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We Met No One to Fear at the Border

~by Sr. Barbara Kane, Global Sisters Report

“You’ll be OK. I’m with you. Nothing will happen to you.” These are the brave words of a tiny 4 year-old boy, comforting his favorite toy on the way to his first airplane ride – a ride to a new life in a strange land.

This describes the challenging and terrifying experience of many of the refugees we met at the Pastoral Center of the Diocese of El Paso, Texas. I came home convinced that no one would undertake such a challenging trip – especially with their children – if it wasn’t absolutely necessary.

Five of our Dominican Sisters of Peace...had heard much about the “security and humanitarian crisis” on the border. We did not see any drugs, guns or hardened criminals in our hospitality center.

What we [did see] were mothers and fathers bringing their sons and daughters to the United States so that they could live without the fear of violence or poverty. We saw parents anxious to find work so their children could eat, go to school, grow strong, be healthy and happy and contribute to their new communities. We met Guatemalans, Brazilians, Hondurans, Salvadorans, Russians and Cubans; all were seeking asylum and working within national and international law governing the right to do so.

Sadly, many who came were sick, as has been reported. Most of those who were sick were children, but this was to be expected, given the conditions of the Customs and Border Protection processing centers. We could not understand: why was it necessary to keep the holding area extraordinarily cold? Why did they put people in cages too crowded for people to sit or lie down? Why were food and water limited? We could only guess at the answers, and do what we could to help those who were suffering.

Many of our refugees commented that our smiles and kindness were the first they had experienced in the U.S. and they appreciated so much being treated with respect. The refugees expressed only gratitude, never demanding or expecting more.

Despite the best efforts of some to build fear of those coming to the southern border, we were never afraid. We saw only sincere, hopeful, faithful people. I agree with the president that there is a humanitarian crisis at the border, but it comes from vilifying people because of their language, country of origin or religious belief. It is not because of those coming for a peaceful life.



Dominican Sisters of Peace do whatever they can to assist people at the southern border.

Two Sides of the Immigration Story



These soon-to-be American citizens are about to take their oath of allegiance to the United States of America.

In a picture of irony, over 100 soon-to-be-citizens gathered one morning in Chicago to take their oath of allegiance to the United States of America. The irony lies in the fact that this room is directly across the hall and visible from the Immigration Court Waiting Room, where I was preparing to sit in on a court hearing for an undocumented father of a young woman killed in combat while serving our country.

In that same court many individuals are seeking a way to get through the red tape of the deportation process and find a way to keep their family united. Yes, some of these are necessary deportations of illegal immigrants who have serious or repetitive criminal charges against them and have ruined their chances to remain in the U.S. But there are many who have been in this country for many years (sometimes 30 and more) whose only crime is allowing their original visa to expire or who happen to have the same name as a fugitive in another state. Others have had misdemeanor charges, or have "served their time" and been upstanding citizens for years since then.

These are the immigrants who get lumped together as some in our government would classify as dangerous/terrorists/a threat to our people. They have raised families, worked diligently, paid taxes, raised good children, but made one mistake. And yes, they are still illegal, but with their past, they have no path to citizenship.

This is a rather simplified version of the situations of tens of thousands of illegal immigrants, but a narrative that begs the question, "When will we fix our immigration system?"

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

From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...



On February 13th, the Missionary Sisters participated in another Gift of Mission vocation program for high school junior girls.

This week, students from St. Basil Academy, Jenkintown, PA; Camden Catholic, Camden, NJ; Archbishop Ryan H.S., Philadelphia, PA; and Little Flower High School, Philadelphia, PA, joined an intercongregational team of vocation directors for the interactive day to better inform young women about religious life.

Vincent J. Zucchetto Honored with Quaranta Award

Vincent J. Zucchetto, social worker at Cabrini of Westchester was recently presented with the “Dr. Mary Ann Quaranta Early Career Elder Adult Advocate Award” at the “Reframing Palliative Care: Education, Research, and Advocacy” conference held at Calvary Hospital, Bronx, New York.

The award is named in honor of Dr. Mary Ann Quaranta, a passionate advocate for education and leadership throughout her entire life. She was a founder of the Collaborative for Palliative Care in Westchester and the New York State Southern Region.



Vincent Zucchetto (c.) receives his award at Calvary Hospital. Joining him are from left: Patricia Krasnausky, President and CEO of Cabrini of Westchester; Dr. Michael Brescia, MD, Executive Medical Director of Calvary Hospital; Dr. Mary Beth Quaranta Morrissey, Director of the Collaborative for Palliative Care in Westchester, NY; Sandi Schreier, Director of Social Services at Cabrini of Westchester and Gregory Runey, Director of Rehabilitation at Cabrini of Westchester.

The Collaborative continues Dr. Quaranta's legacy by bestowing awards in her name to recognize distinguished community service. Dr. Quaranta's daughter, Mary Beth Quaranta Morrissey, Esq., PhD, MPH, who is a health care attorney and an aging and health researcher as well as a leader of the Collaborative for Palliative Care, presented Vincent with the award stating the following: “I created the award in my mother's name and am honored to present it to Vincent as he exemplifies the qualities that my mother found so meaningful in social work practice - namely, always being an advocate *for* the vulnerable person. In Vincent's work in the nursing home setting, he demonstrates the moral courage to stand up for older persons' rights as well as needs. Vincent has distinguished himself through his shining character very early in his career and I know will continue to blossom as an exemplary leader in the social work profession.”

Sandi Schreier, MSW, Cabrini of Westchester's Director of Social Services and Vincent's supervisor stated: “Working with Vincent has been a pleasure. I have come to know him quite well, professionally as well as interpersonally. He is sensitive, genuine, giving, warm, and compassionate. He puts his heart and soul into the relationships he develops with residents and their families. He is a true advocate, always going out of his way to find out what matters most to the resident, and helping to ensure that their wishes becomes a reality.” Ms. Schreier added, “I couldn't think of anyone more deserving of this honor.” ~ *submitted by Susan Herveg, Cabrini of Westchester*

Cabrini Responds to Forced Labor



St. Josephine Bakhita

In honor of St. Josephine Bakhita, the Patron Saint of Trafficking Victims, an event was held at Cabrini University (Wolfington Center and Campus Ministry) entitled ***Cabrinian Responses to Forced Labor***.

Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC, began by sharing information about St. Josephine Bakhita's life and showed a documentary about St. Bakhita. A prayer to end human trafficking and reflection followed.

Karol Brewer, of the Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition (CAAC), spoke on human trafficking and the work of the MSCs, the MSC Corporate Stances and shared information about the Cabrini Closet located at The Cottage in Radnor and the agencies with whom the CAAC collaborates.

Dr. Jerry Zurek's ECG 100 LC class spoke about labor trafficking and shared the award-winning simulation "The Power in Your Purchase", showing the prevalence of forced labor in our everyday purchases. The students shared a *Demand the Supply* chart that the Enough Project's 2017 which examined 20 of the largest companies, as defined by market capitalization, in two of the industries which consume the most tin, tungsten, tantalum, and gold: consumer electronics and jewelry retail.

To read full article:

<https://enoughproject.org/reports/demand-the-supply>.



Photo above: Students in Cabrini University's ECG 101 LC class highlight which companies observe fair labor practices.

Photo left: Sr. Grace Waters, MSC and Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC participate in "The Power in Your Purchase" simulation.



Dr. Zurek's students also provided a moving simulation depicting the lives of labor trafficked victims - child slaves digging the minerals used in technology, child slaves picking cocoa beans for chocolate and young women sewing our clothes in sweatshops - how they came to be trafficked and those who traffic them. The class plans to share it with high schools throughout the Philadelphia Archdiocese.

~ submitted by Karol Brewer, Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition

Young at Heart... Giving Back Provides a Sense of Purpose



At 94 years-old, Mabel Hibbert is older than most of the residents at Cabrini Ashwood but spending time there keeps her young at heart.

When her husband, Harold, became ill in 2010, Mrs. Hibbert knew Cabrini's residential aged care facility was the only place that could provide a home-away-from-home with the round-the-clock care he needed.

"I had been reluctant to put him in a nursing home but eventually I became unable to care for him on my own," she explains.

"I looked at several different aged-care facilities but I knew Cabrini Ashwood was the one."

Harold was in Cabrini Ashwood for 16 months and Mrs. Hibbert visited him every day. During that time, she formed a special bond with the residents, volunteers and staff.

When Mr. Hibbert passed away in 2012, Mabel was asked if she would like to stay on, as a friend of Cabrini Ashwood, to help out other residents.

"They became like family to me. I felt the staff and volunteers really helped get me through a lot of the grief."

Six years later, she still visits Cabrini Ashwood every week, helping out with the weekly bingo session, which is a highlight for many residents.

"Cabrini holds a special place in my heart, which is why I continue to help out. It is my way of giving back for what they gave Harold."

"Many of the people who help out have had relatives or partners who have been in Cabrini Ashwood and they have stayed on to give back and remain part of the Cabrini family."

*~ with thanks to Christine Elmer and
Samantha Robin, Cabrini Health*



Mrs. Mabel Hibbert volunteers at Cabrini Ashwood as a way of giving back and helping others. Clearly, she enjoys her time with the staff and residents.

To learn more about Cabrini's residential aged-care facility, visit www.cabrini.com.au/residentialcare

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Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC, Inc. invites
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JESSICA GARCIA

Assistant to the President, RWDSU

Details & Tickets:

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2019 Mother Ursula Infante Memorial Lecture Cabrini University

Monday, February 18, 2019
4:30pm, Mansion Dining Room

Teresa Pitt Green

Founder, The Healing Voices and Spirit
Fire

"From Abuse to Healing"

Teresa Pitt Green, a survivor of clergy abuse and advocate for other survivors, will deliver this year's Mother Ursula Infante, MSC lecture. Together with **Fr. Lewis Fiorelli, OSFS**, Provincial of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, she has helped to bring healing and agency to those abused by priests in diocese across the country. Their book **Veronica's Veil: Spiritual Companionship for Survivors of Abuse** is based on their workshops, bringing together spiritual and psychological care for both ministers and survivors. For more on their work, see her [interview](#) with the Pontifical Gregorian University's Center for Child Protection.

Ms. Pitt Green's lecture is the keynote for this spring's **LIVING JUSTICE in the American Catholic Church** lecture series. Sponsored by the [Wolffington Center](#) at Cabrini University, this year's theme is "Catholic Leadership in the Church and the World." It will feature two panel discussions with pastors, leaders, and researchers discussing Catholic leadership following the abuse and oversight crisis on Monday, March 7th and Monday, April 1st.

For more information please email Dr. Ray Ward, Interim Director of the Wolffington Center: rew68@cabrini.edu. RSVPs are welcome but not necessary, please contact Megan Norris: mln49@cabrini.edu.

Reception to Follow in the Mansion Foyer



Prayer Requests

MSC Inter-Chapter Meeting

In your prayers, please remember the MSC Inter-Chapter meeting which will be taking place next week in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Pray that the Holy Spirit will bless, inspire and guide all the participants and that everyone will travel safely to and from the gathering.

Jacque Tague Murray

Your prayers are requested for Jacque Tague Murray '69, an alumna of Cabrini (College) University, who underwent surgery earlier this week. Let us pray for a swift and uncomplicated recovery for Jacque.

Joe Stimmler

Please continue your prayers for Joe Stimmler who remains hospitalized following a massive heart attack last week.

Marie Takes

Please continue your prayers for Mrs. Takes, the mother of Deb Takes, former Chair of the Board and interim President of Cabrini (College) University. Pray that as she recovers from hip surgery Mrs. Takes is blessed with courage and strength.

In Loving Memory

Mary Barry

Please pray for the repose of the soul Mary Barry, a lifelong friend of Sr. Grace Waters, MSC, who passed away suddenly in recent days. Please remember her family and friends at this time.

God has planted
kingdom seeds in
every heart...



Irene Dempsey

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Irene Dempsey, the great aunt of Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC, who passed away this week in Flushing, New York. Pray also for Mrs. Dempsey's daughter, Cecilia, as she mourns the loss of her mother. May she rest in God's eternal peace.

Robert W. Guerri

The Cabrinian Community joins the Cabrini University Community in extending sympathy to Linda Roscioli, Office Manager, Sodexo, on the loss of her father, Robert W. Guerri, who passed away on Tuesday, February 5th 2019. Please keep Linda and her family in your prayers at this sad time.