



A Positive Step in Caring for the Environment

~ by Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service, National Catholic Reporter

After current supplies run out, Vatican City State will no longer be selling any single-use plastic items on its tiny territory.

While the European Union pledged in May to ban single-use plastic starting in 2021, the Vatican had already begun limiting its use and soon "it will no longer be sold," said Rafael Ignacio Tornini, head of the department handling Vatican City State's gardens and waste collection.

After all previously stocked items are gone, no more single-use plastic will be sold, he said, such as single-use plastic which includes bags, water bottles, cutlery, straws and balloons.

The top five single-use plastic items polluting European shores are cigarette butts, bottles and caps, food packaging, cotton swab sticks and wet wipes, according to research in 2016 by the European Commission.

The Vatican has long been working to get green, most notably with the installation of a solar power system on the roof of the Paul VI audience hall in 2008.

With less than a thousand residents, but thousands of employees and countless visitors, Vatican City produces thousands of tons of refuse a year. Individuals are expected to place recyclable items in the correct bins or curbside dumpsters, while the department handles door-to-door pickup of organic waste and cooking oil, he said. After food waste collection began five months ago, he said, the amount of total unrecycled waste has dropped by 12 to 13 percent each month.

In an effort to better recycle what tourists leave behind, Tornini said, "we have been able to collect about 22 lbs. (10 kg) of plastic a day" from containers under the colonnade of St. Peter's Square. He said they have had great success in recycling up to 98 percent of waste brought to its "eco-station" that handles "special" waste like batteries, tires, expired pharmaceuticals and other hazardous refuse.

Despite all the recycling programs and equipment put into place, what was really needed, Tornini said, was a change in mentality. He said, "We took to heart the Holy Father's guidelines in 'Laudato Si'.' Our common home needs safeguarding, and if it doesn't start with us"



A woman at St. Peter's Square holds plastic water bottles for recycling at the Vatican.

Cabrini Health's New Gandel Wing Receives Archbishop's Blessing

Melbourne Archbishop the Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli officially blessed Cabrini's new \$120 million Gandel Wing, ahead of it receiving its first patients on Monday. The 15 July opening is an auspicious date, as it is St. Frances Xavier Cabrini's birthday, the Missionary Sister who established the order that took over the hospital in 1948.

The completion of the Gandel Wing signifies the end of nine years of planning and development to improve Cabrini's facilities and provide an exceptional patient experience.

In a moving ceremony, Archbishop Comensoli blessed each floor with Holy Water, to bring hope and healing to all who enter through its doors, symbolic of the healing mission of Jesus. Archbishop Comensoli said the new wing was a significant development in healthcare and would allow Cabrini to continue to provide outstanding care to all its patients, encompassing their physical, emotional and spiritual needs.



Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli blessed each floor of the new Gandel Wing prior to its official opening to patients.

"This new Gandel Wing will ensure Cabrini is well-equipped to care for patients who are sick, frail or receiving targeted treatment," he said. "I am delighted to be able to bless this building. This is a momentous occasion in Cabrini's history and pays tribute to its Catholic heritage and the foundations laid by the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus."

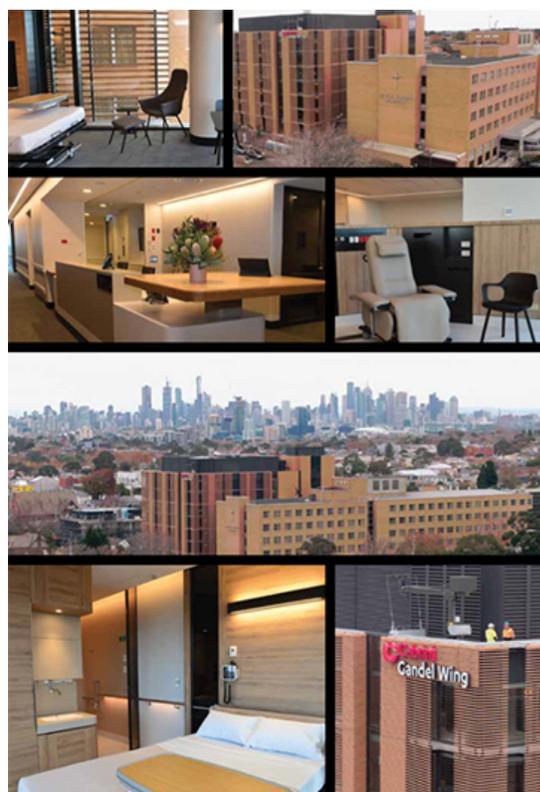
Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial Superior of the Guadalupe Province, travelled from New York to take part in the historic occasion. She said the new Gandel Wing was a milestone in the Sisters' mission of care and service and showed how much the hospital had evolved since its humble beginnings in 1948.

"We have prayed that the patients and their loved ones who entrust us with their care will experience genuine warmth and kindness," she said. "As a Catholic health service, our mission is to bring about fullness of life for all people in all places and times, as Jesus ardently desired."

Cabrini Board Chair Sylvia Falzon said the Gandel Wing would enable the health service to continue to provide compassionate care to its patients in a state-of-the-art facility.

"Cabrini has devoted itself to caring for the sick, frail and elderly in our community for more than 70 years and we will continue to do so for many years to come," Ms. Falzon said. "We continue to place our patients at the heart of everything we do, as we strive to provide them with the best possible care."

~ submitted by Samantha Robin, Cabrini Health



A collage of scenes from the Gandel Wing of Cabrini Health, Malvern, Australia.

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Reading Books + New Friends = Big Smiles



Sr. Ilaria Povero, MSC is delighted to listen to a story and view a picture drawn by one of the Cabrini Kids on a recent visit to the St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY.

I don't think anyone or anything can put a bigger smile on the faces of the residents at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY, than when children visit. This was the case when five of our Cabrini Kids who attend Springhurst Elementary School in Dobbs Ferry, came to the nursing home to read a story to some of the residents.

Each child along with his/her mother, read a special book to the residents. They have been reading and practicing different stories with the help of their teacher, Mrs. Judy Sanseverino, who is the English Language Learning Teacher at Springhurst.

We had families from Brazil, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Tajikistan. All of the children are bi-lingual. The children and their moms were so proud to be able to read the story to the residents. Needless to say, they had a very receptive audience. All the residents were so supportive of the hard work that the children and moms put into the story.

For many of the residents, it brought back happy memories of when they were teachers, principals and raising their own children. ~ submitted by: Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS



The Cabrini Kids, accompanied by their moms, practice their reading skills and share their joy of reading with the very receptive residents of St. Cabrini Nursing Home. Books help create new friendships!

Save the Date!

Tuesday, September 17, 2019



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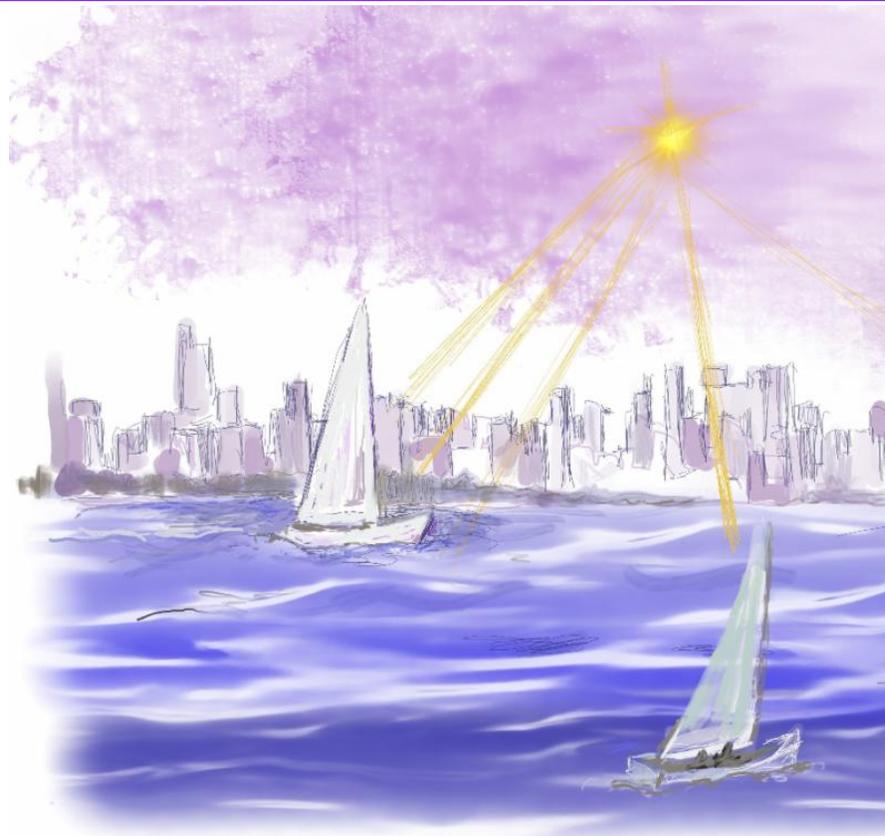
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Annual Benefit Dinner
Thursday, September 12, 2019



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

Jean Connor

Mary and Florence Connor, friends of Sr. Grace Waters, MSC, ask prayers for Jean Connor, the wife of their nephew who is experiencing problems with her legs. Please pray that her condition will resolve quickly.

Kathy Ollinger Gearhart

Your prayers are requested for Kathy Ollinger Gearhart, sister-in-law of Nancy Ollinger, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, at Cabrini University. Ms. Gearhart is currently hospitalized with viral encephalitis. Nancy and her husband, Dick, would be so grateful for the prayerful support of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community. Let us pray for Ms. Gearhart's complete recovery.



Grace LaMattina

Please remember Grace LaMattina in your prayers. Grace is a family member of Nancy Costello in the Province Communications Office. Grace, 90 years of age, would be grateful for our prayerful accompaniment. Please pray for her comfort and serenity at this time.

Peggy McGowan

Please pray for Peggy, sister-in-law of Cabrini Lay Missionary Marianne McGowan. Peggy is presently hospitalized and in ICU. Peggy is being treated for a tick-borne disease. Doctors are searching for an antibiotic that will be effective. Please pray that this antibiotic is found quickly.

Elizabeth Plata

Sr. Maria Elena Plata, MSC requests prayers for her sister, Elizabeth Plata, who will be undergoing surgery today, July 18th. Please pray that her procedure will go smoothly and that she will have a quick and uneventful recovery.

Special Intention

Prayers have been requested for a family who is experiencing financial difficulties at this time. Please pray for their spiritual and corporal well-being. Pray that a new employment opportunity will soon present itself.

Weekly Update Publication Schedule

Just a reminder that next week, July 25th, will be the final edition of The Update for the summer. The Update goes on vacation for the month of August and will resume in early September.

Prayer requests are always welcome and will be published on Thursdays as they are received.

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