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God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:

For the breath that sustains life,

for the food of this earth that nurtures life,

for the love of family and friends

without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:

for the beauty that the eye can see,

for the joy that the ear may hear,

for the unknown that we cannot behold, filling the universe with wonder,

for the expanse of space that draws us beyond the definition of ourselves.

We thank you for setting us in communities:

for families who nurture our becoming,

for friends who love us by choice,

for companions at work who share our burdens and daily tasks,

for strangers who welcome us into their midst,

for people from other lands who call us to grow in understanding,

for children who lighten our moments with delight,

for the unborn who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day:

for one more day to live and love,

for the opportunity to work for justice and peace.

For these and all blessings we give you thanks, eternal, loving God. Amen.

~ Wenna Cobb Anderson

Happy Thanksgiving!

Caravan from Central America Receives Rough Reception

By David Agren, Catholic News Service

The first participants in the caravan of Central Americans arriving in Tijuana, Mexico, were met with hostility as residents of an affluent neighborhood confronted migrants wanting to camp on a beach near the border fence separating the United States and Mexico.

The residents demanded the migrants leave Tijuana, sang the Mexican national anthem, and shouted, “Mexico!” as caravan participants were taken to shelters.

Fr. Andres Ramirez, Director of Caritas Mexico in the Archdiocese of Tijuana, said such rough receptions were not the rule in Tijuana as the border city has a history of welcoming migrants and incorporating them into the community.

Ramirez attributed the hostility to Tijuana being the final stop prior to caravan participants hoping to cross into the U.S. to seek asylum. Some may have decided to stay in Tijuana, where factory work is abundant. How long the migrants stay in Tijuana remains uncertain as 3,140 people are already waiting to file asylum claims. U.S. Customs and Border Patrol has been processing only 90 requests per day, according to press reports.

The Archdiocese of Tijuana and religious organizations, including the Scalabrinian order, operate shelters for migrants in the region. The facilities have filled with deportees in recent years, Ramirez said, meaning the Archdiocese has had little space to offer the caravan.

The improbable progress [of the caravan] has prompted more Central Americans seeking an escape from the poverty and violence of the central triangle countries – El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala – to form caravans for safety and support.

Caravans have been preferred by the migrants because they cut out the cost of hiring a smuggler, known as a coyote, whose fees now range between \$8,000 and \$13,000, said Rick Jones, Youth and Migration Advisor at Catholic Relief Services in El Salvador.

Ramirez said some of those early arrivals in Tijuana, “didn’t want to stay in shelters. They wanted to cross into the United States by whatever means possible.”

U.S. Customs and Border Protection have bolstered patrols and fortified a fence separating Playas de Tijuana and the U.S. by installing razor wire.

To read the full article: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/justice/caravan-central-america-receives-rough-reception-tijuana>



People from a Central American caravan wait in line to enter a shelter at a sports facility in Tijuana, Mexico. The shelter opened the night before nearing the 750 capacity with dozens of people outside waiting to gain entrance. Photo credit: David Maung, CNS

Share the Journey: Meet Our Neighbor



Mohamed* was three years old when war broke out in central Somalia, causing his family to walk to a refugee camp in Kenya. His mother carried him the entire way on her back.

After years of checking a bulletin board daily for the visa lottery list, Mohamed's mother's name appeared – but she couldn't bring her children with her. Working in Georgia, she sent \$150 a month to Africa.

Eventually, Mohamed moved into a home in Nairobi before being approved to come to the United States. Mohamed learned English by watching the television show "Saved by the Bell" and going to English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.

He is most afraid that the prejudice and fear that exist today around refugees will become our new normal.

*~ Share the Journey, Images of Fear and Hope *Image changed to protect his identity.*



**Share the
Journey** #sharejourney

Thank you from **Chicagoland** for
SHARING THE JOURNEY

To all our friends who "walked the walk" on October 20th, either in Chicago or as "remote walkers", we wish to thank you so much for your care for and concern about our immigrant brothers and sisters. To continue that concern...

**One event that everyone can participate in is the DIGITAL PILGRIMAGE
January 14 – 22, 2019**

9 Days for Life is a "digital pilgrimage" of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different prayer intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions.

Further details will be soon be forthcoming on the USCCB website:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm>

~ submitted by Sr. Cathy Fedewa, CSFN, Cabrini Retreat Center



Share the Journey #sharejourney

Sharing the Journey in Colorado

In response to Pope Francis' Share the Journey Campaign, we asked our community of Missionary Sisters, staff, friends and volunteers at Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO, to participate by donating miles they walked for three weeks.

Prayer cards with the Share the Journey Prayer from Catholic Relief Services was given to all participants to pray as they walked in solidarity with migrants and refugees around the world. The Medical Missionaries of Mary and St. Elizabeth's Parish in Denver also participated and a total of 4,453 miles were donated.

In addition to the donation of miles walked, a three-mile pilgrimage was organized by our Spanish Mass community.

Their beautiful story was captured by the local NBC affiliate and the footage can be seen here:

<https://www.9news.com/video/news/local/newscasts/pilgrimage-to-mother-cabrini-an-important-event-for-these-coloradans/73-8309756> ~ submitted by JoAnn Seaman, Mother Cabrini Shrine



Photo left: Bearing an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, members of the Spanish Mass community at the Mother Cabrini Shrine participated in a three-mile pilgrimage in the foothills of the Rockies for the Share the Journey initiative.

Photo below: Volunteers sign up to donate miles walked for the Share the Journey pilgrimage.



Feast Day Celebrations

Mother Cabrini Shrine, Golden, CO

In anticipation of the Feast Day of St. Frances Cabrini, the Mother Cabrini Shrine community commemorated the life and legacy of Mother Cabrini at the morning Masses on Sunday, November 11. Coffee and conversation followed in the cafeteria. A snowstorm that blanketed the foothills with a foot of snow did not dampen our spirits but did close down the Shrine for the afternoon. On Tuesday, November 13, the Shrine faithful again gathered for Mass, veneration of the relic and a celebratory breakfast.

~ submitted by JoAnn Seaman



Gathering for the Feast Day festivities are from left: Missionary Sisters Roselle Santivasi, Alice Zanon, Isalia Carvalho and Martha Lopez.

Cabrini University, Radnor, PA

Every procession mirrors the great journeys of Scripture. Jesus was constantly on the move, St. Paul made numerous missionary journeys, the Saints and great holy men and women of history were often “on the move”, and we know that Mother Cabrini herself was in constant motion during her years of ministry. Hence, a traditional procession – a new Cabrini Day tradition at Cabrini University - was set to be inaugurated on the Feast Day, but, rainy weather, unfortunately, forced the procession inside. No spirits were dampened, however, as the members of the community gathered in the Bruckmann Chapel of St. Joseph to hear reflections and listen to traditional Italian music.

The theme of this year's Cabrini Day was “Positive Identity and Resilience”. The day was replete with student academic presentations, a keynote address by Dr. Bhavna Shyamalan who spoke about “Becoming Me” and her journey to her own positive identity and self-reliance. The Feast Day celebration included a festive community luncheon served by “celebrity” chefs from the administration, faculty and staff.

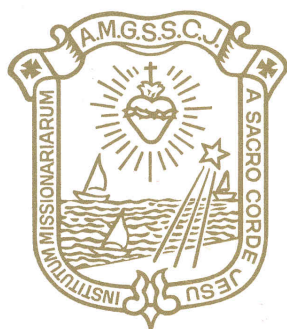
~ excerpts from Cabrini University website and communications



MSC candidate Bianca Huertas offers a reflection on Mother Cabrini on Cabrini Day.

To read more: <https://www.cabrini.edu/about/media-hub/news/2018/cabrini-day-2018-positive-identity--resilience>

A Life of Loving Service



Sr. Alice Zanon, MSC- 50th Jubilee of Religious Life

At the Mother Cabrini Shrine, we were delighted to celebrate the 50th Jubilee of Sr. Alice Zanon, MSC on Sunday, November 11.



Sr. Alice Zanon, MSC reads the blessing bestowed upon her by Fr. Dennis Garrou on the occasion of her 50th Jubilee.

Fr. Dennis Garrou bestowed this special blessing on Sr. Alice:

“Success in the context of the Christian life may be defined as faithfulness sustained over a long period of time. Sr. Alice has succeeded in her ministry as a Missionary Sister of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, by her offering of 50 years of faithful ministry to others in her vocation and of more than 50 years of love of God in her personal life. Today, we the Mother Cabrini Shrine Community, recognize her achievement and express our gratitude to God for Sr. Alice. Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for Sr. Alice, not only for her longevity of service to You, Your Church and the World, but for her kind and gentle Spirit and deep reverence and sincerity. We ask now that you will give her a Sense of Your Pleasure with the offering she has made of her life and that Your Gracious Hand may be upon her for the next season of her life and ministry. May the blessing of Almighty God be upon you, Sr. Alice, now and forever, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

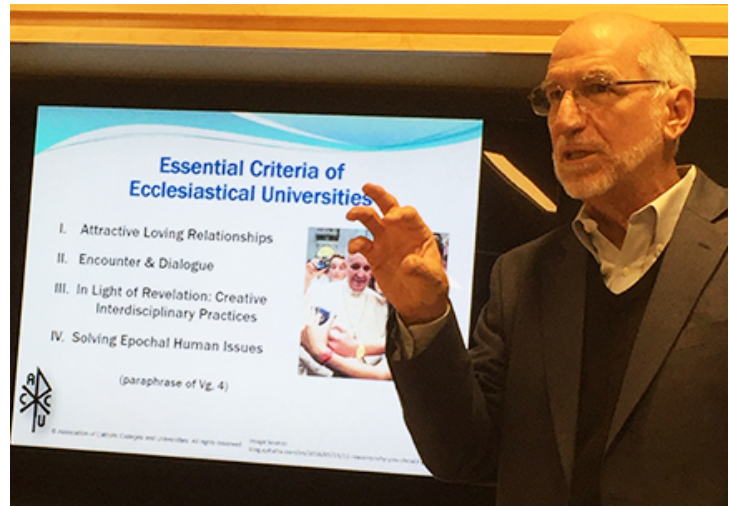
~ submitted by JoAnn Seaman, Mother Cabrini Shrine

Blessings and Congratulations, Sr. Alice!

Leading with Identity: Administration in Catholic Higher Ed

How does Cabrini University's Catholic Identity connect with its mission? How can students, faculty, and staff understand the school's Catholic orientation in light of the diversity of religious identities on campus? How might the long history of Catholic higher education shape what we do as a University?

These are the questions discussed when Michael Galligan-Stierle, Ph.D., a leading expert on identity questions within Catholic Higher Education and the President of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, visited Cabrini University in Radnor, PA, on November 7th.



Dr. Michael Galligan-Stierle points out the key elements of ecclesiastical universities during a recent presentation at Cabrini University.

At a noontime session with faculty, staff and students, Dr. Galligan-Stierle highlighted assets within the Catholic Intellectual Tradition for work at Cabrini University without downplaying some of its challenges.

How does Cabrini University's Catholic Identity affect the administration of our institution? As leaders within the University, how should it shape our goals and decisions? What resources does it provide for navigating challenges ahead?

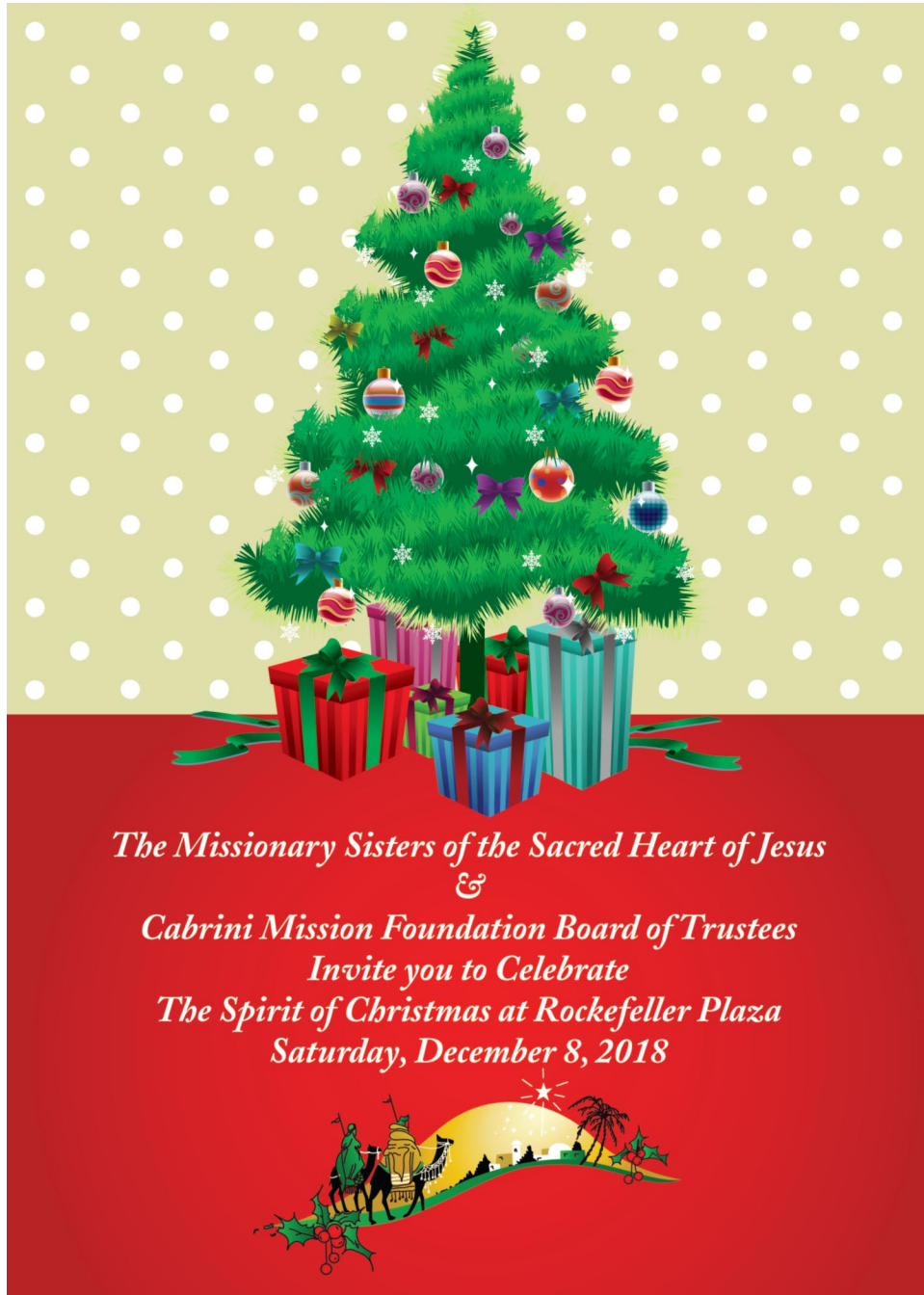
At a second gathering with department chairs, administrators and trustees, the conversation focused on best practices for fostering a lively Catholic identity and scholarly atmosphere on campus, and an overview of recent developments in discussions around academic freedom and free expression within Catholic Universities. ~ *Cabrini University webmail*

One Minute Meditation

True Wealth

Jesus has come that we may have an abundant life. The generosity of God is assured wherever Jesus rules on the earth and we count on that generosity. Our society hungers always for more. Our frantic effort to acquire more is both inappropriate and unnecessary. This hunger for more is a true sign that we do not trust the goodness of God to supply all of our needs; we do not trust that the generous rule of Jesus who has ascended to power is in effect.

~ Walter Brueggemann, *The Collected Sermons*



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Prayer Requests

Sophia Bialecki

You are asked to pray for Sophia Bialecki, the mother of Madeline Bialecki, a former Director of the Cabrini Mission Corps. Mrs. Bialecki has had a series of illnesses and is now recuperating at home. Pray that she will soon regain her strength and vitality.

Sr. Celia Cid, MSC

Kindly continue to keep Sr. Celia in your prayers as she recovers from a recent stroke. We know that your prayers would be a great comfort to her.

Sr. Tommasina Lanski, MSC

Please continue your prayers for Sr. Tommasina who is recuperating from her recent surgery and hospitalizations. Your prayerful accompaniment would give her a great lift.

Fr. George McGee, OSA

Please remember Fr. George in your prayers. He is experiencing some difficult health issues at this time. Fr. George is a good friend of Sr. Grace Waters, MSC.

Lauren McRae

This week of Thanksgiving, you are asked to keep Lauren McRae, a 37 year-old mom of four, her youngest child being one month old, in your prayers. Last week, Lauren experienced sudden cardiac arrest. She has, by a miracle, indeed, survived due to angels being nearby. Lauren is now home and recuperating.

Her aunt, Joan Kleckner, the Executive Assistant to the President at Cabrini University, offers her gratitude, "We are eternally grateful for the prayers and care that surrounded our family during this time. We thank you for your continued prayers."



As those in the U.S. celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, the Missionary Sisters give thanks for all our lay collaborators, friends and benefactors in Australia, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua and the United States. Thank you for 'sharing the journey' with us. Blessings.