



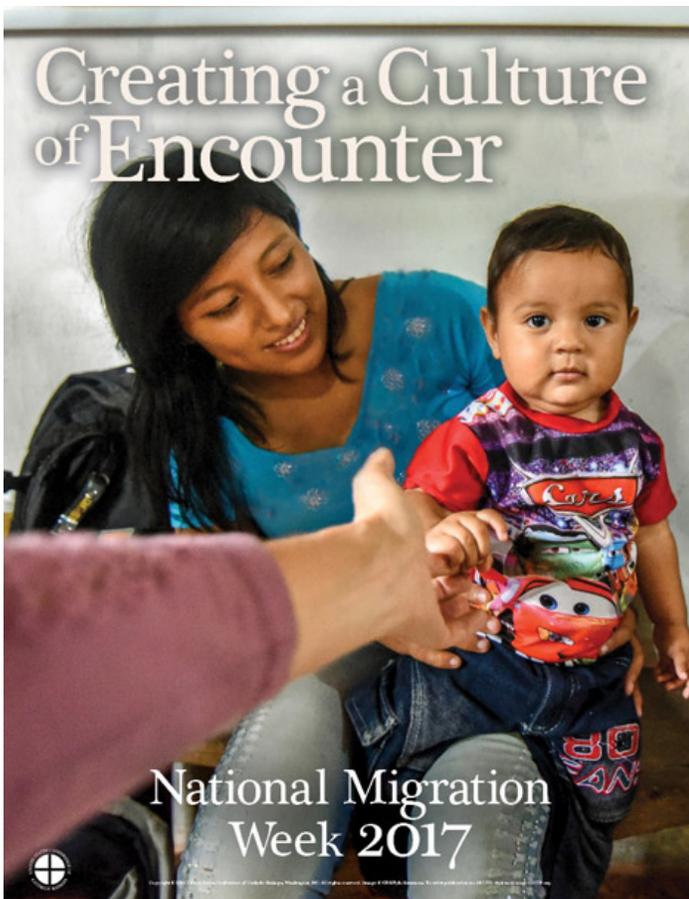
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THE UPDATE

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National Migration Week

January 8-14, 2017
Creating a Culture of Encounter



For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2017 draws attention to Pope Francis' call to create a culture of encounter, and in doing so to look beyond our own needs and wants to those of others around us. In the homily given at his first Pentecost as pope, he emphasized the importance of encounter in the Christian faith: "For me this word is very important. Encounter with others. Why? Because faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others."

With respect to migrants, too often in our contemporary culture we fail to encounter them as persons, and instead look at them as others. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, but remain

aloof to their presence and suspicious of their intentions.

During this National Migration Week, let us all take the opportunity to engage migrants as children of God who are worthy of our attention and support. ~ *from the USCCB website*

To learn more and for further resources, please visit:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week>

The following article has appeared in several Westchester, New York newspapers in recognition of a new program and partnership of Cabrini of Westchester.

White Plains Hospital, Cabrini of Westchester Receive Top Marks For Pulmonary Patient Care



Cabrini of Westchester's Rehabilitation staff work one on one with patients in the program to achieve their optimal level of functioning.

A partnership between White Plains Hospital and [Cabrini of Westchester](#) has created a network recognized as one of the nations' top in lung care, and was recently cited as a best practice in transitions of care for pulmonary patients at the recent PointClickCare SUMMIT, a national conference for healthcare professionals.

Recognizing the need for chronic lung disease care, Cabrini of Westchester established a Pulmonary Rehabilitation program to serve as a step-down program for patients being discharged from area hospitals. In order to reduce re-hospitalizations, last year White Plains Hospital partnered with Cabrini of Westchester to develop a system of patient transition.

As a result of the partnership, Cabrini of Westchester's Pulmonary Program

has enabled White Plains Hospital to decrease its pulmonary-related readmissions from 24 percent to 16.8 percent in the first year of operation, and has increased quality outcomes and patient satisfaction.

"An estimated 250 attendees at the presentation were clearly enthused to learn about how they could adopt this best practice in their healthcare communities," said Karen Hanney, case management/utilization administrator at White Plains Hospital. "We are gratified that by sharing the Cabrini/White Plains Hospital experience, we were able to provide the audience with a deeper knowledge of the latest available tools, tips and best practices to enable them to deliver quality care to the growing, medically complex senior population," she said. Hanney and Lorraine Horgan, vice president of external affairs at Cabrini of Westchester, presented their data from their pulmonary partnership at the PointClickCare Annual SUMMIT in Orlando, Florida earlier this month.

PointClickCare is a national electronic health record organization specializing in post-acute care settings. The SUMMIT drew attendees from all over the country, representing PointClickCare customers, partners and industry experts who gathered to learn about the newest care innovations, best practices and share in the latest insights on emerging technology trends while networking with peers. ~ *submitted by Lorraine Horgan*



Sr. Xavier Hayden, MSC has benefitted greatly from the program and is astonished by her progress:
"After just a month and a half of pulmonary therapy, I don't tire so fast and for the first time in three years, I am walking outside!"



Sharing the True JOY of Christmas



There is nothing more joyous than seeing the glow in the eyes of children during the Christmas season. On December 19th, 29 of our Cabrini Kids who participate in our afterschool homework program at Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, filled our office with so much Christmas joy!

Cabrini of Westchester completed the Year of Mercy by having a Giving Tree, which benefitted CIS. The names of our 29 children were put on the tree along with requests for food cards to Stop and Shop to help our parents.

At the party, the children made candy canes and wreaths out of pipe cleaners and beads, bell necklaces, played pretzel bingo and had fun playing ‘Pin the Red Nose on Rudolph!’ After pizza and punch, the children got very excited because they weren’t sure if Santa would come especially since some of them put their letters to Santa in the mailbox a little late. When they saw their gifts, their eyes widened, their smiles went from ear to ear and the laughter and excitement spread. As they opened their gifts, you would hear,



One of the “Cabrini Kids” had great fun pinning the red nose on Rudolph!

“This is the best gift ever!” “How did Santa know this is exactly the one I meant?”
There is no better gift than seeing the joy in others.

The parents were also thrilled to receive the food cards. So many had tears in their eyes when they realized that they would be able to have a very special holiday meal. How blessed we all were thanks to the generosity of so many people. A special thank you to Bonita Burke, Administrator of St. Cabrini Nursing Home, for having the Giving Tree and allowing us to give our families a very special Christmas.

Thank you to all who participated in the Giving Tree. May God bless everyone for all their generosity.

~ *submitted by Lorraine Campanelli*



The Centenary Celebration Opens at National Shrine



The Shrine Chapel was filled to capacity on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at the start of the Centenary Celebration.

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini began its year-long Centenary Celebration, marking 100 years since Mother Cabrini transitioned to eternal life. The Chapel was filled to capacity on these days. Banners honoring Mother Cabrini and the missions she started around the world were part of the opening and closing processions.

Throughout the year, the National Shrine will host events for this special occasion including a procession along Chicago's lakefront in the Spring; an art exhibit in in Fall; and a special Mass in the winter.

~submitted by Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC

Fr. Richard Fragomeni wrote a prayer for the Centenary that we invite all to meditate upon:

O Gracious God,

Our hearts overflow with gratitude, as we celebrate the centenary of the death of our
Cara Madre, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini.

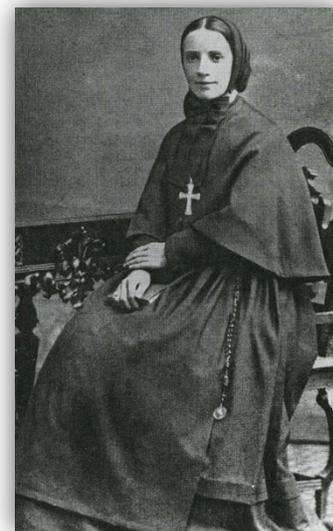
We marvel at the gifts of your grace that flourished in her. Her determined energy, her incessant works of love, her tireless missionary endeavors and her devotion to spreading the Gospel were all inspired by your Holy Spirit.

We thank you for this example and for her presence among us still,
in the great Communion of Saints.

So now, give ear, O God, to us and hear our prayers. Through the intercession of this great saint, the mystical spouse of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, your Son, grant us the graces we plead for so earnestly... (Pause)

By the same Holy Spirit, inspire us to carry with her the struggles of immigrants and refugees. Give us her enthusiasm for the well-being of children and of the sick. Help us to believe that in the heart of Christ, we can find strength to do anything, as she did.

And when our death comes, O Source of Life, may we be ready to breathe our last breath, with Mother Cabrini at our side, gratefully entering the fullness of life, in praise of your glory forever.
Amen.



A Cause for Celebration!



On December 8th, in the MSC House of Formation Chapel at Cabrini-on-Hudson in West Park, NY, Sr. Juana Clarivel Mendoza, MSC (r.) renewed her first vows. With her on this blessed occasion were from left: Missionary Sisters Dianne McKenna, Lucy Panettieri and Aloysia Morelli.

St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine, New York

**FRIDAY
JAN. 13
2:00 PM**

Talk by Fr. John
Francis Xavier Smith



Left to right: Frs. Peter Smith
& John Francis Xavier Smith

CABRINI'S FIRST MIRACLE

*Brother of 'miracle baby' continues
devotion to St. Frances Xavier Cabrini*

Join this rare opportunity to witness Father John Francis Xavier Smith at Saint Frances Cabrini Shrine as he shares the story of the miracle that baffled the medical experts and saved his brother's life. The healing of this New York City infant was the initial miracle that gave the Church our first American saint, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini.

As the beneficiary of the first miracle attributed to St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Father Peter Smith had his eyesight restored and his life saved following a horrific hospital accident just hours after his birth. Now his message of praying to the saints for intercession and for nourishing a devotion to the sacraments is being carried on by his younger brother, also a priest: Father John Francis Xavier Smith.

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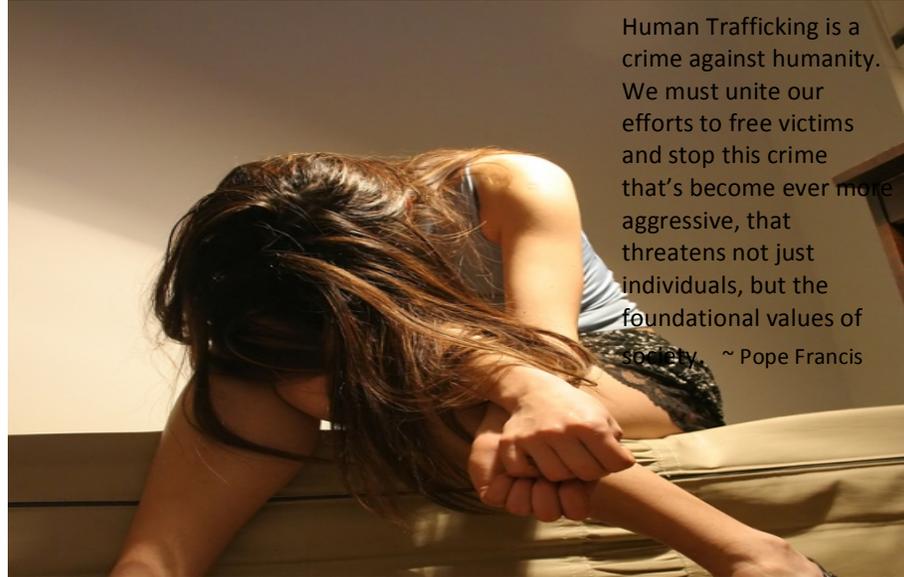
There will be a reception following the talk.

ST. FRANCES CABRINI SHRINE

701 Fort Washington Avenue New York, NY 10040

CAAC

The mission of the Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition is to inform people on human trafficking and to create social change.



Human Trafficking is a crime against humanity. We must unite our efforts to free victims and stop this crime that's become ever more aggressive, that threatens not just individuals, but the foundational values of society. ~ Pope Francis

By Presidential Proclamation, January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. These powerful reminders that slavery endures in the United States compel us to work together to **end human trafficking.**

There are many ways to take action and only you can decide how you will make a difference, but here are a few simple ways you can help the end this heinous crime:

- 1. Pray daily to end Human Trafficking** - <https://www.mothercabrini.org/get-involved/cabrini-action-and-advocacy-coalition>
- 2. Learn the Signs – (Slavery stops when it is exposed)**
- 3. Educate yourself – and then you can help others understand the issue** - <https://www.mothercabrini.org/get-involved/cabrini-action-and-advocacy-coalition>
- 4. Be a voice** - [Send an email](#)
- 5. Start a conversation. Host a viewing of a video on Trafficking in your community, work, school or home. (Contact the MSC Province Formation Office to borrow a film 610-902-1038)**
- 6. Shop Fair Trade** - <http://slaveryfootprint.org> <https://www.novica.com/our-mission>
- 7. Donate to an organization that fights human trafficking and ask about volunteer opportunities**

National Migration Week



During this National Migration Week, we invite and encourage our Update recipients to read this message and contact your legislators on behalf of our migrant and refugee sisters and brothers.

[U.S. Policies Must Affirm Dignity of All Migrants & Refugees](#)

This week, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates [National Migration Week](#), an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, and victims and

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survivors of human trafficking.

On **January 15**, we commemorate the [World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#) by placing a special focus on the most vulnerable who are displaced from their homes: children. Pope Francis says, "I ask everyone to help those who, for various reasons, are forced to live far from their homeland and are separated from their families."

As the U.S. prepares to usher in a new Administration and Congress, [please send a message to your policymakers today letting them know that we must uphold the dignity of all migrants and refugees, both here in the U.S. and abroad.](#)

With more than 65 million people displaced from their homes, we are currently witnessing the worst refugee crisis since World War II. Children and adults are fleeing violence around the globe - in the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, and closer to home in Central America.

In the U.S., immigrants who have been part of our communities for years experience the threat of detention, deportation, and family separation. It is imperative that our communities continue to provide a warm and welcoming presence to newcomers, so that they know they belong and can contribute to our communities' ongoing prosperity.

[Urge your elected officials to support humane reforms that affirm the dignity of all migrants and recognize the contributions of immigrants and refugees in our communities.](#)

Thank you for taking action today.

Timothy P. Kesicki, S.J.

Fr. Timothy P. Kesicki, S.J., President Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States

Fr. Leo J. O'Donovan, S.J., Interim Executive Director Jesuit Refugee Service/USA

[Take Action](#)

Prayer Requests

Gabriel

Please pray for Gabriel who is 28 weeks pregnant and experiencing complications in her pregnancy. Pray that all will be well with this expectant mother and her unborn child.

Sr. Grace Waters, MSC requests prayers for her friends...

Sr. Carol Wagman, Sister of Divine Compassion and Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, SC

Please pray for each of the Sisters who are undergoing medical tests.

Villa Cabrini Academy Alumnae and Friends prayer requests...

Delia Floria Gonzales (VCA '65)

Delia is recovering from shoulder surgery at this time. She would be grateful for your prayers.

Mary Kittelberger Lirhus (VCA '60)

Mary, the sister of **Buena Kittelberger Joshi (VCA '62)**, is on hospice at home after a week in the hospital. Please pray for her comfort.

Gisela Von Huene Slonneger (VCA '63)

Gisela is recovering from surgery for breast cancer. Please keep her in your prayers as her recovery continues.

In Loving Memory...

Richard Foster

Richard, the husband of **Patricia Coughlin Foster (VCA '61)**, passed away on December 29, 2016. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for condolences for Patricia and her family.

With a Grateful Heart

A Message from Sr. Martha Lopez Prada, MSC ...

My soul feels deep gratitude to each one of you, for your spiritual support, for your closeness, for accompanying me in one way or another on that important day of my Consecration to the Lord! It is beautiful to note that I do not go alone on the road, that you who as my family, are ready to support me, to encourage me, to push me on some occasions and on other occasions you have me slow down or stop me!

Thank you for being part of my story, for walking with me, for laughing and also for crying with me! Thank you for being a part of my Celebration! You have definitely filled the gap that is inevitably left due to my family being away on such a special day as this. May the Lord reward your affection and your show of fraternity and solidarity! You have left a deep footprint on my soul ... and remember: it only leaves a footprint, the one who steps with force! With deep admiration and respect, Your sister, Martha



In Loving Memory

Sr. Marie Louise D'Antonio, MSC

Please pray for Sr. Marie Louise who was called home to God on Monday, January 9th. Sr. Marie Louise's Mass of the Resurrection will be tomorrow, Friday, January 13th at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY.

Josephine Falcone

The Cabrinian Community joins the Cabrini University community in extending condolences to Cindy Falcone, a Business Office staff member, on the recent loss of her mother-in-law Josephine.

Loretta Dellapia O'Fria

Your prayers are asked for Loretta, a 1961 graduate of Cabrini College. Loretta passed away on December 27th. She is the mother of Lori O'Fria Cellucci a 1987 Cabrini College graduate. Please pray for Loretta's husband, Carl, and for the entire O'Fria Family at this sad time.

Jacqueline Roddy

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jacqueline Roddy, a former Vice President of Development at Cabrini College. Jacqueline passed away on December 7, 2016. Jacqueline mentored many alumnae in the early years of the College as they volunteered their time. It was she who laid the foundation for the creation of the College's alumni association. She will be missed by many as a friend and as an inspiration.

Martin Sarafian

Lisa Sarafian, a Cabrini Companion, requests prayers for Martin Sarafian the husband of her mother-in-law Lynn, (nee Church) who attended Mother Cabrini High School. Lisa is very grateful for the prayers of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community

Sr. Mary Louise Sullivan, MSC

We are saddened by the death of Sr. Mary Louise Sullivan, MSC, Ph.D, Cabrini College Class of 1963. Sr. Mary Louise was called home to God on Tuesday, January 10th at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY. Sr. Mary Louise served as President of Cabrini College from 1972 – 1982. She was the author of the book entitled *Mother Cabrini, Italian Immigrant of the Century*". She worked on aspects of immigration at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. and later served as a Director of the Scalabrini Pastoral Institute for Migration Studies. Her funeral Mass will be tomorrow at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY. At a later date, a Mass will be offered for her at Cabrini University.





A Prayer for Migrant Families



Good and gracious God,
we thank you for the gift of families.
We are grateful for all of the joy and love
that they bring into our lives,
and we ask that you provide
special protection for all families,
particularly those who face hardships
as they move in search of a better life.
Show mercy to those who travel in danger,
and lead them to a place of safety and peace.
Comfort those who are alone and afraid because
their families have been torn apart by violence
and injustice.

As we reflect upon the difficult journey
that the Holy Family faced as refugees in Egypt,
help us to remember the suffering of all migrant families.

Through the intercession of Mary our Mother,
and St. Joseph the Worker, her spouse,
we pray that all migrants may be reunited with their
loved ones

and find the meaningful work they seek.
Open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality
for all who come in search of refuge.

Give us the courage to welcome every stranger
as Christ in our midst.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.