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THE UPDATE

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## And a little child shall lead them...

by Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB - *for the National Catholic Reporter*



Students gather near the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. to demand stricter gun laws .

Between 1900 and 2018 there have been at least 146 protest marches and rallies, gatherings of people to express their social and political views, in Washington, D.C. It is a time-honored way of making sure that the government “hears” the people, their passion and their political aspirations. The First Amendment allows this kind of speech and the government protects it.

Now we have another protest brewing, the March for Our Lives, which is being led by students. This First Amendment display of complaint is to protest the use of the Second Amendment to protect the widespread availability of military-style weapons on American streets.

It’s difficult to tell exactly what is driving the student anti-gun demonstrations that are taking place all across the country: It may, of course, be

the actions of the most recent shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas in High School in Parkland, Florida.

On the other hand, it may equally be the non-action of adults. Since the shootings at Columbine in 1999, at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012, and the 50 other mass murders or attempted mass murders at schools since then – 17 of them by children under the age of 15 – not one piece of national legislation has been passed to either stop the shootings or protect the victims, though some has at the state level.

Since no one else is doing anything about it, the young people have taken it upon themselves. They lay the responsibility directly at the feet of the politicians who define themselves as the guardians of the democracy. The students’ March for Our Lives on Washington, D.C. scheduled for March 24, defines three issues for resolution: age restrictions on gun purchase, a ban on assault-style weapons, and the demilitarization of police forces.

The point is that we now have two tragedies here: the first is the mounting numbers of deaths in classrooms, the second is the seeming political indifference to it. Where being re-elected in a country obsessed with guns is obviously more important than protecting schoolchildren, politicians have refused to regulate the sale of guns by either age or category.



As a result, young people can get a gun in the United States before they get a diploma and with it the hoped-for control it takes to decide how and when to use it. Worse, adults argue back at student activists with a straight face that taking military-style weapons off the streets would violate the Second Amendment rights of sportsmen. The adult arguments clearly do not persuade: “Protect children, not guns” one of the protest signs says, as students walk through city streets in protest. ~NCR

To read the complete story:

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/where-i-stand/and-little-child-shall-lead-them>

A youngster stands in silence for 17 minutes by herself during her math class in support of National Walkout Day.

## Praying for Their Student Peers



Sr. Renee Kittelson, MSC (4<sup>th</sup> r.) leads the CHS students in the rosary during the National Walkout Day.

Along with the rest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Cabrini High School (CHS) gathered together for a 17-minute rosary prayer service on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 to end violence in schools. Led by the Cabrini Rosary Club, the entire student body, faculty, and staff said two decades of the rosary, our Family Prayer, and students rang bells 17 times in honor of the 17 people who lost their lives in the Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy. ~submitted by Katelyn Gross, CHS

## Share the Journey: Meet Our Neighbor

Ali\* shares his story:



I was born in Somalia. There are six children in my family and our mum and my father passed away due to illness. I left my country when I was young and moved all the way from Africa to Europe. The journey was not easy and it took me close to a year to get to Ukraine, but I was not satisfied because it was not my final destination.

My transition to the life in the United States was not easy because I had to overcome lots of difficult language and cultural differences and I did not have parents to support me.

There is a big difference between the U.S. and my country. Here, there are many laws, but my country was lawless. My life is good at the moment. I graduated from high school and I am in college using every possible opportunity I get. I wish I knew that life here is not as easy as you think. You have to work very hard.

The hardest part was the long process of waiting at the camp to be resettled.

I would like to share this advice for parents. They should encourage and motivate their children to go to school and attend after school programs. They should also be in touch with their children's teachers and counselors. America is an open society with many opportunities and they should use them because they are lucky to be here.

I also have some advice for teachers. My senior English teacher made my transition easier. She is an inspiring teacher. She motivated me a lot and has a sense of humor. Teachers should get to know their students well and help them with classes, homework and some students' fear to speak in public.

Additionally, I have some advice for immigrant teens. Work hard and never get into drugs or alcohol; they will ruin your life. Just pay attention and do what is right.

My future goals? I want to study international relations so that I can help the U.S. relations with the rest of the world. One day I want to go back to my country and make it democratic, like it used to be before the civil war. ~ *Justice for Immigrants*

*\*Not his real name or photo image*



## A Neighborly Gesture of Welcome



Cabrini High School Principal Yvonne Hrapmann (c) and President Jack Truxillo (c.r.) make the presentation of the Cabrini plaque to Fr. Hemelt, the pastor of Holy Rosary Parish.

On March 14, Cabrini High School presented a plaque of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini to Holy Rosary, the Catholic parish located next door to Cabrini High School. Fr. Jonathan Hemelt, the new pastor, graciously accepted the gift. It will be placed at the entrance of the church.

*~ submitted by Katehyn Gross, CHS*

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## Palm Sunday

Each Gospel sought the meaning of Jesus' suffering and death, not only for Jesus' life but for all human life. For Mark, the death of Jesus is the climax of a life for others. In his passage from death to life, Jesus is proclaimed as the triumphant son of man. His death reveals God's power at work in weakness. The way of the disciple must be the way of the cross. The church is, through the experience of the cross, to be a non-triumphant, reconciled church that must be open to outsiders. The church is called to be a living "temple" open to all people and suffused with the spirit of the crucified Christ, The passion reveals that the redemptive mission of the church is world-wide and costly.



*~ Donald Senior, CP  
The Passion of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark*

# Updating the MSC Educational Project



Missionary Sisters in Central America and Mexico along with lay leaders of their schools met to review the Cabrinian Educational Project.

In the week of February 26 to March 2, 2018, a meeting was held in Nicaragua to update the Educational Project. The general objective was to "Formulate the Cabrinian Educational Project of Nicaragua". The sisters of Central America and Mexico and the directors of the educational institutions in Nicaragua participated.

In this meeting, the current Educational Project will be reviewed, evaluated and modified. The second phase will be held in May of this year. It was also an opportunity to work on greater integration and share experiences.

~ submitted by Sr. Maria Elena Plata, MSC

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CABRINI IMMIGRANT SERVICES OF NYC

*"Heart of Cabrini"*  
*Benefit Dinner*

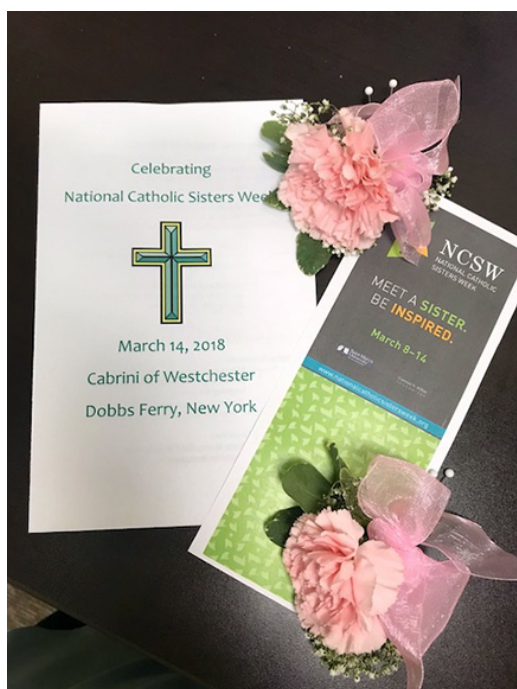
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Executive Director & Co-Founder of United We Dream

FOR MORE INFO & TO PURCHASE  
TICKETS GO TO:  
[www.cis-nyc.org/heart-of-cabrini-benefit-dinner-2018](http://www.cis-nyc.org/heart-of-cabrini-benefit-dinner-2018)  
or contact us at 212-791-4590 ext. 100

# Cabrini of Westchester Celebrates National Catholic Sisters Week

On Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, Cabrini of Westchester joined in the National Celebration of Catholic Sisters Week, with the theme “Meet a Sister, Be Inspired”.



Each of the 44 religious sisters who reside at St. Cabrini Nursing Home, along with Sr. Adeodata Gatti, MSC and Sr. Romualda Molon, MSC and visiting Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC and Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC received a pink corsage before Mass alerting everyone that this indeed was a special day. Bookmarks were also distributed to all for the celebration which included a prayer for the world and for the sisters on the reverse side.

Fr. Edwin Robinson, OFM offered the 11:00 am Mass in gratitude for the dedication and many years of service through the chosen vocations of the Sisters. The Liturgy was further enhanced with Susan Herceg and Lorraine Campanelli leading the congregation in song. Father Edwin, in his homily on St. John's Gospel, thanked all of the religious sisters for their vocations, be they teachers, nurses, administrators, etc., all vocations drawn and served by love.

In her closing remarks, Patricia Krasnausky, President and CEO, noted that St. Cabrini Nursing Home is blessed to have over 44 religious sisters currently in residence from at least ten different religious congregations. Pat challenged us all to remember how many of our lives were touched and shaped by the Sisters throughout our education. These Sisters continue to be an inspiration to us all.

*~ submitted by Susan Strangio, Cabrini of Westchester*

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Kindly note this updated information:

Sr. Archangel Turco, MSC  
has a new room number and phone:

St. Cabrini Nursing Home – Room 332  
115 Broadway  
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522  
Phone: 914-478-4036

***“What is a legacy?  
It’s planting seeds in a garden you never get to see.”\****

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*Can we see your Hamiltons?  
Even one would make a difference.*

**During Lent, don’t give up! Please give!**

This Lent, we are asking you, our Cabrini friends and family, to give the gift of education to a young student at Technical Institute La Inmaculada.



**Make a gift of:**

**One Hamilton (\$10)** and you will educate a child for **ten days**.  
**Two Hamiltons (\$20)** and you will educate a child for **twenty days**.  
**Three Hamiltons (\$30)** and you will educate a child for **thirty days**.  
**Four Hamiltons (\$40)** and you will educate a child for **forty days**.  
**Twenty-six Hamiltons (\$260)** and you will educate a child for **one year**.  
**Fifty-two Hamiltons (\$520)** and you will educate a child for **two years**.

Please give hope for a child’s future.

**Can you make a gift of \$1 per day for each day of Lent?**

The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus serve over 1,200 students who would otherwise not have access to technical education. Students at La Inmaculada can be trained in computer science, culinary arts and other specialties.

**Your Hamilton(s) can help these young students rise above the economic devastation in their region.**

**TO DONATE:**

<http://cabrinifoundation.org/donate/lets-see-hamilton-lenten-campaign/>

**Cabrini Mission Foundation  
222 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 5E, New York, NY 10003  
212-228-8608**

\*Alexander Hamilton, “The World was Wide Enough” from the musical “Hamilton” by Lin Manuel Miranda





We would like to invite the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to be our guests at this event. Please RSVP to Susan Herceg at (914) 693-6800 ext. 502 or [sherceg@cabrini-eldercare.org](mailto:sherceg@cabrini-eldercare.org) if you plan on attending.



# Prayer Requests

## ***A request for on-going healing***

We have received a request from someone who has experienced a medical set-back and is in need of our prayers. Kindly keep this person's intentions in your thoughts.

## ***A prayer for a young child***

Madeline Bialecki has requested prayers for a friend and her family. Her friend's 7 year-old grandson has brain cancer and the doctor has recommended hospice. Please pray for the comfort of this child and for the strength and comfort of his family.

## ***Sr. Addise Agago, MSC***

Your on-going prayers are invited for Sr. Addise who continues to experience some intra-ocular pressure in her eyes. Pray that this condition may soon resolve.

## ***Adelina Mora***

Your prayers are asked for Adelina Mora, the mother of Sr. Marisel Mora, who had heart surgery this week. Sr. Marisel is with her mother in Argentina. Let us pray that her surgery went successfully and that she will experience a full recovery.

## ***Renzo Gatti***

Please pray for Renzo, the brother of Sr. Adeodata Gatti, MSC, who will be undergoing tests this week in Italy.



## ***Sr. Regina Palamara, MSC***

Please remember Sr. Regina in your prayers. She was admitted to the hospital over this past weekend. Pray that she will soon be feeling better.

## ***Nancy Alford Panganiban***

Your prayers are asked for Nancy Panganiban who will be undergoing medical tests. Pray that she will experience favorable results.

## ***Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC***

Join in prayer, please, for Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC who will be having surgery next week at Beth Israel Hospital in New York. Pray that Sr. Arlene will recover quickly.

# In Loving Memory

## ***Mrs. Marjorie Hrapmann***

Kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Hrapmann, the mother-in-law of Yvonne Hrapmann, the Principal of Cabrini High School in New Orleans. Mrs. Marjorie Hrapmann had just celebrated her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. Let us hold the Hrapmann Family in our prayers at this sad time.

***Anthony J. Mullen***

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Anthony “Tony” Mullen who passed away suddenly last week. Please keep the Mullen Family in your prayers at this sad time.

***Paul Neubelt***

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Neubelt who recently passed from this life, and for the consolation of his family and friends. Paul was a dedicated trustee of Cabrini Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation for many years before illness kept him from continuing to serve on the Board. .



## We Wish to See Jesus

These words, like so many others in the Gospels, go beyond this particular episode and express something universal. They reveal a desire that passes through the ages and cultures, a desire present in the heart of so many people who have heard of Christ, but have not yet encountered him.

To those who are searching for God, we can offer three things: the Gospel, the crucifix and the witness of our faith. The Gospel: there we can encounter Jesus, listen to him, know him. The crucifix: the sign of the love of Jesus who gave himself for us. And then a faith that is expressed in simple gestures of fraternal charity, but, mainly in the coherence of life, between what we say and what we do.

~ Pope Francis  
Words of Grace