



June 13, 2019

## Calls for Greater Lay Involvement as Church Tackles Abuse

~ Dennis Sadowski, Catholic News Service

National Review Board chairman Francesco Cesareo offered the U.S. bishops meeting in Baltimore a series of recommendations that he said will strengthen the church's response to the ongoing clergy sexual abuse crisis.

The recommendations made June 11 during the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' spring general assembly in Baltimore included a call for a greater role for laity investigating allegations of abuse or reaction to reports of abuse against bishops.

Cesareo said that National Review Board members recommend a thorough review of the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" and a revision in the audit process regarding diocesan implementation of the charter, which governs the church's response to clergy abuse allegations.

Strong measures are necessary to show that while progress has been made since the charter's adoption in 2002, the bishops would demonstrate that they are serious in their response to clergy abuse in response to the mistrust and serious questions laypeople still harbor.

Cesareo stressed to the bishops the need to carry out what Pope Benedict XVI described as the laity's co-responsibility to help build the church.

He told the Catholic News Service that co-responsibility means "together we can have a role to play for the well-being of the church."

Cesareo also admitted that he has used strong and firm language in delivering the review board's recommendations "to show the urgency of the situation and that we can't just keep pushing this down the road."

In his address to the assembly, Cesareo said that the audit is a means for the bishops to establish their credibility with laypeople.



Francesco Cesareo, chairman of National Review Board, speaks on the first day of the spring general assembly of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Baltimore on June 11.  
(CNS Photo/Bob Roller)

“A strengthened audit would provide a means for improving your dioceses’ existing methods to protect and heal,” Casareo said. “Virtually all your dioceses, including those where problems came to light under the microscope of the media and attorney generals, have easily passed the audit for years since the bar is so low. Now is the time to raise the bar on compliance to ensure the mistakes of the past are not repeated.”

Casareo also recommended that the charter “should be revised immediately to explicitly include bishops and demand for greater accountability.”

“You have a great opportunity,” Casareo said, “to lead by example and help show diocese and episcopal conferences around the world not only how important it is for lay involvement to ensure greater accountability and transparency, but also how laity and the episcopacy can be co-responsible for the church’s well-being.”

To read the entire account: <https://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2019/casareo-repeats-call-for-greater-lay-involvement-as-church-tackles-abuse.cfm>

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## Bishops Debate Extent of Lay Involvement In Sex Abuse Response

~ Michael O’ Loughlin, *America, The Jesuit Review*

Preliminary discussion about proposals aimed at bishop accountability evinced some frustration among U.S. bishops at their spring general assembly this week in Baltimore, especially when it comes to the degree of lay involvement that can be mandated to be a part of the process. Bishops expressed their intention to adopt protocols aimed at accountability, but they are still hammering out the details ahead of a vote on Thursday.

Bishop Robert P. Deeley, who heads the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops committee on canonical affairs and church governance, told the assembly that any rules they adopt cannot exceed a policy promulgated by Pope Francis last month in the moto proprio “Vos estis lux mundi.” In that document, the Vatican decreed that allegations of sexual abuse or misconduct, as well as mismanagement leveled against a bishop must be investigated by a metropolitan bishop or someone he appoints, or by a senior suffragan bishop if the metropolitan is accused. It suggests that bishops rely on lay experts to carry out the investigation but stops short of mandating lay involvement. Several U.S. bishops have said that as a result, they cannot mandate lay involvement in their own protocols. Some bishops sought reassurance that lay people will be involved in every stage of future investigations.

“A number of us are looking for ways to insert into the plan more robust lay involvement,” Bishop Robert McElroy of San Diego told the plenary group. He asked if the USCCB could adopt a rule that says that anyone enlisted to examine allegations of misconduct or mismanagement by a bishop “needs to be a lay investigator.”

Bishop Deeley said no.

“We have said that he ‘should’ use lay people, the bishop said, but added, “we cannot say ‘must.’”

The possibility that bishops would have the option of handling claims of misconduct or mismanagement without the involvement of lay people troubled Francesco Casareo. (See previous article.)

To read the full account: <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2019/06/11/bishops-debate-extent-lay-involvement-sex-abuse-response>

# Parishioners at Two Philadelphia-area Organize on Abuse Crisis

~ by Peter Feuerherd, National Catholic Reporter

They are two parishes with different profiles.

St. Malachy, on this city's north side near Temple University, attracts a wide ethnic mix, in a neighborhood with some rough edges, appealing in part to those as far away as New Jersey seeking an urban parish with a long tradition in social justice outreach.

By contrast, St. Thomas of Villanova, in a leafy suburb, attracts many professionals, including professors from nearby Villanova University. Like the university, the parish is run by Augustinians.

Different parishes, but similar reactions.

Unbeknownst to each other, parishioners at both churches wanted to do something, anything, when hit by the cascade of sex abuse stories that rocked the Catholic Church last summer, including [Pennsylvania grand jury report](#) and the [scandals](#) involving former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick. As Catholics in an archdiocese that experienced its own massive turmoil back [in 2005](#), when scores of priests were implicated by a grand jury, they needed to talk.

At St. Thomas of Villanova, Augustinian Fr. Joseph Genito, the pastor, asked parishioners to email him with their thoughts. They didn't hold back. Besides anger, there were detailed suggestions to reform the Catholic Church, ideas like withholding money from the archdiocese till changes occurred and opening up more roles for women.

In response, Genito called parishioners together and they formed **WATCH – We Are The CHurch**.

WATCH soon began organizing. It has formed task forces on lay leadership, legislative action (to support opening up the statutes of limitations on sex abuse in PA, a stance long opposed by the state's Catholic bishops); and parish finances, to in part investigate how funds were raised by the Archdiocese to make sex abuse payments and settlements.

Other task forces include victims' healing; networking with other Catholic groups (the parish has made contact with parishes in Piedmont, CA and in Atlanta and in Chicago which are doing similar work.)

The first order of business was for the group to write a letter in the name of the parish to Pope Francis with copies sent to Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, president of the USCCB, and Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput.

"The leadership of the Catholic Church in the U.S. has failed to understand the enormity of the disillusionment and pain suffered by the people in their parishes and institutions," the letter stated. It



St. Thomas of Villanova Church, Villanova, PA

called for the resignation of those bishops who participated in the cover ups, as well as reforms in financial accountability and expanding the role of women in the church.

“We don’t want to be stonewalled or lied to,” Nancy Costello, a parishioner and WATCH participant, told NCR.

Meanwhile at St. Malachy, a similar group of outraged and involved parishioners set about with another set of responses.

Organized by the Catholic Peace Fellowship of Philadelphia, St. Malachy became another venue for area Catholics disturbed by the crisis. Fr. James Paradis, Prior of the Augustinian community based out of St. Augustine Church, wrote a series of reflections on sex abuse.

Ann Carr, a pediatrician, said she sees Catholics experiencing “betrayal trauma,” much like what she sees with children experiencing abuse at the hands of parents.

Across the Catholic spectrum [there is agreement] that action is needed and that parishioners need a venue to talk about what they think should be done, much like what has been put in place in St. Malachy and St. Thomas.



St. Malachy Church, Philadelphia, PA

To read the full article: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/accountability/parishioners-two-philadelphia-area-churches-organize-abuse-crisis>

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## *Welcoming a Special Visitor to the Cabrini Cottage*



It is with great pleasure (from left:) Sr. Grace Waters, MSC, Nancy Costello, Province Communications/Vocations and Karol Brewer, Province Formation (r.) welcomed Nicole Rose, (2<sup>nd</sup> r.), the Director of Global Strategy for the MSC Generalate, to the Cabrini Cottage. Nicole will also be spending a brief time visiting with President Dr. Donald Taylor and members of the administration, faculty and staff of Cabrini University.



## Cabrini University's Global Justice On Tap



Cabrini Professor Dr. Jerry Zurek (back row, l.) and Kelsey Turk, Alumni Office, (front row, l.) hosted an event for Cabrini University alumni who are interested in global justice matters. Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC (center l.) joined the alumni group for the evening social and discussion.

Cabrini University's Alumni Office partnered with the University's Wolfington Center to host a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) alumni event called *Global Justice On Tap: A discussion on women building peace in Rwanda*. The event was held in The Cottage where guests enjoyed one another's company over dinner, followed by a moving discussion with Pascasie Musabyemungu, Project Manager, CRS Rwanda, who led an informal discussion around her work with Women Building Peace Project Across Borders. This event is part of a series that welcomes back alumni who were and are interested in global justice issues as a way to keep alumni engaged in the mission of Cabrini for many years after they graduate. ~ submitted by Kelsey Turk, Cabrini University Alumni Office

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## Cabrini High School Earns Computer Science Female Diversity Award

Cabrini High School in New Orleans has earned the first College Board AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science Principles. Schools honored with the award have expanded girls' access in AP Computer Science courses. Out of more than 18,000 secondary schools worldwide that offer AP courses, Cabrini is only one of 685 to accomplish this.



Schools receiving the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have either 50% or higher female representation in one of the two AP computer science courses or a percentage of the female computer science examinees meeting or exceeding that of the school's female population. Only 490 schools earned the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for AP Computer Science Principles.

A teacher for nearly ten years, four years at Cabrini, Caitlin Duplantier was instrumental in initiating the AP Computer Science Principles course and has been teaching it since its installation. “I previously taught Cabrini’s computer applications elective when the College Board announced they were starting a new AP course that sampled several programming languages, instead of focusing solely and deeply in one language,” said Duplantier. “Previously, the only computer science AP courses were pretty intense and required a lot of previous knowledge and practice.”



Computer Science teacher  
Caitlin Duplantier

“By inviting many more young women to advanced computer science classrooms, Cabrini has taken a significant step toward preparing all students for the widest range of 21<sup>st</sup> century opportunities,” said Trevor Packer, College Board senior vice president of the AP program.

Cabrini High School Principal Yvonne Hrapmann said, “We’re honored proud of our female students studying computer science for their achievements.”

*~ submitted by Katelyn Gross Ehrhardt, Cabrini High School*

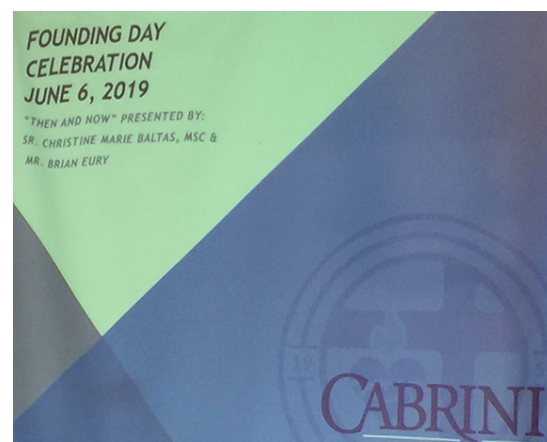
## Cabrini College/University

### *Then* and Now

Cabrini University Chief of Staff Brian Eury wearing his Cabrini U tee shirt teams up with Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC in her “vintage” Cabrini College tee shirt to offer entertaining glimpses of campus life throughout the years.



The charter for Cabrini College was officially signed on June 7, 1957. To celebrate “Founding Day”, on June 6<sup>th</sup>, Cabrini University held an ice cream social for administration, faculty and staff. The social was preceded by a PowerPoint presentation entitled “*Then and Now*” given by Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC and Mr. Brian Eury, Chief of Staff at the University, which featured scenes and vignettes from the early days of the College right up to the busy new residence hall and parking facility under construction on campus. A lot has changed since 1957!



## From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...

*Last week, we brought you the third installment of an article by Paul Jarzembowski which appears in the Spring 2019 edition of HORIZON, the Journal of the National Religious Vocations Conference. This week, we present the next installment of the article entitled...*

### Invite Young Adults to Come Rest in Christ

#### Vocation Ministers: essential evangelists

[Continuing with the overwhelming feeling of detachment from a faith community] those engaged in vocations work - (and, acknowledging that vocations work is everyone's responsibility) have a pivotal role in evangelization. Not only do they offer much-needed spiritual practices and opportunities for overwhelmed young adults; they also help these men and women find rest with a community and lifestyle that allows them to more fully live out their purpose, all for the greater glory of God. And, in that community, whether it is a place where young adults simply visit or choose to make their home, they find a safe place for sacred silence, mentorship and pastoral support, and a chance to integrate deeper meaning and spirituality into their everyday lives.

Vocation leaders should encourage young women and men to slow down, take a rest and to listen for God's voice – exactly what the overstressed and overburdened young adults could really use in their stressed out, chaotic existence. Within that rest and silence, vocation ministers can help people to achieve clarity of purpose, a sense of direction and a deeper understanding and meaning behind all the craziness of life. These are things that religious have been doing for years.

With this in mind, Pope Francis recently wrote, "May all young people who are suffering feel the closeness of a Christian community...by its actions, its embrace and its concrete help" (Christus Vivit, 77).

Religious communities have a long history of answering the cry of the overwhelmed. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, St. Martin de Porres cared for those overwhelmed by sickness, disease, slavery and cruel racial prejudices of his day. **In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, Frances Xavier Cabrini, foundress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, came to the U.S. from Europe upon the urging of Pope Leo XIII to minister to Italian immigrants. She founded 67 institutions in her lifetime to assist the immigrant population who were abandoned, uneducated and overwhelmed by prejudice and poverty. Mother Cabrini serves as yet another example for us today in seeking out those who are lost in a sea of confusion and isolation, beckoning them, "come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened" and we will give you rest.**

In the postmodern world, we still have the poor, the immigrant, the sick and the dying to tend to – but the church has another group to add to that list: the overwhelmed. The beatitudes speak of ministering to the poor in spirit. In today's context these are the women and men in their 20s and 30s who are overwhelmed with anxiety, fear, pressure, depression and insurmountable stress.

**Next week: Joining hands to offer compassion**







Please join us for the 18th Annual  
Mother Cabrini Shrine

## Gala

**Friday, June 21**

Pinnacle Club at the Grand Hyatt

555 17th Street Denver, CO

Cocktails and Silent Auction 5:30 p.m.

Dinner, Awards & Live Auction 7:30 p.m.

*Mistress of Ceremonies: Kyle Dyer*

*Auctioneer: Reggie Rivers*

Summer/Business Casual Attire

**To Purchase Tickets or Sponsor Tables**

[Click here.](#)

**To see Gala Invitation and Event Information**

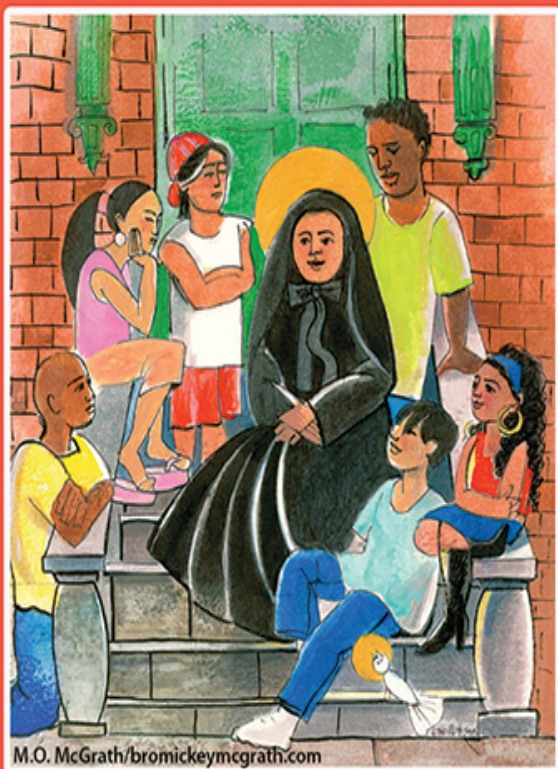
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**Celebración del cumpleaños de Santa Francisca Cabrini**



**SATURDAY, JULY 13**

**10 am – 5 pm**

**12:00: English Mass**

**2:00 pm: Misa en Español**

**3:00 pm**

**Neighborhood Procession  
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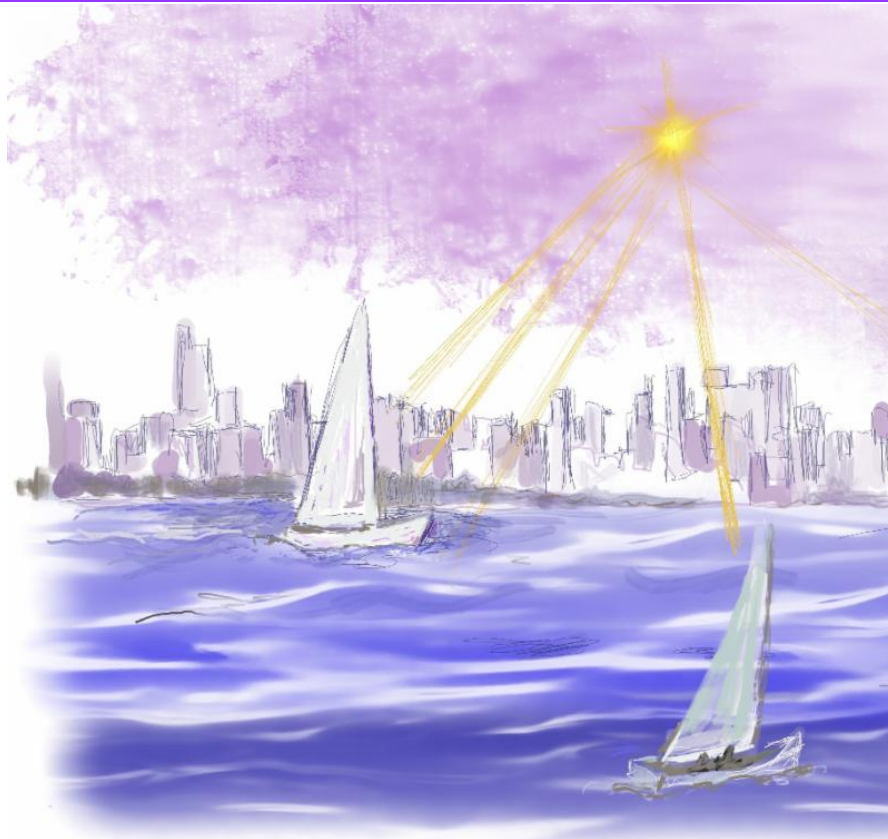
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**Save the Date**  
**Annual Benefit Dinner**  
**Thursday, September 12, 2019**



Please join us for a beautiful evening as we celebrate Mother Cabrini as the anchor to our community. This year's benefit venue, the Chicago Yacht Club embodies our deep admiration for Mother Cabrini and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, who traveled overseas and worked tirelessly to provide worldwide education, social services and care to immigrant men, women and children.

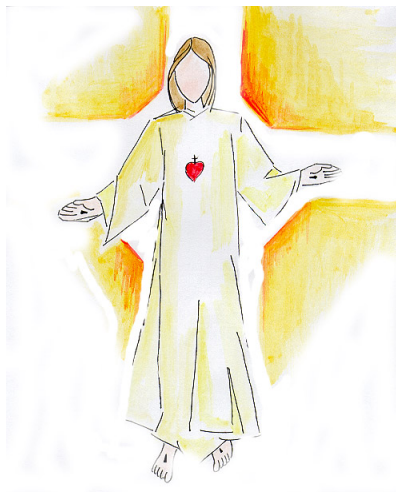
**September 12, 2019 – Chicago Yacht Club**

400 E. Monroe Street

Chicago, IL 60603

6:00 pm Cocktails – 7:30 pm Dinner Tickets: \$175.00 per person

# June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



The Feast Day of the Sacred Heart is on Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

*"This is the month of love. Love ought to transform us all. "*

~ St. Frances X. Cabrini, *Journal of a Trusting Heart*, October 1902

To access the Novena to the Sacred Heart: <https://www.mothercabrini.org/spirituality/sacred-heart-feast-day-novena/>

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## Prayer Requests

### ***Claire Clute***

Please keep Claire, a staff member at Cabrini University, in your prayers. Claire will be undergoing surgery later this month. Pray that her surgery will be uneventful and her recovery swift.

### ***Sr. Dianne McKenna, MSC***

Your thoughts and prayers for Sr. Dianne McKenna would be appreciated as she undergoes a medical procedure tomorrow. May all go well. We will be holding her in our hearts.

### ***Vickey Calabro Zavasnik***

Please remember Vickey Calabro Zavasnik as she enters the last stage of her stem cell transplant at the Dana Faber Cancer Center. Please keep her in your prayers.



# In Loving Memory

## *Nancy LaSor Jacques*

The Cabrinian Community worldwide joins the Cabrini University Community in extending sympathy to Dr. Susan Jacques Pierson, Associate Professor Education, on the loss of her mother, Nancy LaSor Jacques, who passed on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 2019. Please remember Susan and her family during this sad time.

## *This Sunday We Observe Father's Day*

Heavenly Father,

Today we ask You to bless our earthly fathers

for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children.

We honor our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort;  
for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity;  
for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries;  
for modeling the qualities that would turn us into responsible, principled, caring adults.

We ask your blessing on those men who served  
as father figures in our lives  
when our biological fathers weren't able to do so.  
May the love and selflessness they showed us  
be returned to them in all their relationships,  
and help them to know that their influence  
has changed us for the better.

Give new and future fathers the guidance they need  
to raise happy and holy children,  
grounded in a love for God and other people -  
and remind these fathers that treating their wives  
with dignity, compassion and respect is  
one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.

We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life  
have been welcomed into Your loving embrace,  
and that our family will one day be reunited in your heavenly kingdom.

In union with St. Joseph, whom you entrusted Your Son,  
we ask Your generous blessings today and every day. Amen. ~ Tony Rossi

