



July 11, 2019

## Faith-based Organizations Shine Light on Human Trafficking

~ by Rhina Guidos, Catholic News Service

At age 9, growing up in Cameroon, Evelyn Chumbow had dreams of coming to the United States, thinking she'd live like the characters in TV shows such as "The Cosbys" and "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air," which she believed depicted life here. When a relative offered her the opportunity to come to the U.S. through an arrangement with a family in her hometown, she was ready to embark on that life.

"I was just excited," she said. "I could never think that I'd come to the U.S. and become a victim of modern-day slavery or end up in foster care."

But that's exactly what happened and that's the experience she talked about June 26 to participants of a daylong human trafficking conference hosted on Capitol Hill by the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

Participants, who lobbied U.S. lawmakers after the conference for tougher legislation to combat the problem, learned about its complexities and its global dimensions:

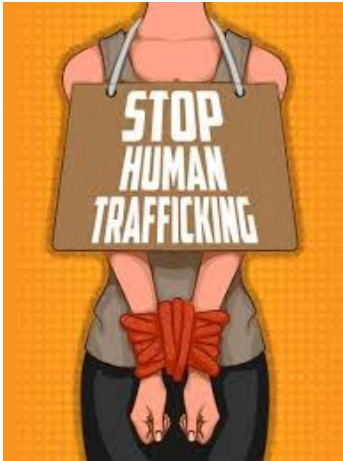
- An estimated 40.3 million people are enslaved.
- Of those, 24.9 million are in forced labor (including sex trafficking).
- 15.4 million are in a force marriage



Evelyn Chumbow (l.) a survivor of child labor trafficking, and Hilary Chester, (r.) Associate Director for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Anti-Trafficking Program addresses an audience at a conference on Capitol Hill about human trafficking.

Chumbow, who was 11 when she became a victim of forced labor, fit many of the characteristics of trafficking victims: 25% of those trafficked are children and over 70% of those trafficked are women

and girls. Chumbow thought she was coming to the United States to be adopted by a family. Instead, she was sent off to become a domestic worker in Maryland, where at age 11, she cooked and cleaned and took care of other children, receiving no salary. The relative who had made the arrangement, she later found out, had sold her for \$1,000 to the household where she suffered a variety of abuses.



Human trafficking can affect any number of vulnerable individuals, such as incoming immigrants from the so-called “Northern Triangle” countries of El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala, but also vulnerable people inside the United States, including those in tribal communities, said panelist Hilary Chester, associate director for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Anti-Trafficking Program. She said that legislation to combat the problem must take those and other factors into consideration. But enforcement, which would go a long way to solving the problem, is often lagging.

“Because there aren’t good opportunities in their home communities or because there’s a lot of criminality, there’s a lot of impunity for the perpetrators in these communities,” Chester said. “People are leaving, searching for other opportunities, which then puts them [at risk] of exploitation.”

Neha Misra, of the Washington-based Solidarity Center, said that even the popular image most people have about human trafficking can prove complicated.

“When people think about human trafficking, often they first think about sex, but they also think about criminal gangs and syndicates and that it’s all underground, and it is not,” she said. “It’s all about the way we have set up our world economy, the greed that we can see, about how corporations run their businesses and how governments do not respect human rights and worker rights and that is what make people vulnerable. It’s not just about criminal syndicates.”

To read the entire article: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/justice/capitol-faith-based-organizations-shine-light-human-trafficking>

July 15<sup>th</sup> is the Birthday of  
Our Patroness

*St. Frances Xavier Cabrini*

“As I see it, the mission is simply this:  
Loving human beings—wherever in the world I am –  
and letting them know that there is a God who loves  
them unconditionally, now as they are.”

This year is Mother’s 169<sup>th</sup> birthday!



## Celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart



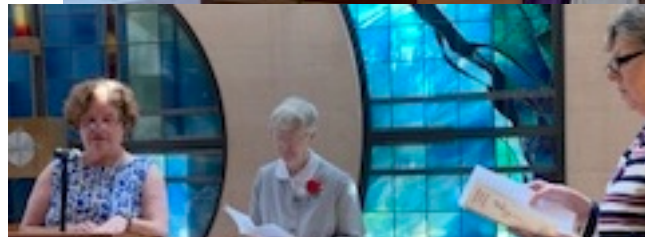
Provincial Councilor Sr. Maria Elena Plata, MSC (standing l.) shares this happy photo of the staff of the Dispensaries in Guatemala. In anticipation of the Sacred Heart Feast Day, everyone participated in a day of retreat. The theme of the retreat was “the prophets and the healthcare of the people” and was directed by Sr. Alzira Munhoz of the Franciscan Catechist Sisters. What better way to observe the Feast Day than with prayer and reflection in community! ~submitted by Sr. Maria Elena Plata, MSC, Provincial Councilor

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## A Sacred and Celebratory Feast Day in Dobbs Ferry, NY

The Missionary Sisters, residents and staff of Cabrini of Westchester celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with a beautiful liturgy followed by a festive luncheon in the Board Room. Fr. Edwin Robinson, OFM, Director of Pastoral Care, concelebrated the Mass with Fr. Timothy Scannell, Pastor of our local church, Sacred Heart Parish in Dobbs Ferry, NY. Having been an important part of the Cabrini family for 19 years, Fr. Tim will be retiring on July 1<sup>st</sup> and his humble presence at Cabrini will be sorely missed. Fr. Tim would come to Cabrini to anoint the sick in Fr. Edwin’s absence and frequently visited parishioners who have become patients or residents of the nursing home. Fr. Edwin thanked Fr. Tim for his 19 years of ministry at Cabrini, and President and CEO, Patricia Krasnausky, paid tribute to him and presented him with a gift as a token of our appreciation for his friendship and support.

The Missionary Sisters who were present during the Mass renewed their vows and Lorraine Campanelli, CLM, renewed her commitment as a Cabrini Lay Missionary along with fellow CLMs who attended the Mass. The festivities continued into the afternoon as the Missionary Sisters and Administration enjoyed a wonderful lunch and each other’s company. A joyous Feast Day was had by all. ~ submitted by Lorraine Horgan



**Top photo:** Fr. Timothy Scannell (l.) and Fr. Edwin Robinson concelebrate the Feast Day Mass.

**Bottom photo:** Lorraine Campanelli (l.) renews her CLM commitment which is received by Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC (c.) and CLM Director Patricia Krasnausky (r.).



# Uniting Faithsharing and Service

*"Interreligious dialogue: a necessary condition for peace...a duty for Christians..."*

- Pope Francis



Participants in the Youth on a Mission trip get acquainted at the Cabrini Retreat Center in Des Plaines, IL, with youth leaders from the Children of Abraham Coalition in Chicago.

This week Cabrini Retreat Center is honored to welcome the First Baptist Church of Herndon, Virginia for their annual **Youth on a Mission** trip. On Sunday, the group participated in an inter-faith Peace Day with youth leaders from the Children of Abraham Coalition in Chicago.

Photos tell the story as the youth groups met, got to know one another, made quilts for hospice residents, and shared a meal. The day closed with an inter-faith dialogue responding to the questions:

- Share a teaching from your faith that inspires you
- Share a faith ritual that comforts you
- Share a misconception about your faith



During their time together, the retreat participants are creating comforters for hospice residents.

Fr. Corey Brost, C.S.V., Co-Founder, *Children of Abraham Coalition* facilitated the day. The Children of

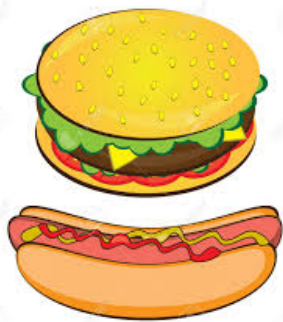


Abraham Coalition is a Chicago area network of Muslim, Jewish, and Christian teens and adult leaders working for interfaith peace and a just world. ~submitted by Nancy Golen, Executive Director., *Cabrini Retreat Center*

During their busy days, everyone pauses for a group photo so that they can create memories of their time together at the Cabrini Retreat Center.



# Summer Fun!



It's that time of year when the grills come out and the aroma of hamburgers and hotdogs cooking on the grill permeates the air. Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, NY wanted to celebrate the summer with some barbeques. On June 11<sup>th</sup>, our tutors and adult students came together to celebrate at St. Cabrini Nursing Home. Despite the prediction of heavy rain, the weather was perfect. As we sat on the patio, we enjoyed delicious foods, desserts and conversations. It was wonderful to be able to be together and enjoy some fun time.

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, our Cabrini Kids were enjoying a wonderful BBQ at the nursing home. The Kids, who love to visit the nursing home, were having a great time. The sounds of the Kid's laughter brought smiles to the faces of the residents. After eating the hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers, mac and cheese, watermelon, etc. etc., the Kids enjoyed playing different games. Once again, the fan favorite was Pantyhose Bowling however, they also played Pin the Tail on the Donkey, Twister, the hula hoop, different toss games and hopscotch. Nora Maher, one of our storytellers, shared another one of her talents, making balloon sculptures. The Kids loved to make the different animal shapes.



Nothing says summer like a cookout featuring hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon. Two Cabrini Kids are enjoying this traditional summer repast.



Balloon shapes and animals completed the fun of the BBQ and made everyone smile. Lorraine Campanelli, Director of Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY (standing r.) join the Cabrini Kids as they display their fancy balloons.

We ended the day with a variety of novelty ice cream bars. I know the children were exhausted after a full day of eating, playing and just being together. All the kids received a gold medal and a gift bag filled with items such as slime, bubble wands, a Rubik's cube and a paddle ball.

A special thank you to Bonnie Burke, Vice President of Operations and Administrator of the nursing home for always welcoming us and making us feel right at home. A big thank you to Joseph Bisaccia, Director of Food Services and his staff for doing an amazing job for both BBQs.

*~submitted by: Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS,  
Dobbs Ferry, NY*

# Cabrini of Westchester Honors Dedicated Employees



Patricia Krasnausky, President and CEO of Cabrini of Westchester (l.) and Bonnie Burke, Administrator/Vice-President of Operations (r.) recognize from left: Susan Herceg, Public Relations and Development Coordinator; Patricia Tinston, Employee Clinic Nurse and Fr. Edwin Robinson, OFM, Director of Pastoral Care, for 20 years of service.

On June 27, 2019, Cabrini of Westchester held a Service Awards Ceremony in honor of its outstanding employees who were celebrating five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five and even thirty years of service to the organization!

The ceremony was held in St. Cabrini's Chapel and Fr. Edwin Robinson (celebrating his 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Cabrini), Pastoral Care Director, bestowed blessings on all of the honorees. In her remarks, Patricia Krasnausky, President and CEO, extended her gratitude to the awardees for their many years of service and acknowledged that it is their presence and dedication that makes Cabrini the special place it is not only to work but to live.

Each of the awardees received a pin with a precious stone depicting their years of service to Cabrini of Westchester. Fellow staff and administration gathered at a festive outdoor barbeque to acknowledge their colleagues' accomplishments, passion for providing compassionate care and dedication to the mission of Mother Cabrini.

Congratulations to the 2019 Employee Service Award Recipients and thank you for all that you do and for being such a cherished part of the Cabrini family for so many years! ~ submitted by Lorraine Horgan, *Cabrini of Westchester*



Bonnie Burke (l.) and Patricia Krasnausky (r.) recognize Cecelia Eldridge, Certified Nursing Assistant and Rey Valdez, Food Service worker for 25 years of service.



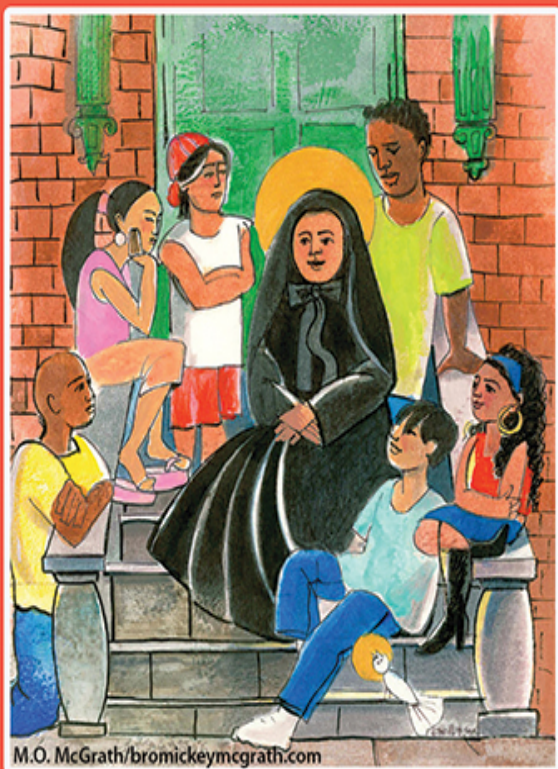
Following the ceremony, Long Term Service awardees (from left) Juliet Duah, Vivienne Maragh, Leonie Morris and Jessie Leon enjoy the festive BBQ.



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# Birthday Celebration

**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  
for Immigrant Rights**

***Procesión del Barrio por los  
Derechos de Inmigración***

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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

## ***Walter Anderson***

Sr. Grace Waters, MSC asks that we please join in prayer for Walter Anderson who will be undergoing surgery. Please pray for his family as they accompany him through his surgery and recovery.

## ***Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC***

Your prayers are asked for Sr. Christine Marie who was recently hospitalized and is now recuperating at home. Pray that her recovery is swift and that she is soon restored to full health. She is grateful for all our prayers and good wishes.

## ***Cabrini (College) University graduate***

Please unite in prayer for a Cabrini graduate who is experiencing health issues. Pray that this person will be open to receiving the treatment that is needed.

## ***Cabrini Community member***

A member of the Cabrinian community has asked for our prayers as she is going through a difficult time now and is contending with some health issues. She currently lacks health insurance. Please keep this person in your prayers that she will feel supported in her struggles and be restored to full health.

## ***Ed Devaney***

Your prayers are requested for Ed Devaney who will be undergoing surgery on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for a successful procedure and his speedy and complete recovery.

## ***Missionary Sisters, Cabrini Lay Missionaries and Cabrinian colleagues***

As we celebrate the occasion of Mother Cabrini's 169<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 15<sup>th</sup>, we ask that God will continue to shower his graces upon the Institute and the ministries of the Missionary Sisters and all who collaborate with them in serving others and in "being bearers of Christ's love in the world."

## ***New Orleans and Gulf Coast residents***

Sr. Renee Kittelson, MSC asks everyone to pray for the residents of New Orleans and the surrounding Gulf Coast states as a tropical storm – Barry – is lashing their area with high winds and heavy rains and flooding. Pray all people and property will be safe.

## ***Lucila Quezada***

Your prayers are asked for Mrs. Lucila Quezada, the mother of Sicilia Olivo, a CSI housekeeping staff member at Cabrini University. Mrs. Quezada recently underwent heart surgery and is recuperating. Please pray that she will get all the medical attention that she needs for her full recovery.



***Dr. Mary Lou (Candi) Corbin Sicoli***

Dr. Candi Sicoli, Professor Emerita, Cabrini University, has asked for prayers as she has to undergo medical procedures. Please pray for a positive outcome. Candi would be most grateful for our prayers.

***Sister of Dr. Gue***

Please pray for the sister of Dr. Gue, a physician at St. Anthony's Hospital in Chicago. Dr. Gue's sister is quite ill and her family would be grateful for our prayers.

## With a Grateful Heart



Dear Everyone,

I am truly grateful for your thoughts, good wishes, and support during these last few months since my heart attack. I am still in the recovery phase and each day I am getting better. My prayer now is to ask all to continue to pray for me, your support means a lot.

Sr. John Giani, MSC

## In Loving Memory

***Angie Ortega***

Sr. Renee Kittelson, MSC writes to share that the landscaper at Cabrini High School, New Orleans, lost his 34 year-old wife to a staph infection on July 7. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Angie Ortega and for the comfort and strength for her husband and their four young children.

***Mary Pappas***

The Cabrinian Community joins the University Community in extending sympathy to Jay Unger, Building Supervisor, Facilities Department, on the loss of his mother-in-law, Mary E. Pappas, who passed on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please keep the Pappas and Unger Families in your prayers.

### Weekly Update – Publication Notice

Kindly note that The Update will be published on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**The Update goes on vacation during the month of August and will resume publication in early September.**

Prayer requests are always welcome and can be sent to:

[Cabrini-news@mothercabrini.org](mailto:Cabrini-news@mothercabrini.org)

The prayer requests will be published each Thursday as they are received.