



October 25, 2018

Immigrant Advocates Say Proposed Benefits Rule is a 'Wealth Test'

~ by Maria Benvento, National Catholic Reporter

A network of faith-based organizations is calling a new proposed rule for determining if prospective permanent residents risk being a burden on the public a “wealth test,” said Jill Marie Bussey, Director of Advocacy for the Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC). We really feel like that sums it up,” she said. “There’s this battery of tests that they’re proposing with one clear goal and that is to make our country open to the most wealthy.”

In a statement on September 22, announcing the rule before it was published, Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen said that the proposed rule will “implement a law passed by Congress intended to promote immigrant self-sufficiency and protect finite resources by ensuring that they are not likely to become burdens on American taxpayers.”



Although the rule, published in the federal register on October 10, doesn’t include some provisions that provoked an outcry when earlier drafts were leaked to the public, it still penalized immigrants for using certain public benefits, expands the categories of people who are subject to the “public charge” test, and instructs officials to take income into account when processing legal permanent residency applications.

Advocates and social service providers are also already seeing a “chilling effect” caused by fear and misinformation that is leading immigrants who aren’t subject to the public charge test or who use programs other than those listed in the new rule to disenroll themselves or their citizen family members from public benefits they are legally entitled to access.

Catholic groups are among those trying to spread accurate information about the proposed rule and encouraging individuals and faith-based groups to weigh in on the regulations during the 60-day public comment period, which lasts until December 10.

Network, the Catholic social justice lobby, was asked to chair the faith outreach regarding the rule. The lobby has been working with interfaith partners who focus on immigration as well as those that focus on access to housing, food or medical care.

“The impacts are felt not only on folks that are applying for their green card, it’s really felt on the family, and I think that is why you are seeing such a strong solid reaction from our community,” said Laura Peralta-Shulte, Network’s senior government relations advocate. **To read the entire article:**
<https://www.ncronline.org/news/justice/immigrant-advocates-say-proposed-benefits-rule-wealth-test>

Share the Journey: Meet Our Neighbor

Ana* was working in a restaurant when gang members flew through the front doors to kill a wealthy man surrounded by body guards. Some of the guards and gang members were killed. Because she was a witness to the shootings, Ana knew she would be killed so she ran out the back. A man caught her and for 10 minutes pointed the gun at her nose. The mother of three children prayed for God to save her. The man ran off, ...a miracle.



The family knew the man could kill Ana if he saw her so they decided it was time to leave Honduras. In addition to this violent episode, the family had previously considered leaving because of their children. Frequently, boys in ninth or tenth grade are approached by cartel members wanting them to be drug mules or to kidnap people for money. If they resist, they are told that their entire family will be killed by the cartel. Ana and her husband did not want their sons to face this choice. They wanted to come to the U.S. so they could all be safe.

Ana, her husband and three children boarded a bus and began the long trek across Guatemala, along the vast expanse of Mexico, and finally to the border of Texas. Like so many immigrants flooding into the southern states, once across the U.S./Mexico border, Ana and her family were apprehended by immigration officials, hopeful that they would be granted asylum. The coyote separated them, she with their two sons and he with their daughter. The rationale for the separation was that it would ensure that her husband could also safely apply for asylum.

The family lived a nightmare for several days in separate places. ICE officials took all their IDs, her jewelry, went through their hair, and gave full pat-downs. They took their fingerprints and pictures. Officials wanted addresses and phone numbers of family members in the U.S. so they could prove that someone would take them in. Fortunately, they had family in different states whose information they had memorized. While they waited for their family members to send money for bus tickets, they were housed in a cold detention center where they slept on the floor and had small snack meals twice a day.

The family was thankful when they made it to their destinations and were finally able to reunite. The relief was so deep because they were safe and at peace knowing the man would not find Ana, and their two sons would not be forcefully coerced into a gang or cartel.

** Not her real name or image – the name has been changed to protect her identity.*

~ Faces of Migration, Sister Janice Thome, OP who serves with the Dominican Sisters Ministry of Presence.

Chicagoland Shares the Journey



Anticipating the arrival of the Share the Journey walkers are from left: Maureen Geary, Mother Cabrini League; Sr. Benigna Morais, MSC, St. Anthony Hospital; Sr. Joaquina Costa, MSC, Mother Cabrini League and National Shrine of St. Cabrini Board Member; Sr. Alfonsina Gomes, MSC, St. Anthony Hospital and Sr. Cathy Fedewa, CSFN, Cabrini Retreat Center.

On what was forecasted to be a cold, rainy day, about 75 caring "pilgrims" stepped out to brave that weather, only to find a bright sunny, clear blue sky, moderate temperatures and little wind. Perfect for a one mile outdoor walk, the group was introduced to its purpose in the comfort of St. Joseph Chapel at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines, IL, and joined together in song and prayer, and then stepped outside on their journey. At three points in the walk, the group paused to hear the stories of other journeys taken by immigrants themselves. The walk culminated appropriately at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe solace to thousands of immigrants, particularly from Mexico. While the walk was short in mileage, it was long on compassion for the millions around the world who walk much longer, some finding a home, some settling for whatever shelter they can manage temporarily, some finding that inadequate shelter to be their home for years.



P.S. At the end of the walk, the sky clouded over, the wind picked up, temperature dropped and rain fell. God truly wanted us to have this experience and Share the Journey together.

~ submitted by Sr. Cathy Fedewa, CSFN ~ with thanks to Nancy Golen, Cabrini Retreat Center

Regarding the Share the Journey Campaign, Cardinal Cupich of Chicago, while attending the Synod on Youth in Rome, stated the following, speaking of migrants and refugees:

They are trying to eek out an existence, they are just trying to survive in lands that are war torn, where there is deep poverty, where there is a lot of migration and people leaving their homes because of the violence there and also the lack of employment.

They have asked the Bishops to be a voice for them to make sure the leaders of the world understand their plight; that they need to make decisions that do not jeopardize their future.



Sr. Joaquina Costa (c.) and Cabrini staffer Kathi Wilhite register people for the walk

Particularly because in the United States can begin to live in our own little bubble with our own problems and challenges that we face. We have to realize that people are very desperate and many parts of the world and they are asking us not to forget them and I surely will not."

~ from an update on the Synod Cardinal Blase Cupich of the Archdiocese of Chicago



WORRIED ABOUT YOUR BENEFITS AND IMMIGRATION STATUS?

JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT
PUBLIC CHARGE
WHAT IT MEANS AND HOW IT MIGHT AFFECT YOU.

You may have seen **the news about the proposed changes to public charge**, which will affect some immigrants' ability to get a green card. There is a lot of fear and misinformation, so we will be providing space to get your questions answered!

We hope you will join us – All are welcome!

COMMUNITY MEETING AND INFORMATION SESSION ABOUT PUBLIC CHARGE by Cabrini Immigrant Services staff

Monday, October 29, 2018

6-8 pm

Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC

139 Henry Street

New York, NY 10002

Childcare and food will be provided

PREOCUPADO SOBRE SUS BENEFICIOS Y ESTATUS MIGRATORIO?

UNETE A NOSTOTROS PARA APRENDER SOBRE
LA CARGA PUBLICA
QUE SIGNIFICA Y COMO PODRIA AFECTARTE

Es posible que hayas visto **las noticias sobre los cambios propuestos a la carga publica**, lo que afectara' la capacidad de algunos inmigrantes para obtener una tarjeta verde. Ahora hay mucho miedo e informacion erronea, asi' que estaremos ofreciendo espacio para responder a sus preguntas.

Esperamos que nos acompanen – Todos son bienvenidos!

REUNION de la COMUNIDAD Y SESION INFORMATIVA SOBRE LA CARGA PUBLICA

El lunes, 29 de Octubre, 2018 – 6-8 pm

Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC

139 Henry Street, New York, NY 10002

Proveeremos comida y cuidado de ninos.

Moms, Dads, Kids Making Cabrini Friends



These new “Cabrini Kids” seem delighted with the backpacks and school supplies provided by the Resident Council at St. Cabrini Nursing Home.

Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, had another wonderful program with St. Cabrini Nursing Home. We held a meeting at the nursing home for our new families who will have children joining our programs at CIS. While the parents learned about the many services offered for adults and children at CIS, their children received school supplies. As the parents met with me, the children met with some of the residents who helped them fill their bags with notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, markers, folders and so much more.

The Resident Council at the nursing home decided to sponsor another Mission in Action collection for the benefit of the children of CIS. Their families, friends, visitors as well as staff and the residents themselves contributed to the drive. There were so many things collected that we were able to help our other families at CIS.

I don’t know who had bigger smiles on their faces, the children or the residents. One family, who recently arrived from Brazil, was so happy to meet Sr. Ruth Tavares, MSC, who is also from Brazil. The two children as well as the parents have been missing their family and friends in Brazil. They were so thrilled to meet Sr. Ruth who spoke with them in Portuguese. The children were all smiles as they were able to converse with her. I think a new friendship has begun.

Thank you to Bonnie Burke, Administrator at St. Cabrini Nursing Home, for always being so gracious in sharing their space. Our Resident Council deserves many thanks for another success school supply collection. To all who helped, we are all grateful for your goodness.

~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS



Nothing is quite as joyful as witnessing inter-generational interactions. Here a new “Cabrini Kid” discovers all the school goodies in her backpack gifted by the SCNH Resident Council – smiles abound!

Fun and Games for a Good Cause

By: Heather Pitre '21, Sophomore Student Council Senator

It has become tradition at Cabrini High School (CHS) that each year the current sophomore class hosts the Sophomore Charity Challenge. The Charity Challenge is an event in which Cabrini sophomores and students from area Catholic boy's high schools donate either five canned goods or five dollars for admission to an evening of competitive games. All proceeds are donated to a charity of the sophomore Student Council's choice.

This year, the Hispanic Apostolate was the Sophomore's favored charity. The Hispanic Apostolate provides assistance to Hispanic immigrants through a variety of pastoral services including food assistance. This is our mission as daughters of Mother Cabrini, Patroness of Immigrants.



Let the games begin! Cabrini High School sophomores really get into the spirit of the competitive games as they raise money and food for The Hispanic Apostolate.

The 2018 Sophomore Charity Challenge fundraiser was held on Friday, September 28, in Cabrini's gymnasium. Hundreds of canned goods were collected and nearly \$150 was donated, making for a very successful event.

Sophomore Veronica Kelley stated, "The Charity Challenge was a fun way to bring people together and make a difference by collecting donations to support Hispanic immigrants."

Along with receiving donations for the Hispanic Apostolate, lots of fun games were played to get everyone in attendance excited. The games included an obstacle course, steal the bacon, and dodgeball. The games were played by competing homerooms. After the three games, there was a three-way tie, which led to a game of luck for an exciting tiebreaker.

~ with thanks to CHS student Heather Pitre and Katelyn Ehrhardt '11

Sophomore Student Council members from left: Tatum Kirkwood, Veronica Kelley, Teon Denet and Heather Pitre delivered the donated items to The Hispanic Apostolate.



What A Magical Night!!



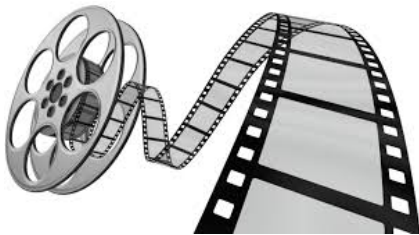
Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC, Director of the National Shrine of St. Cabrini welcomes director and producer Lucia Mauro of the documentary to the Shrine for the special screening.

On Thursday October 18th, over 140 neighbors and friends joined us at the National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini in Chicago for a documentary screening of *Frances Xavier Cabrini: The People's Saint*. The film presents a living portrait of Mother Cabrini that showcases her relevance in an ever-changing world. We were honored to have with us the director and producer, Lucia Mauro and Joe Orlandino. They did a beautiful job in creating this film and we are so very grateful to them in capturing Mother Cabrini's life.

The night did not end after the screening as we had a big surprise awaiting our 140 guests. Mother Cabrini was recently honored with a special city Tribute Marker on the parkway near Her National Shrine on Lakeview Avenue. Her Tribute Marker was made special by a local graphics designer and portrays Mother Cabrini's many contributions to our city and around the world. Our surprise event included an unveiling of the marker by Alderman Michele Smith and a special blessing by Deacon Bill Pyrek.

The entire evening was magical as guests filled our chapel for the intimate screening followed by a lively ceremony afterward! It was a magical night for everybody!

~ submitted by Barbara Willis and with thanks to Alyssa Alvarez, National Shrine of St. Cabrini.



The National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was transformed into a screening room for guests to view the documentary *Frances Xavier Cabrini, the People's Saint*.

Many people attended the special viewing which was followed by a lively ceremony.



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Feast Day Celebration

NOVEMBER 10 & 11, 2018
10 am–5 pm

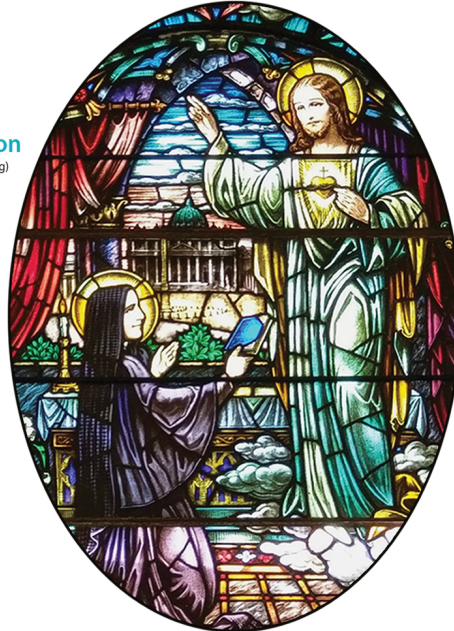
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 12:00 Italian Mass**
1:00 pm Traditional Procession
Led by Italian band. (Weather permitting)
2:00 pm French Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 11:00 am English Mass**
Celebrant: Bishop Gerald Walsh
1:00 pm Filipino Mass
3:00 pm Spanish Mass

Following the Mass and the procession, free coffee and pastries will be available, and there will be prepared food available for purchase. Our Gift Shop will feature many new items, including Advent and Christmas gifts.



ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI
Patron Saint of Immigrants

SABADO, 10 DE NOVIEMBRE

- 12:00 Misa en italiano**
1:00 pm Procesión tradicional
Con una banda italiana
2:00 pm Misa en francés

DOMINGO, 11 DE NOVIEMBRE

- 11:00 am Misa en inglés**
Celebrante: Obispo Gerald Walsh
1:00 pm Misa filipina
3:00 pm Misa en español

Después de la misa y la procesión, café y pasteles gratis estarán disponibles, y otros alimentos preparados estarán disponible para la venta. Nuestra tienda de regalos contará con muchos elementos nuevos, incluyendo Adviento y regalos de Navidad.

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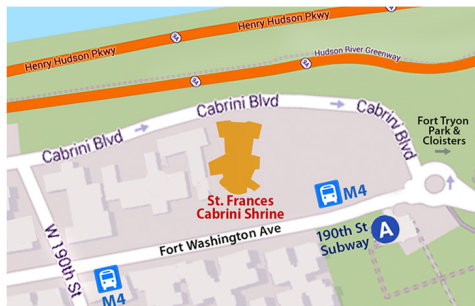
Take the A train to 190th Street and exit the station by elevator. The Shrine is across the street.

Bus:

Take the M4 bus, get off at 190th St.

By Car:

From midtown Manhattan, take the Henry Hudson Parkway northbound and Riverside Dr. to Ft. Washington Ave. Turn left onto Ft. Washington Ave.



Subway:

Tome el tren A hasta la estación 190th St. Para salir de la estación tome el elevador y suba las escaleras. La iglesia está ubicada al cruzar la calle.

Autobus:

Tome el Autobus M4 hasta la calle 190.

En Automóvil:

Desde el centro de Manhattan, Tome la dirección norte del Hudson River Parkway y Riverside Drive hacia Fort Washington Ave. Gire a la izquierda en Fort Washington Ave.

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A Special Announcement from Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC, General Superior

Please spread the news!

There is a movie on Mother Cabrini to be televised on **Nov 10th at 8PM on EWTN**. The producers of this film worked closely with the General Council on this project for the past two years.

The link for the EWTN program schedule is:

<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/prime/ewtncinema.asp>

It will probably be shown several times subsequent to the initial showing.

With love, Sr. Barbara



Update Glitch

Last week, we heard from some Update readers who related that when they downloaded and printed the PDF, some of the photos did not reproduce. This issue seems to have surfaced as we are in the final stages of the redesign of the MotherCabrini.org website. We have notified our design firm and they are working to help us troubleshoot the problem. We apologize for any inconvenience and hope to have the issue resolved as soon as possible. Thanks to those who let us know of the glitch.

Prayer Requests

Sr. Celia Cid, MSC

Please continue to remember Sr. Celia in your prayers as she recovers from a stroke. She has now been transferred to St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY – Room 100.

Florence Wingerter's mother

Your prayers are asked for the mother of Florence Wingerter, Cabrini High School alumna and trustee. Her mother is in the ICU with a blood clot in her lung. Pray that all will be well.

