSC/ Our Sunday Visitor publication

From The Cottage at Cabrini College



Grounds Manager Gus Feudale planting the tomatoes in containers in mid-May.

Several of our *Update* readers have emailed inquiring about the progress of the tomato plants that were donated to Cabrini College and the Missionary Sisters by alumna and trustee Elizabeth Riley Bell '69 and her husband Ray. The grounds crew at Cabrini College first planted the tomatoes in mid May, just following Commencement.

We are delighted to report that thanks to Gus Feudale and his attentive crew, the tomato plants are flourishing in height with many tomatoes on the vine that are over six inches in diameter. The tomatoes are still green, but, should be ripening on the vine in the days to come. Once ripened, the tomatoes will be given to an area shelter with whom the College partners.

These are photos of the tomatoes taken just this morning. They are about 3 ½ ft. tall with many, many tomatoes on each plant.



Prayer Requests

Kathy Collins

Please keep Kathy – a family friend of Nancy Costello in the MSC Mission Offices in Radnor, PA - in your prayers. Kathy is experiencing some health challenges at this time.

Roland Gardner

Please continue to pray for Roland Gardner, husband of Loretta (Pizzello) Gardner. He is in a Christian rehabilitation center only a few blocks from their home. He has Parkinson's and cannot swallow; he is on a feeding tube. Please pray for his strength and comfort.

Sr. Mary Ann Hawes, MSC

Please keep Sr. Mary Ann in your thoughts and prayers. She will be having a special procedure this week at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in NYC.



Natalie McMaster

Cabrini College alumna and trustee Claire Roth '69 asks the prayers of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community for her great-niece, Natalie, who was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL) last week. She just began a course of chemotherapy. Natalie is 11 years-old. Please unite in prayer for a successful course of treatment for Natalie.

Sr. Philippa Provenzano, MSC

Kindly remember Sr. Philippa in your prayers. Sr. Philippa sustained a fall at Sacred Heart Convent and is at Beth Israel Hospital. Pray that all will be well.

Sr. Roselle Santivasi, MSC

Your prayers are asked for Sr. Roselle, who will be having surgery this coming week in Colorado. Pray that all will go smoothly.

Sisters of Regina Pacis Community (Sisters Amada Liboro, Bernadette Casciano and Veronica Piccone)

Sisters Amada, Bernadette and Veronica would be grateful for your prayers. They have been temporarily displaced due to major renovations in their apartment for the next few months. Srs. Amada and Bernadette are presently staying at Sacred Heart Convent and Sr. Veronica is staying at Columbus Community.

Marie Takes

Kindly remember Marie Takes in your prayers as she recovers from successful surgery. Marie is the mother of Deb Takes, interim President and former Board Chair, at Cabrini College. Pray that Mrs. 'Takes' recovery will be swift.

In Loving Memory

Rose Jamattona

Rose Jamattona, a retired Cabrini College staff member, was called home to God last week. Professor Emerita Dr. Candi Corbin Sicoli writes, “Cabrini College faculty members remember what Rose meant to us in her role as head of faculty support. She helped to make the lives of each and every one of us easier and better. Her presence was a treat to behold every morning before we started our teaching day. We will all miss her dedication and caring and her lovely personality.” May she rest in God’s peace.

Abigail and Ronald Rodriguez

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Abigail and Ronald Rodriguez, the loving parents of Ramona Rodriguez Candea (Villa Cabrini Academy, class of 1967). Abigail passed away on July 10, 2015, just two months after Ronald's passing. They had been married 66 years, and will be dearly missed by Ramona and her family.

A change of address:

Sr. Alberta Surico is now on the 3 South Unit at St. Cabrini Nursing Home with her Cabrini Sisters.

Her address should now read:

Sr. Alberta Surico, MSC
St. Cabrini Nursing Home – Rm. 344
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
Phone: (914) 478 – 1029



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**Prayer requests are always welcome at
cabrininews@mothercabrini.org**