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"Let Us Work Together to Protect Our Common Home"

by Brian Rowe, National Catholic Reporter

Religious and scientific leaders in Massachusetts, led by Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley, joined forces last week to press the state to increase its actions on climate change to "protect our communities from the catastrophic impacts" of a warming planet.

More than 500 of the state's scientists and religious leaders signed on the [faith and science joint appeal for climate action](#), which was issued during a May 23 press conference at the Pastoral Center of the Boston Archdiocese in Braintree, MA.

Stating they were "motivated by the climate crisis," the two contingents vowed to urge all sectors of civic life to take steps to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions, the primary driver of climate change, and for the state's elected representatives "to address the climate crisis with the boldness and urgency in requires with substantive and immediate action."

"Climate change is an ecological and moral emergency that impacts all others aspects of our shared lives and requires us to work together to protect our common home," the declaration said.

The scientists and religious leaders wrote, "We are called to be a beacon to the nation and the world. There is still time to take action, and that time is now."

The appeal drew support from more than 100 scientists and representatives from the Jewish and Muslim faiths, as well as, numerous Protestant Christian denominations. In addition to O'Malley, Catholic signers included Bishop Robert McManus, of Worcester, MA, Fr. Michael McGarry, director of Boston's Paulist Center, and Christina Leano and Fran Ludwig of the Global Catholic Climate Movement.

The statement borrowed some language from Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment and human ecology, *Laudato Si* on care for our common home. ~ *National Catholic Reporter*

To read the complete article: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/environment/religious-leaders-scientists-massachusetts-together-declare-climate-change>



Working to Get Corporate America to Act *Responsibly*

~ by Dan Stockman, Global Sisters Report

For nearly 50 years, women religious have been working to get corporate America to act responsibly on issues such as workers' rights and the environment. When there are victories, they are usually small, incremental, and often unseen by the public.



Sr. Judy Byron
Corporate Watchdog

However, religious sisters such as Adrian Dominican Sr. Judy Byron have been winning very public battles lately, including forcing Exxon Mobil to analyze the risk climate change and attempts to address it pose to its business, and dialogue with Dick's Sporting Goods executives that resulted in the company's February announcement that it would stop selling assault rifles and raise the minimum purchase age for firearms to 21.

On May 9, shareholders of gun manufacturer Sturm Ruger voted to require the company to report on its efforts to improve gun safety. Sr. Byron was the co-filer of the resolution along with Colleen Scanlon of Catholic Health Initiatives, who was the lead filer.

Executives had refused to discuss the issue, Byron said, but the shareholder resolution passed with 69 percent of the vote.

Byron related that, “wins are rare, especially with 69 percent of the vote. Resolutions on the environment, climate change, water — they might get good support, like 30 percent. Social resolutions are more difficult, but that's changing. A win for us isn't necessarily the percentage of the vote, but: Is the company listening, and are they going to change their policies and practices?”

Sr. Byron states, “We'll continue to attempt to engage with the gun manufacturers, continue the dialogue with Dick's Sporting Goods and the financial institutions financing the firearms industry and companies that have ties to the National Rifle Association.

“We aren't saying “no guns” or “take people's guns away.” We want safe guns. So we're collaborating with other groups — I have a seven-page list of groups we're working with — and we're focusing on states that have significant legislation up in the next year. Personally, I think that's how you accomplish it. You start with the states, and eventually, Congress will have to do something.” ~ *Global Sisters Report*



To read the complete account:

<http://globalsistersreport.org/blog/q/ministry/q-sr-judy-byron-forcing-sturm-ruger-report-gun-safety-54001>

Share the Journey: Meet Our Neighbor

Pierre* is a 21-year old refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo, who had worked as an English teacher with his church prior to his resettlement. Near the end of April 2016, he arrived in Baton Rouge, LA with his mother and two younger siblings. Given his young siblings' needs, Pierre knew he must take the necessary steps to support his family. In less than two months, after resettling in Baton Rouge, the employment counselor was able to place him in a full time job at a printing company.



Pierre completed a cultural orientation and easily learned the bus route to and from work. With his work going well at the printing company, Pierre felt confident to assist others. He helped his siblings improve their English over this past year and has also helped the Baton Rouge resettlement staff with interpretation. Pierre's story demonstrates the self-sufficiency and resilience of many refugees who come to the United States, as well as it demonstrates the importance of welcoming communities and agencies once they arrive.

* Name and image changed to protect identity

Francesca's Garden Begins to Sprout!



For the fourth year in a row, the soil is being tilled and fertilized at The Cottage at Cabrini University, so that Francesca's Garden will once again bloom and provide vegetables for survivors of human trafficking who are recuperating and rehabilitating, as well as for at-risk elders and those who are experiencing homelessness.

For those of us in The Cottage, we are ever grateful to the Gus Feudale, the grounds manager and his able staff for doing the heavy lifting and the planting. Throughout the summer months they assist us with keeping the garden free from weeds and with collecting the harvest. This year, Francesca's Garden will provide tomatoes, peppers and perhaps, some bush beans. Looking forward to great growing season!



Photo above: The grounds crew at Cabrini University is always so supportive of our efforts to provide freshly grown produce to area shelters. Please meet this year's able gardeners, from left: Felix Ortega; Gavin Eberly; Sean Kelly; Grounds Manager Gus Feudale; and Eduardo Rodriguez.

Photo right: The Cottage grounds are blessed with abundant sunshine perfect for growing the tomatoes and peppers!

Be an Angel

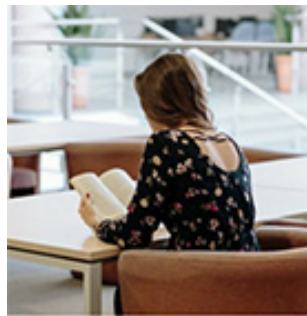
Please help Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC reach their fundraising goal and support 18 immigrant students this year through the Angel Fund Scholarship Program!



The Angel Fund Scholarship Program at Cabrini Immigrant Services provides young undocumented immigrants with the opportunity of continuing their education in the United States. CIS-NYC provides each student with comprehensive educational, social, and emotional support and a small scholarship to help cover school related expenses. We are unique in providing this funding because undocumented students are not eligible for more traditional forms of school loans and scholarships - without scholarships like this, these students would not be able to pursue their dreams. If we reach our fundraising goal of \$5,500 by the end of June, we will be able to provide 18 students with scholarships for the 2018-19 academic year.

In order to do this, we need your support!

We hope you will contribute whatever you can to our fund and share this campaign with your friends, family and colleagues!



"Throughout my life, I have been denied many opportunities, even after being nominated or recommended for them. The only time my immigration status didn't matter was when I applied for the Angel Fund Scholarship. This scholarship has made college a reality and reduced a huge part of my financial burden by covering my course supplies and materials. Civil engineering is a costly major, so I am extremely grateful that I am getting the chance to achieve my life goals."

- Gloria, Angel Fund Scholarship Recipient -

CABRINI IMMIGRANT SERVICES OF NYC'S ANGEL FUND SCHOLARSHIP HELPS IMMIGRANT STUDENTS LIKE GLORIA ATTEND COLLEGE & ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS.



Contribute here: <https://www.gofundme.com/cisangelfund>

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



"How good the Sacred Heart of Jesus is to us!"

Mother Cabrini, Travels, New Orleans to Panama, May 1895

This year, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus falls on Friday, June 8th. This feast day is especially significant in the Cabrinian Community as we pay homage to Mother Cabrini's devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The feast day also has special importance in that this is the day on which the Missionary Sisters across the world renew their vows and the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs) renew their commitment.

To accompany the Missionary Sisters and CLMs in prayer as we anticipate this great feast, please click here for the Sacred Heart Novena:

<https://www.mothercabrini.org/spirituality/sacred-heart-feast-day-novena>



Please join us as we honor the legacy of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini by celebrating the lives and contributions of Chicago immigrants.



You Are Cordially Invited to Attend
The National Shrine of
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini's
Annual Benefit Dinner
Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Café Brauer

2021 N. Stockton Drive

Chicago, IL 60614

6:00 PM: Cocktails and Silent Auction

7:00 PM: Dinner and Live Auction

Tickets: \$175.00 per person

Business Attire

Kindly reply by July 1

To purchase tickets and become a sponsor of our event visit:
<https://www.cabrinationalshrine.org/2018-benefit-dinner>



Please join us for the 17th Annual
Mother Cabrini Shrine

Gala

Friday, June 15

Pinnacle Club at the Grand Hyatt
555 17th 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..

[Click Here](#)

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

Prayer Requests

A friend requests prayers

A longtime friend of the Missionary Sisters requests prayers for a good outcome of upcoming medical tests. Please keep this person in your prayer intentions.

Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, SC

Please pray for Sr. Margaret Ellen who is struggling with some medical issues. She is a good friend of Sr. Grace Waters, MSC.

In Loving Memory

Sr. Emidia Bergamaschini, MSC

Our Lord has called Sr. Emidia Bergamaschini, 97 years old, of the Sacred Heart community of Codogno home to him. We entrust to the Lord the beautiful soul of Sr. Emidia in order to welcome her into his Kingdom of peace and eternal joy.

Jacqueline Burke

The Cabrini Community joins with the Cabrini University Community in extending sympathy to David Burke, of the School of Business, Arts and Media, on the loss of his mother, Jacqueline Burke, who passed away on Thursday, May 24th. May she rest in eternal peace.

Robert Olmstead

We wish to share the sad news that Robert Olmstead, the father of Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial of the Guadalupe Province, passed away on Tuesday, May 29th at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY. Sr. Diane shares that her father is finally at peace and has been reunited with his beloved wife of 65 years, Gloria, who passed away earlier this year. Please pray for Sr. Diane, her brothers, and the entire Olmstead Family at this time. Your prayers would be a great comfort.

*May the waters
of peace flow gently
through your spirit.*

Elaine Russell

The Cabrini Community joins the University Community in extending sympathy to Cynthia Hyland, faculty adjunct in the Education Department, on the loss of her mother, Elaine Russell, who passed away on Tuesday, May 8th 2018. Please keep Cynthia and her family in your thoughts and prayers and they mourn their loss.

Florinda Maria Silva

Sr. Alfonsina Gomes' sister, Florinda Maria Silva, died this morning in Brazil. Please pray for her and the family of Sr. Alfonsina at this sad time.

We bid farewell to fair May, the month of Mary, our Blessed Mother.