



April 26, 2018

A Message from Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial

Dear Readers of our Province Update,

As we continue within the Easter Season, I send to you Easter greetings and my prayer that all of us will prepare our hearts to receive the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. Mother Cabrini had a special devotion to the Holy Spirit. In 1895 she wrote:

"If we invoke the Spirit with a humble and trusting heart ... he will penetrate the depth of our hearts with His blessed light and burning fire. He will purify, strengthen, enlighten and inflame our hearts with the fire of his holy, divine love."

The Spirit of God has indeed been active! As of January 1, 2018 we are a new Province, with a new name and new locations which form the Province. Prior to this time, we were known as the "Stella Maris Province" which included Australia, Swaziland and the United States. Now we are called the Guadalupe Province, in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the Province includes: Australia, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua and the United States. (Swaziland is now part of another Region.)

Becoming a new Province has been a journey that began with our preparations for the General Chapter of 2014. We were invited during our General Chapter to open our minds, our hearts and our wills in order to effect the transformative changes necessary to live our Cabrini Charism today with renewed creativity and zeal. As we live into taking on this new identity as the Guadalupe Province there is already evidence of "something new". Perhaps the most significant change is in how we "see" and "think". Context helps shape how a person sees and thinks and our context has greatly expanded. For example, during the past week our hearts have been deeply disturbed by the events in Nicaragua during which the people have tried to have peaceful protests in response to a change in law that would harm the poor and most vulnerable. In response, the government resorted to violence (over 30 people have died), censorship of the media, and false

statements. As a new Province, that includes Nicaragua, our hearts are broken by the loss of life and the treatment of the people who were and are simply seeking justice and their basic rights. We feel their pain because it is not just "breaking news" (although little has actually been in the news!) but it is people we know and care for - context and relationship changes our hearts and our thinking. We recall Jesus' words to Paul when he asked - "Who are you?" and Jesus' response, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting!"



You will notice new stories in The Update as our journey of walking together continues. Taking a new name always signifies something new. In her time, Our Lady of Guadalupe sought to build bridges of communion and healing where there was division and misunderstanding. The image of Guadalupe shows her as pregnant - a promise of new life. This is our hope - abundant life - the life promised by the Risen Jesus!

***Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC
Provincial - Guadalupe Province***

Share the Journey: Meet Our Neighbor



Wilmer Garcia landed in Kentucky at the end of January 2012 through the Cuban Medical Parole Program of the Department of Homeland Security. With no family or acquaintances in Kentucky, he counted from the first day with the assistance of the Catholic Charities of Louisville and the help of a solid and organized Cuban community in town. He began to study English since his arrival, in the ESL School of Catholic Charities, receiving in two months the last level of ESL. His effort to learn the language quickly allowed him to begin work only two months after arriving in the country, as a Nurse Assistant at Windsong Group Home, an institution run from the State of Kentucky for adults with cognitive disabilities. At the same time that he improved the language, he began to study on his own to present himself to the National Boards of Medicine and to receive his certifications as an MD here in USA. In October of 2015 he began to work as Case Worker in the Catholic Charities and six months later he was

promoted to the position of Case Manager of the Cuban-Haitian Team. Last February he received the news that he passed the last Board Exam and the Certificate approved by the Educational Commission of Foreign Medical Graduates.

Since 2015 he has been a volunteer Spanish interpreter at the Family Community Clinic in Butchertown. He is currently studying and preparing to apply for US Residency Programs in September of this year.

~ Justice for Immigrants



This week, Archbishop Charles Thompson and other clergy accompanied an immigrant mother to her supervision check-in.

Archbishop Accompanies Immigrant Mother

~ Maria Benevento, *National Catholic Register*

Indianapolis Archbishop Charles Thompson is among a group of clergy, many brought together by the [Faith in Indiana](#) network, who planned to accompany an immigrant mother to her supervision check-in with Immigration and Customs Enforcement on April 24. (As of today, no word on what transpired at that meeting.)

The woman, Erika Fierro, came to the U.S. age the age of 5 and has lived in Indianapolis for more than two decades, according to an April 23 press release from Faith in Indiana. Her two children are U.S. citizens and her husband is in immigration detention after being arrested while on his way to work. Fierro was arrested at the same time but was released with a tracking bracelet on her ankle.

The clergy members plan to ask Ricardo Wong, field office director of the Department of Homeland Security, to grant Fierro a credible-fear interview because she fears gang violence in Mexico, where some of her family members have been kidnapped or killed. The clergy members hope this will allow her to stay in the United States and remain united with her children. ~NCR



Shirley Walker Dixon

The Center for Urban Education, Equity, and Improvement presents the Inaugural Shirley Dixon Celebration of Urban Education Symposium

Cabrini University faculty, staff, alumni, and friends will gather this evening at the inaugural Shirley Dixon Celebration of Urban Education Symposium. There will be a keynote address from the widely regarded influential educator H. Richard Milner IV, PhD.

About the Center for Urban Education, Equity, and Improvement (CUEEI)

The Center for Urban Education, Equity, and Improvement integrates the mission of the University to further work alongside historically underserved communities and schools. Integrated throughout the Center's activities and strategic initiatives is a commitment to service, strengthening relationships, and building solidarity. The Center's conceptualization of service is to engage, listen to, support, and empower members of several sectors of urban communities including families; K–12 schools (private, public, charter); and youth development programs.

For a full description of CUEEI please [click here](#)

To view a video presentation, please click here:

<https://www.cabrini.edu/about/departments/academic-departments/school-of-education/The-Center-for-Urban-Education-Equity-and-Improvement>

H. Richard Milner IV, PhD

H. Richard Milner IV, PhD, is widely regarded as one of the most influential educators in the United States. His research, teaching and policy interests concern urban education, teacher education, African American literature, and the social context of education. In particular, Milner's research examines practices and policies that support teacher success in urban schools.

He is the Helen Faison Endowed Chair of Urban Education, Professor of Urban Education, Professor of Social Work, Professor of Sociology, and Professor of Africana Studies as well as Director of the Center for Urban Education at the University of Pittsburgh. In addition, he is a fellow of the American Educational Research Association.

Shirley Dixon

Shirley Dixon ('84, MEd'89) has been a consistent moral and courageous leader at Cabrini University and a trailblazer in advocating for and facilitating equitable practices for all students. Shirley Dixon worked with the Philadelphia Housing Authority for nearly 20 years before transitioning to education, teaching fifth grade and then serving as principal at Girard College Elementary School.

In 2007, she joined the Cabrini faculty full-time as an assistant professor in the Education Department. In 1990, she was asked to join Cabrini's Board of Trustees, becoming the first African American to do so. ~ *from the Cabrini University website*

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Sacred Sites Open House Weekend May 5-6, 2018

Sacred Sounds & Settings



Self-guided tours of the Shrine, 9 am-5 pm
Mini-Concerts throughout the day

SATURDAY, MAY 5

- 10:00 – 10:30 Organ Demonstration by **Dave Schmauch** and **Phyllis Katz**
Dave will reveal the inner workings of the rare Tamburini pipe organ in the loft of Cabrini Chapel (Giovanni Tamburini, Cremona Italy, 1960). Phyllis will demonstrate its uniqueness and range.
- 11:00 – 11:30 Harp and Marian Chant by **Ruth Cunningham**
Gregorian chants to Mary featured on some of Ruth's recordings by Anonymous 4; Original settings and improvisations of medieval Latin texts for voice and medieval harp
- 1:00 – 1:30 Vocal Music by **Gudrun Bühler, Soprano**, accompanied by **Maxim Anikushin, Pianist**
Deeply moving, lyrical renditions of vocal music in honor of the Blessed Mother
- 2:00 – 2:30 Piano and Organ Music by **Maxim Anikushin**
Thrilling renditions of music by Chopin, Mozart and Ligeti; Schubert-Liszt "The Elfking", Stravinsky "Russian Dance"
- 3:00 – 3:30 Flute and Electro-acoustic Music by **Yael Acher "KAT" Modiano**
Bach and original works by this multiple-genre flutist, composer, and educator
- 4:00 – 4:30 Performance on Cabrini's Tamburini Organ by **Paolo Bordignon**,
Harpichordist for the New York Philharmonic, who is also a well-known organist. Music of Bach, Handel, Mozart



Ruth Cunningham



Gudrun Bühler



Max Anikushin



Yael Acher "KAT" Modiano



Paolo Bordignon



Juan, 'Junior' Gil

SUNDAY, MAY 6

- 12:30 – 1:00 Flute: Bach and Original Works by **Yael Acher "KAT" Modiano** (See Saturday)
- 1:15 – 1:45 Organ: Bach, Handel, Mozart by **Paolo Bordignon** (See Saturday)
- 2:00 – 2:30 Harp and Marian Chant by **Ruth Cunningham** (See Saturday)
- 4:30 – 5:00 Música exquisita con el gran guitarrista y varitono **Juan "Junior" Gil**.
Canciones que inspiran y exaltan el amor de Dios en la voz del Exdirector de Programación en Radio Católica Internacional.
Guitar, Baritone: Inspirational music exquisitely sung and played by Juan, 'Junior' Gil

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Tuesday, May 1, 2018

The Wolfington Center at Cabrini University presents

Fr. Bryan Massingale, STD

**Witnessing to Truth in a Climate of Injustice:
Racial Justice in Catholic Higher Education**

3:15 pm: Lecture (Woodcrest Mansion)

This lecture will present Fr. Massingale's research on Catholic inclusivity in light of the teachings of Pope Francis. Students, teachers, and the general public are welcome. Q&A will follow.

4:30 pm: Workshop (Woodcrest Mansion) *UPDATED – RSVP Required.*

Immediately following the Lecture, facilitated by Wolfington Center Staff.

This interactive session will allow participants to apply Fr. Massingale's research to their own practical and professional settings. Student leaders, teachers, school administrators, parish staff, and anyone involved in Catholic ministry are particularly welcome.



Please join the Wolfington Center in welcoming Fr. Bryan Massingale to campus, and come learn more about how Catholics have deep theological resources for offering hospitality and embracing racial diversity, even in the context of historical racism, in the administration of parishes and schools, and in the faithful pursuit of justice in all contexts.

Fr. Bryan Massingale is a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and professor of theological and social ethics at Fordham University in New York. He previously taught at Marquette University, where in 2009 he received that institution's highest award for excellence in teaching. Former president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Fr. Massingale has authored two books and more than eighty articles, book chapters, and book reviews. His monograph, [*Racial Justice and the Catholic Church \(2010\)*](#),

received a First Place Book Award from the Catholic Press Association of the U.S. and Canada. Fr. Massingale has served as a consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, providing theological assistance on issues such as criminal justice, capital punishment, environmental justice, and affirmative action. He has also been a theological consultant for the National Black Catholic Congress, Catholic Charities USA, the Catholic Health Association and the National Catholic AIDS Network.

For more information please contact the Wolfington Center, wolfington@cabrini.edu or (610) 902-8431.



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

A Cabrini Companion's requests

Please pray for wisdom and guidance for a young man leaving a half-way house, that through prayer he will be strong and steadfast when coping with day to day life.

Please pray for a friend who suffered a major loss in life and needs prayers to be strong and endure.

Suzanne Gallagher

Your prayers are asked for Suzanne, the sister of Cabrini (College) University alumna and trustee Claire Roth '69, who has entered hospice. Please pray for Suzanne's comfort at this time. Suzanne and Claire would be most grateful for our prayerful support.

Margaret Heinrich

Please pray for Margaret Heinrich, longtime friend of Cabrini, who may be facing serious medical challenges.

Nicaragua

We request prayers for the Sisters and people of Nicaragua during this time of unrest. Pray that there is peaceful resolution to this on-going conflict between the people and the government. May there be honest dialogue between government officials and representatives of the people.

We pray for everyone who has been killed and injured and in particular we pray for ***Angel Gahona*** - the second cousin of Sr. Maria Elena Plata, MSC and Sr. Antonia Plata, MSC - a journalist who was one of the over 30 people killed and the many injured during the demonstrations.



Nancy Panganiban

Nancy is most grateful for our prayers as she begins treatment tomorrow. Please continue to hold her in your thoughts.

Tom Poole

Your prayers are asked for Tom Poole, the husband of Cabrini University staff member, Colleen Poole, who recently underwent major surgery. Please pray for his complete recovery.

In Loving Memory

Frederick C. Brace

The Cabrinian Community joins the Cabrini University Community in extending sympathy to Todd Matthews, PhD, Chair and Associate Professor, Leadership and Organizational Development Department, on the loss of his father-in-law, Frederick C. Brace who passed away on Saturday, April 22, 2018. Please remember the Brace and Matthews Families at this sad time.

Dean Hardin

Madeline Bialecki, longtime friend of the Missionary Sisters, asks us to pray for the repose of the soul of Dean Hardin who went home to God on Monday night. May he rest in God's eternal peace. Pray for the comfort of his family and friends at this sad time.

Fr. Karl Zeuner

Your prayers are asked for Fr. Karl Zeuner who passed away Saturday, April, 21st. Fr. Zeuner was a good friend of Madeline Bialecki. Please pray for the repose of his soul.