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THE UPDATE

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# ALLELUIA!

## Alleluia! – He is Risen!

Praise God everywhere on earth and in space.  
All creation wildly applauds the Almighty One!  
Praise God to the outermost edges of the universe and beyond.  
Praise God, all you supernovas and supermarkets,  
All you mosques and marketplaces,  
All you cathedrals and cabarets,  
All you temples and tennis courts.

## Alleluia! – He is Risen!

Praise God with resounding symbols,  
and with crashing markets.  
Praise God, you powerful majestic pipe organs  
and you New Orleans jazz bands.  
Praise God, you circus carousel calliopes,  
and you castanet-clicking gypsy caravans.  
Praise God all you with dancing feet,  
and all you with walkers and canes.

## Alleluia! – He is Risen!

Praise our Great God of Ten Thousand Names.  
Praise God, all you holy saints in heaven.  
Praise God, all you halo-less saints on earth.  
Let everything that lives on the earth  
and in the oceans and seas and space,  
praise the LIFE that is and was and shall ever be.



## Share the Journey: Meet Our Neighbor

Mitsu\* and her brother, born and raised in Haiti, came to the U.S. on student visas to attend college. In 2010, during the course of their studies, Haiti was hit with a 7.0-magnitude earthquake, which devastated the country. Due to the severity of the earthquake, the U.S. government designated Haiti for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). TPS is a temporary, renewable, and statutorily authorized immigration status that allows 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.



Mitsu and her brother applied for and received TPS, providing them protection and permitting them to continue their studies. Mitsu now works as a physician assistant, allowing her to help financially support her parents back in Haiti. With the current TPS designation for Haiti set to expire shortly, Mitsu's future is uncertain. As she notes: "The possibility of having the TPS program terminated, and consequently our temporary visas not renewed is a stress that we are constantly living with."

Mitsu speaks to her parents frequently of conditions in Haiti and knows that the country has not yet recovered from the earthquake and subsequent hurricanes. "Haiti is nowhere near in a condition to support its current residents let alone receive citizens currently living abroad."

Mitsu hopes that Congress will take action and find a long-term solution for Haitian TPS recipients. "We have done everything the right way [in applying for TPS and consistently renewing]; yet, still find ourselves entangled within the immigration debate."

*\*Not her real name or photo image*

*~ Justice for Immigrants*



**Share the  
Journey**   
#sharejourney

Supporting refugees and migrants can take many forms, and Pope Francis is hoping Catholics around the world will act over the next two years to encounter people on the move. Share the Journey is an initiative of Caritas Internationalis, the global network of Catholic charitable agencies. It is meant to urge Catholics to understand and get to know refugees and migrants who have fled poverty, hunger, violence, persecution and the effects of climate change in their homeland. ~ *Share the Journey, Caritas website*

# Catholic School Students Join Peers in **March For Our Lives**

*by Rhina Guidos, Catholic News Service*

In the parish hall of Holy Trinity Church in Washington, D.C., elders handed markers to younger members of the parish as they filled in posted with the Gospel-based message from the Book of Isaiah that they wanted others to see at the March for Our Lives: “And the children will lead us.”



Students from Mercyhurst Prep School in Erie, PA raised more than \$1,100 to fund their trip to D.C. for the March.

The young Catholics joined the tens of thousands of students across the country who participated on March 24 in a massive demonstration along Washington’s Pennsylvania Avenue, the main road that connects the White House to the U.S. Capitol, where both houses of Congress meet – the institutions many of them say are to blame for countless young lives lost over the years to gun violence.

The event was organized by survivors and friends of those who died at Florida’s Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School where 17 died. Those who showed up to the march said were there to support the march organizers and to applaud their effort.

“They were the spark... finally, someone had to do something about it,” said Sofia Alpizar, a student at George Washington University. She was in the pews at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church watching her younger sisters Viviana and other Catholic school students who had gathered for reflection and

Mass before taking to the streets.

“Don’t let this march be the only thing you do,” Viviana implored, as other students shared the reasons why they were participating.

J’Ta Freeman, a junior at Bishop McNamara High School, said, “bullets have no name, they have no race, no gender... they don’t care who you are. They will hit any and everybody. We need to take these guns off the street.”

Referencing the alleged gunman in the Parkland, Florida, school shooting, she said, “It should not be that easy for a 19 year-old male to put a gun in a guitar case, get in an Uber, go to the school” and snuff out lives so easily.

“It is not OK, it should never be OK. After this march, I hope, we will need to take action. The people in charge need to hear us,” she said.

Some bishops took to Twitter to express support for the young participants. Chicago’s Cardinal Blaise J. Cupich said via Twitter that he was blessing local “youth joining the March for Our Lives in Washington, D.C. Let us listen to the voices of our young people and support stronger gun-safety measures.”

~ Catholic News Service

To read the full articles: <http://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2018/catholic-school-students-join-peers-in-march-against-gun-violence.cfm>

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/people/galvanized-marchers-take-over-washington-streets-demand-gun-law-reform>



March for Our Lives rallies took place all over the U.S. and in many foreign countries. In West Chester, PA, pictured here, students were joined by their parents and grandparents.





## Enhancing Family Literacy

So often we hear the expression, “Time, Talent and Treasure.” It was the combination of all three that created the “Enhancing Family Literacy” program at Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, NY.

What started as a dream, turned into a reality when Dr. Marie Amoruso, Dr. Paulette Sansone, Deborah

Mosley, a Certified Storyteller and I, came together to plan a program for parents, grandparents and caregivers. The gift of time was spent planning ways in which we could help the families of CIS enhance their English language as well as their reading skills.

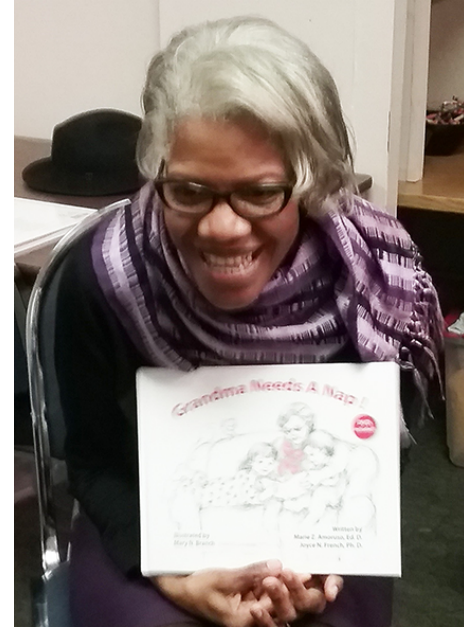
Quickly, the gift of talent came through as Dr. Amoruso presented us with ideas and ways of improving literacy. Dr. Sansone used her talent as a grant writer to help us get funds so we could offer the program. “Miss Deb” as she is known to our Cabrini Kids, used her talent of storytelling.

The gift of treasure is what allowed us to begin the program. CIS was blessed to receive a grant from Cabrini Mission Foundation, NYC. We are able to offer a 10 month literacy program. We started the program on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. What a wonderful experience to have our moms and caregivers come together to listen and watch as they heard the story, *Grandma Needs A Nap* written by Dr. Amoruso. Yet another gift of treasure was the donation by Dr. Amoruso of her book for every participant. Everyone had smiles on his and her face as each received a copy of the book. Of course, being teachers, everyone went home with homework. The participants were asked to practice telling the story with their children. When we return next month, we will hear about how successful they were in their storytelling.

We also received another gift of talent, when Ellen Tessitore, a retired art-teacher, offered to work with the young children who accompanied their parent or caregiver to the program. In the story, we read about how Grandma enjoys her time with her grandchildren as they use their imagination as they climb upon Mt. Sofa or made some gelatin molds. Ellen had the children make playdough and then they made different shapes using cookie cutters. At the end, everyone received a bag with some playdough, cookie cutters and a recipe explaining how to make the playdough. What a great way to enhance not only literacy but also family time together. As the moms/caregivers read the story to the children, the children can make some playdough and enjoy creating different designs or use some of the other ideas in the book.

We look forward to our next session when we will be reading *Stone Soup* by John J. Muth.

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



Deborah “Miss Deb” Mosely, certified storyteller, shares the story written by Dr. Marie Amoruso.

# A Revered Tradition

The traditional St. Joseph's Altar once again returned to Cabrini High School on Monday, March 19, 2018. This was Cabrini High School's first St. Joseph Altar to take place in the school's Sacred Heart Chapel on campus. The altar opened with a blessing and continued until [that evening].

Dinner was served by the Cabrini Dads' Club in the courtyard of the previously known Sacred Heart Orphan Asylum. Hundreds of visitors streamed in all day, from students to parents and grandparents, from alumnae to members of the community. This beautiful tradition and event would not have been possible without the St. Joseph Altar Chairperson, Judy Kelley, who is the mother of two current Cabrini students. ~ submitted by Katelyn Gross, CHS

More photos are available here: <https://cabrinihighschool.smugmug.com/2017-2018/March-2018/St-Josephs-Day-Altar/>



## Did you know?

### A little more about the St. Joseph's Altars.

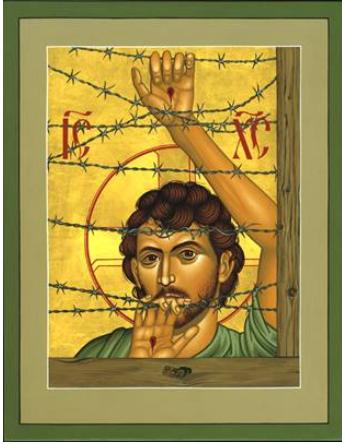
March 19th marks the Catholic celebration of St. Joseph's Day where Catholic New Orleanians construct elaborate altars in honor of this saint. The tradition, commemorating the relief St. Joseph provided during a famine in Sicily, began in the late

1800's when Sicilian immigrants settled in New Orleans. Today, St. Joseph's Day altars are not just for Italian-Americans. Every year, this celebration offers New Orleans natives and visitors a chance to share food with others and for believers, a way to express gratitude for any sort of good fortune in their lives

St. Joseph Altars representing the Holy Trinity are divided into three sections with a statue of St. Joseph at the head. Candles, figurines, flowers and medals are placed around the altar along with offerings of food in thanksgiving to St. Joseph for relieving hunger.

Elaborate cookies, cakes and bread, often in the form of shellfish, are common decorations for the altars. Fava beans or "lucky beans" are particularly associated with St. Joseph because they sustained the Sicilians throughout the famine.

Altars in New Orleans are found in Catholic churches as well as in private homes and other public spaces. If you happen to see a fresh green branch over a local's doorway, it means you are invited to participate in the ceremony and share the wealth of food. ~ New Orleans Official Guide



## BORDER SOLIDARITY MASS

Last week, Cabrini University held a Border Solidarity Mass inviting the campus community to be in solidarity with those who cross borders, with those who are caught behind fences, and with migrants, immigrants, and refugees. All those who have or will be participating in an international immersion trip, particularly in programs that develop solidarity with countries or regions affected by migration, were given a special blessing.

*~ from the Cabrini University Wolfington Center*

*Every human being has the right to freedom of movement and of residence within the confines of his own state. When there are just reasons in favor for it, he must be permitted to migrate to other countries and to take up residence there. The fact that he is a citizen of a particular state does not deprive him of membership to the human family, nor of citizenship in the universal society, the common, world-wide fellowship of men. St. John Paul II*

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CABRINI IMMIGRANT SERVICES OF NYC

*"Heart of Cabrini"*  
*Benefit Dinner*

APRIL 10TH, 2018 | 6-9:30PM  
MANHATTAN PENTHOUSE ON FIFTH AVE  
NEW YORK CITY

*Honoring*  
**FWD.us**  
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**CRISTINA JIMÉNEZ**  
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



## From the Province Vocations Team:



### March Madness and...Vocations?

One might not think of basketball as a pathway to religious vocations, yet, this year's NCAA Men's Basketball FINAL FOUR is highlighting the inspirational role that priests and vowed religious sisters play in the lives of college athletes and all young adults.



Enter Sr. Jean Dolores Schmidt, a Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of Loyola of Chicago University, and Villanova University's Fr. Rob Hagan, OSA.

As written in a recent article by *Philadelphia Inquirer* sportswriter Joe Juliano, the Catholic school chaplain who will be getting quite a bit of attention is "the smiling sneaker-clad 98-year-old nun Sr. Jean who has been the spiritual

force throughout Loyola of Chicago's unlikely run in the NCAA tournament."



Joe Juliano goes on to say, "and that's just fine with the Rev. Rob Hagan, the Villanova team chaplain."

"I'm really happy for them," said Hagan. Speaking of Sr. Jean, Fr. Hagan went on to say, "I have great respect for her commitment as a religious, her commitment to her vows, the longevity of service, the lives that she's touched. I would think that this would be an inspiration for anyone who might have a vocation out there for religious life, to see the impact that a person can have as a member of the community."

When it comes to their mission to their students and those who compete in Division I basketball, Hagan feels that he and Sr. Jean are probably similar.

"Being a student-athlete is so all-encompassing," he said. "There's so much pressure involved in meeting the various responsibilities in the classroom and the practice and the travel, plus all the obligations they have.

"As chaplains we have an opportunity to remind them of the bigger picture, to remind them they're not just in it alone, to rely on their higher power."

Joe Juliano went on to relate that Fr. Hagan said of Sr. Jean, "I would definitely welcome it [the opportunity to meet her]. Her length of service, her charisma, her faith, I see her as an inspiration to fellow religious." To read the entire *Philadelphia Inquirer* article:

<http://ireader.olivesoftware.com/Olive/iReader/PhiladelphiaInquirer/SharedArticle.ashx?document=PHQP%5C2018%5C03%5C28&article=Ar03302>

# And, speaking further of Sisters

~ from the *Global Sisters Report*



Yes, Sr. Jean Dolores Schmidt is everywhere.

The 98-year-old chaplain of the Loyola University Chicago men's basketball team is a media darling, capturing – national – and indeed, international – attention in the Ramblers' improbably run to a coveted slot in the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament.

Her image is on socks, T-shirts and now is the best-selling bobblehead in history. National stories have also focused on her community, the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Dubuque, Iowa, and the accomplishments of their members as they cheer on and marvel at the media frenzy around their beloved sister.

Her grace, wit and wisdom are rightly spotlighted in the media, along with her basketball smarts.

The media affection for Sr. Jean is welcome, but there are some points that the **Global Sisters Report** would like to share.

## **Sisters across the globe do amazing work, most often out of the media spotlight.**

At the same time that so much of the nation's attention [has been] on college basketball, women religious at the U.N. were among the speakers at the annual Commission on the Status of Women which focused on the scourge of the trafficking of women and girls.

**Get beyond “cute and stereotypical images.”** Some of the many media reports about Sr. Jean have taken the time to dig deeper into who she is and have portrayed her as more than a team cheerleader. She is an accomplished woman on many levels, having taught as a college professor for many years. Members of her [religious] community include a former mayor and several former college presidents.

**Aging doesn't have to be scary or negative.** A key focus in the Sr. Jean story is her age: 98 and still active, witty and fully engaged. However, that is no surprise to the readers of the Global Sisters Report. We often write of women religious who remain involved in their ministries well into their 80s, 90s or past 100. Even “retired” sisters often are rarely retired in the common definition of that life state. Having a sense of purpose, a greater mission, is a big part of the reason.



We hope that the affection for Sr. Jean spills over into bolstering broad appreciation for Catholic women religious. Yet, long after the swish of the last basket of the 2018 NCAA Tournament, there will be religious women calming the fears of refugees torn from their country by war, drying the tears of a young woman recovering from a life of exploitation and helping disaster victims to start anew. Because that's what sisters do.

To read the full account: [http://globalsistersreport.org/blog/gsr-today/trends/flurry-over-sr-jean-dolores-schmidt-can-open-clearer-more-complete-look-women?utm\\_source=GSR%20digest%203-29-18&utm\\_campaign=cc&utm\\_medium=email](http://globalsistersreport.org/blog/gsr-today/trends/flurry-over-sr-jean-dolores-schmidt-can-open-clearer-more-complete-look-women?utm_source=GSR%20digest%203-29-18&utm_campaign=cc&utm_medium=email)

To read about the U.N. Conference on empowering rural women and girls: [http://globalsistersreport.org/news/trends-trafficking/un-womens-commission-agrees-measures-empower-rural-women-and-girls-52856?utm\\_source=GSR%20digest%203-29-18&utm\\_campaign=cc&utm\\_medium=email](http://globalsistersreport.org/news/trends-trafficking/un-womens-commission-agrees-measures-empower-rural-women-and-girls-52856?utm_source=GSR%20digest%203-29-18&utm_campaign=cc&utm_medium=email)





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

## ***Nancy Panganiban***

Please continue your prayers for Nancy who will be undergoing treatment in the near future. Pray that all will be well and she will be restored to full health.

## ***Tom Poole***

Prayers are requested for Tom, the husband of Cabrini University staff member, Colleen Poole. Tom is having a major surgery on Monday, April 2. Please keep him in your prayers for successful surgery and quick recovery.


## ***Prayers for a friend***

Anita Catalanotto, a staff member at Cabrini University, requests prayers for her friend, Bernadette, who will be undergoing surgery on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please pray that all will be well following her surgery.

Anita also sends thanks for the prayers for another friend whose medical tests results have all turned out for the good.

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## An Easter Prayer



Good and gracious God,  
Our most glorious Creator,  
As we greet the signs in nature around us:  
Of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,  
In the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted,  
We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life:  
the resurrection of your Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, whom we especially celebrate at this time.  
The sadness and despair of his death has given way to  
the bright promise of immortality.  
For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice  
will triumph over treason,  
Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death.  
As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace  
that we may live the promise given to us,  
by imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor,  
the marginalized, the least among us,  
as we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet,  
we praise you in this Easter season.  
Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers  
of Easter joy and hope.  
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ,  
our risen Lord forever.

Amen.

- Fr. Larry Snyder, SJ