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Curia Reforms Put Priority on Evangelization, Synodality

~ by Austen Ivereigh, *Commonweal Magazine*

The long-expected new constitution mapping out the future shape of the Vatican bureaucracy could be published as soon as the end of June, but its most notable features have been made public in an extensive report in a Spanish Catholic weekly.

According to the report in *Vida Nueva*, the key shift in *Praedicate evangelium* “Preach the Gospel” is to put evangelization not only at the heart of the church’s mission, but also at the heart of the Vatican itself. All the official church’s other activities will flow from – and be subordinate to – evangelization.

Pope Francis always underlines that that the Church is missionary.

Rather than an instrument used by the Pope to oversee and control bishops, the curia’s role is to assist both them and the successor of Saint Peter.

The new evangelization dicastery embeds an understanding that all territories are now “mission areas,” and that the church is *per se* missionary.

As expected, the new constitution will abolish the traditional distinction between bodies with executive powers (congregations) and those that are purely advisory (pontifical councils), so that all will be known in the future by their generic name of dicasteries. In principle, all dicasteries could be headed either by a lay man or lay woman, although Pope Francis has made clear that on other occasions that clerics must continue to head dicasteries that have legal oversight over other clerics such as the congregations for clergy and for bishops. Only the Dicastery for Communication currently has a lay man as its prefect.



To read the full article: <https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/evangelization-first>

An Outpouring of Lenten Generosity Brings a Joyful Easter at the National Shrine of St. Cabrini

Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC, Director of the National Shrine of St. Frances X. Cabrini in Chicago, writes that they are pleased to announce that their Lenten Outreach to support the Cabrini Ministries in Ethiopia raised \$5,086.00. In appreciation for the generosity of our community, Sr. Bridget received a heartfelt thank you from Thinky Mabaso on April 15:

Greetings Sister Bridget:

Your hard work and continuous support bear testimony of the love that Mother Cabrini had for suffering people and deep care for children. The support that you have given us gives hope and courage, and it echoes the words, "Now is the Favorable Time." Your act of love and kindness, as well a selfless giving, gives strength to the work done here which at times shakes and challenges the core of our faith. It is such kindness where our hope is rekindled. Once again thank you from all of the little beautiful souls of the Children in Dubbo (Ethiopia). On behalf of Cabrini Ministries, we would like to thank you a million times.



The giggles of these youngsters in Dubbo, Ethiopia brings a smile to your face.

Thinky Mabaso



In addition to their gratitude they sent us photos of the children laughing.

We are delighted to see the laughter in these children's faces and admire the Cabrini Ministries in Ethiopia for their selfless acts of charity and love and their strength in continuing their vocation.

Our Easter Sunday Mass at the Shrine was a glorious celebration with 400 in attendance and following the service, children relished in the joy of an Easter egg hunt with Father Ted Ploplis in the Narthex area of the Shrine.

We feel blessed with all that transpired at the Shrine during Lent and Easter Sunday and look forward to a very busy summer of tours, concerts and faith formation events. ~ submitted by Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC; with thanks to Lori Schneider

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



Melanie Paccillo has been a Cabrini Lay Missionary since June of 2016. Her introduction to the Cabrinian family was through a visit to the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in NYC in 2013. Soon after that she joined the Cabrini Mission Corps and served as the New York City Coordinator for the Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition. Subsequently, she became employed by Cabrini Mission Foundation as a Grant Writer and Development Associate, work she continues today. Prior to her association with Cabrini, Melanie was a member of the US Navy where as a Naval Flight Officer for more than 7 years she had numerous administrative and training responsibilities in preparation for combat. Throughout her education and career Melanie has volunteered her time and many skills to a number of not-for-profit agencies serving those in need, particularly women victims of domestic violence and refugees. Melanie is a native of New Jersey; she holds a Masters’ degree in English and a Bachelor’s in Chemistry.

When I think about them, I think first about the Earth. The roads are tight and narrow, snug like a warm blanket. They rise and fall along the gentle slopes of hills. They turn around neighborhoods of spectacular houses. Occasionally you can peek out over the crests before coasting downward towards the next valley. This is beautiful Radnor, Pennsylvania. The abundant trees give fragrance and freshness to the air.

A yellow two-story house rises behind a long front yard. Standing guard is an owl carved into the trunk of a long-felled tree. This solemn symbol of wisdom is an appropriate representation of the women within. These are the offices of Sr. Grace, Nancy, Karol, and Beth. From these rooms is published the Weekly Update; survivors of human trafficking receive comfort and care; efforts of Catholic universities are coordinated; and spiritual accompaniment is freely offered without judgment or hesitation. Blessings too numerous to count in a lifetime are born and given within these walls.

They tell me coming to this incredible home tucked in a corner of Cabrini University is ministry. I insist they minister to me. Without fail I am greeted with warmth, energy, and a big hug from everyone. They have kept the Cabrini University tradition of hospitality and welcome, both with the example of their lives and the swift offer of snacks. They remind me what it is to breathe.

Twice a month I drive out to Radnor and share in the ministry activities of the “Cabrini Cottage.” Many are the conversations about the province website, the spirit of Mother Cabrini in our lives, and how best to share the vocation to religious life or a lay commitment. It is simultaneously as simple as that and absolutely the most complex work of God. We do all these things which smack of business, but we do it in the sure presence of our foundress and the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. With that in heart even conversations about traffic metrics and Twitter become holy. We share a love of the charism which is brought into each task. It is an incredible collaboration where each person brings their special gifts to the table.

It is only now I realize this reflection has become a love letter. One which is fully entwined with gratitude for these four women. Sr. Grace, thank you for your endless humor and good will towards me and my crazy dreams. Karol, thank you for the great love in your heart for everyone you meet. Nancy, thank you for your boundless patience and your words like a rose garden. Beth, thank you for your energy and inspiring enthusiasm.



This place and this ministry are an active and true part of Mother Cabrini's charism at work. We are blessed to have such people to carry it on.

~ Melanie Paccillo, CLM

Cabrini of Westchester's Sharing in Mission

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.



Holy Thursday Reenactment---A Life Changer



A long-time parish tradition from their Mexican roots, the members of St. Roman Church in Chicago undertake a prayerful reenactment of the events of Holy Thursday.

Cabrini Retreat Center in Des Plaines, IL provides a serene setting for a group of young Hispanic parishioners from St. Roman Church in Chicago, to share in a retreat that makes Holy Thursday come alive in their hearts, enabling them to share this spiritual renewal with their congregation.

A long-time parish tradition from their Mexican roots, the prayerful reenactment of the events of Holy Thursday (and Good Friday until about 4 years ago) provides a transformational experience for the young adults, teens, parents and the congregation of St. Roman's. But they are clear that it is not just a reenactment, and definitely not a "performance."

Arturo Torres, director of the group along with his wife Patty, has been involved for 23 years, beginning with his own participation as a young adult. He very passionately expresses his belief that this becomes a spiritual opportunity for those involved to not only grow in their faith but to persevere in it, a true conversion experience.

Beginning about a month before Lent, he meets with the young people every Sunday to practice, but the weekend retreat is the focal point of the group's preparation. Parents also participate separately in one day retreats, making this a meaningful event for the whole family.



Fr. Tom (I.) shares the deep meaning of Holy Thursday and prays with the young participants during the retreat, the apex of their preparation for the reenactment.

Jaqueline Romo, one of the young adults who has been involved in this for about 8 years, was actually a "reluctant teen" when her mother insisted she come along with her to the events. Eventually she became interested and now finds it the central point of Lent, as it is for other members. The young people cited a sense of community as an important part of their experience, giving their faith life and active church involvement more meaning. For several participants, it has even developed into a young adult group which continues to meet every other Sunday on their own after Easter. ~ submitted by Sr. Cathy Fedewa, CSFN, Cabrini Retreat Center



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Prayer Requests

Pat Anderson's husband

Our prayers have been asked for the husband of Pat Anderson, a friend of one of the Missionary Sisters, who has been diagnosed with cancer. Pray that all will go well with his treatment.

Cabrini (College) University graduate

Prayers are requested for a graduate of Cabrini (College) University who is struggling with an illness at this time. Please pray that this person will experience a quick return to full health.

Fred Coldwell

Karen Coldwell, a professor at Cabrini University, asks for prayers for her husband Fred who will undergo heart surgery. Please pray for a successful procedure and swift recovery.

Matthew Larkin

Your prayers are asked for Matthew, the son of Florence Larkin, who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Please pray that he will be restored to full health.

Victoria Calabro Zavasnik

Please pray that the treatments Victoria Calabro Zavasnik '70, Cabrini (College) University alumna, will undergo at Dana Farber Institute in the coming weeks will restore her to good health.

In Loving Memory

Darleen M. Price

The Cabrinian Community joins the Cabrini University Community in extending sympathy to Darla Nagy, Math Tutor, Center for Student Success, on the loss of her mother, Darleen M. Price, who passed on Saturday, April 20th 2019. Please keep Darla and her family in your prayers.

Andrew C. Pron

The Cabrinian Community joins the Cabrini University Community in extending sympathy to Dr. Andrew Pron, Director of Instructional Technology, on the loss of his father, Andrew C. Pron, who passed away on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019. May Mr. Pron rest in God's eternal peace.

Victims of Sri Lanka attacks

We pray for the all the victims of the bombings that took place in the churches and hotels in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday. We unite with their loved ones as they grieve their losses. We pray for peace and an end to the rampant and senseless violence in the world.

