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Awareness Remains an Issue as Global Climate Strikes Draw Millions

by Brian Rowe, National Catholic Reporter

After roughly 6,100 actions in 180-plus countries bookended by two main days of demonstrations, the third global climate strike has come to a close. In 185 countries, the September 20 and 27 global climate strikes drew an estimated 7.6 million people young and old to 6,100 actions according to organizers who called it the largest-yet distributed mobilization calling for action on climate change.

A day after the September 20 strikes, the U.N. presented the Fridays for Future movement, inspired by Swedish 16-year-old Greta Thunberg who joined strikers in New York City.

Before and after the strikes, Thunberg pressed elected leaders and older generations to save any plaudits for the youth strikers. Instead, she urged them to first listen to what climate scientists are saying – that global greenhouse gas emissions must be cut in half by 2030, and reach net zero by 2050. “For more than 30 years, the science has been crystal clear. How dare you continue to look away and come here saying that you are doing enough, when the politics and solutions needed are still nowhere in sight,” she said in a speech September 23 at the U.N. Climate Action Summit.

Mitzi Tan, a 21-year-old recent college graduate who joined the strike in Quezon City, Philippines, said, “people don’t realize how bad the situation is here.” The archipelago nation is among the most vulnerable in the world to impacts from climate change, like more powerful typhoons, rising seas and strains on crop and fisheries production. Part of that, she said, is a lack of connecting observed changes to the impacts scientists have identified accompanying a warming climate. Another factor is people preoccupied with other pressing issues such as hunger, homelessness and rising oil prices.

Many of the strikes had an intergenerational aspect to them. Marilou Fernando-Canuzo, was inspired by her youngest son to join the Fridays for Future movement. “A mother would naturally do anything to ensure that her children will have a bright future ahead or should I say, a better world to live in...climate change is no joke.” She hoped that the governments would take this seriously.

To read the entire article: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/environment/awareness-remains-issue-global-climate-strikes-draw-millions>



A young person stands inside a cardboard box decorated with a climate change slogan while demonstrating in NYC.

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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

This week, we continue our coverage on the “Run for Your Life” simulation that took place at the Cabrini Retreat Center in Des Plaines, IL from September 13 – 16th. A variety of adult and youth groups from across the Archdiocese of Chicago participated in the simulation.



Photo above and below: Feeling the pressure of having to leave their homeland immediately, Run for Your Life participants deliberate which are the few items they will choose to take with them for the journey.



After an introduction to the crises that may be happening in a refugee's life, causing them to leave their home and their country, participants begin their simulated journey. They are divided into family groups and given a biography of their family, their situation and the particular members of their family. Participants are asked to take on the identity of that family as parent, grandparent, adult child, toddler, etc., as well as their reason for leaving.

The urgency begins as they are told they have to leave IMMEDIATELY, no time for planning. They are given a “wallet” of money and a series of pictures of items to take along...but they can only choose 10 of those items...and that's all they will have besides the clothes on their backs.

They begin their journey toward what they hope will be a country that will welcome them and protect them from the harm they are now facing. They do not know what obstacles or dangers they may face, nor how long that journey may take.

~ submitted by Sr. Cathy Fedewa, CSFN





Oh, The Places You'll Go!

I believe that one of the greatest authors of children's books is Dr. Seuss. He has been able to capture the imagination of more children through his writings, his rhymes and his different characters. One of his favorite quotes is, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Dr. Barbara Keckler, Associate Professor for the School of Education at Mercy College and her graduate students came to Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, to help some of our children enhance their reading skills

so that they will be able to learn new things and go to new places. Dr. Keckler teaches the course, Assessing and Correcting Literacy Problems: Practicum in Early Childhood and Childhood. Her students attend class during the day and then in the afternoon, they come to CIS to complete the practicum component of the class. They come twice a week to work with our children. They do pre-testing, reading aloud, comprehension as well as teaching our Kids some techniques and games to help them with their reading.



With one of her graduate students (l.) observing Dr. Keckler (r.) from Mercy College works with a one of the youngsters in the Cabrini KIDS program to further his reading skills.



On the last day of the program, the Mercy College students gave our Kids a party. It was a great way to celebrate the end of the semester. Dr. Keckler read the book, Oh, The Places You'll Go!, written by Dr. Seuss. In addition to some party food, the Mercy students gave each of our Kids a certificate for academic achievement. They also bought them some gifts such as books, crayons, pencils, etc.

Thank you to Dr. Keckler and the students from Mercy College. We look forward to seeing you again next summer.

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

Cabrini High School Raises Money for Hurricane Dorian Victims



Cabrini High School in New Orleans raised \$650 to be sent to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for emergency relief of the victims of Hurricane Dorian. Students, faculty, staff, and parents raised funds in one week through a bake sale hosted by Cabrini's Student Council and CRS Krewe, daily collections during lunch in the school cafeteria, as well as a collection during the Offertory during a school Mass.

"Service" is one of Cabrini High School's three core values. Having "service" as a core value, every day the Cabrini High School community finds ways to help and serve others. Cabrini High School's thoughts and prayers are with all victims of Hurricane Dorian.

~ submitted by Katelyn Ehrhardt



Cabrini High Students conducted a bake sale to raise funds for the victims of Hurricane Dorian.

Heart and Soul

Jesus tells us, "Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 18:3). The residents at St. Cabrini Nursing Home, Dobbs Ferry, NY were blessed to have 13 children come and share their God-given talents and their beautiful spirituality with them.

The children participated in the 'Heart and Soul' program, which, is held monthly at the nursing home. The children, who ranged in age from 5-14 years old, sang various spiritual songs and also played different instruments.

We had violinists, pianists and a cellist. The children were from Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry and the Youth Mission of Life Church, White Plains, NY.

The children shared their love of God and the importance of their faith as they sang, played their instruments and shared from their hearts. I now understand what Jesus meant when he said that we need to be more like the children. Their innocence and their openness to God was so evident. Thank you to all the children who participated in the program. Thank you also for being a wonderful example of God's love in this world.

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



Photo above and left: Youngsters in the Heart and Soul programs share their musical talent with the residents at St. Cabrini Nursing Home.



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Drawing Inspiration from Our Foundress

~ a reflection by Sr. Martha Lopez, MSC

They will draw water from the source ...



Missionary Sisters from many countries gathered at various sites in Italy following in the footsteps of Mother Cabrini. They attended a workshop delving into the spirituality of Mother Cabrini. Sr. Martha Lopez, MSC is pictured on the right.

From different countries: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Nicaragua we have reached Codogno, the cradle of the Institute, to delve into the spirituality of our Foundress. In the company of the sisters María Barbagallo, Regina Canale, Lucy Panettieri and Gilda Mendoza, in the first week we deepened the gift that the Lord has given us. We are thirsty to drink from the source that gave rise to our Cabrinian being and that has given us our missionary identity. We have been given the following topics: the Person of Jesus, the School of the Heart of Jesus, Christian Virtues, Cabrinian Vision of life and the history, foundations in Italy, the Great Mothers, Mysticism of the change of hearts.

As part of our studies and with a grateful heart we visited Sant'Angelo, Vidardo, Livraga ... How much emotion invaded our being in the birthplace of Our Mother! With how much enthusiasm each one put in the river the small paper boats full of flowers, as did "Cecchina", sending us as missionaries to the whole world and praying for new violets for our Institute !

Towards the end of the week, a rich and unforgettable experience awaited us: we had to open our hearts to share the treasures of our "personal Galilee", that is, that first call made by Jesus in a sweet "follow me!" The first to share were: Mother Lina Colombini, Sr. Elena Lo Brutto and Sr. Francesca Cremonese, who with their testimonies motivated us and inspired us to continue living the Cabrinian Charism, to the rhythm of Love, that is to say ardently and swiftly. All the MSC Sisters of Codogno have taught us, even without words, that the Charism is the way to love, to dream, to serve today in that corner of the world where the Lord wanted to put us.

We feel very happy and grateful to the Lord, with our sisters from Codogno, from Sant'Angelo and with each of our Provinces for allowing us to live this unforgettable experience. It has been a rich, intense week, full of enthusiasm and gratitude to get closer to Our Foundress whose experience became Charism ... and that Charism made its way!

**"Oh my Jesus: how kind, good and adorable you are.
Greater is the care that You take of me and my things." (PP Mother Cabrini)**



Mother Cabrini extends her gentle protection over her Missionary Sisters.

Prayer Requests

Dr. Antoinette Iadarola

Cabrini University President Emerita Dr. Antoinette Iadarola (HON '17) has asked for the prayers of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community as she undergoes a series of radiation treatments on her spine. She would be most grateful for our prayerful accompaniment at this time. Please keep Toni in your thoughts and prayers.

Infant Freya

Please pray for Baby Freya who was born at 25 weeks at 1 lb. 11 ozs. She is now 2 lbs. 8 oz. and is doing well. Freya's mom and dad really would appreciate the prayers. Let us pray that this tiny one, this miracle baby, continues to thrive.

Infant Paige Mary

Your special prayers are asked for a newborn baby girl, Paige Mary. She was born a week ago and is very ill. She is the granddaughter of Jim Dowdle from the Edwards and Dowdle Funeral Home that has taken care of the Missionary Sisters for many years. Please pray for this little angel.

Linda Lewis

Prayers are requested for Linda Lewis who underwent a surgical procedure this week. Please pray for her successful recovery and for her family.

In Loving Memory



Phyllis Becherer

Kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Phyllis Becherer. Phyllis was the former secretary for the Cabrini Retreat Center. She worked for many years with the sisters assigned there. She was also a friend to many MSCs. Phyllis passed away on September 3rd, 2019. There will be a memorial Mass at the Cabrini Retreat Center on Friday October 25th. at 10:00 AM., followed by a reception. May Phyllis rest in peace and pray for us.

Marie Scotto

Marie Scotto, former librarian at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary School, Brooklyn, NY returned home to God on September 26th. She is survived by her daughter, Antoinette Scotto. Both her husband, Bart, and son, Salvatore, have gone home to God. Rest in peace, Marie.

Mary Soto

Sr. Antonina Avitabile, MSC asks for prayers for the repose of the soul of Mary Soto, a good friend to her and other Missionary Sisters who worked at Cabrini Medical Center from the mid 70's to the late 90's. Mary worked in the Admitting Office. Mary passed away on Sunday, September 29, 2019 in Yuma AZ after a long illness. She would ask for relics, pins and books about Mother Cabrini after she moved as she felt no one knew Mother Cabrini and she spread the word!

Irene Ursino

Kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Irene Ursino, the mother of Patricia Stancato Purkey. Mrs. Ursino went home to God on September 29th. Please pray for Patricia and her husband Gary at this sad time.