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## ‘We are All Responsible’...to Protect the Amazon

~ by Barbara J. Fraser, Catholic News Service

Solutions to environmental problems discussed at the Synod of Bishops for the Amazon must involve not just Amazonian nations, but countries in Europe and North America, the bishops said.

Many of the environmental issues that synod participants have raised - including destruction of forests, pollution of rivers, rapacious mining and especially climate change - are also common to other tropical regions of the world.

Those problems have roots in North America and Europe, although they often are exacerbated by policy loopholes and lack of enforcement in Amazonian countries, synod participants have said.

Synod participants described how mines, dams and other enterprises owned, built or operated by companies in industrialized countries displace local communities, affecting the environment and disrupting people's lives.

Global trade means that even consumers' decisions leave a footprint in distant countries. For example, most of the deforestation in Brazil is for cattle ranching to export beef. And the demand for gold keeps prices high, encouraging miners to invade indigenous people's territories in remote parts of the Amazon. Their unregulated operations leave a scene that resembles a cratered moonscape where rivers are poisoned with mercury and cyanide.

“No one can say, ‘I’m not responsible, it’s not my fault,’” said Bishop Karel Choennie of Suriname. “We are all responsible.”

The economic and social costs are borne by indigenous villagers and small farmers in the Amazon, said Josianne Gauthier, executive secretary of CIDSE, an international consortium of Catholic development agencies and an invited guest at the synod.

“It’s colonialism – you externalize the costs to another population that you consider inferior or of less value,” she said. “It’s a one-directional relationship, where you exploit and live well, while the others suffer the consequences.”

People in places like North America and Europe do not always see that “environmental degradation and human rights violations (in the Amazon) are connected to our behaviors or policies or trade agreements” elsewhere in the world, she said.

People begin to understand the impact of their consumer choices and the policies of their countries when they come face to face with the people who are affected said Bishop Lafont of French Guiana.



Cardinal Fridolin Ambongo Besunga of Kinshasa, Congo speaks after a session of the Synod of Bishops for the Amazon.

To read the complete article: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/environment/we-are-all-responsible-bishop-urges-lifestyle-change-protect-amazon>

## May the Cabrini Light Shine in Your Good Works...



Sr. Therese Merandi, MSC, who is being missioned to the South Sudan, had a visit with Pope Francis. Bringing the Cabrini charism with her, Sr. Therese is blessed by the Lord, by the Holy Father, by the Church, by the Guadalupe Province and by the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Solidarity with South Sudan, an initiative of the Union of Superiors General (men) and the International Union of Superiors General (women) is in response to a request from the Bishops of Sudan, that focuses its ministry on building the capacity of South Sudanese to become teachers, registered nurses, midwives, sustainable farmers and pastoral agents. Sisters, priests and brothers from a variety of congregations and countries work together with lay personnel in four primary sites with outreach to far flung areas of the country. Sr. Therese Merandi will work with others in the South Sudan to effect these important measures. ~ submitted by Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC

For more Information and to pray for this good work go to: <https://www.solidarityfriends.org>

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On November 1<sup>st</sup>  
we observe  
the Feast of All Saints.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
we commemorate and pray  
for  
All Souls.

# Offering Hospitality and Hope to Immigrant Women



Two of the Bethany House staff members are Sr. Stella Akello, (I.) Pastoral Care worker from Uganda and Jessica Alaniz, Case Manager.

**Bethany House of Hospitality (BHH)** offers housing and support services to young immigrant women as they journey to independence. The Missionary Sisters are one of eleven Sustaining Member Religious Communities supporting this mission to women awaiting asylum determinations in the Chicago area.

Residents are from El Salvador, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Guatemala, Somalia, Venezuela, Honduras, Saudi Arabia and Sudan. Women are accompanied through the complexity of immigration process coordination of services includes: access to immigration attorneys, health care, education and employment.

The second anniversary luncheon celebrated the strength and resilience of the 40 women that have participated in the Bethany House program to date,

as well as the vision of the religious women that saw the need and responded.

Sr. Joan McGlinchey, MSC Vicar for Religious and Nancy Golen, Cabrini Retreat Center Director represented Guadalupe Province at the event. Sr. Cathy Fedewa, CSFN, Retreat Center Immigrant Outreach Coordinator, is a founding and current member of the Bethany House Board.

At the event it was announced that through a partnership with the Scalabrinian priests Bethany House will be moving to a new location in Chicago which will allow the number of women served to double. ~ submitted by Nancy Golen, Executive Director, Cabrini Retreat Center



**Bethany House of Hospitality**

Among the eleven Sustaining Member Religious Congregations are Sr. Joan McGlinchey, MSC (2<sup>nd</sup> I.), Sr. Margaret Geraghty, BVM, Bethany House President (c.) and Fr. Giovanni Bizzotto, C.S. celebrating their new collaboration with other Bethany House leadership representatives.



To learn more: <http://bethanyhouseofhospitality.com/>



# Blessings on your Retirement

The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart bid farewell to two very special priests.

**Fr. Ted Ploplis** from St. Frances Xavier Cabrini National Shrine in Chicago, who has served in various capacities at St. Cabrini Hospital, Cuneo Hospital, Columbus Hospital as Chaplain & Director of Pastoral Care, until its closure, and later as Rector of the National Shrine and writer for the Mother Cabrini Messenger – a total of 36 years of service. (By the way, Fr. Ted was born at St. Cabrini Hospital in Chicago). So, we have Sr. Irma Lunghi, MSC and Sr. Ferdinanda Romano, MSC for the blessing of having Fr. Ted in our midst for so long and we are grateful.

**Fr. Edwin Robinson, OFM** from St. Cabrini Nursing Home, Dobbs Ferry, NY is retiring from his ministry of 21 years having served the residents in the nursing home with compassion, humor and a laughter that resounded throughout the facility. You always knew when Fr. Edwin was around – you would hear him before you saw him. As he celebrated Eucharist daily, his homilies resonated with each resident because he always reminded them of the “Smile of God” as noted in the Old Testament. This reminder was enough to brighten their day. His presence among the residents and staff, and especially the Cabrini Sisters will be sorely missed.

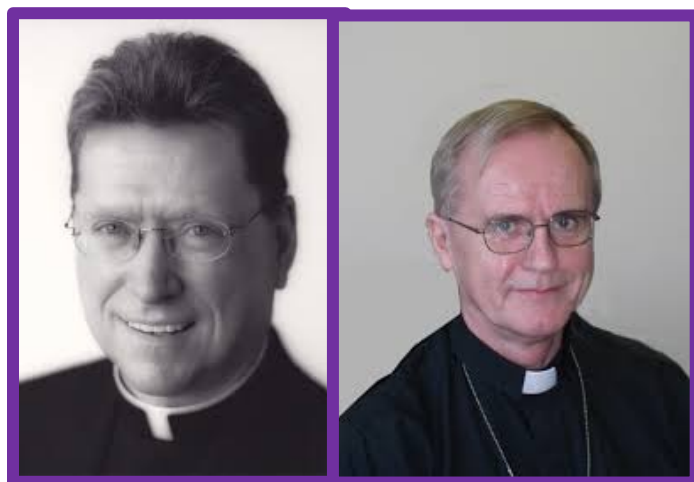
*~ submitted by Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC*

You started on this Journey with us so many years ago and now it is time to leave dear friends that you have come to know. You sought Divine direction and heart to do His will. Your work became your passion, as you used your gifts and skills.

So, we bid you farewell, and pray God keep you safe and well, wherever you may turn, surrounded by your loves one to live out the dreams you earned.

So good-bye Fr. Ted and Fr. Edwin, we shall miss you both – may you have more hours in the day to hope, to dream, to rest, to pray and of course, to PLAY...

**God Bless,  
Missionary Sisters of the Sacred**



Fr. Ted

Fr. Edwin



You  
will be missed!

## *A Bittersweet Celebration*

The October 22<sup>nd</sup> Liturgy at St. Cabrini Nursing Home was particularly moving for residents, staff, family members and volunteers. It was different from any other service. It was filled with joy and gratitude but also laden with sadness and tears. For this was the last Mass Rev. Edwin Robinson, OFM, Director of Pastoral Care, would conduct before retiring after a 21 year career at St. Cabrini Nursing Home.

The Chapel was packed with residents, staff, family members and volunteers who had all come to thank Fr. Edwin and wish him well. The Mass was beautiful and the staff and volunteers of the Pastoral Care Department went above and beyond to make it a joyous celebration of not only Fr. Edwin's career but his many gifts to St. Cabrini Nursing Home. Regina O'Connell, President of Resident Council, addressed Fr. Edwin at the end of Mass and likened him to an angel amongst us. She presented Fr. Edwin with a gift from the residents. It was a beautifully framed, spiritual painting created by resident, Sr. Susan Greene, RDC, with a quote from French Philosopher and Paleontologist, Teilhard de Chardin, SJ, that read:

*"May the universe offer to our gaze the symbols  
and the forms of all harmony and beauty."*



Regina O'Connell, (r.) President of the SCNH Resident Council, bids farewell to Fr. Edwin and Alex Riddick as they retire from their ministries at St. Cabrini Nursing Home



Fr. Edwin displays the beautiful gift that was created for him by resident artist Sr. Susan Greene, RDC, on behalf of the St. Cabrini Nursing Home residents.

The Mass was followed by a festive luncheon in the boardroom where everyone had time to wish Fr. Edwin well. Over his more than two decades of service to St. Cabrini Nursing Home, Fr. Edwin touched the lives of countless individuals and families. He touched the souls of so many with his meaningful and creative homilies. He was able to bring love, life and a sense of purpose to those who felt lost beneath the heavy baggage of physical challenges and emotional losses that comes with age. To many, he was so much more than the Director of Pastoral Care, he was a confidant, a reliable shoulder to lean on, a beacon of light in the darkness – he was a friend.

Fr. Edwin along with Pastoral Care Chaplain, Alex Riddick, who retired from his post, plan to return on a monthly basis to celebrate Mass and visit their Cabrini family. May God bless Fr. Edwin as he begins this new chapter on his journey.

*~ submitted by Lorraine Horgan and Susan Herceg, Cabrini of Westchester*



# A VISIT FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE



County Executive George Latimer speaks with a CIS student and tutor about the importance of studying and working hard. Mr. Latimer himself is the son of Immigrant parents.

working together to create a community where there is a place for everyone and an opportunity for all to succeed. The children couldn't wait to meet this important public figure who believed in their dream of a better future.

Upon arriving, the County Executive went around the room and addressed each child and asked them their name and their country of origin. He shared that he, too, was a child of immigrant parents; his father, a carpenter and his mother, a homemaker. He also grew up poor but dedicated himself to being a good student and staying out of trouble. As a result, he has earned his important role as a public figure who is looked up to and admired by many and, to the children of immigrant services, stood as a beacon of hope.

*~submitted by Susan Herveg on behalf of Lorraine Campanelli, CIS, Dobbs Ferry, NY*

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Westchester County Executive, George Latimer, visited both Cabrini of Westchester and Cabrini Immigrant Services for the first time. While impressed with the programs and services as well as the modern amenities of the nursing home, he was greeted like a rock star by the children receiving after-school homework help services at Cabrini Immigrant Services in Dobbs Ferry, NY.

Lorraine Campanelli, Director of Immigrant Services, had educated the children on the important and powerful role of the County Executive and shared his philosophy on the importance of



With Cabrini Immigrant Services Director Lorraine Campanelli (r.) standing by, this inquisitive young man had lots of questions for the County Executive.

***If You Think Human Trafficking Doesn't Happen in Your Area Code,  
Think Again!***

**Cabrini University is pleased to announce an evening with:**

***Tammy McDonnell  
Activist, Advocate, and Human Trafficking Survivor***



***Wednesday, November 6th, 2019  
The event begins at 6:00 P.M.  
Cabrini University Grace Hall Atrium***

**Following the talk, a panel of advocates will discuss preventing human trafficking and what you can do in your community.**

***Panelist include:***

***Lindsey Mossor-*** Anti- Human Trafficking Staff Attorney at Nationalities Service Center. Lindsey assists immigrant survivors of sex and labor trafficking.

***Maggie Sweeny MSW, LSW -*** Program Manager and Forensic Interviewer for Mission Kids.

***Habibah Smith -***Co-chair of Delaware County Anti- Human Trafficking Coalition and Youth Services Program Specialist.

***Connie Marinello-*** Detective Investigations Division Upper Merion Township Police Department.

ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI • PATRON SAINT OF IMMIGRANTS

# Feast Day Celebration

Fiesta de Sta. Francisca Cabrini

**SAT & SUN November 9 & 10, 2019 10 am–5 pm**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

**10:00 am** French/Creole Mass

**12:00** Italian Mass

**1:00 pm** Traditional Procession  
Led by Italian band. (Weather permitting)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

**11:00 am** English Mass  
Celebrant: Bishop Gerald Walsh

**1:00 pm** Filipino Mass

**3:00 pm** Spanish Mass



**SABADO, 9 DE NOVIEMBRE**

**10:00 am** Misa en francés

**12:00** Misa en italiano

**1:00 pm** Procesión tradicional  
Con una banda italiana (Dependiendo del tiempo)

**DOMINGO, 10 DE NOVIEMBRE**

**11:00 am** Misa en inglés  
Celebrante: Obispo Gerald Walsh

**1:00 pm** Misa filipina

**3:00 pm** Misa en español

**Chapel Tours - Food - Music - Fun for the Kids**

Visita de la Capilla - Buena Comida - Música - Diversión para los Niños



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# Prayer Requests

## ***John and Michelle Campanelli and unborn twins***

Lorraine Campanelli, Director of Cabrini Immigrant Services in Dobbs Ferry, NY, asks prayers for her nephew John Campanelli and his wife, Michelle, and their unborn twin daughters. Michelle is due with the twins in mid-January but has developed some complications. Please pray that all will be well with these babies and that Michelle will have a safe delivery.

## ***Dr. Antoinette Iadarola***

Please continue your prayers for Dr. Toni Iadarola, President Emerita of Cabrini University, who is ill with cancer. Toni has requested the prayers of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community. Let us accompany her with our thoughts and prayers.

## ***Nancy Panganiban***

Your prayers are asked for Nancy Panganiban, family member of Nancy Costello in the Province Communications Office. Nancy will be undergoing some medical tests next week. Please pray that all will be well.

# In Loving Memory

## ***Prayer for All Souls***

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

## ***DeShawn Price***

Former Cabrini University student, DeShawn Price, passed away unexpectedly. A member of Cabrini's men's cross country team and participant in the IMPACT Leadership Living and Learning Community and Campus Activities and Programming Board during the 2018–19 academic year, DeShawn remained involved with our campus community after transferring to Wesley College and will always be a part of the Cabrini family. We are all deeply saddened by this tragic event. Please keep DeShawn and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

