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“Migrants and Refugees Don’t Represent a Problem to Be Solved; They are Brothers and Sisters to be Welcomed, Respected and Loved.”

~Pope Francis

Early in January 2018, the Department of Homeland Security announced termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for El Salvador. TPS is a temporary, renewable, and statutorily-authorized humanitarian migration program that permits individuals to remain and work lawfully in the U.S. during a period in which it is deemed unsafe for nationals of that country to return home. There are nearly 200,000 Salvadoran TPS recipients living in the United States.



Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Texas, Chairman of the Committee on Migration (USCCB/COM), issued the following statement:

“The decision to terminate TPS for El Salvador is heartbreaking. As detailed in our recent [delegation trip report](#) to the region, El Salvador is currently not in a position to adequately handle the return of the roughly 200,000 Salvadoran TPS recipients. Today’s decision will fragment American families, leaving over 192,000 U.S. citizen children of Salvadoran TPS recipients with uncertain futures.

Families will be needlessly separated because of this decision.

We believe that God has called us to care for the foreigner and the marginalized: ‘So you too should love the resident alien, for that is what you were in the land of Egypt’ (Deut. 10:19). Our nation must not turn its back on TPS recipients and their families; they too are children of God.”

DHS has provided an 18-month period (through September 9, 2019) during which TPS recipients from El Salvador can legally stay in the United States and prepare for their departure. While we recognize and appreciate this extra time, it will not remedy the underlying protection and family unity concerns that remain for Salvadoran TPS recipients.

We renew our call to Congress to work in a bipartisan manner to find a legislative solution for long-term TPS recipients, and we stand ready to support such efforts. TPS recipients are an integral part of our communities, churches, and nation. Without action by Congress, however, recipients’ lives will be upended and many families will be devastated. As with DACA, we strongly urge Congressional members and leadership to come together and address this issue as soon as possible.

To Salvadoran TPS recipients, we promise to continue to stand in solidarity with you and pray for you and your families, and all those who are displaced or forced to flee from their homes.”

~Justice for Immigrants

Catholic Relief Services Responds to El Salvador Termination

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) issued the following statement in response:

We strongly condemn [the] decision to terminate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for El Salvador.

Terminating TPS will tear families apart; negatively affect communities both here in the United States and in El Salvador that depend on TPS holders for economic support; and undercut the United States’ goal to reduce poverty, decrease irregular migration and promote citizen security in the region. From our experience working with the Catholic Church and other local partners in El Salvador, the Salvadoran government does not have adequate humanitarian capacity to receive, protect, or integrate back into society safely this many people.



We call on Congress to pass bipartisan legislation to protect long-term TPS recipients, including 200,000 Salvadorans currently living in the United States. CRS will continue to stand with and advocate for Salvadoran TPS recipients as they face uncertain futures.

“Those protected by TPS until today are loving mothers and fathers to U.S.-born children, successful home and business owners and productive members of our communities and churches,” said Bill O’Keefe, CRS vice president for Government Relations and Advocacy.

“To terminate TPS is to disregard the potential human impact this decision could have on families and communities.” *~ Catholic Relief Services website*

Urge Lawmakers to Work Together for an Immediate Solution for Dreamers

The fate of nearly 1.8 million Dreamers remains uncertain as Congress has yet to reach a bipartisan deal to protect these youths. On January 22nd, Congress passed a short-term spending bill that will fund the government through February 8th, ending the government shutdown. The bill did not include protections for Dreamers, however, parties have agreed to continue negotiations and work towards a fix.

Unfortunately, every day that passes without a solution is a day where DACA youth fall out of status and lose their ability to go to school, serve in the military, and work legally. *~ Justice for Immigrants*

Contact your legislator now. To learn more:

<https://apps.rackspace.com/a/webmail.php?wsid=72ecb38dd35968c0283622d7c9145338a1ef7441>

Share the Journey: Meet Our Neighbor

The Department of Homeland Security has terminated the Central American Minors (CAM) parole program. This program provided critical temporary protection and a legal avenue for vulnerable children from El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala to reunify with their parents in United States. Through this program, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops / Migration and Refugee Services was able to assist children like Lucia – whose story is below – escape violence and find safety in the U.S.

Lucia's Story

Lucia* was living in El Salvador with her grandmother when, at the age of 16, she became a target for local gangs. After refusing to become a gang member's "girlfriend," the gang threatened Lucia's life as well as that of her family. Facing daily harassment, Lucia lived in constant fear for her safety. She could no longer even attend school due to the danger posed by the gang. Through the CAM parole program, Lucia was able to find a safe and legal way to escape this danger and reunite with her mother who was living in the United States. Without the daily threat of violence hanging over her, Lucia is thriving. She is attending high school and maintaining a 4.0 GPA.



*Lucia's name and photo identity has been changed to protect her privacy.

~ *The Faces of Migration, Justice for Immigrants*

A Prayer for Migrants ... A Student Responds

Recognizing St. Frances X. Cabrini as the Patron Saint of Immigrants, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) reached out to Cabrini University for assistance in creating a prayer card. CLINIC asked for an original prayer to Mother Cabrini for the protection of migrants. The prayer was taken from a reflection by one of the students in Mrs. Cindy Ross' class, *ECG100: Immigration Coming to America*. The prayer card is given to clients and patrons. CLINIC's network includes more than 300 nonprofit legal immigration programs that provides training, agency support, advocacy and public education to promote the dignity and protect the rights of immigrants. CLINIC also represents immigrant religious workers in the U.S.

~ submitted by Anne Schwelm, Cabrini University

*Mother Cabrini,
Patron of Immigrants,
who came to help those like me,
who abandoned everything we knew.*

*We left country, family,
and friends to find a safer place.
You embraced the freedom of America
and I embrace it now.*

*Sometimes I'm afraid,
anxious, and overwhelmed.*

*I may be criticized, ridiculed, and
misunderstood because I look,
speak, and act differently.*

*Yet, your love for all, especially the poor
and the refugee, is my guiding light.*

It gives me hope.

*And I offer the prayer now,
that you so boldly prayed then,*

*"Dear God, fortify me with the grace of your
Holy Spirit and give your peace to my soul."*

Amen.

Written by a Cabrini University student

This prayer card is created by the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.
To learn about supporting immigrants, visit www.cliniclegal.org.

Announcing a Cabrini Pilgrimage

From the Province Formation Office:

We wanted to let you know that we are planning our last in a series of Cabrini Pilgrimages to take place in Chicago. The gathering will begin on **Saturday afternoon, April 21, 2018 and end on Wednesday afternoon, April 25, 2017**. We will be staying at the Cenacle Retreat Center, 513 W. Fullerton Parkway, Chicago, IL 6061, visit/tour the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini as well as the Cabrini Retreat Center.

The gathering will focus on the principles of Sacred Heart spirituality and practical applications of learnings from Mother Cabrini's charism and ministry. The content and process of the pilgrimage will be presented by Mark Davis, please see bio below; Nancy Golen (Director, Cabrini Retreat Center) and MSCs.

The Pilgrimage is both a personal and communal process, with the goals of:

- Engaging and inspiring the lived experience of the participants in their connection with Cabrini;
- Furthering the understanding of Cabrinian heritage. In order to achieve these goals, the experience will offer a balance of content input, immersion experiences and reflective processes.

The cost of the Pilgrimage is \$500 which covers all meals/lodging & the program. For those who live locally - a \$180.00 Day Guest rate is available, which includes meals, program **(no overnight guest room)**. **A \$150 deposit is required to reserve your place. Please make checks payable to the Missionary Sisters.**

Space is limited so please fill out the registration form (next page) and return **ASAP** to the Province Formation Office or contact the Province Formation Office to reserve your spot (cabriniformation@mothercabrini.org).

We do hope you will be able to join us and share in this exciting formative experience!



Meet Our Pilgrimage Facilitator



Mark Davis

Mark is an experienced international consultant, facilitator and trainer working very successfully in a wide variety of ecclesial contexts for over twenty years. He is acclaimed as a highly skilled facilitator in groups small and large.

Central to his work is the creation of interpersonal environments where graceful conversation may take place and his particular interest is in the nature of religious charisms and how they may be shared more widely than their original founding vision.

Registration Form
Cabrini Retreat/Pilgrimage
Chicago, IL

Saturday, April 21, 2018 – Wednesday, April 25, 2018



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Cabrini Affiliation: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Job Title: _____

____ I will attend

____ \$500.00 Includes meals, program, overnight guest room

____ \$180.00 Day Guest includes meals, program **(no overnight guest room)**

If you need to reserve an overnight guest room, for any extra night(s), please indicate under "Other Special Needs."

Other Special Needs: _____

Please return this form ASAP to the Province Formation Office with your check (made payable to Missionary Sisters) to:

MSC Formation Office
Cabrini University - Cottage
610 King of Prussia Road
Radnor, PA 19087
Attn: Karol Brewer

For more information: <https://www.motherscbrini.org/news-and-publications/announcing-a-cabrini-pilgrimage-in-chicago/>

From the Province Formation Team and the National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC)



Let GOD
speak to your heart...

Come and See Weekend
for men and women,
21 - 45, who are
wondering
if God is calling them
to religious life.

February 2 - 4, 2018

Mount Saint Joseph Convent
9701 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19118

3:00 - 6:00 Arrival on Friday with
until 2:00PM on Sunday

Offering for the Weekend: \$60.00 (Deposit is 30.00).
Spaces are limited.

For more information or to register for the weekend:
Go to <https://vuc.formstack.com/forms/discernmentretreats>

JESUS invites: "Come and follow me".

Sponsored by an intercongregational team of vocation directors, the Delaware Valley Member Area of the National Religious Vocation Conference is hosting a discernment weekend for men and women ages 21-45 on February 2 – 4 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Convent in Philadelphia. **Registration closes on January 26th.** The Missionary Sisters will be a part of the presenting team. If you know any young man or woman who might be open to religious life as a vocational path, please encourage them to attend. The cost of the weekend is \$60, but, NRVC will help to defray the cost.

For more information, please contact Nancy Costello:

mscvocations@mothercabrini.org

610-902-1039

Prayer Requests

A Friend of Cabrini University

A friend of Cabrini University is requesting the prayers of the Cabrinian Community for a successful pregnancy for her son and daughter-in-law.

Robert W. Guerri, Sr.

Your prayers are asked for Robert Guerri, Sr., the father of Linda Roscioli of Sodexo Dining Services at Cabrini University. Mr. Guerri has been very ill with the flu and is currently recuperating in a rehabilitation center. Please pray for his steady recovery and for his daughter, Linda, who is taking care of him.

Sherry Peters

Your prayers are requested for Sherry Peters, a staff member at Cabrini University, who is requesting prayers for a successful surgery next week. Let us join with her in prayer.

Prayers for the Missionary Sisters

Prayers are being offered for the Missionary Sisters by the Cloistered Dominican Nuns at the Monastery of the Infant Jesus in Lufkin, Texas, at the request of Sr. Maria Cabrini, O.P. in honor of the Anniversary of the Centenary of Mother Cabrini's passing into eternal life. On behalf of all of their sisters, Sr. Maria Cabrini writes, "we will share our prayer life, sacrifice and good works on behalf of your community."

Thank you, Sr. Maria Cabrini, and your community for your prayer enrollment. We will be keeping your community in prayer, as well.

