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## National Faith Leaders Travel to the Border to Stand with Immigrant Families

by Maria Benevento, National Catholic Reporter

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, faith leaders from across the country held an interfaith service at a border fence dividing the sister communities of Anapra (on the Mexican side) and Sunland Park (on the U.S. side). The service was part of “El Grito de las Fronteras” or “The Cry of the Borders,” a three-day, immersive learning experience with faith-rooted immigration justice organizers based in the US and Mexico. The service is especially timely, given that, earlier this week, [the Trump administration announced that it would seek to extend the length of time immigrant families, including children, can be held in detention.](#)



The Rev. Dr. Katharine Rhodes Henderson joined other public theologians, religion scholars and clergy members to witness first-hand the impacts of the ongoing moral crisis in America’s immigration system. Nearly [500 immigrant children](#) are still separated from their parents and migrants are still being imprisoned [in horrendous conditions](#) across the country.

“We need committed people of faith to work alongside migrants, immigrants and organizers across borders,” said Auburn’s\* director of digital strategy, Dr. Keisha E. McKenzie.

“To make real progress, we also need to understand the history of the immigration system we have. People of faith are uniquely positioned to use the wisdom and migration stories of our traditions to nourish those who exercise the fundamental human right of mobility and seek a place of safety and wholeness for themselves and their families.”

*\* Auburn is a leadership development and research institute, working to build the field of the multi-faith movement for justice. From local to global, Auburn equips leaders of faith and moral courage and brings together unlikely partners to address today’s seemingly intractable challenges, strengthen communities and inspire hope.*

## Share the Journey: Meet Our Neighbor

Jose was six months old when his father left Mexico to find work to support his young family. Three and a half years later, Jose and his mom left their home in Mexico to re-unite with his dad in the United States. Although “coyotes” were paid to guide Jose and his mother across the U.S./Mexico border, they got lost for four days in the desert. When they were all reunited as a family in southern Ohio, Jose was enrolled in school and his family started to plant roots in their community.



Later, Jose’s two U.S.-citizen siblings were born. Unfortunately, Jose was diagnosed with a learning disability, and more difficulties struck when his parents’ marriage broke apart and his father left. His mother was unable to provide fully for Jose and his siblings and the family was homeless for a time after the break up. All of this happened before he was ten.

Despite the hardships growing up, Jose was mentored by caring folks in his community, stayed out of trouble, helped other Spanish speaking immigrants in his neighborhood, and finished high school. After high school, Jose enrolled at Xavier University in Cincinnati, was approved and received DACA, and graduated earlier this year. While in college, Jose was active with Jesuit youth and other student groups advocating for immigrants and DACA youth. This year, Jose will be in Washington, DC working at Network as an advocacy/lobby associate and plans to use his DACA experience, Jesuit education and youthful energy to promote legislation and policies that help immigrants and their families. ~ *Justice for Immigrants*

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## Amid Abuse Crisis, Women Religious Call for Healing and Changes to Church Structure

*by Dan Stockman, National Catholic Reporter*

As revelations of the scope of sexual abuse and infighting among church leadership continue to shake the Catholic world, women religious say they can be the key to structural changes in the church as well as the healing the church and churchgoers alike need.

Sisters say solutions include giving women religious and lay people authority in sexual abuse cases so the decision-makers are outside the power structure that in the past has protected abusers instead of victims; putting women religious in positions of authority within the church to end a climate of clericalism; and including more women religious in the vocation process for priests.

Holy Cross Sr. Sharlet Wagner, president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, said first and foremost, sisters need to focus on healing.

"Sisters can respond by listening compassionately to victims and to all Catholics who are rightfully outraged over the abuse that has occurred," she said. "People are angry. They feel betrayed, and they need safe venues to express their anger and their sense of betrayal. We all need to hear that."

Sr. Kathleen Bryant of the Religious Sisters of Charity of Culver City, California, said the crisis is particularly painful because in her more than 20 years as a vocation director in the Los Angeles Archdiocese, she saw firsthand the need for more women and members of the laity in key leadership positions.

True healing can only come with change, multiple sisters said.

"The church needs to examine not only what happened, but why it happened. The church needs to go deeper and look at the root causes of this," Wagner said. "Why was there so much sexual abuse, and what led to the cover-ups? Perhaps what the church may need is a commission to bring everything to light and go deeper and examine the root causes and then to make changes."

Simply studying the issue is not enough, she said, and it cannot be done by clergy alone.

"There are a variety of root causes. I don't think there is any one cause," Wagner said. "I wouldn't want to speculate on what all those causes are, but I believe we need a group made up of laity, religious, clergy, people with expertise to really examine this."

Wagner said women religious should be a part of any commission the church sets up.

"Women religious have a certain credibility that they could bring to the commission," she said. "Women religious are intimately involved in the church, have a deep love of the church, have committed our lives to the church, but we are not part of the hierarchal institution. I believe women hear stories of abuse in a different way, so the commission certainly needs women and needs women religious."

**To learn more:** <https://www.globalsistersreport.org/news/ministry-trends/amid-abuse-crisis-sisters-call-healing-changes-church-structure-55366>

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Prayers for all those affected by the abuse crisis in the Church are offered by people across the nation and the world.

### **Pope To Convene World Meeting On Abuse Prevention With Bishops' Leaders**

Pope Francis is calling the presidents of every Catholic bishops' conference in the world to Rome Feb. 21-24 to discuss the prevention of the abuse of minors and vulnerable adults.

The Vatican made the announcement Sept. 12 after the pope and members of his international Council of Cardinals wrapped up three days of meetings.

*~ Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service*

# Cabrini Health Medical Team Offers Lifesaving Surgery Pro-Bono

*The following story was brought to the attention of Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial, by Mr. Richard Rogers, the Chair of the Board at Cabrini Health, Australia.*

**A medical team from Cabrini Health banded together to perform life-saving brain surgery on a single mother from Papua New Guinea.**

Cabrini Malvern covered the operating and intensive care costs while a seven-member surgical team worked for free to remove a large brain tumor from 34-year-old Hare Haro.



Neurosurgeon Myron Rogers said that if Ms. Haro hadn't had surgery she would have died within a few months.

Photo credit: ABC News: Dylan Anderson

Her fast recovery since her operation last month delighted surgeons and she has been given the all-clear to return home to her four children.

"It's just awesome... I wish I could hug all of [the surgical team] and give them a big hug because...they saved my life," said Ms. Haro.

Ms. Haro first became ill with migraine headaches and was originally diagnosed as having dengue fever and later, malaria. She became bedridden. When she began losing feeling on her left side, medical scans confirmed she had a brain tumor.

"I thought it was the end of my life. I thought what are my kids going to do without me. I am a single parent," she said.

Upon learning of her situation, Cabrini Malvern agreed to step in and quickly assembled a medical team of willing volunteers to perform surgery.

"Cabrini Hospital is well known for its pro-bono work...it's something that is a part of the hospital's mission statement and I think that all of the staff, if they can help when the situation arises, they are happy to do so," said Dr. Rogers.

I'm so humbled and really appreciative. I feel so thankful to be alive.  
~ Hare Haro

To read the full story: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-09-06/png-woman-lifesaving-surgery-save-rapidly-growing-tumour/10204704>



# From the Province Vocations Promotion Team...

The **Together** Program Builds Bonds Among New Religious  
*by Maria Benevento, National Catholic Reporter*

Newer members of religious communities aren't often accompanied by a large cohort as they each go through an order's formation process, on the way to making final vows as a Catholic sister or brother.

"As a newer member coming in, I think all of us bemoan the lack of companions on the journey," said Mumbi Kigutha, a Sister of the Precious Blood.\* "Very few are lucky to join with somebody else at the same time."

But that doesn't mean newer religious have to be alone, Kigutha added. A new program, Together: A Collaborative for Theological Education, Formation, and Community, is intended to help Catholic sisters and brothers deepen their connections and support each other's formation. The program is sponsored by Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and the Religious Formation Conference.



The "visioning" team for the Together program.

Kigutha is a member of Together's visioning team and will also be part of its pilot class this fall. The program, funded by a grant from the GHR Foundation, is open to sisters and brothers who have completed their novitiate year but have yet to make final vows.

Although only four or five people participated in the pilot which began August 27, about as many are already interested in joining the following year. Ellen Dauwer, a Sister of Charity of St. Elizabeth who has headed Together's planning, said she is eventually hoping for an incoming class of about 10 each year.

Participants must study at Catholic Theological Union and are encouraged to complete master's degrees and remain in the program for two or three years, said Dauwer, meaning there may eventually be up to 20 people total in Together any given year.



To learn more: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/people/together-program-builds-bonds-among-new-religious>

# Cabrini Retreat Center Welcomes Men and Women Transitioning Out of Homelessness for a Weekend Retreat



The women of the ISP – Ignatian Spiritual Project – celebrate 20 years of offering men and women who are homeless and in recovery an opportunity to experience an Ignatian retreat.

*"Many thanks for your gracious hospitality at the Cabrini Retreat Center this past weekend! Your staff members were terrific and our guests really enjoyed the facilities, the good food, and the welcoming atmosphere. Many thanks for helping us in our mission of providing a time of deep spiritual reflection for these wonderful [individuals] who are making such great changes in their lives."*

*Thanks also to Sr. Roselle Santivasi (Women's) and Sr. Eileen Currie (Men's) Prayer Partners.*

*The Spirit was truly at work!"*

*~ from Martina Mead, ISP Women's Retreat Leader*

The Ignatian Spiritual Project (ISP), is a Jesuit sponsored ministry. In 2018 ISP celebrates 20 years of offering men and women who are homeless and in recovery from addiction the opportunity to experience Ignatian spirituality and Ignatian retreats. Through these experiences a foundation of hope is formed which can lead to further and long lasting transformation.

Cabrini Retreat Center has been a partner for 10 years.

*~submitted by Nancy Golen, Director, Cabrini Retreat Center*



**The Eighth Annual Domestic Violence Symposium: Trauma and Trafficking**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018**  
**Grace Hall, 9:30am-12:30pm**

Co-hosted by the [Barbara and John Jordan Center for Children of Trauma and Domestic Violence](#) and the [Center on Immigration](#)

Hear from [Barbara Amaya](#), trafficking and domestic violence survivor and award-winning advocate, speaker, trainer, and author of Amazon best-selling memoir *Nobody's Girl* and graphic novel *The Destiny of Zoe Carpenter*. She will speak about her life's work to combat human trafficking and violence against women and children.

The free, half-day symposium also will include a panel discussion with experts and advocates who will examine these issues from a variety of experiences and expertise. Panelists include Anh Hua, Anti-Human Trafficking Program Manager, Nationalities Service Center (NSC); Detective Les Glauner, Upper Merion Township Police Department; Laura Clary, Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Clinical Program Manager/ Forensic Nurse Examiner, Greater Baltimore Medical Center; Julie Knudsen, LSW Pupil Services Supervisor, Norristown School District; and Abbie Newman, CEO and Founding Executive Director, Mission Kids Advocacy Center.



**Save the Date!**

**Cabrini Immigrant Services Annual Liberty  
& Justice Awards Reception**

**Wednesday, October 17, 2018**

**Estherwood Mansion  
Dobbs Ferry, NY**

Honoring:

**Vanessa H. Merton, Esq.**  
Professor of Law and

Director of the Immigration Justice League  
at Pace University School of Law

and

**Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC**  
President and Chair of Board  
Cabrini Mission Foundation

**All Missionary Sisters are invited to be our guests  
at the reception.**

**Please RSVP at your earliest convenience to Susan Herceg at 914-  
693-6800 ext. 502 or [sherceg@cabrini-eldercare.org](mailto:sherceg@cabrini-eldercare.org)**

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**Join the “300” Club to  
Support Cabrini of Westchester!!**

Participation in the “300 Club” is limited to 300 members.  
Each member contributes \$100 and is assigned a number  
from 1 to 300, providing participants with the  
**opportunity to win up to \$5,000.00!**

Members will participate in a drawing for the following prizes:

1 <sup>st</sup> Number Drawn	\$5,000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Number Drawn	\$1,500.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Number Drawn	\$1,000.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Number Drawn	\$ 500.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Number Drawn	\$ 100.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Number Drawn	\$ 100.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Number Drawn	\$ 100.00

Members are invited to the Drawing/Reception that will be held on  
Sunday, September 23, 2018 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at Cabrini of Westchester,  
115 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522.

**Winners need not be present.**

For more information on how you can secure your lucky number please contact the  
Development Office at 914-693-6800 ext. 502 or [sherceg@cabrini-eldercare.org](mailto:sherceg@cabrini-eldercare.org).

**All proceeds will benefit Cabrini's Magical Moments Campaign to raise funds for  
special entertainment and recreational activities for  
both short-term patients and long-term residents.**



## Prayer Requests

### *Milena Encarnacion*

Sr. Candida Encarnacion, MSC requests prayers for her sister Milena who is very ill.

### *Sr. Tommasina Lanski, MSC*

Please continue your prayers for Sr. Tommasina who remains in the hospital as she recovers from extensive surgery. Your prayerful support will give Sr. Tommasina's spirits a great lift.

### *Irma Molon Capallaro,*

Please include Irma Molon Capallaro in your prayers. She will be having surgery on her knee tomorrow. Irma has been waiting for this surgery for a very long time. Irma is the sister of Sr. Romualda Molon, MSC.

### *Emily Lawrence*

Cabrini Lay Missionary Marianne McGowan requests prayers for her grandniece, Emily Lawrence for a successful surgery and a full recovery.

### *Maria Sabanal, RN*

Maria, a nurse from Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, is requesting special prayers for herself during her pregnancy.

### *Benjamin Hatzivasilis*

Cabrini University's Senior Partner Director from Collegis Education is Gina Hatzivasilis. Her 8-year-old son is named Benjamin and is gravely ill at CHOP. At the request of Cabrini University President Dr. Donald Taylor, we are praying for Gina, Benjamin and their family.

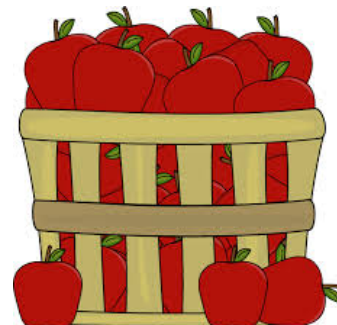
## In Loving Memory

### *Carol Cutrone*

Jean Cutrone, of Cabrini of Westchester, requests the prayers for the repose of her sister-in-law, Carol Cutrone, who died last week. The family is most grateful for your prayers at this time.

### *Eileen Sullivan,*

Please pray for Eileen, the aunt of Sr. Diane McKenna, MSC who went home to God unexpectedly last night, September 12th. Eileen has been a quadriplegic for the last 8 years and is the mother of Diane's cousin, as she fondly calls her "soul sister", Allanna.



## With Grateful Hearts



It is with great joy and thanksgiving that the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian Community celebrate Sr. Mary Ann Hawes upon her 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Religious Life which took place on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine in New York City.



Sr. Mary Ann Hawes, MSC (r.) is all smiles as she celebrates her 70 years of religious life. With her is Sr. Diane McKenna, MSC who gave greetings at the special Mass of Thanksgiving.



Surrounded by Missionary Sisters from across the continents, those gathered for the Mass “gave thanks to God for your spirit of fidelity and the love of the Lord that he has put into your heart.” From Mass program

It was such a joyful occasion to be able to celebrate Sr. Mary Ann’s life of service to God’s people.

*May God bless you, Sr. Mary Ann, and prosper all your good works!*

