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Alleluia! Alleluia!



Jesus, you are risen! You are with us. Keep us ever mindful of how you are a part of our lives in a deep and profound way. Surprise us with your love. Fill our hearts with hope. May the gift of your presence transform every ordinary moment of ours into a sacred place where you dwell. Help us to see this gift through the eyes of faith. Fill us with your peace. Amen. *- Joyce Rupp*

The Missionary Sisters wish everyone a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter!

Hope from the ashes:

President, archbishop vow to rebuild Notre Dame

By Cindy Wooden [Catholic News Service](#)

The president of France and the archbishop of Paris have vowed to rebuild Notre Dame Cathedral after a devastating fire, continuing what a professor of architecture described as the natural lifecycle of a historic building.

Steven W. Semes, a professor and director of graduate studies in the Historic Preservation Program at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, said he was as shocked and pained as everyone watching on television as the building burned on April 15.



"Like all historic monuments," he said, Notre Dame Cathedral is "the result of hundreds and hundreds of years of development" with an initial idea, a long and labor-intensive construction process, design changes, additions, demolitions and remodeling over and over again as fashions and usages change.

So, from the initial construction, which began in 1160, the cathedral "was transformed multiple times," he told Catholic News Service in Rome, where he regularly teaches. When one looked at Notre Dame before the fire, "we weren't seeing the cathedral as it was built, we were seeing it through layers of change."

Notre Dame was truly a work of devotion," he said. "Think about it -- how large the building was compared to everything else in the city, the attention, the loving care that went into making it, ornamenting it and maintaining it. This is truly an act of devotion; it is a kind of sacramental."

To read the full article: <https://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2019/hope-from-the-ashes-president-archbishop-vow-to-rebuild-notre-dame.cfm>



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Human Trafficking: A Crime Against Humanity

by Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

Human trafficking is a "crime against humanity," because it denies the human dignity of the victim, seeing him or her only as a piece of merchandise to be used to enrich or give pleasure to another, Pope Francis said.

Human trafficking, "in its multiple forms, is a wound in the humanity of those who endure it and those who commit it," the Pope said April 11, addressing the closing session of a Vatican conference.

The Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development organized the conference April 8-11. The office brought together more than 200 bishops, priests, men and women religious, project coordinators, pastoral workers, representatives of Catholic organizations and foundations and trafficking experts from around the world to brainstorm and coordinate efforts to stop trafficking.

"Trafficking," the Pope said, is "an unjustifiable violation of the victims' freedom and dignity, which are integral dimensions of the human person willed and created by God. This is why it must be considered, without a doubt, a crime against humanity."

Francis praised women religious, in particular, but also all Catholics working to stop human trafficking and assist the victims.

Archbishop Paul Gallagher, the Vatican's foreign minister, told participants the crime of human trafficking "does not have borders. It violates human rights without discrimination," ensnaring children, women and men around the globe. "It is inextricably linked to statelessness, conflict, misery, corruption, a lack of education as well as migration and smuggling."



Young Nigerian women, rescued from trafficking, gather in a shelter on the outskirts of Moscow. (CNR/Reuters/Maxim Shemetov)

To read the complete article: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/justice/francis-chronicles/human-trafficking-crime-against-humanity-pope-says>

Catholic University Symposium Confronts Inequalities of Climate Change

~ by Jesse Remedios, *National Catholic Reporter*

The impacts of climate change, both in the United States and across the world, are not affecting all groups equally, said academics and activists at an environmental justice symposium [last week] at the Catholic University of America.

The daylong conference, titled "Social Dimensions of the Climate Crisis," was sponsored by the [Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies](#) and the [National Catholic School of Social Service](#), both at Catholic University, and the [Georgetown University Law Center Campus Ministry](#).

Speakers at the event emphasized how climate-related environmental disasters disproportionately affect low-income and minority communities around the world — a reality they said will worsen as global temperatures continue to rise in conjunction with increasing greenhouse gas emissions.

"Climate change is going to impact everybody, but folks who are already at risk are going to be differentially impacted," said Sacoby Wilson, a professor of applied environmental health at the University of Maryland.

Speakers at the symposium stressed that general conversations about adaptation and preparedness for climate change do not go far enough.

"Climate change does not, in my opinion, cause environmental injustice. It reveals it," Wilson said.

"We must emphasize disproportionate impacts on communities of color and low-income communities," Caldas said. "This disparity of distribution of hazardous facilities and concentration of toxic pollutants near low-income and minority communities are mostly unnoticed by the unaffected population."

Joan Rosenhauer, executive director of Jesuit Refugee Service/USA, explained how climate change is causing displacement of people at a rate the world has never before experienced. She referred to climate change as a "threat multiplier."

"Climate change is now found to be the key factor accelerating all other drivers of forced displacement," she said. According to Rosenhauer, 41 people are displaced each minute somewhere in the world due to an extreme weather event. She said that the United Nations Refugee Agency estimated that nearly 250 million people world wide will be displaced by climate change by 2050.



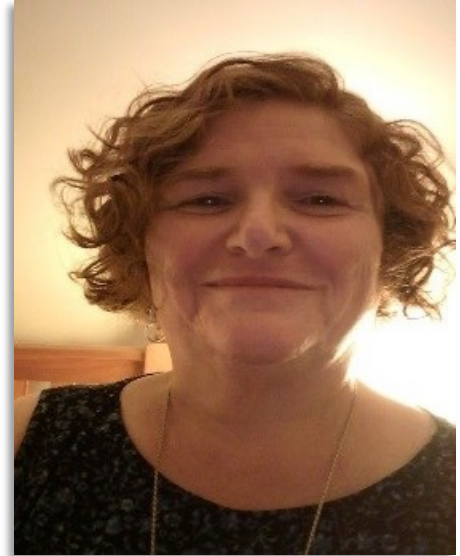
A woman collects water as the floodwaters recede in Mozambique.

(CNS/Reuters/Mike Hutchings)

To read the full article: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/environment/catholic-university-symposium-confronts-inequalities-climate-change>

In response to the often asked question ‘What do Cabrini Lay Missionaries do?’, during the weeks of Lent the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs) of Guadalupe Province will share experiences from their lives and work as disciples of Jesus in the charism of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini.

Lorraine Campanelli has been an employee of Cabrini of Westchester for 17 years and a Cabrini Lay Missionary for 3 of those years. A native of Staten Island, NY, Lorraine attended school there and graduated from St. John’s University with a degree in education. She taught for a number of years before pursuing a Masters’ degree in social work at Yeshiva University. In between acts, she was Director of Religious Education at her parish and its school and obtained a certificate in Spiritual Direction. Since joining Cabrini of Westchester she has used her social work skills in the Adult Day Care program and the nursing home working with elders, and most recently, at Cabrini Immigrant Services-Dobbs Ferry, where she is able to utilize her many skills for the benefit of its new immigrants, especially the Cabrini-Kids.



Lorraine Campanelli

I think I have come to a point in my life where I can honestly say, “I love life.” Despite being very busy, I am able to take time and thank God that I am so busy, busy doing a lot of different things. Of course, being the Director of Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS) in Dobbs Ferry, not only keeps me busy but it has afforded me many opportunities. I am able to use my education and my social work backgrounds in my work with both adults and children. I supervise social work interns who are studying to be social workers. I participate in many different programs at CIS and have learned so much from our many tutors and volunteers. It’s certainly exciting to be in the field of immigration at this time in our history.

I am also a Cabrini Lay Missionary (CLM). As a CLM, I am called to reflect on the Gospel and to try to live my life as a witness to these values. It invites me to bring the love of Jesus to all those I meet. I try to use my God-given gifts to help spread the word. I serve as a Lector and a Eucharistic Minister at my Parish. I play the keyboard and play for some Masses and prayer services at Cabrini of Westchester and at other religious facilities. I also plan special prayer services throughout the year.



I am a Spiritual Director and I try to keep myself updated and refreshed throughout the year. I just completed an on-line certificate program in Spiritual Direction. I was so blessed to be able to renew and reinforce not only being a director but also ways to help myself in my own spiritual life. An added surprise was that the priest that presented the program was someone that I grew up with on Staten Island!

Next month, I will be finishing up a workshop series that I, along with another social worker, created and presented at Sacred Heart Parish in Yonkers, NY. We had workshops on Advance Directives, Pain and Pain Management, Palliative Care vs. Hospice Care and Caring for the Caregiver. It has been a wonderful experience and a great blessing for the Parish.

I’m not sure what my future holds but I always pray that I will have the strength and the health to continue to spread the Good News. ~ CLM Lorraine Campanelli

Celebrating 20 Years of Heartfelt Service

On Tuesday, April 2nd 2019 Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC celebrated their 20th Anniversary at their annual “Heart of Cabrini” Benefit Dinner in the company of nearly 200 generous supporters. The dinner took place at the Manhattan Penthouse on Fifth Avenue in New York City where guests had a stunning view of the city and enjoyed live music from Grammy Award Nominated Artist Hector Martignon and the Foreign Affair Trio as they arrived.

“Heart of Cabrini” awards were presented to three honorees for their commitment to supporting and advocating for the immigrant community in the spirit of Mother Cabrini. The honorees were: Hon. Barbara A. Lee, former Board Member and

Volunteer ESOL Teacher at CIS-NYC; Frances Liu, Vice President of Strategy at Citi Community Development; and Jessica Garcia, Assistant to the President at the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union.



Photos and stories from CIS-NYC’s clients and community members were on display throughout the space, giving guests an opportunity to get to know them and learn about the impact CIS-NYC has had on their lives over the past 20 years. The night came to a close with a surprise mariachi performance, which had guests dancing on their way out!

CIS-NYC is thankful for the support of the many generous donors who made this celebratory event impossible, including the event sponsors: the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Royal Business Bank, Citi, the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, The Ricca Family, Ignatian Volunteer Corps, and Margaret Alade.

~ submitted by Ella Nimmo, Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC

Photos from the evening event can be viewed at: bit.ly/cis20pics



Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial, spends time with honoree Jessica Garcia.



Earth Day – April 22, 2019 theme: PROTECT OUR SPECIES - is a global event each year, and we believe that more than 1 billion people in 192 countries now take part in what is the largest civic-focused day of action in the world.

It is a day of political action and civic participation. People march, sign petitions, meet with their elected officials, plant trees, clean up their towns and roads. Corporations and governments use it to make pledges and announce sustainability measures. Faith leaders, including Pope Francis, connect Earth Day with protecting God’s greatest creations, humans, biodiversity and the planet that we all live on.



Cabrini of Westchester's Sharing In Mission Join the fun and celebration!

We would like to invite the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to be our guests at this event. Please RSVP to Susan Herceg at (914) 693-6800 ext. 502 or sherceg@cabrini-eldercare.org if you plan on attending.

Easter Reflections with Sr. Grace

New Life in the Risen Christ

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God." Colossians 3:2-3

Lent has summoned us to change our hearts, to effect in ourselves the Christian *metanoia*. But at the same time, Lent has reminded us, perhaps all too clearly, of our own powerlessness to change our lives in any way. Lent convinces us of our sin and inflicts upon us the crushing evidence of our own nothingness. But now, the power of Easter has burst upon us with the resurrection of Christ. Now we find in ourselves a strength which is not our own, and which is freely given to us whenever we need it, raising us above the Law, giving us a new law which is hidden in Christ: the law of his merciful love for us. Now we no longer strive to be good because we have to, because it is a duty, but because our joy is to please him who has given all his love to us! Now our life is full of meaning.

~ Thomas Merton, Seasons of Celebration, Open Your Hearts to God

How has my life been filled with more meaning because I opened my heart to God at work within me and around me?



Christ is Risen!

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." Luke 24:5

This is the message that sustains our hope and turns it into concrete gestures of love. How greatly we need to let our frailty be anointed by this experience! How greatly we need to let our faith be revived! How greatly we need our myopic horizons to be challenged and renewed by this message! Christ is risen and with him our hope and creativity rise, so that we can face our present problems in the knowledge that we are not alone.

To celebrate Easter is to believe once more that God constantly breaks into our personal histories, challenging our "conventions," those fixed ways of thinking and acting that end up paralyzing us. To celebrate Easter is to allow Jesus to triumph over the cowardly fear that so often assails us and tries to bury every kind of hope. Now the invitation is addressed once more to you and to me to break out of our routines and to renew our lives, our decisions and our existence. Do we want to share in this message of life or do we prefer simply to continue standing speechless before events as they happen?

~ Pope Francis, Open Your Heart to God



How will I try to continue what God has started within me during this Lent?

Prayer Requests

Karylle Joy Galvez Mejia

Please pray for Karylle Joy Galvez Mejia's fast recovery. She is a four year-old from Manoag, Pang, the Philippines. She has Wilms's Tumor and was recently brought to the ICU at the Baguio General Hospital. Please keep this little one in your prayers.

Migrant Crisis

Each week brings a new development with arriving migrants at the border. Let us pray that all those fleeing violence in their native countries will be treated with compassion and respect as they seek peace and security in a new land.

Angelo Molon

Please continue your prayers for Angelo Molon, the brother of Sr. Romualda Molon, MSC. Angelo remains in serious condition in the hospital. Please pray for his comfort at this time.

Sr. Romualda Molon, MSC

Your prayers are invited for Sr. Romy who will be making a month's retreat in Colorado. Please pray that the Lord bestows many blessings upon her during her time of retreat.



With a Grateful Heart

Sr. Tommasina Lanski, MSC

wishes to express her gratitude to all those who prayed for her during her time of recuperation. She appreciates the many well-wishes she has received. Sr. Tommasina has returned to Sacred Heart Convent in New York City.

In Loving Memory

James Donoghue

The Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian Community join the Cabrini University Community in extending sympathy to Gerry Donoghue, Registrar, on the loss of his brother, James Donoghue, who passed away on Tuesday, April 9th 2019. Please keep the Donoghue Family in your prayers.

