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## CHIP Funding at Risk: Catholic Groups Oppose Trump's Proposed Cuts

~ by Heidi Schlumpf, National Catholic Reporter

Catholic health and social justice organizations are opposing a Trump administration proposal to cut funds to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The proposal comes just months after a successful fight to re-authorize the state-administered program, which provides low-cost health insurance to nearly 9 million children and 350,000 pregnant women.

The White House has requested a \$7 billion cut to CHIP as part of a \$15 billion rescissions package sent to Congress last week to address the spiraling debt. Since the cuts would come from money allocated but not spent or from a contingency fund, the Trump administration insists they would not negatively affect children's health.

But the rescission — a rarely used budget maneuver — would be an "unfortunate and an unacceptable" way to address the deficit and result in only a "paper shuffle" reduction while causing a "real loss in funding" for children's health care, said a statement from the [Catholic Health Association](#) opposing the cuts.

"As children are among the most vulnerable members of our society, ensuring their continued access to comprehensive health care should remain our priority," Daughter of Charity Sr. Carol Keehan, Catholic Health Association president and CEO, said in an emailed statement to NCR.

Catholic Health Association represents more than 600 hospitals and 1,600 long-term care and other health facilities in all 50 states and is the largest group of nonprofit health care providers in the nation.

Keehan called CHIP "a reliable source of coverage for working families who earn too much to qualify for Medicaid, but too little to afford private health insurance."

"On behalf of the Catholic Health Association, I urge the Administration and Congress to retain all funding previously allocated for the Children's Health Insurance Program and ensure its availability for future reallocation in addressing the health care needs of children under the program," she said.

More than 500 national, state and local organizations also oppose the cuts, arguing in a letter to members of Congress that CHIP's contingency fund protects the program in case of economic



recession, a public health crisis or natural disaster — all of which leave families vulnerable and more likely to qualify for the program.



"The nine million children and families who depend on CHIP have already faced months of uncertainty, when its funding expired before Congress took long-overdue action to extend CHIP funding for ten years," the letter said. "After breathing a short sigh of relief, however, the long-term stability and protection these families fought to ensure is once again in jeopardy."

The very contingency fund on the chopping block was how states kept the program running, [when Congress initially failed to re-authorize it last fall](#), said Social Service Sr. Simone Campbell, Network's executive director.

"The real issue is the tax cuts," said Campbell. "That's creating the deficit, and they're trying to use money for children's health to pay for it." ~ *National Catholic Reporter*

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## Most Immigrants with Temporary Status Face Deportation

by Maria Benevento, National Catholic Reporter

Of the estimated 318,860 immigrants who had been shielded from returning from their dangerous home countries under the Temporary Protected Status program at the time President Donald Trump was inaugurated, over 97 percent will soon lose legal status due to a series of decisions that advocates say are based more on anti-immigrant ideology than on facts.

With almost no hope that the Trump administration will voluntarily reverse its decision or even grant the status to countries experiencing new crises, immigrant rights groups continue to advocate for legislative protections, challenge the decisions in the courts and offer legal aid to individual temporary protected status holders.



The temporary protected status program is meant to offer work permits and temporary protection from deportation - but not a path to permanent legal status – for immigrants who would otherwise be undocumented.

Temporary protected status is only available to migrants who are *already* in the U.S. when their country is designated – which usually happens very shortly after the disaster that prompts the designation. This arrangement means that those immigrants who receive temporary protected status have been in the U.S. for an especially long time, in some cases, decades. Many hold jobs, own homes and have children who are U.S. citizens.

Although the program is provided for by U.S. immigration law, and could, therefore, rebound relatively quickly under a more sympathetic administration, that possibility would come too late for current status holders.

One of the most concerning aspects of the situation is that the government has disregarded the fact that people's lives could be at risk if they are sent back too early. Jill Marie Bussey, director of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc. (CLINIC) said, "It's heartless, it's cruel, it's immoral to send individuals back to such a high level of risk and fear for their lives."

To read the entire article: <https://www.ncronline.org/print/news/justice/most-immigrants-temporary-protected-status-face-its-expiration>

## Share the Journey: Meet Our Neighbor

Every Mother's Day we honor the mothers in our lives and celebrate the vital role they play in our families. It is an opportunity to come together and remember the blessings of family and to reflect on how important it is, not only to ourselves but to the fabric of our society. Unfortunately, we know many children have been unnecessarily separated from their mothers – and fathers – while trying to seek protection at our southern border; these children spent this Mother's Day alone.

Over the past year, the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection has increasingly chosen to separate children from their parents and legal guardians at the U.S./Mexico border. Since October 2017, [over 700 children have been separated from their parents](#) and rendered "unaccompanied," including over 100 children *under the age of four*. We expect this number to drastically increase with the [recent "zero-tolerance" policy](#).

Many of these immigrant families are fleeing from violence and persecution in their home countries, and seeking safety and protection for their children here in the U.S. While separation can be appropriate when there are trafficking or abuse concerns, more often such separation is occurring in the absence of such justifications. For example, a mother and her 3-year-old son Daniel\* fled from Guatemala to the U.S. to escape persecution by the local gangs. Upon their arrival at the U.S./Mexico border Daniel was separated from his mother by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents, deemed "unaccompanied," and placed in a separate ORR facility from her. It seems that CBP agents were confused as to the nature of their relationship and believed Daniel to be traveling with his aunt. While their parent/child relationship has since been confirmed, Daniel's mother continues to be held in an immigrant detention facility. *As of today, both mother and toddler have still not been reunited with each other.*



Separation from a parent or legal guardian can have extremely adverse effects on children. According to the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#), separating families is extremely frightening and stressful to children, and their research has shown that even short periods of separation can cause psychological trauma and long-term mental health problems.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is very concerned about the increasing number of cases of family separation. Catholic Social Teaching underscores the importance of the family and its essential role to the individual and society. When families are ripped apart and children separated from their parents for no reason, something must be done to right this wrong. We must work to ensure that all immigrant families and children who are detained are not needlessly separated from one another and that they are treated with the dignity and respect that they deserve. So, this past Mother's Day as many of us celebrated with our families, please remember children like Daniel who are unable to do the same with their mothers and fathers. ~Justice for Immigrants \*Photo and name changed to protect identity

## *Cabrinian Rites of Spring*



**Photo above:** Spring brings with it lovely traditions. One is that each May, at the close of the academic year, retired or former faculty and staff members from Cabrini (College) University gather for a luncheon to catch up news and to enjoy long standing friendships.

**Photo below:** Another – newer – tradition is that Cabrini University faculty and staff volunteer for Campus Beautification Day, when they pick up their trowels and shovels and partner with the University grounds crew in planting annuals across campus in anticipation of Commencement which will take place this weekend on the Radnor campus.



### Change of Email Address



Please note that Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC has a new email address. She **no longer has** a Hotmail account.

Her new email address is:

[yolanfloresmsc@gmail.com](mailto:yolanfloresmsc@gmail.com)

Please make that change in your address book.

Thank you.



Please join us for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Mother Cabrini Shrine

# Gala

Friday, June 15

Pinnacle Club at the Grand Hyatt  
555 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Denver, CO

Cocktails and Silent Auction 5:30 pm  
Dinner, Awards & Live Auction 7:30 pm

Summer/Business Casual Attire

To purchase tickets or sponsor tables..

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# Cabrini Mission Foundation

## **Bowling FUNdraiser!**



The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Cabrini Mission Foundation Board of Trustees invite you to the

**4th annual Bowling FUNdraiser!**

**Tuesday, June 26, 2018**

Arrival: 6:00 pm Start Time: 6:30 pm End Time: 9:00 pm

### **BowlMor Lanes Chelsea Piers**

Pier 60 – 23rd St and West Side Highway

By Car: Chelsea Piers (Hourly) Parking Available

By Train: A/C/E to 23rd St (8th Ave) and walk to West Side Hwy

By Bus: M23 Crosstown

*Join us for a casual, fun evening of bowling!*

Lanes, Shoe Rental, Pizza, Dessert, Wine, Beer, and Soft Drinks included.

**Individual Bowler: \$100**

**RSVP by June 12, 2018**

For more information on tickets and sponsorship opportunities please call or visit:

**212-228-8608 or [www.cabrinifoundation.org](http://www.cabrinifoundation.org)**

# Prayer Requests

## ***Vernon Brewer***

Your prayers are asked for Vernon Brewer, the father-in-law of Karol Brewer in the Province Formation Office. Mr. Brewer suffered a stroke on Tuesday and remains hospitalized.

## ***Cabrini University Graduates***

We ask your prayers for all the graduates of Cabrini University as they celebrate their Commencement this weekend. May they continue to carry the Cabrinian mission and spirit with them throughout their lives and “live with purpose” all their days.

## ***Brian Haines and Family***

Cabrini University staff member Rita Lambert asks prayers for her friend Karen Haines and Karen’s 19 year old son, Brian, who was the victim of a vicious beating. Prayers are requested for his full recovery along with prayers for his family who will be his caregivers.

## ***Missionary Sisters***

### ***Sr. Adeodata Gatti, MSC***

Sr. Deo is doing well, but she remains hospitalized. Please pray for her swift and complete recovery.

### ***Sr. Stephanie Kabacinski, MSC***

Your prayers are asked for Sr. Stephanie who is experiencing some orthopedic problems.

### ***Sr. Tommasina Lanski, MSC***

Sr. Tommasina asks for your continuing prayers for her health.

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

Please remember Sr. Regina in your prayers as she recovers from her surgery yesterday. She would be grateful for your prayerful accompaniment.



*May is the month in which we honor Mary and we celebrate all mothers.*

## ***Robert Olmstead***

Please pray for Robert Olmstead, the father of Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial of the Guadalupe Province. Mr. Olmstead is ill and is now residing at St. Cabrini Nursing Home. Pray for him and for Sr. Diane and her family.

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

Longtime friend of the Missionary Sisters Agnes Stridiron requests prayers for her friend Loretta who is suffering with cancer. Please pray for comfort for Loretta.

### ***Joey Sherman***

Cabrini Mission Corps alumna Michelle Sherman sends gratitude on behalf of her family for the prayers of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community for her brother Joey's surgery earlier this week. He came through surgery well and he continues to recover. Michelle and Joey's parents are with him in Phoenix, AZ as he heals. They ask for our continuing prayers so that Joey will experience a complete recovery.

### ***Shane and Mary Song***

Prayers are requested by Cabrini University staff member, Anita Catalanotto, for her cousin Mary, and Mary's youngest son, Shane, who passed away on Mother's Day. He was only 20 years of age. Anita asks for strength and peace for Mary, and prayers for Shane's soul.

## In Loving Memory

### ***Sr. Marta Nunes De Lacerda, MSC***

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Marta, aged 97, of the Santa Cabrini Community of San Paolo, who was called home to God on May 13, 2018. Let us pray for the Heart of the Most Holy Heart of Jesus, that He will give to our dear sister her joy and eternal peace in His Kingdom.

### ***Johnny Ploplis***

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Johnny Ploplis, the brother of Fr. Ted Ploplis, the rector of the National Shrine of St. Frances X. Cabrini in Chicago, who was called home to God on Thursday morning, May 10, 2018. Fr. Ted asks that we keep him, his brother, Bill, and sisters Victoria and Veronica and their entire family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Johnny. Fr. Ted said, "My brother was an angel sent to us for a time from heaven."

### **A Special Request for Your Prayer Intentions**

In June, Fr. Carl Janicki, Cabrini University Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry, will be leading a pilgrimage to Italy in commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passing of St. Cabrini into eternal life. On the pilgrimage, Fr. Carl will offer Masses at the various shrines and they will begin the pilgrimage at Sant' Angelo Lodigiano, Mother Cabrini's birthplace.

A pilgrimage tradition, and a tradition associated with visits to sacred shrines, is to bring prayer intentions from people who cannot join the pilgrimage.

If you have a prayer intention(s), please send them via email to Fr. Carl: [cj363@cabrini.edu](mailto:cj363@cabrini.edu) by **June 20th**. Fr. Carl and those on the pilgrimage will remember your intentions at their Masses.