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THE UPDATE

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"Share the Journey"

Pope Francis launches a Global Campaign to Help Migrants and Refugees

Pope Francis has loudly and clearly welcomed migrants, refugees and asylum seekers while expressing his support and gratitude for the Caritas Internationalis' "Share the Journey" campaign.

Speaking during his weekly General Audience in St. Peter's Square on Wednesday, the Pope also had special words of welcome for Caritas representatives gathered to officially launch the two-year campaign aimed at activism and awareness-raising about the plight of migrants.

The campaign encourages people to actually meet with migrants and listen to their stories, rather than treat them as mere numbers and statistics imbued with negative stereotypes.



Opening his arms wide in a powerfully symbolic gesture, Francis said, "Christ urges us to welcome our brothers and sisters with our arms truly open, ready for a sincere embrace, a loving and enveloping embrace".



And pointing to the beautiful Bernini colonnade that encircles St. Peter's Square, he said our embrace of migrants should mimic the colonnade "which represents mother Church who embraces everyone by sharing in our common journey".

The Pope thanked Caritas members and other Church organizations for their constant commitment in favor of migrants

saying that they are the sign of an “open, inclusive and welcoming Church.”

The campaign launched on Wednesday aims to challenge negative myths and perceptions regarding migrants through websites featuring the stories of individuals, the true impact of immigration and explanations of Church teaching on the culture of encounter.

Caritas Internationalis is asking Catholics to take public action in support of migrants, posting pro-immigrant messages on social media and participating in programs where they can meet migrants and refugees.

In his greetings to all those who work to support and advocate for migrants and refugees the Pope also welcomed a petition which is vying for new legislation on migration "which is more pertinent to the current context".

After the Audience, Pope Francis personally greeted a group of some 50 refugees who were in the Square for the occasion. (from Vatican Radio)

Sharing in the Journey

Pope Francis is being joined by bishops across the U.S. and around the world in launching a global campus to support our brothers and sisters who have fled their homes seeking a decent and safe life for their families. This historic campaign, “Share the Journey” will respond to some of the most desperate of God’s children.

You can help your diocese, parish, school or other affiliate organization participate in the “Share the Journey” campaign along with Pope Francis, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Catholic Charities USA and the Church’s global charitable network, Caritas Internationalis. Through prayers and acts of compassion and support, you can help shape conversations and actions to answer the Gospel call to love our neighbors.



September 27: The office launch in Rome by Pope Francis.
October 7 – 13: Week of Prayer and Action across the U.S.

To learn more please visit: <http://www.caritas.org/2017/09/media-advisory-pope-francis-will-launch-caritas-share-the-journey>



In support of the **"Share The Journey" Campaign for Migrants and Refugees** launched today by Pope Francis, Catholic Health Association (CHA) has [gathered some resources](#) and hopes that our members will engage in sharing their own activities and programs.

The campaign is in support of those who have fled their homes seeking safety and a better life around the world and in the U.S. This is a two-year campaign sponsored globally by Caritas Internationalis, and in the U.S. by the USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services Committee, Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA. The campaign aims to raise awareness and understanding of the unprecedented number of migrants and refugees globally, including those who have come to the U.S., and to challenge myths and perceptions in order to encourage greater support for migrants and refugees in the U.S. and around the world.

U.S. bishops are calling for a **Week of Prayer and Action Oct. 7 – 14** inviting people to follow the call to "love your neighbor" wherever they may be by joining in the Share the Journey Campaign in Catholic parishes, schools, colleges, hospitals and other institutions and ministries. For ideas on how your organization can participate in the campaign, please visit www.sharejourney.org.

CHA will share a prayer for each day of the Week of Prayer. Those prayers and additional resources will soon be available at www.chausa.org/prayers.

Please [share your programs and activities!](#)

Program name

Program contact person

Facility or system

One to three sentence description of the program

Program objectives

Any program data that might be shared

CHA will take this information and conduct any follow-up needed and then build a listing on the website with these programs and contact persons so that we can all benefit from each other.

Find additional information, prayers and resources on the CHA website at www.chausa.org/immigration.



New York Rivertowns Rally Against *Hate*



Lorraine Campanelli, Director of Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY (l.) and Steve Glusker, a tutor at Cabrini Immigrant Services, participate in the Rally against Hate in White Plains, NY.

Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY Standing in Solidarity

Charlottesville, Va., North Korea, terrorist attacks, driving cars into crowds of people and so many other examples all indicate that hate has spread throughout our country and our world. Sadly, hate crimes in the U.S. are up 34% since last year. On Sunday, September 24th, hundreds of people met at the Woodlands Community Temple in White Plains, NY to 'Rally Against Hate.' The rally was sponsored by different churches and synagogues, local villages and the Anti-Defamation League.

The rally opened with the song 'This Land is Your Land.' Many different songs were sung throughout the program, which spoke of love and

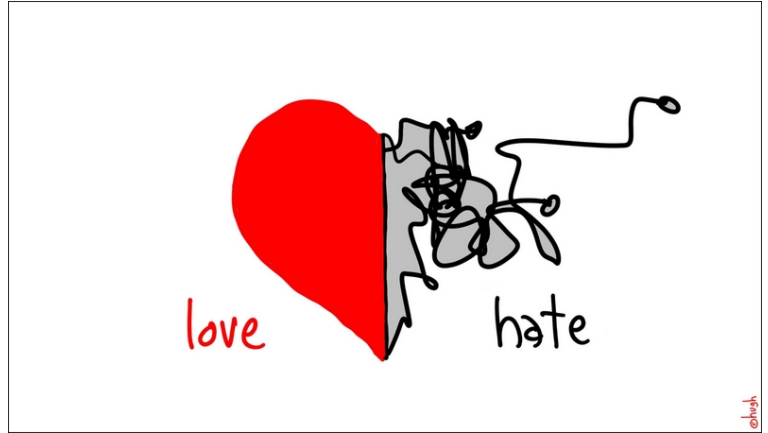
triumph over trials. There were many speakers from different churches and synagogues as well as elected officials. As we listened to their words the energy and the love became stronger and stronger.

All the speakers were excellent but two stood out to me. Esther Geizhals, a Holocaust survivor, told her story of being taken from Poland as a young child and going to Auschwitz. She recalled still seeing her mother, father, aunt and younger brother walking away on different lines, the last time she would ever see them. She spoke from her heart, which she said is filled with love, but showed how a heart filled with hate can do so much harm. She warned this great country not to allow hate on any level. She is 88 years old and travels around the country telling her story, especially to young children, so they will learn what hate can do.

NY State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, a strong supporter of Cabrini of Westchester, also gave a very inspiring talk. She said that it is hard to believe that in 2017 the U.S. is having rallies against hate. She, like Ms. Geizhal, said that although we are at a rally against hate, we need to rally with love. She challenged everyone there to be the love in the world, to not allow any form of hatred to be accepted, to challenge our elected officials when hate crimes do occur and to speak up when confronted with any form of hatred or racist remarks.

We need to challenge people who don't feel there is anything wrong with saying something against a race or religion. In a sense, acceptance is not an option.

Several tutors from Cabrini Immigrant Services in Dobbs Ferry, NY attended the rally. We not only represented the immigrant population but all people regardless of race, creed, color or status. As one tutor said, "CIS represents more than just the immigrant, everyone is welcome!"



The program ended with the song, 'All You Need Is Love.' Let us all do our part to make this world a loving place. ~ *submitted by: Lorraine Campanelli, CIS-Dobbs Director*

Cabrini University Names Pavilion

On the first day of autumn, under summer-like skies, the Cabrini University community gathered to honor alumnus Thomas P. Nerney '77 for his leadership gift during a naming ceremony for the Nerney Pavilion, a new sports and fitness center on campus.



Joining in the festivities were University trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, alumni, students, athletes and community members. Representatives of each campus constituency offered messages of appreciation to Mr. Nerney for his on-going philanthropy to Cabrini University. Sr. Grace Waters, MSC presented greetings and an appreciation on behalf of Provincial Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC and the Missionary Sisters, stating, "The new Pavilion is an example of Tom's incredible philanthropy to his community."



Alumnus Tom Nerney offers remarks during the naming ceremony for the new Nerney Pavilion.

Student Deion Allen ('18) a Nerney Scholarship recipient, commented, "Thank you, again, Mr. Nerney, for personally helping me to reach my goals, and for helping the entire Cabrini community better themselves."

Dr. Donald Taylor, University President, told the audience that, "Tom's commitment to his alma mater has been unwavering and very impactful on the lives of our students."

In response, Tom Nerney emotionally thanked the Cabrini community for the warm and meaningful recognition. *with thanks to Steve Highsmith, VP, Institutional Advancement, Cabrini University*



A Beautiful Way to Pay it Forward



Photo above: Stylist Angela Mante curling a young lady's hair.

Photo below: Marie Lockwood of Cabrini of Westchester gives a manicure as a special treat.



When I hear the phrase, 'pay it forward,' I am reminded of the Gospel story of the Good Samaritan. In the parable, Jesus tells us to, "Go and do likewise." In a sense, Jesus is telling us to 'pay it forward,' to do good to others. This was the case when Angela Mante, a beautician from Mahopac, NY, came to St. Cabrini Nursing Home to give free haircuts and new hairdos to some of the clients from Cabrini Immigrant Services in Dobbs Ferry, NY. To add to the special day, Cabrini of Westchester's own beautician, Marie Lockwood, gave everyone a manicure.

Angela said that God has truly blessed her and her family and so she wanted to do something special and we were the lucky recipients of her 'paying it forward!' For most, this was their first experience at a beauty salon. One of the fifth graders said she couldn't even put into words what it felt like to have such special treatment. In fact, she said "her goosebumps were jumping out of her body because of the excitement." Everyone watched as each person was transformed as they had their hair washed, cut, styled and then the finishing touches with the manicure. The smiles kept getting bigger and bigger. One of the moms said that she had never had such a special day. Not only did she love all the pampering but she said also enjoyed the coffee, juice, bagels and just having time to sit and relax and enjoy some conversation.

A special thank you to both Angela and Marie. As one of the sixth graders said as she looked in the mirror, "I feel beautiful!" Thank you for making everyone feel so special. We're looking forward to the next 'Beauty Parlor Day!'

*~ submitted by: Lorraine Campanelli, Director,
CIS Dobbs Ferry, NY*



A new hairstyle just makes you smile!

One Minute Meditation

We might say that a Christian is someone who has learned to welcome others, to show hospitality. Jesus makes them see that the Christian journey is simply about changing hearts – one's own heart first, and then helping to transform the hearts of others. It is about learning to live differently, passing from a mentality that dominates, stifles and manipulates to a mentality that welcomes, accepts and cares. ~ Pope Francis

And the Winner is...!!



Susan Herceg, Development and Public Relations Coordinator for Cabrini of Westchester (I.) and Kaitlyn Horgan, daughter of Vice President of External Affairs, Lorraine Horgan, select the lucky winners of the "300 Club".

On Sunday, September 17th, Cabrini of Westchester held a cocktail reception to select the winners of the "300 Club," a fundraiser that raised money to support Cabrini's "Magical Moments Campaign." Each individual that donated \$100 to the "300 Club" had the opportunity to win one of eight prizes, the first prize being \$5,000!

The Magical Moments Campaign was established in 2012 to raise funds for special entertainment and recreational activities for both short-term patients and long-term residents. Over the past five years, these funds provided an abundance of live entertainment, music therapy programs, in-house plays, themed meals and events, as well as bus trips to the movies and shopping malls.

The "300 Club" reception was held outside, on the grounds of Cabrini of Westchester and was attended by those who contributed to the fund. Attendees enjoyed wine and light hors d'oeuvres as well as the beautiful weather and the melodious sound of pianist, Bob Geier.

There was excitement in the air as each number was drawn to announce the winners of the prizes. The fundraiser was a great success, raising over \$10,000 for the Magical Moments Campaign.

~ submitted by Susan Herceg, Cabrini of Westchester



Lucky winners, and family members Grace Popoli (I.) and Virginia Deckelman pause for a photo with Kaitlyn Horgan.



On Wednesday, September 27th, in alignment with Pope Francis' Share the Journey campaign, Cabrini University celebrated a border Mass. Fr. Carl Janicki (I.) was the presider. Graduate student Aide Cuenca did a reading.

The Mass brought the campus community together to experience the physical border(s) that divide us and Christ who unites us.



Please meet Evalyn Ndunge...

How I met the MSCs – A Reflection



Evalyn Ndunge
is an MSC candidate.

Desiring to be formed in another country was an essential thing I thought of during the days of my decision-making as to which [religious] congregation to join. Thanks be to God, for my spiritual director, Fr. Antony Parankimalil, who reminded me to be wise in choosing my congregation. He said, “Evalyn, remember that you are consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and so think of considering Him in your choice; let your congregation bear the name SACRED HEART.” I really considered what he meant. No wonder why I went for a ‘come and see’ experience in two other congregations back in Kenya which bear the name “Sacred Heart of Jesus”.

I always [thought] I made a good decision to join the Missionary Sisters (MSCs) with the help of the Holy Spirit. Thus far, God has brought me to be a missionary, makes me smile and [to] be thankful to Him. I never knew the MSCs until my mother’s cousin Fr. Nicodemus gave me the contact of Sister Antonia Plata, MSC, the vocation director for the Stella Maris Province.

God always beholds our imagination. Fr. Nicodemus lived and was missioned in Ethiopia for three years, and [the fact] that he gave me the contact information of Sister Antonia made me wonder, [at first], because she was in the United States. I remember asking him where he got her email address? He replied, “Evalyn I honestly can’t tell where I got it. I am trying to figure out where I got it from because I don’t know Sister Antonia but I do know some of the MSC Sisters in Ethiopia.” I was encouraged when he told me that God wanted me to be with the sisters and that I shouldn’t mind about where the address came from.

With these words of Fr. Nicodemus, I am motivated to move on with my formation looking forward and hoping to be an MSC sister. Being a candidate in our holy institute I feel the presence of God because I know that there is a big reason as to why I am here.

As I see God’s will and His sufficient graces within me, I, in a special way, thank Him for bringing me this far. [It is] through His beloved son and daughters who showed me the way to where I am. In a special way, I am grateful to my mother’s cousin, Fr. Nicodemus, who gave me Sister Antonia’s email address. [I am grateful to] Sister Antonia who first chatted with me and later [introduced] me to Sr. Maureen Bennett, MSC. I am fond of Sr. Maureen who invited me to pay a visit in Ethiopia and did a good job of introducing me to the lovable and adorable sisters in Ethiopia and Swaziland. [And now,] here I am at Cabrini University! God bless all of them since it’s through them that I am here. May God bless all of the sisters who have been there for me. I love all the MSCs. Thank you, Lord, for such a special gift of Cabrini Family. I thank you and I praise you, Lord. ~ *by Evalyn Ndunge*



Evalyn is a frequent visitor to The Cottage at Cabrini University. She and Sr. Grace Waters are great friends.



**Come join the Cabrini Community
for a Campus-Wide Address
Provided by:**

Sr. Mary Scullion, RSM
Executive Director and President, Project HOME

**and this year's Nerney Leadership Institute
Executive in Residence**

**3:15pm ~Tuesday - October 24, 2017
Grace Hall Atrium**

**An Evening Conversation with Sr. Mary
Moderated by Stephen Highsmith, VP of Institutional
Advancement
will be held: 7:00 pm - Grace Hall Atrium**

**Cabrini University
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In Honor of the Centenary - 1917 - 2017

Cabrini University presents...



THE GOOD THAT MUST BE DONE: The Life and Legacy of Mother Cabrini

Join us for a five-part event series that considers how Mother Cabrini lived her life, the impact she had on so many people, and how her legacy has changed the world.

Her Spirituality

Ray Ward and Christopher Grosso,
Cabrini University
September 21, 12:30-1:30pm
(lunch will be served)
Grace Hall Multipurpose Room

Her Leadership

Tom Southard,
Cabrini University
October 19, 9:15-10:15am
(breakfast will be served)
Mansion Dining Room

Her Service

Robin Larkins,
Curiositas, Inc.
November 7, 12:30-1:30pm
(lunch will be served)
Grace Hall Multipurpose Room

Her Charism

Sr. Joan McGlinchey, MSC,
Archdiocese of Chicago
November 29, 1:00-2:00pm
(lunch will be served)
Grace Hall Multipurpose Room

Her Educational Philosophy

Maria Williams,
University College London
February 7, 1:00-2:00pm
(lunch will be served)
Grace Hall Multipurpose Room

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Prayer Requests

Anthony

Please keep Anthony in your prayers. He is the nephew of Sr. Julia Toto, MSC. Anthony was recently hospitalized in Florida for emergency surgery. Pray that he will soon recover.

Jim Currie

Your prayers are asked for Jim, the brother of Sr. Eileen Currie, MSC, who is hospitalized. Please pray that Jim will soon be feeling better.

Edith Felder

Kindly keep Edith Felder in your prayers. She continues to lose her balance and is experiencing falls. Edith is the sister of Sr. Xavier Hayden, MSC who is on mission in Dobbs Ferry, NY.

Suzanne Gallagher

Prayers are requested for Suzanne, the sister of Cabrini University alumna and trustee, Claire Roth '69. Suzanne had a recent hospital stay. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers and continues to undergo treatment.

Sophia Guray

Cabrini Lay Missionary Vicky Lucio asks prayers for her grand niece who is 6 or 7 years of age and who lives in the Philippines. She has biliary atresia and has undergone major surgeries even at a very young age. She is in and out of the hospital and has just recently undergone another major surgery. Please pray for her healing.

Annie Lucio

Annie, the sister of Cabrini Lay Missionary Vicky Lucio, is suffering from many health problems. She has recently been hospitalized. Vicky asks prayers for her sister's healing and for her entire family, as well.

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Your on-going thoughts and prayers for the Missionary Sisters are greatly appreciated as they continue their meetings in Chicago. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire and guide them. Please pray for their safe travel home.

Victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose, Maria and the earthquakes in Mexico, and fires in the western U.S.

Please continue your prayers for all those who have been affected by the recent hurricanes, earthquakes and fires. Pray for those in the Caribbean and Puerto Rico whose entire islands, homes, businesses, schools and means of living have been totally devastated. May they feel God's presence during this humanitarian crisis.





With a Grateful Heart

Kathleen “Kay” Gorevin

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we give thanks to the Lord for the long life of Kathleen Gorevin, who celebrated her 105th birthday on September 18th. Kathleen is the aunt of Nancy Gorevin Costello in the Province Communications Office. Kathleen’s many friends at Regina Nursing Center in Norristown, PA, celebrated with her with festive balloons and a beautiful cake. God bless you, Aunt Kathleen!

A Prayer for Autumn Days

God of the seasons, there is a time for everything; there is a time for dying and a time for rising. We need courage to enter into the transformation process.

God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves lying in colored patterns on the ground, our lives have their own patterns. As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always a dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. We always need to recognize your power filled presence. May we gain strength from this.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for the harvest in faith and hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of flowers touched with frost and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life. For all this, we are grateful. Amen. ~ *Joyce Rupp*

