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THE UPDATE

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## Welcome Christ Present in Migrants and Refugees

~ by Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

Even if Christians struggle to recognize him with his "torn clothes (and) dirty feet," Jesus is present in the migrants and refugees who seek safety and a dignified life in a new land, Pope Francis said.

If Jesus' words, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me," are true, the pope said, then "we must begin to thank those who give us the opportunity for this encounter, namely, the 'others' who knock on our doors, giving us the possibility to overcome our fears in order to encounter, welcome and assist Jesus in person."

Pope Francis spoke about overcoming fear and welcoming others during a Mass he celebrated February 15 in Sacrofano, about 15 miles north of Rome. The Mass was part of a conference titled, "Welcoming Communities: Free of Fear," which was sponsored by the Italian bishops' office for migration, Caritas Italy and Jesuit Refugee Service's Centro Astalli.

At a time when Italy's government is trying to severely restrict immigration, Caritas Italy said the meeting was designed to encourage those working with migrants and refugees and to counteract fear of migration by highlighting how individuals and the entire country benefit from welcoming them.

"The Lord speaks to us today and asks us to allow him to free us of our fear," the pope said. "Fear is the origin of slavery," just as it was for the ancient Israelites, he said, "and it is also the origin of every dictatorship because, on the fear of the people, the violence of the dictator grows."

Of course, the pope said, people naturally are afraid of what they don't understand and of strangers who speak another language and have another culture. The Christian response is not to play on those fears, but to educate people and help them turn strangers into friends.

"We are called to overcome fear and open ourselves to encounter," he said. "The encounter with the 'other,' then, is also an encounter with Christ. He himself told us this. It is he who knocks on our door hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick and imprisoned, asking to be met and assisted."

Pope Francis asked Catholics who have had "the joy" of assisting migrants and refugees to "proclaim it from the rooftops, openly, to help others do the same, preparing themselves to encounter Christ and his salvation."



# Pope Francis Opens Vatican Summit Calls for 'Concrete Measures' to Fight Abuse

~ by Joshua McElwee, *National Catholic Reporter*

Pope Francis opened the highly anticipated global summit on Catholic clergy sexual abuse February 21 by telling the hundreds of bishops he had called to Rome for the encounter that people expect them to consider "concrete and effective measures" to confront what he termed the "evil" of abuse.

In brief remarks beginning his four-day meeting on child protection with the heads of the world's bishops' conferences, the pontiff said he had not brought them together so they could issue "simple and predictable condemnations."

Francis told the 190 cardinals, bishops and heads of religious orders taking part in the first of its kind summit that they were coming together to "listen to the cry of the little ones who ask for justice."

"What falls on our meeting is the weight of pastoral and ecclesial responsibility that obliges us to discuss together, in a synodal, sincere and deep manner, how to confront this evil that afflicts the church," said the pope.

Francis spoke for only about two minutes at the start of the summit February 21, before ceding the floor in the Vatican's Synod Hall to five video testimonies from abuse survivors. The pontiff is not expected to speak again publicly until the meeting closes Feb. 24.



Phil Saviano, Director of BishopAccountability.org and Co-Director Anne Barrett Doyle met with the international press prior to the summit.

Each day of the first three days of the summit is focusing on a different theme, starting with responsibility, following with accountability, and then ending with transparency. Each day begins with a prayer service and includes three presentations, and then time for working in small language groups.

Francis' summit has been the subject of high expectations following renewed focus throughout 2018 on the decades-long clergy abuse crisis. The pope and Vatican officials have sought to downplay the expectations for the event, pointing to its brevity.

Summit organizers met for more than two hours Feb. 20 with 12 abuse survivors, including Phil Saviano, who was crucial to the extensive reporting in 2002 on the scandals in Boston.

Speaking to journalists after the encounter, Saviano characterized the summit as one of many milestones he had experienced since coming forward as a survivor.

"I think there's progress," he said. "I do think it is a milestone. I hope that I'm not going to be really disappointed six months from now."

To read the full article: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/accountability/francis-opens-vatican-summit-call-concrete-measures-fight-abuse>

# World Youth Day 2019 - PANAMA

## THIS IS THE YOUTH OF THE POPE!...

~ A Reflection by Sr. Martha Lopez, MSC

*This is the Youth of the Pope...* is the expression that still resonates in the hearts of all of us who participated in the World Youth Day in Panama! I would like to share with you that I feel younger than ever, after having lived this experience. [This was an] experience that was an explosion of life, of enthusiasm, of color, of celebration, of joy ... of the joy of the gospel. Undoubtedly, it was a celebration of united nations and young people hungry for God!



We were 140 youth from Ascension Church in Denver, and we can say that it was worth it to make so many efforts to travel. As a reward, we have been able to receive an injection of life, of love for the Church, of commitment to our own vocation. We were able to discover a young Jesus and a teenage Mary who said: *Here is the servant of the Lord.*

I am sure that the Lord has touched the hearts of many young people, as he has touched my own. I feel a great missionary fire and a great passion to help our young people discover and assume their

vocation. I believe that many young people confirmed their call to consecrate themselves in the priestly or religious life. In our group we had four young women and three young men who are seriously considering religious and priestly life. With them we had special meeting moments and we are planning to live a VOCATIONAL missionary experience in the next Holy Week ....

May our hearts remain young and passionate for the young and that we make the words of Pope Francis to the Central American bishops come true: "You must accompany, support and welcome the young ... Rob them from the street, before it is the culture of death that, selling them smoke and magic solutions, seizes and takes advantage of their imagination, and do it not with paternalism, from top to bottom. They are the Face of Christ for us and we cannot reach Christ from top to bottom, but from bottom to top. "

Thank you for the opportunity that the Province gave me to have lived this experience. I hope to spill the fruits that the Lord expects from me. May we are capable of "creating a mess, a constructive mess, a loving mess, a mess that comes from knowing Jesus"!

~ with sincere and abundant thanks to Sr. Martha Lopez for sharing her World Youth Day experience





# Enhancing Family Literacy

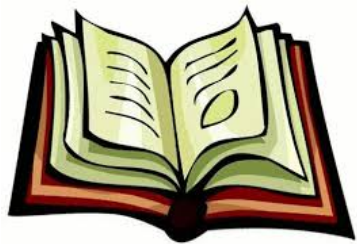
Cabrini Immigrant Services located in Dobbs Ferry, New York held a ceremony on Friday, February 15th for the first graduates of a new program “Enhancing Family Literacy through Education and Storytelling Program.” The program, which started in March, 2018 was attended by adult immigrant students from Mexico, Central and South America all of whom struggle with speaking, reading and writing in English.



Sr. Romualda Molon, MSC (I.); members of Cabrini of Westchester’s Board of Trustees: Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC (2<sup>nd</sup> I.) and Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC (5<sup>th</sup> I.) ; and President and CEO of Cabrini of Westchester Patricia Krasnausky (c.) share in the celebration with the Director of Cabrini Immigrant Services, Lorraine Campanelli (2<sup>nd</sup> r.) along with the program’s trained storyteller, volunteers and graduates.

Lorraine Campanelli, Director of Cabrini Immigrant Services and a teacher by trade, put the program together with the help of trained storyteller, Deborah Mosley and several enthusiastic and gifted volunteers: Social Worker and Grant Writer, Paulette Sansone, Ph.D.; Teacher and Author, Marie Amoroso, Ph.D.; and, Certified Art Teacher, Ellen Tessitore. Funding for the program was made possible by a grant from Cabrini Mission Foundation.

Lorraine Campanelli was beaming with pride as she spoke of the success of the program: “The students worked so hard over the last 10 months. In the beginning, they would just sit quietly and listen to our storyteller who had selected books that shared the themes of instilling good morals and empowerment. Now, they are the storytellers themselves. Today, they not only told a story in English but they were very animated and put their heart and soul into their stories.” As a result of the program, students formed a lot of friendships and gained confidence not only in their English but also in themselves and are now reading in English at home with their children.



Patricia Krasnausky, President and CEO of Cabrini of Westchester, ended the program on a high note when she announced that we have just received funding from a long-time friend of the Missionary Sisters that will enable the program to continue. The students burst into applause and excitement filled the air with the news that their learning had not come to an end but, instead, is only just beginning. Each of the students received a diploma stating they successfully completed the program. Following the ceremony, everyone indulged in a beautiful buffet luncheon consisting of homemade food from each of the student’s native country which they had prepared to thank the Cabrini staff and board members present for improving their lives through the programs and services of Cabrini Immigrant Services. ~ submitted by Lorraine Horgan, Cabrini of Westchester

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*From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...*  
*For young adults ages 18 - 40*

**LIFE AWARENESS**



## **RETREAT for all Young Adults**

**Seeking God's Will in a Time of Decision-Making**

**March 8-10**

**Arrival: Friday from 5:00-6:00PM**

**Departure: Sunday at 2:00PM**

**Sliding Scale Fee: \$90 - \$170.00**

Location: Mother Boniface Center  
3501 Solly Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19136

**For more Information or to register,  
contact [sisterceleste@ssjphila.org](mailto:sisterceleste@ssjphila.org)**

**Offered by the NRVC Delaware Valley Vocation Directors**



Cabrini University is pleased to announce the  
showing of



**Human Trafficking Awareness Movie Event**  
**Wednesday March 13, 2019** Movie starts at **6:00 pm**  
**Cabrini University Grace Hall Atrium**

From Liberty to Captivity, is a documentary exploring the tragic reality of sex trafficking in Pennsylvania through the stories of victim survivors and abolitionists fighting to end this great crime against humanity. Woven into the film is a message of both justice and hope for the future. Reflecting on the powerful effect of the abolitionists in the 19th century, this film documents one state's fight for freedom from slavery.

With its proverbial lens, "From Liberty To Captivity" will zoom-in on Pennsylvania's booming and profitable sex trafficking industry, which is threatening to destroy the principle of "liberty and justice for all." This feature-length film will reveal the reality and complexities of sex trafficking crimes and this social justice issue and present the very real hope of conquering it. We will follow several individuals through their personal and professional experiences with trafficking. Our mission is to awaken people from all walks of life to the pervasive reality of sex trafficking in Pennsylvania and to plant seeds of hope, inspiring them to carry forth the legacy of the abolitionists who came before them, fighting for freedom and rewriting America's history.

*The film, produced and directed by Debbie Wright, has received numerous awards, including Best Documentary by the Top Indie Film Awards Film Festival.*

**Free Event – Open to the Public**

Click on link to register for event at: <https://tinyurl.com/y3f5x73w>

***Proceeds go to the Cabrini Closet and local anti-trafficking partnerships.***

We will be accepting donations of gift cards (Target, Walmart), underwear, feminine hygiene products, and travel sized bottles of shampoo and/ or soaps at this event.

Questions about event - [cabriniformation@mothercabrini.org](mailto:cabriniformation@mothercabrini.org)

**We will record student attendance at this event.**

Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC  
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*20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC, Inc. invites  
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APRIL

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6:00 PM

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# Prayer Requests

## ***MSC Inter-Chapter Meeting***

Please continue to pray with the Missionary Sisters for the fruitful outcome of the Inter-Chapter Meeting which is taking place this week in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire, enlighten and guide all those present as they plan for the future of the Institute. Pray, too, for the safe return home of all the participants.

## ***Joe Stimmler***

Please continue your prayers for Joe Stimmler, who is currently undergoing rehabilitation following a massive heart attack. He faces an extended recovery. Please pray for this kind gentleman who throughout his life has created and provided a healing and nurturing environment for so many others at Regina Nursing Center in Norristown, PA.

## ***Vatican Summit***

As Pope Francis has called for, let us pray that 'concrete measures' to fight abuse will emerge from the Vatican Summit currently taking place in Rome. Let us pray for healing and justice for victims, and accountability and transparency on the part of all in the Church hierarchy.

# In Loving Memory

## ***Sherry Harrison Arseneaux***

The Cabrini High School Community, New Orleans, is sad to inform the Cabrinian Community of the loss of Cabrini High School alumna and family member, Sherry Harrison Arseneaux '90. Sherry is the mother of senior Jordan Arseneaux. Mrs. Pat Harrison, Sherry's mother and Jordan's grandmother, has been a dedicated volunteer on campus in recent years. Please pray for this Cabrinian family at this very sad time.

## ***Tina Rizzuto***

Kindly remember in prayer Tina Rizzuto, the cousin of Sr. Bernadette Anello, MSC, who returned home to God on Thursday, February 7th. Please keep all in her family in prayer at this time.

## ***Victims of Church Bombing in the Philippines***

Cabrini Lay Missionary (CLM) Vicky Lucio asks the prayers of the Cabrinian Community for all those who died and were injured in a Catholic Church bombing in southern Philippines on Sunday, January 27th, during Mass. Please keep all those affected by this act of violence in your prayers. To learn more:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/27/world/asia/philippines-jolo-cathedral-bombing.html>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w172w726fb6435k>

