



105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sunday, September 29, 2019

[A Message from His Holiness
Pope Francis](#)

"It is not just about migrants."

This week, we continue to share excerpts from Pope Francis' message for the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2019.

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Mt 18:10). *It is not just about migrants: it is a question of seeing that no one is excluded.* Today's world is increasingly becoming more elitist and cruel towards the excluded. Developing countries continue to be drained of their best natural and human resources for the benefit of a few privileged markets. Those who pay the price are always the little ones, the poor, the most vulnerable, who are prevented from sitting at the table and are left with the "crumbs" of the banquet (cf. Lk 16:19-21). "The Church which 'goes forth'...can move forward, boldly take the initiative, to out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast" (Evangelii Gaudium 24). A development that excludes makes the rich richer and the poor poorer. A real development, on the other hand, seeks to include all the world's men and women, to promote their integral growth, and to show concern for coming generations.

"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. (Mk 10:43-44). *It is not just about migrants: it is about putting the last in first place.* Jesus Christ asks us not to yield to the logic of the world, which justifies injustice to others for my own gain or that of my group. "Me first and then the others!" Instead, the true motto of the Christian is, "The last shall be first!" "An individualistic spirit is fertile soil for the growth of that kind of indifference towards our neighbors which leads to viewing them in purely economic terms, to a lack of concern for their humanity, and ultimately, to feelings of fear and cynicism. Are these not the attitudes we often adopt towards the poor, the marginalized and the 'least' of society? An how many of these 'least' do we have in our societies! Among them I think primarily of migrants, with their burden of hardship and suffering, as they seek daily, often in desperation, a place to live in peace and dignity. In the logic of the Gospel, the last come first, and we must put ourselves at their service.

For your meditation and pro-activity, next week, we will conclude the excerpts from the letter of Pope Francis on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees as we near the observance on Sunday, September 29, 2019. To read the full text of Pope Francis' message, please visit www.mothercabrini.org
<https://www.mothercabrini.org/news-and-publications/world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees/>

Further information is also available on the following page.



World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Sunday, September 29th

This year on Sunday, September 29th, the Church will again celebrate the [World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#) as it has since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for many different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for the challenges and increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.



For 2019, Pope Francis has chosen the theme, “It is not just about migrants” to demonstrate our blind-spots and make sure no one remains excluded from society, whether a long-time resident or someone newly-arrived.

There is a host of materials to access for use and sharing in planning an event: [materials on this page](#)

Additional resources:

Franciscans for Action
news@franciscanaction.org

Catholic Relief Services
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wjdqjNMri2Y>

Catholics Take Action for Immigrant Children:
<https://franciscanaction.org/article/catholics-take-action-immigrant-children?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=b8ca9995-b044-4f89-9ed4-0f22cbbdca36>

Justice for Immigrants
<http://justiceforimmigrants.org>

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
www.usccb.org

Uniting Hearts & Minds with our Migrant Sisters & Brothers

- **70 Million:** The total number of forcibly displaced persons in the world today.
- **25.9 Million:** Number of refugees around the world. (An all-time high).
- **37,000 people** on average are forced from their homes each day.

~ June 2019 UN Annual Report on Refugees

“Migration is not a passing emergency.” ~ Pope Francis

Adult and Youth Groups from across the Archdiocese of Chicago gathered at **Cabrini Retreat Center in Des Plaines, IL** from Sept. 13 - 16, 2019 to learn about our global migration crisis through a simulation experience

As a prelude to the simulation experience, participants received a group orientation in the Retreat Center Chapel that included facts about migration as well as the opportunity to view migration from a faith perspective.

At the conclusion of each session, on the next page you will find a reading that was shared about those on the move. Each group found it a powerful way to comprehend how our point of view changes things.

Over the next few weeks we will be sharing information on the five different modules of the simulation experience.

~ submitted by Nancy Golen
Executive Director, Cabrini Retreat Center

Adult participants of the simulation experience read the synopsis of what to expect during the five modules that will be presented.

They discussed what they may and may not take with them for the “journey”.



Photo above: Prior to the simulation itself, participants in the migration crisis simulation received an orientation provided by the staff members of the Exodus World Service.
Photo below: Students preparing for Confirmation were among those young people taking part in the orientation and simulation.



Uniting Hearts & Minds with our Migrant Sisters & Brothers

Each simulation session at Cabrini Retreat Center closed with a shared reading about those on the move. Below is the reading that they considered. Each group found it a powerful way to comprehend how our point of view changes things. The reading demonstrates how words matter; how where we stand and with whom we stand can change hearts and minds.

TOP DOWN

Begin by reading the reflection lines from the top. This reading may sound like some of what we hear in the media or from those around us. Allow the words and the emotions that arise to be acknowledged.

BOTTOM UP

Begin again from a new perspective - from a place of faith and love. Read the reading beginning at the bottom line and moving up. Allow the words and emotions that arise touch your heart and mind.

They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or me
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Lazy loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our country
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way

What you will take away from this experience?
How could you share this reflection with others?

Cabrini High School Celebrates its 60th Anniversary



Cabrini High School celebrated its 60th anniversary on September 9, 2019 with an anniversary Mass and reception celebration, 60 years to the day since the school opened its doors. The buildings of Mother Cabrini's Sacred Heart Orphan Asylum on historic Esplanade Avenue were restructured and welcomed the first students of Cabrini High School, an all-girls' Catholic high school in New Orleans, on September 8, 1959.

The celebration began with Mass in the morning at Holy Rosary Church, said by Fr. Colm Cahill. Cabrini students, faculty, staff, alumnae, including members of the first graduating class of Cabrini High School, and other special guests were in attendance.



Cabrini High School Principal Yvonne Hrapmann (l.) and President Jack Truxillo served as Eucharistic Ministers during the celebratory anniversary Mass.

During his Homily, Fr. Cahill stated, “Anniversaries aren’t just a nostalgic history event. It gives you the opportunity to go back to the roots of who you are and why you do what you do. That’s all because of Mother Cabrini. Be a beacon of hope like Mother Cabrini was to so many.”

Following Mass, all students of Cabrini High School received a special Cabrini logo pin to add to their blazers as a memento of the 60th anniversary. There was a breakfast reception in the courtyard of the Esplanade building for alumnae and special guests where they could explore the original orphanage and now school building. There was a separate reception in the cafeteria for all students and faculty.



The first graduating class of CHS were special guests at the celebration.

Cabrini's President Jack Truxillo stated, “It is an honor to look around and see this Cabrini community – students, faculty, staff, alumnae, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, special guests - celebrating 60 years of Cabrini High School, as well as the legacy of Mother Cabrini. We are all a part of Mother Cabrini's legacy, and it is our duty to continue her legacy.”

~ submitted by Katelyn Ehrhardt

The National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Celebrates Our Foundress at Sparkling Benefit



Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC, Director of the National Shrine, extends a warm welcome to all the guests.

What joy we felt on Thursday, September 12th as we welcomed over 160 guests at the Chicago Yacht Club Monroe Station for our annual Benefit Dinner! This year we honored Mother Cabrini as the anchor of our community.

Our benefit venue, The Chicago Yacht Club, embodies our deep admiration for Mother Cabrini and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who many times traveled the waters overseas to establish her missions.

Our celebration continued with cocktails, dinner, paddle raising along with silent and live auctions. We were especially proud to welcome Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC, General Superior & Council and very much appreciate her support.

The evening was a huge success and we thank Mother Cabrini for such lovely weather and all the joy we shared. She was truly with us as we celebrated and honored her mission in our beautiful city!

~ submitted by Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC



Photo above: Fr. Ted Ploplis, Shrine Rector, makes the rounds at the event chatting with the benefit patrons.

Photo left: Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC, General Superior, (c.) was a special guest at the benefit.



Paying a visit to Eastern University

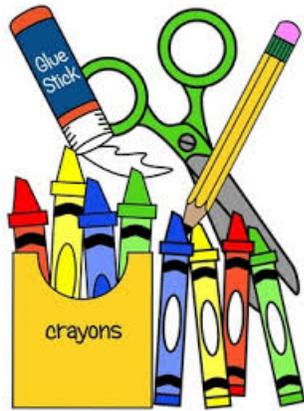


Located directly across the street from Cabrini University in Radnor, PA is Eastern University a Christian University whose core values of faith, reason and justice are woven throughout all their programs. Recently, Cabrini University Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry Fr. Carl Janicki and Cabrini University staff member Meg Harrison were invited there to preach on the topic “Saying

Yes!” Meg shared that when she traveled with Cabrini students on a mission immersion trip to Ecuador it was a life-changing experience. ~ submitted by Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC

To view the video of their time at Eastern please click on this link. Their preaching begins at minute 46:

<https://www.eastern.edu/student-life/faith-practice/chapel-live-stream-schedule-recordings>



Resident Council Makes a Difference in the Lives of the Children served by Cabrini Immigrant Services

The Resident Council of St. Cabrini Nursing Home held another Mission in Action collection for the benefit of the children of Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS) in Dobbs Ferry, NY. The residents, their families, friends, visitors and staff contributed to the drive. The collection was so successful that Cabrini Immigrant Services was able to help many families in need of back-to-school supplies.



President of the Resident Council, Regina O'Connell, eases a mother's burden as she contributes school supplies for her daughter.

The event took place in the board room of the nursing home. Upon entering the room, each child was given a bag to collect the required needed items. The children went around the table one by one to numerous residents who joyfully filled their bags with pencils, pens, erasers, glue, notebooks, loose leaf paper, crayons, markers, rulers, scissors and folders. The CIS Moms were so relieved to receive the costly supplies in time for the start of the school year.

The Resident Council Members were visibly moved as one little girl sang, "This Little Light of Mine" as a thank you to everyone who donated. At the end of the day, it was hard to tell who left happier: the children with their new supplies, the grateful mothers relieved of the financial burden of purchasing school supplies, or the residents who delighted in making a difference in the lives of children in need. ~ submitted by Lorraine Horgan, Cabrini of Westchester



This Cabrini KID sang for the Resident Council as a way of expressing her thanks.

Providing Anti-Human Trafficking Education

Cabrini University's ECG Class on Anti-Human Trafficking and members from Montgomery County Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition received training on hotel outreach from Hugh Organ, Acting Director of Covenant House Pennsylvania and Chairperson of the Philadelphia Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition. Future plans are to supply education and training to hotel staff in the King of Prussia, Great Valley and Oaks, PA areas, on recognizing human trafficking and what to do about it.



Photo left: Hugh Organ of Covenant House informs students and coalition members about recognizing human trafficking in a hotel setting.

Photo below: CAAC Chair Karol Brewer (2nd l.) and Cindy Ross, ECG teacher (3rd l.) are joined by a Cabrini student and Montgomery County Coalition members.



Cabrini University Celebrates a Border Mass



Fr. Carl Janicki, chaplain, gestures towards the passage in the symbolic fence during his homily at the Border Mass.

What is a Border Mass? On February 17, 2016, Pope Francis celebrated Mass at the U.S. Mexico Border in Ciudad Juárez and the U.S. churches were asked to concelebrate a Mass at the same time to be in solidarity with the Pope and his intentions.

In discussing Pope Francis' Mass with the staff of the Wolfington Center at Cabrini University, the idea of celebrating Mass at the Peace Pole on the campus commons was developed. Creating a fence and having people move/migrate through the fence after the Liturgy of the Word to gather around the altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist was thought of as a symbolic way to be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are in search of a safer, more stable life. The feedback from the first Border Mass was very positive, therefore, yesterday, another border Mass was celebrated for the campus community. ~ from a Cabrini University communication

New CEO appointed for Cabrini Health, Australia

Cabrini Health Board Chairman Sylvia Falzon is pleased to announce the appointment of Sue Williams as the new CEO for Cabrini Australia.

After a lengthy and thorough recruitment process, the Cabrini Board selected Ms. Williams from a highly-experienced field of applicants.

Ms. Williams has been with Cabrini for the past two years, in the role of Chief of Health Operations, and played a vital role in the commissioning of Cabrini's new Gandel Wing at Malvern as well as leading many other key strategic initiatives.

Prior to joining Cabrini, Ms. Williams was CEO of Peninsula Health. A nurse by professional background, Ms. Williams has extensive experience in both public and private sector health service delivery.

Ms. Williams is to be congratulated on securing this important role, where she will lead Cabrini into its next exciting phase of development. Her term will commence on November 30th. ~ submitted by Samantha Robin, Cabrini Health



Ms. Sue Williams
Newly Appointed CEO

*The Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian Community extend
congratulations and warm wishes to Ms. Williams!*

Prayer Requests

Karen Bonner

Your prayers are requested for Karen Bonner, a former staff member at Cabrini University, who recently suffered a serious fall. Please pray that her recovery will be swift and uneventful.

Carl Kulp

Please unite in prayer for Carl Kulp who has been diagnosed with COPD and is undergoing physical therapy. He has had some recent setbacks in life and would be grateful for our prayerful accompaniment. Mr. Kulp is the father of a friend of Mary Lou Denesowicz, a staff member at Cabrini University.

Victims of Hurricanes and Tropical Storms

We pray for all those who are suffering from the effects of the recent hurricanes, especially those in the Bahamas, Abaco Islands and most recently, Texas and Bermuda. Pray that they will be given the strength and courage to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

