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Hispanic Young Adults Express Needs at V Encuentro

~by Soli Salgado and Maria Benevento, National Catholic Reporter



The four-day Encuentro event gathered 3,000 Hispanic Catholic <u>delegates</u> Sept. 20-23 [in Grapevine, Texas], where a third of participants were young adults.

During one conversation with the bishops [who were present], Pedro García from the Diocese of Knoxville said that he and other young adults told the bishop "we are hungry."

"We don't want to just party, have a good time, we also want to learn. We're hungry

for more to keep growing in our faith, in our vocations."

He personally shared with the table that in his home diocese, where he volunteers with young adults and at retreats for youth, support from the bishop allowed them to hire a full-time diocesan employee to work with young adults. Since the hire three or four years ago, active young adult groups have grown six fold.

From the Diocese of St. Augustine, Fla., Tatiana Saltarriaga said her table shared concerns about parishes not allowing young adults to participate in various ministries because they lack experience, thereby denying them the chance to ever gain experience.

To hold more diocesan positions was a recurring request from young adults at the V Encuentro.

Francisco Santos Ponce, a college student and youth minister from the Diocese of San Bernardino, said he appreciated that the bishop at his table, Michael Warfel of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, Mont., didn't dominate the conversation and wanted to hear young people's thoughts.

"At times we still do feel lost," Santos said. "We want to do so much, but we don't know where to go. And that's what this V Encuentro is about."

The need to take care of youth is especially urgent because of the current nationwide sex abuse scandal, he said. Santos' response to the "serious question" of why one would stay in a church that covers up abuse is "having the faith and the strong roots to understand that our church isn't just our pastors," he said. "We don't follow our pastors. We don't follow our bishops. We follow Jesus Christ. They're supposed to lead us, but they're human and they fail."

To read the full article: https://www.ncronline.org/news/parish/hispanic-young-adults-engage-bishops-express-needs-v-encuentro

Share the Journey: Meet Our Neighbor

I have lived in the United States for 20 years as of this past December. I am 29 years old. My parents made a decision to bring my family here because my father's mother, who lived in the United States, was gravely ill and had not seen her son for more than 20 years or met his family. At the age of 10, I just thought I was visiting my grandmother. Six months later, my grandmother passed away. After this terrible tragedy, I realized we were not going back to my little hometown in Veracruz, Mexico.

I learned to speak and write fluent English by 8th grade, and I was determined to excel in school. For survival, there was no other option. My parents struggled to provide the upbringing and education

The author, age 8, in elementary school in Mexico.

that most American children take for granted. In high school, I excelled in honors and AP courses. I had dedicated, loving teachers who helped me graduate and apply to college.

When it was time to fill out college applications, neither my parents nor I had a Social Security number. That meant that I could not apply for federal financial aid or grants. This did not stop me from going forward. I limited myself to three college applications because my parents could not afford more fees. A teacher persuaded me to apply for the Social Justice Scholarship at Loyola Marymount University for undocumented students. Receiving my acceptance letter and phone call from LMU about my scholarship was like winning the lottery.

In June 2012, President Barack Obama instituted the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) policy. This provided me an opportunity to finally contribute and work in my field of study. I have renewed DACA twice and I work as an engineer.

Being able to put my degree and education to work has been the most rewarding part of this journey. I now am able to contribute to our community and provide for my family. I have two small children, and I am the primary breadwinner for my family. This could all disappear if the DACA program is not continued by President Donald Trump. The thought of taking my family back to my home country has been on my mind for many years. Yet moving my U.S.-born children to what to them is a foreign country would be heartbreaking. In many ways, they would be forced to experience the same sort of displacement that I did as a child. They know the United States as their home. It is, indeed, their only home.

My work permit expires next year, and my family's security and peace are at stake. Without a clear path to legalization for me, we will continue to live in limbo, not knowing when I will be targeted for deportation, as many families are now experiencing. My parents made a decision for me 20 years ago because they believed in their hearts they were providing me with a better life. The American Dream was their hope. Yet in the times in which we live, I am not certain this dream still exists for us.

Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC

Responds to the Trump Administration's Latest Attack on Immigrant Families

CIS-NYC released the following statement on September 24th and rapidly mobilized community members and staff to stand up against this cruel proposal and educate our community about what the proposal means. In the coming months there will be opportunities for allies to stand up against this proposed change; follow CIS-NYC on Facebook and Twitter @cisnyc for updates and information.



CIS staffers, volunteers and community members rally for support of immigrant families in New York City. Follow CIS-NYC on social media for further details.

Over the weekend, the Department of Homeland Security issued a proposed rule which will drastically broaden the definition of a "public charge," making it much more difficult for immigrants to apply for legal immigration status in the United States. This proposed regulation will create an immigration system that prioritizes the wealthy few over families who are working hard to secure a future here and who have waited years to be reunited.

Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC strongly condemns this cruel proposal and is committed to taking action to defeat it. This proposed rule would force immigrant families – including many of the families we serve – to choose between the health and safety of their loved ones and their ability to obtain legal immigration status.

It would force many of our community members to choose between putting a roof over their family's heads or having their family torn apart. As people of faith, we cannot allow this to happen – we must stand up for all people and families facing persecution and oppression at the hands of the powerful. Policies that harm immigrants harm all of us – our nation does not become stronger by weakening and disadvantaging the families that live in it. We hope you will join us over the coming weeks and months to fight against this cruel proposal and protect immigrant families.

~ submitted by Ella Nimmo, LMSW, CIS-NYC



Share the Journey: Walking in Solidarity



Nancy Golen, Director, Cabrini Retreat Center and Jose Luis Melendez are promoting the Share the Journey walk. In last week's Update we shared the news that the Cabrini Retreat Center was spearheading a pilgrimage walk in the Archdiocese of Chicago on October 20th. We promised more details about how you can participate from wherever you may be...

Can't Get to Chicago for the Walk?

Please don't let distance become an impediment to participating in the Share the Journey pilgrimage walk. Become a "remote walker"!

Unless we have walked their journey we will never be able to fully comprehend the fear, hardship, pain and HOPE migrants and refugees experience as they make their way to what they believe would be a better place for themselves and their families.

The upcoming Chicagoland Share the Journey Pilgrimage Walk of Solidarity on October 20th is an example of collaboration - with all local MSC missions partnering with the USCCB, the Share the Journey Campaign and the Archdiocese of Chicago.

If you can join us in Chicago or if you opt to join us virtually, think take on your journey if you were walking away from your home and country, cumstances.

We encourage all to explore the "remote walker" option by which everyone can "walk in place" and unite their steps with the efforts in Chicago.

To register: www.cabrinicenter.org/walk2018/



A Conversation on Charism with Sr. Barbara Staley



Members of the University community paused for a photo – appropriately - in front of a bas relief of Mother Cabrini welcoming the immigrants, following a conversation with Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC, General Superior of the Missionary Sisters (back row 6th r.). Accompanying Sr. Barbara were Sr. Diane Dalle Molle, MSC (Back row 2nd l.), Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, Cabrini University trustee (Middle row L.); Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC, Cabrini University trustee (Middle row, I.) and Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial and Cabrini University trustee (Front row, r.). Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC (Middle row, 4th r.) serves in Campus Ministry.

A key feature of the Cabrinian charism is the welcoming spirit and integration of others, particularly, the laity, into the work of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSC). On Tuesday, September 25th, members of the Cabrini University community joined Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC, General Superior, for a discussion of the charism of the MSCs, the University's religious sponsors. Sister Barbara engaged in a conversation with faculty and staff who collaborate in furthering the mission of the University. She shared her thoughts on how Mother Cabrini's legacy might continue to live on in our work. It was a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas with the MSC leadership. ~ with thanks to Dr. Ray Ward

You can learn more about the MSC charism here.

Above all the current crisis should not be reduced to a simple matter of numbers.

Migrants are persons, with their own names, stories and families.

- Pope Francis

Solidarity Mass

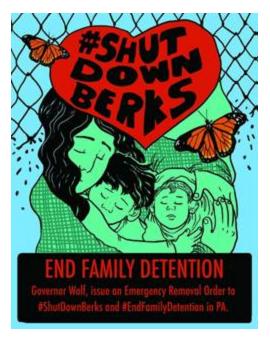
Cabrini University joined in solidarity with those who cross borders, with those who are caught behind fences, with migrants, immigrants, and refugees at a Solidarity at the Border Mass on noon today.

Fr. Carl Janicki, University chaplain(r.) presides at a special liturgy for those who cross the border and find themselves without a place to call home.



Support Detained Immigrant Families

Join with Cabrini University in a Vigil



The Center on Immigration at Cabrini University invites you to join us as we take part in a vigil at Berks County Detention Center (BCDC). The monthly vigils, organized by the Shut Down Berks Coalition, are held to support detained immigrant families and to call for closure of the detention center. Pennsylvania is one of two states in the country that detains immigrant families. BCDC, not far from Cabrini, continues to operate despite having its license revoked by the PA Department of Human Services in January 2016. The parents and children, most of whom are seeking asylum, have reported physical abuse, verbal abuse, and medical neglect inside the detention center.

The next vigil will take place outside of BCDC in Leesport, PA, on **Sunday, September 30**, from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM. A van will depart from Cabrini University at **2:30 PM** and return around **5:30 PM**.

If you would like to join us, RSVP by today to Ashley Woodruff at aw698@cabrini.edu.

The Update - Publication Notice

Due to the Provincial Assembly, October 7-12, there will be no Update on Thursday, October 11th.

Just a gentle reminder that when submitting photos, please include captions.

Much appreciated!

All news stories and notices should be submitted to cabrini-news@mothercabrini.org



The Eighth Annual Domestic Violence Symposium: Trauma and Trafficking

Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018 Grace Hall, 9:30am-12:30pm

Co-hosted by the <u>Barbara and John Jordan Center for Children of Trauma and</u> Domestic Violence and the Center on Immigration

Hear from <u>Barbara Amaya</u>, 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

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:

 1st
 Number Drawn
 \$5,000.00

 2nd
 Number Drawn
 \$1,500.00

 3rd
 Number Drawn
 \$1,000.00

 4th
 Number Drawn
 \$ 500.00

 5th
 Number Drawn
 \$ 100.00

 6th
 Number Drawn
 \$ 100.00

 7th
 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.

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.

Mark Your Calendar!



Open House Chicago | 10/13, 10/14

The National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini is honored to once again participate in The Chicago Architecture Foundation's city-wide event taking place on Saturday, October 13, 2018 (10 AM-2 PM) and Sunday, October 14, 2018 (12 PM-4 PM).

Prayer Requests

Hurricane Florence victims

We continue to be mindful of all those who have lost their lives, their homes, their schools, their businesses and their livelihoods due to Hurricane Florence. With rivers still rising in some parts of the Carolinas, many are still in peril. May God give them strength, courage and hope to continue during this distressing times.

Nancy Panganiban

Your prayers are requested for Nancy Panganiban who underwent major surgery on Monday, September 24th. Please pray that her recovery will be complete and no further treatment will be necessary.

In Loving Memory

Lois Savoie Eumont

Please unite in prayer for Lois Savoie Eumont, the mother-in-law of Cabrini High School Trustee Lenny Grabert, who returned home to the Lord on Thursday, September 13th. Her funeral Mass was on September 24th. Please pray for the Eumont and Grabert Families at this sad time.

Paul Legrand

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Paul Legrand, the father of Yvonne Hrapmann, the Principal of Cabrini High School in New Orleans. Mr. Legrand passed away at the age of 97 on Friday, September 14th. Mr. Legrand was the father of nine children and had many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Please pray for his beloved wife of 67 years and his beautiful family as they mourn his loss.

Rosemary Reilly

Rosemary, a 1963 graduate of Villa Cabrini Academy in Burbank, CA, passed away on Monday, September 17th after a courageous battle with cancer. It was Rosemary who recognized the unique significance of the Villa Cabrini experience, and once the school had closed, established the Villa Cabrini Academy Alumnae and Friends organization in 2000, serving as its first president for over five years. Hundreds of friendships have been renewed because of Rosemary's vision, determination and selflessness. A celebration of life for Rosemary will be held on November 17, 2018. May she rest in God's eternal peace.

Sr. Archangel Turco, MSC

Sr. Archangel returned peacefully to her God on Thursday, September 20th at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY. Sr. Archangel had a smile and a kind word for everyone. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated tomorrow, September 27th in the Chapel at St. Cabrini Nursing Home. Pray that she will now rest in God's eternal peace.



"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

- Albert Camus