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Bringing Christ's love to the world

THE UPDATE

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The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



“Heart of my heart and life of my life.”

~ St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, “Journal of a Trusting Heart”

Tomorrow, on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, we pause to consider that within every religious tradition there is such a variety of ideas and images that individuals tend to gravitate towards, those that attract them or provide particular meaning. For Frances Cabrini, it was the human heart of the suffering crucified Christ that resonated strongly within. She saw expressed in the image of ‘The Sacred Heart of Jesus’, the love and kindness of the unseen God, his passion for all creation, and his chosen capacity to share in and ultimately redeem the suffering in the world.

The significance of heart symbolism to Frances cannot be overestimated. The motivation and the energy welling up within her came from a passionate love for God and a deep compassion for those in great distress – something which led her to profound self-sacrifice. Above everything else, she was motivated by love and inspired by a vision of loving that knew no bounds. Seeing herself as a sacred offering in the service of others, she felt called to make up for, in some small way, the heartlessness of the world.

Mother Cabrini came to recognize, in the person of Jesus Christ, what could only be described as ‘Love itself’. She had known from the very beginning that this would be the most important relationship of her life. She recognized that within the heart was the foundation of all meaningful activity and the place of ultimate decision about the orientation of a person’s life. *~ Mark Davis, A Passionate Life*

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a most hallowed and celebratory day for the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs). It is on this day that the Sisters renew their vows and the CLMs renew their commitment. Let us ask God's blessing upon them, that they may be strengthened in their dedication to be “bearers of Christ's love in the world.”

Bay Area Volunteers Head to Border to Learn from, Serve Migrants

Volunteer Teams Scheduled Monthly into November

~ by Dan Morris-Young, National Catholic Reporter

As President Donald Trump [threatens imminent deportation](#) of "millions of illegal aliens who have illicitly found their way into the United States," teams of San Francisco Bay Area volunteers are gearing up to head to El Paso, Texas, to bring tangible support to persons caught in the migration chaos at the Mexico-U.S. border.

The grassroots project has clearly tapped into the "upset and anger" about treatment of refugees and asylum seekers and "a desire for some way to do something," said Annette Lomont, co-organizer.

A member of San Francisco's [St. Ignatius Parish](#), Lomont said the unnamed program was inspired after she shared an NCR [report](#) on the humanitarian crisis with other members of the parish's [Solidarity Committee](#), which focuses on refugee and immigration issues.

"I was asked to look into how we might help," said Lomont, a former chair of the NCR Board of Directors. "I contacted the volunteer coordinator at [Annunciation House](#) and the rest is history," she wrote in an email to NCR, alluding to the El Paso-based non-profit that has [ministered](#) to "migrant, refugee, and economically vulnerable peoples of the border region through hospitality, advocacy and education" for more than four decades, reports its website.



Volunteers from the Bay Area completed training for their time at Annunciation House in El Paso, TX.

On some days, a thousand persons have sought help from Annunciation, leaving the organization's founder, Ruben Garcia, 70, scrambling for space and resources including the lease of a warehouse "about the size of a Costco, 125,000 square feet," [reported](#) The Washington Post.

A friend and neighbor of Lomont's, Judy Reuter, who is a parishioner at nearby St. Agnes, is helping to coordinate the volunteer effort. A Sunday bulletin volunteer appeal at Jesuit parishes St. Ignatius and St. Agnes has generated dozens of inquiries, Lomont said.

Word spread. Soon responses were being received from other San Francisco congregations and organizations, she said.

A member of San Francisco's St. James Episcopal Church, Petrina Grube, was among them.

"This is an all-hands-on-deck situation," said Grube, a Spanish teacher at an independent K-8 school and active in the [Faith in Action Bay Area network](#), "a network of congregations and community leaders working to ensure that the dignity of all people in our community is upheld," states its website. "This is something valuable to do, and we can see for ourselves what is going on, get a better idea of the realities of Central American and Mexican refugees at the same time we attempt to serve them in some concrete way."

Grube will head the volunteer delegation scheduled to fly to El Paso on July 13.

To read the entire article: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/parish/bay-area-volunteers-head-border-learn-serve-migrants>

An Invitation to join with the **Cabrini Lay Missionaries** and Pax Christi



"Pax Christi" is Latin for "peace of Christ". Pax Christi Metro New York (PCMNY) is a region of [Pax Christi USA](#) which is itself a section of [Pax Christi International](#) the global Catholic peace movement with consultative status at the United Nations. It is active in more than fifty countries and five continents.

Founded in 1983, PCMNY provides a community for Catholic New Yorkers where peacemaking is paramount within the context of their faith. It offers support, instruction, and inspiration. Members include individuals and local groups centered in parishes or school campuses, lay people and vowed religious.

For many years I've been a dues-paying member of Pax Christi, attending local events and praying for peace. More recently I was invited to participate in a Day of Visioning with the Board of Pax Christi Metro New York and did a deep dive into what peace is and what it is not, as well as the many obstacles to achieving it. Subsequently I was asked to join the Board, a much bigger commitment and one I feel called to as a Christian and a Cabrini Lay Missionary.

The 40 Day Fast for Christian Nonviolence is one of several annual events. This year a number of the Cabrini Lay Missionaries in this Province will be participating by fasting for a day and joining in the prayers individually. We invite you to join us, in community or individually as we do what we can to transform our national and international culture of violence. Please see the notice below for details.

~ submitted by Patricia Krasnausky, CLM Director

40-Day Fast for Christian Nonviolence

Pax Christi Metro New York joins others around the country in an annual fast for Christian Nonviolence.

This fast is an opportunity to remember, repent, and resolve to transform our culture of violence, whether the violence of our streets or the violence of international conflict. It begins July 1st and ends on August 9th, the tragic triple anniversaries of the executions of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), holocaust victim; Blessed Franz Jaegerstaetter, martyr for refusing to serve in Hitler's army; and the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Japan, the largest Christian community in Japan. PCMNY frames it with [prayers made available for you to pray alone or in community](#).

The CLMs will be participating on July 17th. We encourage you to join with them.

Please sign up to fast with us by contacting the PCMNY office.

"For all our differences and disagreements, we can live in a world of peace. In opposing every attempt to create a rigid uniformity, we can and must build unity on the basis of our diversity of languages, cultures and religions, and lift our voices against everything which would stand in the way of such unity." *Pope Francis*

From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...

*This week, we **bring you the final 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's installment is entitled *Joining Hands*.*

Invite Young Adults to Come Rest in Christ



Joining Hands...to Offer Compassion

In ministering to the overwhelmed young adults today, priests and religious communities can work alongside young adult ministers and evangelists already engaged with this population, as well as the 15 percent of those in their 20s and 30s who are active in the practice of their faith – all in service to the other 85 percent. Vocation leaders can equip active young adults with the tools they will need to offer support and compassion to their overburdened peers.

Religious orders and vocation offices could potentially be the training ground for new evangelists (and this can also be an excellent way to introduce the vocation of church

leadership to these young women and men who may want to move onto other ways of serving the church.)

Additionally, young adults can help those religious communities to better understand the reality of being a young adult, a helpful thing for congregations seeking to be more inter-generational and attract younger members. The possibilities of this synergy are endless, but such collaboration needs to begin without delay.

Regardless of how this work is done, it is important to remember that this type of evangelization is not about how the church has come to save the souls of the inactive Catholics, but how the church can help lift the burdens which weigh them down.

Young adults need the help, hope and comfort of their faith. Many are overrun with the pressures that life has put upon them. They have little time to find a way out, and if they do, they do so without the support of a spiritual community of faith. And, they just don't see how the church can possibly help them out. Yet, our God and our Catholic Church can provide these young adults with the rest, refreshment and compassion they need, if only someone would point the way toward the One who says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened and I will give you rest." This concludes the HORIZON article.



Joining Melanie (c.) for the prayer service and recommitment are from left: Karol Brewer; Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC and Sr. Grace Waters, MSC who formally received Melanie's commitment; Beth Moy and Nancy Costello.

honor to witness Melanie's recommitment. Blessings and thanks, Melanie, for the ways in which you are 'a bearer of the love of Christ in the world'.

Cabrini Lay Missionary Recommitment

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart, as the Missionary Sisters renew their vows, the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs) renew their commitment to embrace the charism of St. Cabrini and to growth in the Cabrini Missionary Identity. This year, at The Cottage in Radnor, PA, CLM Melanie Paccillo renewed her commitment as a CLM for three more years. It was a joy and an

Movin' with the Spirit!

If you walked past the Chapel at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY, on the afternoon of June 20th, you knew 'the Spirit was a movin.' Residents, family and friends gathered to praise the Lord through scripture, song and movement as part of the Heart and Soul series. Scripture tells us that our bodies can praise God. Using our arms, hands, legs, feet, our entire body and our bones, we moved to the rhythm of music. While our bodies were moving and swaying, scripture passages relating to each section of the body was read. In addition to the scripture, the poem, Adoration, Praise and Thanksgiving by Elizabeth Craven, was read.

Using the theme of gratefulness, we were asked what we were grateful for. So many thanked God for their life, their health, their families and friends. Many of the residents were very grateful for St. Cabrini Nursing Home. They said that they

were blessed to have a place like Cabrini where they are taken care of and are surrounded by so many wonderful people.

This month, we were blessed to have some members of the Youth Mission of Life Church join the service. They not only brought their joy of praising God but they also played the violin, the tuba and the saxophone. We sang different songs that gave thanksgiving to God for all that we have. Truly, we made a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Heart and Soul was created by Fr. Edwin Robinson, OFM, Director of Pastoral Care, Alex Riddick, a Pastoral Care Associate, Deborah Mosley, a trained storyteller from Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), and Lorraine Campanelli, the Director of CIS. Each month, residents and visitors are invited to join in a special service that brings each of us closer to God. ~ submitted by: Lorraine Campanelli, CIS Director



Giving thanks and praise to God!





The 18th Annual Mother Cabrini Shrine Gala

took place at the Pinnacle Club at the Grand Hyatt in downtown Denver on Friday, June 21. The near sold out crowd enjoyed a wonderful evening that included a silent and live auction, raffle and dinner all in support of Mother Cabrini Shrine. Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial, of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus gave the invocation and welcome.

The Company for Cabrini Award was given to FOCUS, The Fellowship of Catholic University Students. FOCUS is a wonderful organization of missionaries who spread the gospel and the love of Jesus on college campuses all over the world. Their headquarters are near the Shrine and their leadership and administrative teams often come to Mass and use the retreat facilities at the Shrine.

See The Company for Cabrini Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSYMHIRml20&t=>

The Spirit of Cabrini Award was given to Rick & Dionne Lewis. Rick is a popular radio show host of two daily radio shows and he is also the Denver Broncos Color Analyst. Rick and Dionne and their family have had a special connection to Mother Cabrini Shrine for three decades and they have been so generous with their financial support.

See the Spirit of Cabrini Award Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipud1co7oWY&t=>



A representative of FOCUS (2nd r.) pauses for a photo with from left: Sr. Eileen Currie, Sr. Roselle Santivasi, JoAnn Seaman, Shrine Director of Development, and Sr. Diane Olmstead, Provincial.



The Lewis Family



The money raised at the gala is used for the operations, maintenance and special projects of the Shrine and it helps us continue our ministry and the great legacy of St. Frances Cabrini in Colorado. The Shrine was in dire need of new snow removal equipment. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and friends in the Paddle Raiser, we are able to purchase a new front end loader and keep the road to the Shrine open.

~ submitted by JoAnn Seaman

From left: Sr. Eileen Currie, MSC, Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial, and Sr. Alice Zanon, MSC are joined by Reggie Rivers, former Denver Broncos running back, who served as the Gala's auctioneer.

Additional Gala Photos can be seen at https://www.flickr.com/photos/141021425@N02/?fbclid=IwAR0-1z30F6dKSO2q6hgg_e5VU-vSVDyIGLwCvAUFMq4hcxnyPYSV6dB1g

Celebrating Our Diverse Cultures



Proudly wearing attire from their native countries, Cabrini of Westchester's staff members gather for a multi-cultural parade.



Cabrini of Westchester's Cultural Awareness Committee organized a special day to recognize the many cultures and ethnicities that make up the unique staff at Cabrini of Westchester! On June 20, 2019, employees were invited to wear their native attire for a multi-cultural parade. The events also included a multicultural food tasting. Thank you to the committee for the hard work and dedication in preparing for this wonderful day and to all those who participated!

~ submitted by Susan Herveg, Cabrini of Westchester

A delicious aspect of the special multicultural day was the opportunity to enjoy a buffet featuring foods from all over the world. What a delightful way to taste new and tempting dishes and learn about other cultures.

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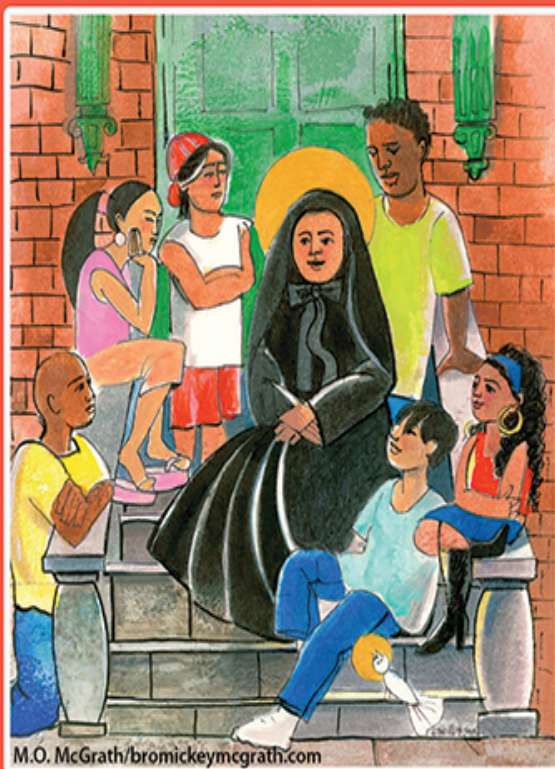
Please note that due to the Independence Day holiday in the United States next Thursday, July 4th, *The Update* will not be published next week. We will resume publication on July 11th.

Happy Independence Day!!

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Birthday Celebration

Celebración del cumpleaños de Santa Francisca Cabrini



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SATURDAY, JULY 13

10 am – 5 pm

12:00: English Mass

2:00 pm: Misa en Español

3:00 pm

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for Immigrant Rights**

***Procesión del Barrio por los
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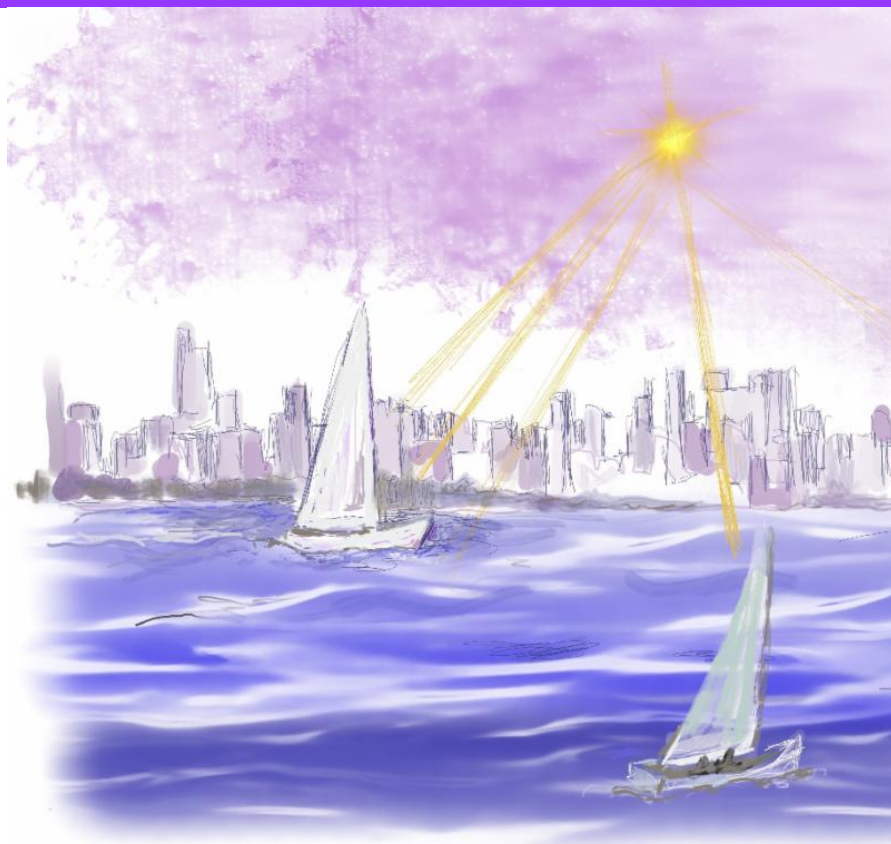
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Save the Date
Annual Benefit Dinner
Thursday, September 12, 2019



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

Prayer Requests

Claire Clute

Please pray for the complete recovery of Claire, a Cabrini University staff member, who underwent surgery on this past Tuesday. Pray that her recovery will be swift and uneventful. Claire is most grateful for our prayers.

Missionary Sisters and Cabrini Lay Missionaries



On the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus we invite the prayers of the Cabrinian community for the Missionary Sisters as they renew their vows, and for the Cabrini Lay Missionaries as they renew their commitment. May the Sacred Heart bless them in their ministries and guide their paths as they seek to respond to people in need across the globe. May they be blessed as they live and transmit with joy the Cabrinian charism as bearers of the love of Christ to the world.



With Grateful Hearts



It is with joy that we share with the Cabrinian community the arrival of our newest member, **Sean Henry Lewis**, the son of Jeff and Meghan Lewis. Jeff is the Administrator at the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO.

Jeff and Meghan had their baby Friday morning, June 21st - the day of the Mother Cabrini Shrine Gala.

A true Cabrinian through and through – Sean Henry didn't want to miss a thing! Sean Henry Lewis joins big brother Peter and they are all doing well.

Congratulations to Jeff, Meghan and Peter!