



July 25, 2019

Mother Cabrini's Care for Immigrants Cited as a Model

~ by Armando Machado, *Catholic New York*

At St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan, July 13 was a day for two Masses in two languages, with one message: the Church in New York reaffirmed its commitment to immigrant rights and demanded “fair and just” treatment of immigrants on a weekend of federal arrests of undocumented immigrants in New York and other cities across the United States. “With the difficulties and the tensions and the challenges that we’re facing, this would be a good time to thank God for her (Mother Cabrini’s) example, and to seek her intercession for justice and charity said Cardinal Dolan, the principal celebrant in his homily during a noon Mass celebrating the 169th anniversary of Mother Cabrini’s birth on July 15, 1850. She is the Patron Saint of Immigrants.

“Mother Cabrini took literally God’s Holy Word...She realized fully that Abraham was an immigrant, Abraham was refugee,” the Cardinal said. “Mother also took to heart the great commandment of Jesus, love of God and love of neighbor, and the parable of the Good Samaritan...We keep the spirit of Mother Cabrini alive.”

The Cardinal noted Mother Cabrini’s tireless devotion to the many people coming to New York from Italy, her native land. “Today, she would be there in the front lines (for all immigrants); her work still goes on through the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,” he said.

The Cardinal reiterated his grave concerns over federal immigration raids in a short news conference after Mass, at one point with visible anger and sorrow.

“People who are trying to obey the law, and trying to get their documents in order, are so afraid and so confused that they don’t know what to do, and this isn’t right, this isn’t good,” he told reporters, citing fluctuating immigration laws and policies.



Bianca Huertas, dressed in period attire of Mother Cabrini’s Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, was a perfect fit at a celebration marking the saint’s 169th birthday at the Manhattan shrine named in her honor. Ms. Huertas is a candidate with the Cabrini Sisters. Photo credit: Maria Bastone

“We all know that hundreds of thousands of immigrants are living a moment of terror and anguish and fear,” said Father Ambiorix Rodriguez, pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish in Washington Heights, in his homily at the 2 p.m. Spanish Mass which he celebrated. That Mass also honored Mother Cabrini.

Cardinal Dolan, at the news conference, told reporters, “Our (immigrant) brothers and sisters – they are scared, really scared.” He noted that one parish priest in the Archdiocese told him that his parishioners were concerned about leaving home and attending Mass because of the federal raids.” Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC, spoke toward the end of the English-language Mass. She expressed gratitude to all who support her congregation’s mission in advocating for immigrants.

Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC, spoke at the end of the Spanish Mass, thanking all who work to assure immigrants know their rights and can rely on the Church for help.

To read the entire article: <http://www.cny.org/stories/mother-cabrinis-care-for-immigrants-cited-as-a-model,19475>



MSC candidate Bianca Huertas (l.) dressed as Mother Cabrini, celebrates the birthday with Sr. Juana Zoraida Mendoza, MSC.
Photo credit: Fred Applegate

Mother Cabrini’s Birthday Celebration – *The View from the Shrine*

July 13 dawned bright and clear and hot as neighbors, pilgrims, friends and Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart arrived at Cabrini Shrine in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan to celebrate Mother Cabrini's 169th birthday with Masses in English and in Spanish. They welcomed a surprise guest, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, who had asked to celebrate the noon Mass in Honor of Immigrants. The Cardinal felt that the resting place of Mother Cabrini was the right setting to make a major statement about fair and just treatment of immigrants on a weekend of federal arrests of undocumented immigrants in New York and other cities across the United States.

Sister Catherine Garry, MSC, welcomed the Cardinal and guests expressing her gratitude to all who support the MSC mission of love and inclusion.

Following the afternoon Mass, the pastor of the local parish, Fr. Ambiorix Rodriguez, carried the relic of Mother Cabrini through the neighborhood as the community that attended the Mass in Spanish sang and marched in support of immigrants and refugees. Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC, spoke about the effective work done by Cabrini Immigrant Services for their many clients in New York City.

At the end of a day marked by emotional, committed expressions of support, neighbors enjoyed a barbeque as the children played on the shady lawn beneath the aged trees that probably witnessed the figure of Mother Cabrini passing by to help the immigrants she loved. ~submitted by Cherie Sprosty



Fr. Ambiorix Rodriguez (r.) carries a relic of St. Cabrini as the procession wound through the streets of Washington Heights.
Photo credit: Fred Applegate



Catholics Focus on Migrant Children with Rally

~ by Carol Zimmerman,
Catholic News Service

A few hundred Catholic activists, including dozens of women religious, gathered outside the foot of the U.S. Capitol on July 18 urging politicians to stop [their] “inhumane treatment” of immigrant children at the border and reminding people of faith to take a stronger stance against current U.S. border policies.

Catholic activists protest in the U.S. Capitol on July 18.

CNS Photo: Tyler Orsburn

A message from Bishop Robert W. McElroy of San Diego was read to the crowd which said in part: “we stand in a

moment when our government has weaponized fear – the fear being sown within our nation as a whole that refugees and immigrants, who have been America’s historic lifeblood, have now become the enemy; and the even more reprehensible fear being unleashed upon the hearts and souls of immigrant mothers and fathers that they will be separated from their children purely as an act of intimidation.”

Many of the speakers at the “Catholic Day of Action for Immigrant Children,” organized by the groups Faith in Public Life and Faith in Action, were primarily women religious who stressed the need to end the current practice of placing children in detention centers at the border and emphasized that the need to start a new wave of protests against these policies should be viewed as a pro-life stance.

Sr. Carol Zinn, a Sister of St. Joseph of Philadelphia, and Executive Director of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), told the group: “Catholic sisters have a long history with immigrant communities. We have seen the pain, suffering, fear and trauma firsthand. In recent months, as the humanitarian crisis has escalated, we have joined the tens of thousands who are outraged at the horrific situation at our southern border.”

She pointed out that women religious have been ministering to those in need and donated money to support those seeking safety, freedom, security and a better life for their families. “We are here today because of our faith. The Gospel commands, and the values of our homeland demand, that we act,” she added.

As groups of tourists walked by and men and women in business attire headed toward Capitol Hill, they couldn’t help but see the signs held aloft with such messages as “Let the Children Be with Their Parents” and “Catholics for Families: Together and Free” as well as placards with images of children who have died in U.S. custody at the border.

Sr. Donna Korba, IHM, from Scranton, PA said, “There are no easy answers, but, we need to look at the root causes of immigration. When she asked one Guatemalan father why he would make such an arduous journey he told her: “Because my children are hungry.”

"Youth on a Mission" Group Reflects on Their Week In Chicago

The *Youth on a Mission* group offers this reflection on the graces of their time in Chicago while being at Cabrini Retreat Center in Des Plaines, IL:

In a week where ICE raids loomed and harmful rhetoric about immigrants seemed heightened, one of the most meaningful moments of our trip was the opportunity to welcome a refugee family being re-settled. Through Exodus World Service, we arrived at the refugee family's apartment before them and spent the afternoon getting it all set up: beds made, shower curtain hung, furniture assembled, pantry stocked. When the six refugees arrived, we cheered and greeted them with warmth and excitement. For our youth to be able to say things like "we are so glad you're here!" and "our country is better with you as our neighbors!" meant a great deal to us, and helped us live into the country we long for.



Collaborating with Exodus World Service, the Youth on a Mission group cheerfully pitches in to make comfortable living arrangements for the arriving refugee family.



Pastor Sean Roberd (2nd l.) of the First Baptist Church of Herndon, VA, and the Youth on a Mission group members display the comforters they made for hospice patients.

Exodus staff ended our day with dinner at an Ethiopian restaurant where we celebrated the birthday of one of our youth participants who is from Ethiopia.

The Youth on a Mission group includes youth and chaperones from many different countries – which reflects the make-up of our faith community in Virginia. Each night our group gathered to pray and reflect on the experience of the day.

We spent the week exploring big conversations of our time, learning what it means to educate ourselves and respond to the needs of the world as the Gospel propels us to. We engaged in interfaith dialogue, visited Viator and Bethany Houses of



Hospitality (which provide compassionate accompaniment to young men and women seeking refugee status in the United States.)

At Bethany House we participated in an *active bystander training* which prepares individuals to not only witness a situation, but to speak up or step in to shift away from a negative or threatening focus.

We wish to extend our thanks to all the wonderful people we met and especially to the Missionary Sisters and staff who said “welcome!” in so many ways to us during our stay.

~ submitted by K. Scary, Youth Minister, First Baptist Church of Herndon Virginia, and with great thanks to Nancy Golen, Executive Director of Cabrini Retreat Center for sharing this reflection.

The Youth on a Mission with their international chaperones pause for a meaningful photo at the Viator House of Hospitality in the Chicago area.



The Tranquility of a Garden Benefits Residents

Cabrini of Westchester is proud to announce that it is the recipient of a \$20,000 grant from the Field Hall Foundation. The grant is in support of the enhancement of the home’s therapeutic dementia garden aimed at improving the quality of life for residents with Alzheimer’s/dementia who live at the nursing home or who utilize the dementia unit for respite.

Studies have shown that gardens designed for residents with dementia are an inexpensive, effective, non-pharmalogical intervention that reduces dementia symptoms, improves quality of life, enhances family interactions with loved ones and increases family and staff satisfaction.

Speaking of the grant, Cabrini of Westchester’s President and CEO, Patricia Krasnausky stated: “Thanks to the support from the Field Hall Foundation, residents with Alzheimer’s and dementia as well as their family members will be able to enjoy a beautiful enclosed outdoor destination and breathe the fresh air, feel the sunlight, see the flowers, listen to the birds and wander freely. We are truly grateful to the Field Hall Foundation for enabling us to make this vision a reality.”

~ submitted by Lorraine Horgan, Cabrini of Westchester



From left: Patti Lavan Horvath, Program Officer, Field Hall Foundation; Bonita Burke, Administrator/VP of Operations, Cabrini of Westchester; John Ahearn, President and CEO, Field Hall Foundation; Patricia Krasnausky, President and CEO, Cabrini of Westchester; and Lorraine Horgan, VP of External Affairs, Cabrini of Westchester at the presentation of the grant to Cabrini of Westchester.

Instilling Lasting Values of Concern for Others

President Ronald Reagan said, “We can’t help everyone, but everyone can help someone.” This is one of the ideals that we want to instill in our Cabrini Kids. Several of our Kids who are in Grades 3-6, came to Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), in Dobbs Ferry, NY to work on a Giving Back Program.

Thanks to a grant from St. Faith’s House Foundation, we were able to help some of the clients from Westhab, Inc. which is located in Yonkers, NY. Westhab has two transitional programs for single adult men. One program is for homeless men and the other is for those who are returning home from incarceration.

Our students filled bags with items such as soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. They also made a special cards that encouraged the men to be strong and to always try their best. The children said that they felt wonderful knowing that they were helping so many people.

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



Photo above: Two Cabrini Kids assemble bags for the clients at Westhab, Inc..

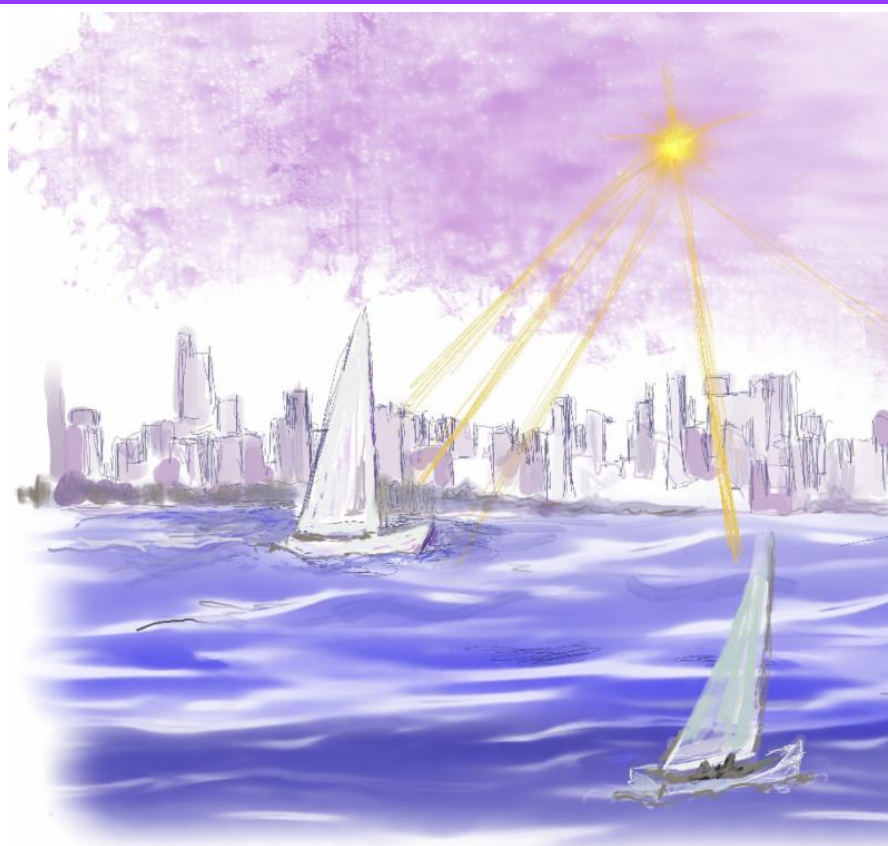
Photo below: Cabrini Kids ready toiletries and hygiene items for insertion into the care bags. What a great way to create awareness in children regarding others’ needs and to involve them in responding.





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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

Save the Date!

Tuesday, September 17, 2019



Cabrini Mission Foundation FUNdraiser!



The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and
Cabrini Mission Foundation Board of Trustees invite you to
the fifth annual

Bowling FUNdraiser!

<https://cabrinifoundation.org/events/bowling-fundraiser/>



Save the Date! - Thursday, December 5, 2019
The Spirit of Christmas



Thursday, December 5, 2019 - 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

NEW LOCATION

Midtown Loft & Terrace
267 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016



Further information forthcoming soon.

Prayer Requests

Dean Benjamin

Michael Degnan, Sr. Christine Marie Baltas's brother-in-law, asks for prayers for his friend, Dean Benjamin, who was involved in a terrible farm accident. He lost both feet and a hand. Dean is in his forties and is the father of five children.

Linda Newman

Please unite in prayer for Linda Newman, the niece of Connie Cugnini, a friend of Sr. Grace Waters, MSC. Ms. Newman is currently recovering from surgery. Please pray that her recuperation will be complete and she will be restored to full health.



Sr. Ilaria Povero, MSC

Please unite in prayer for Sr. Ilaria, who had an unfortunate fall yesterday and broke her arm. She would be grateful to know we are holding her in prayer.

Special Intention

A member of the Cabrinian community asks our prayers during this time.

Jason Stalnecker

Carmel-Jo Madonna is a staff member at Cabrini University. She asks prayers for her cousin Jason Stalnecker. He has been battling leukemia. The doctors are putting him on a trial in hopes to get him into remission to do a transplant. He has a loving wife and 4 amazing children who need their husband/dad to make it through this illness. Carmel-Jo would be so grateful to the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian Community for our prayers for this gentleman and his family to give them strength and hope.

Mary Tambasco

Your prayers are asked for Mary Tambasco, the mother of Mike Tambasco, the Director of Facilities and Properties for the Guadalupe Province. Mrs. Tambasco has been hospitalized with a medical issue.

Elizabeth Zays is requesting the following prayers:

Renaldo Borge Jr., her brother, who has been sick and is undergoing numerous medical tests.

Alex Dobre, her nephew, who recently graduated from high school and is undergoing treatments for cancer.

With a Grateful Heart

Mike

Several weeks ago, the Cabrinian community was asked to pray for a gentleman named Mike who was experiencing very difficult physical symptoms. We have recently heard from Mike that he is doing much better now, continues his recovery, and he wants to thank the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community for our prayers which he believes brought about his healing.

Dear Sisters and Cabrinian colleagues and friends,
The Update will be on vacation during the month of August.
Today's edition is the last for the summer.
The Update will resume in early September.
Prayer requests are always welcome and
will be published on Thursdays as they are received.
Please send all prayer requests to:
Cabrini-news@mothercabrini.org

May these summer days be a time of rest and refreshment
Be safe. Let us hold each other in prayer.
See you in September.
The Province Communications Office

