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THE UPDATE

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U.S. Catholic Bishops of U.S./Mexico Border Respond to U.S. National Guard Deployment

In response to announcements regarding deploying the United States National Guard to the U.S./Mexico Border, the U.S. Catholic Bishops of the U.S./Mexico Border issued the following statement:



We are deeply concerned by the announcement that the National Guard will be deployed on the U.S./Mexico Border. The continued militarization of the U.S./Mexico Border distorts the reality of life on the border; this is not a war zone but instead is comprised of many peaceful and law-abiding communities that are also generous in their response to human suffering. We recognize the right of nations to control and secure their borders; we also recognize the need of nations to respect the rule of law. Current law in the United States rightly provides that those arriving to our country fleeing persecution are entitled to due-process as their

claims are reviewed. Seeking refuge from persecution and violence in search of a peaceful life for oneself and one's family is not a crime. Our faith calls us to respond with compassion to those who suffer, and to live in a spirit of solidarity with all human beings. We remain hopeful that our local, state and federal officials will work collaboratively and prudently in the implementation of this deployment, ensuring that the presence of the National Guard is measured and not disruptive to community life. We are also deeply concerned that at this time divisive rhetoric often promotes the dehumanization of immigrants, as if all were threats and criminals. We urge Catholics and people of good will to look past the dehumanizing rhetoric regarding immigrants and remember that they are a vulnerable population, our neighbors, and our sisters and brothers in Christ.

~ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, Archdiocese of San Antonio

Bishop Daniel E. Flores, Diocese of Brownsville

Bishop Michael J. Sis, Diocese of San Angelo

Bishop James Tamayo, Diocese of Laredo

Bishop Mark J. Seitz, Diocese of El Paso

Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, Diocese of Tucson

Bishop Robert W. McElroy, Diocese of San Diego and Bishop Oscar Cantú, Diocese of Las Cruces

Share the Journey: Meet Our Neighbor

Virginia farm country is not a place where you would necessarily expect to find newcomers. Many of these small towns' residents have grown up there, with their families living in the area for generations. So, when there are new people in town, the locals take notice. This is exactly what happened in a small mining and farming town in southwest Virginia when four Salvadoran men arrived.



These men*, all related, are Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients. They came to the small town to work for a local who needed help building his ranch. While the town members were initially wary, as time went on, the locals began to embrace these men. As a Catholic Monsignor who ministers to the community put it, "I got to know these men as workers and then as friends. I know them to be outstanding men." They were seen around the community, not just on the ranch, but doing whatever jobs they could so that they could make ends meet and help their families. The town came to rely on and value these new members of their community, affectionately dubbing them "The Amigos."

Unfortunately, their families back in El Salvador faced daily violence. It was known by the local gangs in El Salvador that the men were sending money back home, and their families became the gangs' targets. Due to these threats, the men applied for their sons to be brought to the United States through the small but critical Central American Minors (CAM) Program.

With the assistance of the USCCB network and the Monsignor, the men completed the rigorous paperwork, paid the related fees, and their sons completed the required testing. One boy even received notice of his conditional approval for humanitarian parole. It was a joyous and hopeful time for the families, until they learned of the CAM program's termination and the corresponding revocation of conditionally approved humanitarian parole. Given the troubling manner in which the program was closed, the families watched their opportunity for protection and reunification vanish. The Monsignor worked to engage members of Congress on this issue, but after months of engagement and effort, no solution has been found. Now these staples of the community face the heartbreaking reality that their sons will remain in harm's way.

Adding to this deeply disappointing news was the Administration's recent decision to terminate TPS for El Salvador. With this decision, these men will lose their protection in September 2019, and the small town will lose a major component of its workforce. As the Monsignor stated: "Our community could hardly make it without these men." ~ *Justice for Immigrants*

**Not actual photo image in order to protect their identities.*

Generations United in Helping Others

Thanks to a grant from St. Faith's House Foundation, the Cabrini Kids from Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, NY were able to help some people who are experiencing homelessness



Sr. Patricia Dunleavy, MSC joined one of the Cabrini Kids in making cards and caring packages for veterans and others experiencing homelessness.

in Peekskill, NY. The packages that were made are being donated to CHOP (Caring for the Homeless and Hungry of Peekskill). There are some veterans who are part of CHOP so our Kids made cards thanking them for their service. In addition to the card, an American flag was also put in their bag.

This Giving Back Program had a very special blessing: Missionary Sisters Sr. John Giani, Sr. Joan Marie Sariti, Sr. Patricia Dunleavy and Sr. Damien Ciminera, joined the children of Grades 1-3 for the program. Each Sister worked with 3 children as they made cards for the veterans and packed bags with facecloths, body wash, deodorant, shaving cream, shampoo, a toothbrush, toothpaste, a pair of socks and a notebook and pen. Another special part of the program was the donation

of socks from The Joy of Sox, an organization founded by Tom Costello, husband of Nancy Costello of the Province Communications Office.

The Sisters enjoyed listening to the children and learning about their countries of origin. The children also enjoyed hearing the stories of the Sisters' great works over the years. Interestingly, all the Sisters had worked with children. One Sister worked with children who were sick in Africa while another Sister worked as a nurse in the United States. They both spoke about how hard it was to see children who were sick. One Sister was a teacher and another Sister had a very unique story to tell. Sr. Patricia said that she worked with cowboys and indians!

The Dalai Lama said, "When educating the minds of the youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts." Our Kids learned about the need to help those who are less fortunate but more importantly, their hearts were moved. When asked about how they felt helping those experiencing homelessness, we heard responses like, "It's a wonderful day because we are helping someone else have a wonderful day." Another child said, "We should always help other people."

A special thank you to the Cabrini Sisters and to Tom Costello for all their help in making this another successful program. ~submitted by: Lorraine Campanelli, MS, MSW, Director, Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY



Sr. Joan Marie Sariti, MSC and a youngster prepare to stuff the caring packages with everyday essentials.

“Heart of Cabrini” Benefit



On Tuesday, April 10th, 2018, Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC hosted our fifth annual “Heart of Cabrini” Benefit Dinner at the Manhattan Penthouse on Fifth Avenue. We kicked the evening off with music from Hector Martignon and the Foreign Affair Trio, followed by dinner with a view!



Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC, Director Javier Ramirez Baron (4th r.) pauses with the honoree Cristina Jimenez (c.) for a photo with guests from left: Juan Marmol, a community leader; Tiburcio Segoviano, CIS volunteer; Ligia Jimenez; Walter Barrientos; Ivonne Moreno and Melissa Monsalve, Community Liaison for Immigration, NYS Dept. of State.

We were proud to recognize the achievements of our two honorees, Cristina Jimenez and FWD.us, who have been fearless advocates for the immigrant community. Award

presentations were followed by a screening of “I’m Not the Only One,” a short film produced by Dreamers who participated in the DACamented Voices Program (a collaboration between CIS-NYC.



Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC (r.) give a big hug and warm congratulations to Cristina Jimenez, one of the Cabrini Immigrant Services-NYC honorees.

It was a wonderful night full of inspiring speeches, delicious food, and great conversation. Thank you to all of the generous donors and committed supporters who made the night a success! We would like to extend a special thank you to our event sponsors: First American International Bank, Cabrini of Westchester, and Cabrini University. ~ submitted by Ella Nimmo, LMSW

Photos of the night can be viewed and downloaded here: <http://bit.ly/CISBenefitGallery>



CIS-NYC Director Javier Ramirez Baron welcomes Todd Schulte and Pamela Chomba from FWD.us to the benefit.

New Beginnings...

Cabrini of Westchester will soon be closing the Msgr. Terence Attridge Adult Day Health Center (ADHC), and transitioning to ArchCare Senior Life Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). The same space will be utilized and the current registrants will continue to be served in addition to others. Some construction took place with the opening of the PACE Center set for May 1st. Some employees will be working in the PACE Program while others have transferred to the nursing home.

ArchCare Senior Life Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a community-based healthcare program created for people 55 and over who require nursing home level care, but prefer to receive it in their own familiar surroundings. It is a Medicare and Medicaid program that helps people meet their health care needs in the community. The goal of PACE is to help participants live as independently as possible for as long as possible. The hallmark of PACE is the interdisciplinary team and coordinated care. The typical participant is an 80-year old woman with eight medical conditions and limitations in three activities of daily living. Nearly half (49 percent) of PACE participants have been diagnosed with

dementia. Despite a high level of care needs, more than 90 percent of PACE participants are able to continue to live in their community. ArchCare Senior Life (PACE) coordinates all medical needs, 24/7. Some services are provided in the PACE Center, while others are provided at home.

We look forward to the inception of the ArchCare Senior Life Program at Cabrini of Westchester, as we bid a fond farewell to our beloved Msgr. Attridge Adult Day Health Center. Our commitment to the health care needs of seniors and specialty populations aging in place will be enhanced with the PACE Program on site.

~ submitted by Bonita Burke, Administrator, Cabrini of Westchester

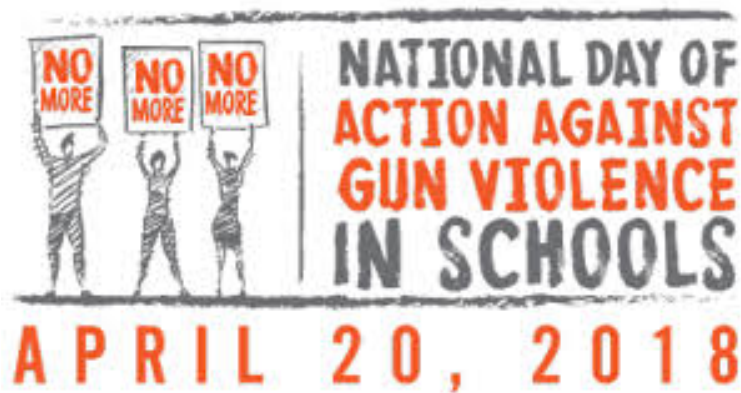


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Staff members explain the range of services to be provided by PACE.



Schools should be the safest place a child can be. Unfortunately, that seems far from reality these days. From Columbine to Virginia Tech to Sandy Hook to Marshall County to Parkland, Florida, it's abundantly clear we are not doing enough to protect our students and schools from gun violence. This reality is devastating. Our hearts may be breaking, but our resolve must be strong. It is time we say enough is enough. We must demand action now to save lives from gun violence.

On April 20, join the National Day of Action Against Gun Violence in Schools. Every community's response to this problem will be different, but we will all send the same message to our elected leaders: We can no longer tolerate inaction!

To learn more:

<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/april20actionsagainstgunviolence?source=neatoday>



Supporting the Scholarship of DACA Students

Four students at Hope College — a Christian school in Holland, Michigan, historically affiliated with the Reformed Church in America — created a scholarship specifically for students who benefit from the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, the Holland Sentinel reported April 7.

DACA offers certain young immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children without permission work permits and protection from deportation, but it has lately been threatened as President Donald Trump attempts to end the program. Students with DACA status are not eligible for federal financial aid to help them attend college.

The Hope College students — Alejandra Gómez Limón, Emily Salazar, Jonathan Mays and Jocelyn Gallegos — discovered that 161 students with DACA had been admitted to the school since 2014, but many were unable to attend for financial reasons.

While Hope College has authorized the scholarship, the students are still searching for a consistent source of funding. They are collaborating with Hope College's Scholarship Day of Giving on April 19 and will be holding a pie contest fundraiser the same day. ~ *Maria Benevento, National Catholic Reporter*



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 x 502 or email
sherceg@cabrini-eldercare.org
if you plan on attending.

**Sisters, kindly respond as soon as
possible. Thank you.**

Prayer Requests



Harry Albert

Please keep Harry Albert in your prayers. He is the brother of Cabrini University alumna and trustee Dr. Anne Marie Borneman '80. Harry is experiencing some difficult health problems and Anne Marie would be grateful for our prayers for him.

Jack Borneman

Your prayers are asked for Jack Borneman, the father-in-law of Cabrini University alumna and trustee Dr. Anne Marie Borneman '80. Mr. Borneman has been hospitalized to begin treatment for stage 4 melanoma. Pray that his treatment will go smoothly and he will be restored to full health.

Brooks, the niece of Rita Radcliff

Please pray for Brooks who is experiencing multiple medical issues. Brooks is 26 years old and has two children. Special prayers are needed for Brooks and her family during this time.

Sr. Regina Palamara, MSC

Your prayers are asked for Sr. Regina, who continues to recuperate following her recent hospitalization.

Nancy Panganiban

Your continuing prayerful support is very much appreciated by Nancy Panganiban, a family member of Nancy Costello in the Province Communications Office. Nancy will begin treatment next Friday. Pray for her strength and positive attitude during her course of treatment.

Sr. Angelina Randazzo, MSC

Please keep Sr. Angie in your prayers. She had a medical procedure earlier this week and is recovering well.

Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC

Prayers are asked for Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC, who had a medical procedure on Monday. Sr. Arlene is doing well following her procedure.

In Loving Memory

Dora Emedina Hernandez

Your prayers are asked for Dora Emedina Hernandez, the grandmother of Sr. Xochilt Calero Hernandez, MSC, who was called home to God on Tuesday, April 17th in Nicaragua. Please pray for Sr. Xochilt and her entire family during this sad time.

Sr. Florencia (Maria Jose') Victor Rodrigues, MSC

The news of the death of Sr. Florencia (Maria José) Victor Rodrigues, which took place on April 14, 2018, has just arrived from Brazil. Sr. Florencia, 99 years old, was a member of the "Santa Cabrini" community of São Paulo. We entrust to the goodness of the Lord the soul of our dear sister to welcome her into her Kingdom of Light and endless joy.



Daffodils bring refreshment and hope to a world weary of the winter chill.

The Cottage garden at Cabrini University, Radnor, PA