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THE UPDATE

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Cabrini Responds to the Decision on DACA



Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC of Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC asks: *Please pray for our young people in this country. Por favour una oracion por la paz para nuestros jovenes en este pais. GRACIAS.*

The following is an email that was sent from the staff members of Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC on Tuesday, September 5th to their many Cabrinian colleagues, friends, benefactors and supporters:

Dear Friends,

This morning Attorney General Jeff Sessions **announced that the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) Program will end on March 5th, 2018**, depriving nearly 800,000 young people of the opportunity to work, study, support their families, and walk down the streets without fear. AG Sessions called this an act of “compassion” and repeatedly referred to our DACAmended brothers and sisters as “illegal aliens,” denying the humanity of our community members and their families. This is not an act of compassion. This act will not only have a devastating impact on the lives of hundreds of thousands of young people and their families, but will also have a negative impact on the United States as a whole, resulting in a significant loss of valuable members of our communities who contribute in a myriad of ways. This cruel, racist and unnecessary decision was made not out of concern for the well-being of our country, but out of a desire to make a political statement and appeal to White Supremacist supporters.

CIS-NYC will respond to this announcement with increased motivation to continue advocating for and serving the immigrant community. In the coming weeks and months we will be offering crisis intervention services, individual and group counseling, legal consultations, case management services and educational Know Your Rights workshops. We call on all of our allies and partners to join us in condemning this decision and continuing to fight against white supremacist attacks on our immigrant communities and communities of color.

Here's what you can do right now:

- Follow CIS-NYC and other immigrant advocacy organizations on social media to stay up to date on upcoming actions, information, and events.
- Donate to CIS-NYC to support our efforts to defend DACA and support our DACAmended community members.

To our DACAmended community members: We are here to support, protect & defend you. Do not hesitate to contact our office: 212-791-4590 if there is anything you need. Please join us on Thursday, September 7th at 7pm at our office for a meeting where we will provide updates on the status of DACA, answer questions, and come together as a community.
cis-nyc.org

In Solidarity,
The Staff at CIS-NYC



Cabrini University's Message re: The DACA Decision

The following letter to the campus community was written by Dr. Donald B. Taylor, President of Cabrini University, in response to the current White House decision regarding the DACA program and the resulting uncertainty regarding the future of these young people.



Dear Cabrini University community,

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) allows individuals who entered the U.S. prior to their 16th birthday to register to remain in the country and to be eligible for work permits. As you may have heard, President Donald Trump has decided to end the DACA program, and has placed the future of DACA recipients in the hands of Congress.

Cabrini University believes that DACA should be renewed to protect the nearly 800,000 DACA recipients who would be at risk of deportation without DACA protection. Having been raised and educated here, most DACA recipients consider America their home, and uprooting these young people would cause them irreparable harm.

Be assured, Cabrini University will do whatever we can to protect all of our students and we will continue to update the campus as we learn more in the weeks and months ahead.

For students who have specific concerns about their DACA status, consider visiting Cabrini's Center on Immigration webpage at cabrini.edu/immigration for more information, or reach out to the Center's Director, Abel Rodriguez, at abel.rodriguez@cabrini.edu.

In October (date/time to be determined), The Center on Immigration and the Wolfington Center will host a **Know Your Rights** workshop for the community. The workshop is designed to provide information to assert one's rights in encounters with law enforcement. This event is free and open to the public.

There are also a number of resources on campus to provide support, including the Wolfington Center, Campus Ministry, Counseling and Psychological Services, and, of course, Cabrini's faculty.

It is important to remember that our University is named for the Patron Saint of Immigrants, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, who along with her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus were tireless champions of immigrants from all walks of life. Today, the Missionary Sisters continue that work and have a corporate stance calling for "Just Policies for Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers." Please join me in praying that our country does the right thing and will soon give permanent legal status to all DACA recipients.

Regards,
Dr. Taylor
Donald B. Taylor, PhD
President

Homily Focuses on Immigrant Challenges during Holy Spirit Liturgy



When Dr. Donald B. Taylor, President of Cabrini University, joined the Cabrini University community he brought with him great energy, new ways of thinking, and new traditions to be inaugurated. One such tradition is that of the Carry the Light ceremony which is held at the beginning of each academic year at the conclusion of the Mass of the Holy Spirit. The candlelight service honors the

memory of members of the Cabrini University Community and the Missionary Sisters who have passed away during the previous year.



This year, the Mass of the Holy Spirit took place during a week in which there was much upheaval in the United States regarding the decision of the current administration in Washington to rescind **DACA - Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals**, an American immigration policy established by the Obama administration in June 2012. DACA allows certain undocumented immigrants who entered the country as minors to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and eligibility for a work permit.

Fr. Carl Janicki, Director of Campus Ministry and University Chaplain, began his homily by saying, *“Over the weekend, in light of the pending DACA decision, I read this piece: ‘Oh, poor immigrants! Exploited many times by those who call themselves their protectors, they are all the more deceived by the very ones who know well how to cover their personal interests with the pretext of charity and love of country.’*

‘I used to see them on my visits to those beloved countrymen, managing the railroad lines in the most remote places in the mountains, miles and miles away from inhabited locations. They are separated many years from their families, removed from the Church and deprived of holy blessings, which Sunday Mass brings to the poor workers in our fields. We want our workers to be able to lay aside their woes, dress in their Sunday best, devote their morning to attending Mass and listening to the homily of God. Then they have the entire day to devote to family and to honorable diversions and can, on the following day, resume work with a rejuvenated spirit.’” Good Christians and Good Citizens ~ Sr. Maria Barbagallo, MSC

Fr. Carl continued, “Mother Cabrini wrote [these words] in 1906 about passing through and around Denver while riding on the Santa Fe Railway to Los Angeles. Care of migrants and refugees is in our DNA. Mother Cabrini has set the path, a way for us to imitate and advance her legacy. For Cabrini, the bar is set high and the expectation great because of the work of our namesake. We have to ask ourselves, how do I provide welcome and sustenance; charity and justice, love of God and neighbor? Now is our opportunity to follow Mother Cabrini’s example and advance her legacy.” ~ *with thanks to Fr. Carl Janicki*

National Shrine Holds Festive Gala

Earlier in the summer, on July 19, 2017, the National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini hosted their 4th Annual Gala. This year's event was held at the Chicago History Museum, an apt place given that Mother Cabrini is truly a part of Chicago's fascinating past.

Over 200 guests were in attendance, including all five of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus who are missioned in Chicago, as well as several visiting MSCs. The Gala honored several of the doctors who helped Mother Cabrini found Columbus Hospital, which served Chicagoans for nearly 100 years. Family members of the



Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC, Director of the National Shrine of St. Cabrini welcomes the benefactors and guests to the Gala held at the Chicago History Museum.

late physicians were on hand to receive their ancestors' accolades and small tokens of appreciation. The Shrine is thankful to all who supported this wonderful event and helped to make it a success! ~ submitted by Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC

To view more pictures from the event, please visit: [Facebook.com/CabriniShrineChicago](https://www.facebook.com/CabriniShrineChicago).



Top photo: It is always wonderful to have Missionary Sisters present for special occasions, from left: Sr. Genet Henok, Sr. Bridget Zanin and Sr. Lucy Panettieri mingled with the guests.

Photo right: Sr. Joaquina Costa, MSC (c.) offers a toast to those who came to support the National Shrine.



Hudson Valley Museum Hosts Cabrini Presentation



Sr. Dianne McKenna, MSC addresses a rapt audience sharing stories of St. Frances Cabrini. Some of the audience members were descendants of the immigrants Mother Cabrini served when she first came to this country.

Every chair was filled when Sister Dianne McKenna, MSC began weaving the story of Saint Frances Cabrini in the Hudson Valley at the Klyne-Esopus Museum near West Park, New York. The audience listened, entranced by the tales of Mother Cabrini and her sisters caring for the immigrants who came more than a hundred years before to live and work in the surrounding countryside. Some of those in attendance were descendants of those same immigrants.

Speaking with energy and enthusiasm, Sister Dianne brought her audience back to the present day by describing how the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart continue their mission among immigrants facing danger and discrimination in the current political climate. This was a homecoming of sorts for the veteran sister, who began her vocation more than fifty years earlier as a novice down the road at West Park. Afterward, as guests wandered among the cases holding clothing and other artifacts loaned to the museum by the St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine, New York City, they peppered Sister Dianne with questions about her vocation. And a few local people told her about miracles that their families had witnessed through prayer to their beloved saint.

The afternoon ended with an invitation to visit Saint Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York City and pray in the quiet surrounding her remains enshrined beneath the main altar. The invitation was eagerly accepted by everyone there. ~ *submitted by Cherie Sprosty*



Articles of clothing worn by Mother Cabrini were on display loaned to the Klyne-Esopus Museum by the St. Cabrini Shrine in New York City.

School Bells are Ringing!



There is a very funny television commercial for Staples that airs right around the time that children are getting ready to go back to school. It shows parents smiling as they glide down the school supply aisle holding on to a shopping cart while the song “It’s That Time of Year” plays in the background. Behind the parent is a very sad child who obviously doesn’t want to return to school. The child walks very slowly and only looks down at the floor.

Well, that was not the case at St. Cabrini Nursing Home, Dobbs Ferry, NY when the children and their parents came to receive much needed school supplies. Both parents and children were smiling from ear to ear! Close to 45 Cabrini Kids and their parents looked in amazement when they saw the backpacks, loose leaf binders, notebooks, pens, pencils and pencil cases, folders, crayons, rulers, glue, markers, etc. that were collected for them. The Resident Council of St. Cabrini Nursing Home sponsored this Mission in Action collection for the benefit of the children of Cabrini Immigrant Services. Their families, friends, visitors, as well as staff and the residents themselves contributed to the drive



These Cabrini Kids certainly will be Smart/Strong/Cool as they begin school with their nifty new school supplies.

The responses from the children were touching. One young lady who is going into fifth grade smiled as she donned her backpack and said, “Now I am really ready to go back to school, I have everything I need!” Another, a boy going into the third grade was so happy that he jumped up and swung his arms and leg as he said, with a big grin on his face, “I’m ready to go back to school!” He also promised that he would study extra hard and do his best not to talk when he shouldn’t. One could read in the facial expressions, the hugs and words of thanks from the parents that they too were very grateful for this “back-to school” surprise.

A special thank you to Bonnie Burke, Vice President of Operations and Administrator of St. Cabrini Nursing Home, for making sure that there were cookies and juice for the children and their parents when they arrived at the nursing home. Another special thanks goes to Brother John Hildreth, the President of the Resident Council and to all of the members of the Council who did another tremendous job carrying out Cabrini of Westchester’s special outreach to immigrants.

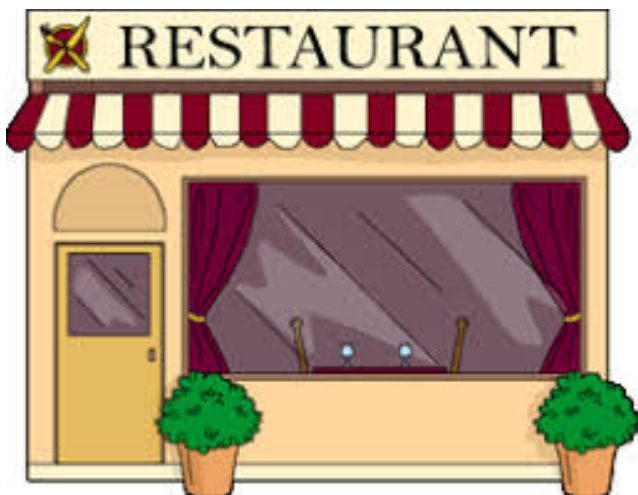
Good luck to all our children as they begin their school year!

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



Nothing like a brand new backpack to put a smile on a youngster’s face!

Cabrini High School Alumnae Host Restaurant Crawl Down Esplanade Avenue



To kick off the new school year, Cabrini High School's Alumnae Office hosted a restaurant crawl by partnering with six local restaurants on Saturday, August 12th for the first annual Dine Around Night on Esplanade Avenue.

The evening began at 6:00 p.m. with alumnae and guests gathering outside Cabrini High School's historic Esplanade Building. After mingling, the group began their walk down Esplanade Avenue where they had numerous options of restaurants they could dine at or hop around.

Restaurants that participated in the crawl included Swirl Wine Bar & Market, 1000 Figs, Café Degas, Lola's, Nonna Mia, and Sante Fe. The restaurants even offered dining specials to Cabrini alumnae.

Cabrini High School's Alumnae Office has a community driven goal for the 2017-2018 School Year. The goal of the Dine Around Night on Esplanade Avenue was to encourage alumnae and their families to dine in the community in which Cabrini High is located, with efforts to continue to give back to a neighborhood that has been kind to the school and its alumnae.

Over 35 alumnae and family members participated in dining out at the local spots. Some alumnae dined in at multiple locations to distribute the outreach.

~ submitted by Katelyn Gross, Communications Director, Cabrini High School



Cabrini High alumnae, spouses, friends and family enjoyed a night of dining on Esplanade Ave.

One Minute Meditation

Joy springs from a grateful heart. Truly, we have received much – so many graces, so many blessings, and we rejoice in this. It will do us good to think back on our lives with the grace of remembrance. Let us seek the grace of remembrance so as to grow in the spirit of gratitude. Let us ask ourselves: are we good at counting our blessings, or have we forgotten to recognize our gifts as blessings from God?

~ Pope Francis

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Upcoming Events



SEPTEMBER 9TH

Sr. Wendy Cotter, CSJ, PhD will be leading an afternoon reflection at the Shrine entitled "The Parables and Wisdom Sayings of Jesus: To Be a Faithful Disciple"

1 pm – 3 pm

\$15/per participant



SEPTEMBER 14TH

OPENING RECEPTION

"Homage to Sr. Frances Xavier Cabrini"

Italian artist Meo Carbone brings his modern art exhibition to the Shrine for its North American debut. Please register on-line for reception.

6 pm – 8 pm

The exhibit runs through 10/22 during normal business hours.



SEPTEMBER 19TH

Centenary Concert
University of Notre Dame
Liturgical Choir

7 pm

This special concert is being held in conjunction with the International Assembly of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Free will donation.

Join the Cabrini of Westchester “300” Club!

Participation in the “300 Club” is limited to 300 members. Each member contributes \$100 and is assigned a number from 1 to 300, providing participants with the opportunity to win up to **\$5,000.00!**

Members will participate in a drawing for the following prizes:

- 1st Number Drawn \$5,000.00
- 2nd Number Drawn \$1,500.00
- 3rd Number Drawn \$1,000.00
- 4th Number Drawn \$ 500.00
- 5th Number Drawn \$ 100.00
- 6th Number Drawn \$ 100.00
- 7th Number Drawn \$ 100.00

Drawing will be held during a wine and cheese reception on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 5:00 pm at Cabrini of Westchester

(115 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522)

Members are invited to the Drawing/Reception.

Winners need not be present.

You can secure your lucky number by calling the Development Office at 914-693-6800 ext. 502 or emailing sherceg@cabrini-eldercare.org.

Prayer Requests

Kathleen Ryan Peterson '68

Prayers are requested for Cabrini (College) University alumna, Kathleen Ryan Peterson '68 who is currently hospitalized and is undergoing tests. It would give Kathleen a great lift to know that we are praying for her return to good health.

In Loving Memory

Jenna Burleigh

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Jenna, a 22 year-old Temple University student, who died tragically last week. Jenna is the niece of Cabrini University alumnus and trustee Joel Zazyczny '89 and Cabrini alumna Jayda Zazyczny Orsatti '92. Please keep the Burleigh and Zazyczny Families in your thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

Of Particular Significance...

Given this week's developments in the United States on DACA – the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals - we as a Cabrinian community, can pause and contemplate in a particularly meaningful way that on **September 8, 1950**, Mother Cabrini was proclaimed Patroness of Immigrants by His Holiness Pope Pius XII. **Following are excerpts from the esteemed proclamation...**



As in the past, but still more in these troubled and difficult times, as we well know, many people have to abandon their homes and go to foreign lands in order to find the means of livelihood or to escape from persecutions and snares of evil men

And so, a woman of flawless virtue and exemplary life arose, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, who dedicated herself to the arduous work of materially and spiritually assisting the immigrants. In many places of North, Central and South America, she established kindergartens for the children of immigrants and opened schools for their boys and girls as well as orphanages. She visited the sick in their homes and comforted prisoners. This great daughter of the Church assisted and still assists the poor class of men and women with that charity.

Properly, therefore, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini has been called "Mother of the Immigrants" and it is especially by this title that she is usually invoked.

For this reason, the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which she founded, all the immigrants, the archbishops and bishops of the United States and Canada have petitioned that we proclaim St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Heavenly Patroness of all the Immigrants with all honors and liturgical privileges. ~ Breve Ponteficio che Proclama S.F.S. Cabrini 'Parona Degli Emigranti'.