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(Editor's note: As The Update goes to press, the New York Times reports that President Trump said the U.S. could send as many as 15,000 troops to the border with Mexico by the end of this week, an escalation of a midterm election show of force against a [caravan of Central American migrants](https://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2018/10/31/world/americas/31reuters-usa-immigration-border-trump.html) that President Trump has characterized as an "invasion of our country.")

<https://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2018/10/31/world/americas/31reuters-usa-immigration-border-trump.html>

Catholic Groups Urge Humane Treatment of Migrants Headed to Border

~ by Rhina Guidos, Catholic News Service

As a group from Central America heads to the border between the U.S. and Mexico, the Trump administration is said to be getting ready to send troops to meet them and Catholic groups are asking that the migrants be treated humanely.

"As Catholic agencies assisting poor and vulnerable migrants in the United States and around the world, we are deeply saddened by the violence, injustice and deteriorating economic conditions forcing many people to flee their homes in Central America," said an October 29 joint statement from the chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Migration Committee and the President and CEO of Catholic Relief Services and of Catholic Charities USA.

We urge the administration to manage refugee arrivals humanely and in a manner that respects their dignity and rights under U.S. and international law," said an October 26 statement by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR).

"These people simply want to live with their families free of fear. According to international law, they have a right to seek asylum where they feel safe," said the Washington-based Franciscan Action Network in an October 24 release expressing solidarity with the group.

The LCWR and the Franciscan network both denounced statements that insinuated the group of migrants that is made up of people wanting to harm the population of the United States, including some made by President Donald Trump. In its statement, the LCWR said it was "deeply troubled" by the president's "continued denigration of those fleeing untenable situations in their home countries."



Women and young children make up many of those in the caravan making its way north.



Families are fleeing violence and seeking a better life for their children.

“These are mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, who have been forced from their homes by unimaginable violence and insecurity; runaway corruption; and droughts and floods linked to climate change, the organization of leaders of women religious said in its statement. “These are women and girls fleeing intolerable situations of domestic violence. These are young men and women who have no access to quality education and no hope of economic opportunity. They are people of hope and promise who only want the opportunity to contribute their toil and talent to this nation.”

The group said women religious have accompanied such groups in the past and would continue to welcome them.

To read the full article:

<http://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2018/catholic-groups-ask-for-humane-treatment-of-migrants-heading-for-border.cfm>

Synod ends, Calling Women's Inclusion in Catholic Leadership a 'duty of justice'

~ Joshua McElwee, *National Catholic Reporter*



Pope Francis addresses the Synod on Youth.

A worldwide gathering of hundreds of the Catholic Church’s prelates ended on October 27 with the issuing of some of the global institution’s strongest language yet for the inclusion of women in its all-male decision-making structures, calling the matter a “duty of justice” that requires a “courageous cultural conversion.”

Although the final document from the October 3-28 Synod of Bishops does not mention women’s ordination – neither to the priesthood nor to the diaconate – it acknowledges that women have been excluded from decision-making processes even when they “do not specifically require ministerial responsibility.”

“The absence of women’s voices and points of view impoverishes discussion and the path of the church, subtracting a precious contribution from discernment,” it states. “The synod recommends making everyone more aware of the urgency of inescapable change.”

The lack of women’s leadership in the church had also received unusual scrutiny.

Outside groups and even some of the synod's members made note of the fact that while dozens of women were taking part in the gathering as auditors and participants, none had been granted full membership and therefore could not vote on the final document.

One particular disparity attracted wide attention: that two non-ordained religious brothers were allowed to serve as synod members, while seven religious sisters taking part were not. According to the Catholic Church's theology, religious brothers and sisters have analogous roles. They are each non-ordained, professed members of religious orders.

An October 3rd protest at the beginning of the synod called attention to the imbalance in the synod's treatment of brothers and sisters, as did a later petition that attracted more than 9,000 signatures in two weeks.

Lasallian Brother Robert Schieler, one of the two brothers serving as a synod member, told NCR in an October 16th interview that the Rome-based umbrella groups representing members of male and female Catholic religious orders globally are planning to present Francis with a proposal to give women a larger role in future synods.

The Synod Document

On women's involvement in the church, the document recognizes in its first part that women are often excluded from leadership positions, saying that "in many places it is a challenge to give them space in decision-making processes."

"An area of particular importance is that of women's presence in ecclesial bodies at all levels, including in roles of responsibility, and of women's participation in ecclesial decision-making processes, while respecting the role of ordained ministry," it continues.

"It is about a duty of justice, which finds much inspiration in the way in which Jesus related with the men and women of his time, and in the importance of the role of some feminine figures in the Bible, in salvation history and in the life of the church," says the document.

To read the entire article: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/vatican/synod-ends-calling-womens-inclusion-catholic-leadership-duty-justice>

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Mother Cabrini's Feast Day is November 13th

Please join us in a novena to our beloved saint and patroness.

To access the novena:

<https://www.mothercabrini.org/spirituality/cabrini-novena/>



Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, New York Annual Liberty & Justice Awards Reception

Cabrini Immigrant Services held its annual Liberty & Justice Awards Reception on Wednesday, October 17th at Estherwood Mansion in Dobbs Ferry, New York. The event was held in honor of Vanessa Merton, Professor of Law and Director of the Immigration Justice Clinic at Pace University School of Law and Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, President and Chair of the Board of Cabrini Mission Foundation. Ms. Merton and Sr. Pietrina were recognized for their dedication to and advocacy for the rights of immigrants.



From left: Patricia Krasnausky, President and CEO of Cabrini of Westchester (l.), and New York State Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins, (2nd l.) pose with honorees: Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC (2nd r.) and Vanessa Merton, Esq.

The evening was made even more special with the presence of New York State Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins, and Westchester County Legislator MaryJane Shimsky, who shared moving remarks about the current state of political affairs and the importance of supporting the rights of immigrants and welcoming all as children of God.



NY State Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins (c.) is joined at the celebration by Missionary Sisters from left: Bernadette Casciano, MSC; Catherine Garry, MSC ; Arlene Van Dusen, MSC and Lucille Souza, MSC.

Over \$16,000 was raised to benefit the services of Cabrini Immigrant Services, which include: English for Speakers of Other Languages (“ESOL”) Programs, after-school homework help program, assistance with naturalization and immigrant issues, aid in procuring benefits, provision of health screening and referrals, and various other support and educational services.

~ submitted by Lorraine Horgan,
Cabrini of Westchester



100th birthdays – Lots of Candles!

St. Cabrini Nursing Home Residents Celebrate

Celebrating a birthday is a momentous occasion at any age. However, when you reach the age of 100 or more, it marks a significant time in life deserving of a blowout to symbolize the day.

A festive menu, music and good spirits filled the room as family, friends and fellow residents of Cabrini of Westchester gathered to celebrate the 100th and 100 plus birthdays of ten residents: Filamena Amicucci, Lucy Cardillo, Rose De Mastro, Sister Frances Devine, Dolores McCann, Theresa Asphar, Angelina DeAngelis, Marie Desiderio, Maria Malaver and Beatrice Moynihan.

Residents reminisced about the cost of living, music, history and events back in 1918 and many attributed their longevity to the love of family.

~ submitted by Lorraine Horgan, Cabrini of Westchester

Photo right: Sr. Frances Devine (seated, l.) enjoys her 100th birthday party with her family members.

Photo below: Dolores McCann celebrates her 101st birthday with her daughter and son.

Photo below right: Filamena Amicucci marks her longevity with her two daughters.



Cheers to the Centenarians!

MSC Candidates Visit Cabrini University

It is a very long distance from Ethiopia to Radnor, PA, therefore, the Cabrini University community and those at the MSC Province Offices at The Cottage on campus were delighted to welcome visiting MSC candidates Ayantu Bishaka and Tigist Loja for several days of orientation and formation on October 17 – 19th.

Accompanied by Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC, Coordinator of the International Formation Team, Ayantu and Tigist received an overview of the life of Mother Cabrini, the Cabrinian charism and mission, as well as, insight into the Corporate Stances of the Missionary Sisters, which were presented by Province staffers Karol Brewer and Nancy Costello. Prayer and discussion were interspersed throughout the instructional segments.



MSC candidates Ayantu Bishaka (l.) and Tigist Loja recently visited Cabrini University for a time of formation. Here they send greetings to all the MSCs and friends in Ethiopia.



Library Director Anne Schwelm shows Mother Cabrini's traveling utensil kit to Ayantu and Tigist.

A special treat was a 'field trip' to the Cabriniana Room in the Holy Spirit Library on campus where Anne Schwelm, Director of the Library, shared many of the artifacts and documents of Mother Cabrini with Ayantu and Tigist. It was clear that having the opportunity to touch and examine the traveling utensils and articles of Mother's clothing was deeply moving for them.

On the second day of their formative experience, professors from Cabrini University presented their particular areas of expertise. Dr. Nick Rademacher, Professor of Religious Studies, spoke to the candidates on the Catholic Church in America providing a fascinating look at the historical roots of the Church in the United States. Dr. Paul Wright, Assistant Provost for International Affairs, gave an overview of the international student experience on campus, and Dr. Ray Ward, Interim

Director of the Wolfington Center, welcomed the young ladies to the Wolfington Center for Peace and Justice where he provided a tour and insights regarding the service and advocacy programs and activities offered by the Center.

A tour of the campus rounded out their stay. We look forward to their return visit in Spring 2019 when we will continue their time of formation.

~ submitted by Nancy Costello, Province Communications Office



Sr. Grace Waters, MSC (seated l.) and Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC (seated r.) and from left: presenters: Karol Brewer, Dr. Ray Ward, Dr. Nick Rademacher and Dr. Paul Wright provided a time of formation for MSC candidates Tigist (c.) and Ayantu (r.). There were many moments of exchange and meaningful conversations on culture and faith.

Mother Cabrini Statue Dedicated to St. Gabriel Church in New Orleans

Members of the Cabrini High School community gathered at St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church in New Orleans on Sunday, October 21, 2018 to celebrate Mass and the dedication of a St. Frances Xavier Cabrini statue donated by Cabrini High School.

The vision of Pastor Father Richard is to honor all of the saints who dedicated their mission and lives to the people of New Orleans. Mother Cabrini was the first saint to be so honored by the parish.
~ submitted by *Katelyn Ebrhardt, Cabrini High School*



Photo above: Present at the statue dedication are from left: Jack Truxillo, CHS President; Deacon Uriel Durr; CHS Principal Yvonne Hrapmann; Sr. Renee Kittelson, MSC and St. Gabriel's pastor Fr. Richard. **Photo below:** Many from CHS were on hand for the ceremony.



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>



The Trump Administration recently proposed a change to the public charge rule, which would force immigrant families to choose between their health/well-being & a permanent future in the U.S. **It would make the U.S. a sicker, hungrier, and poorer nation.**

In order to stop this cruel attack, we need you to submit a comment on the federal register. **Join us for a comment party!**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH - 6PM TO 8PM
CABRINI IMMIGRANT SERVICES OF NYC
139 HENRY ST, MANHATTAN

Join us to learn about Public Charge, write & submit your comment, and eat some cookies! Children are welcome.

[Get more info & RSVP here.](#)

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Feast Day Celebration

NOVEMBER 10 & 11, 2018
10 am–5 pm

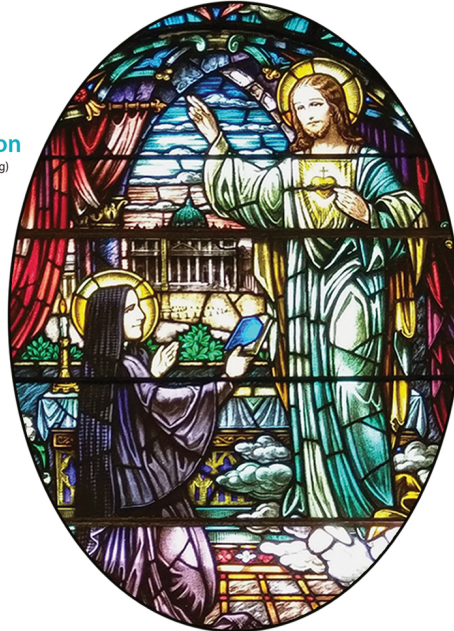
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 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.

Subway:

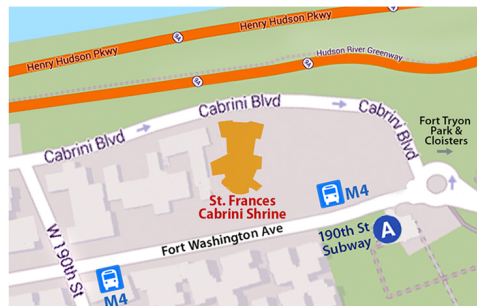
Take the A train to 190th Street and exit the station by elevator. The Shrine is across the street.

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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Prayer Requests

Noreen Elia

Please pray for Noreen, who is in need of prayers as the doctors decide what treatment is best for her illness. She is the daughter of a dear friend in Florida of Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC. Noreen is married with two teenage daughters. She would be so grateful for our prayerful support.

Dwight Lyons

You are asked to remember Dwight in your prayers. He is currently recuperating from back surgery.

Tree of Life Synagogue Congregation

Let us remember in prayer all those who perished in the attack at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA this past Saturday. May our prayers help this community of faith to heal.

In Loving Memory

Bronagh Lynch

The Cabrinian Community joins the Cabrini University Community in extending sympathy to Dr. Erin McLaughlin, Acting Dean, School of Business, Arts and Media, on the loss of her sister-in-law, Bronagh Lynch, who passed away on Monday, October 29th 2018. Funeral Services will take place in Ireland. Please continue to keep Erin and her family in your prayers.

Feast of All Saints and All Souls



Gracious God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshipping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbors.

Amen.