



November 7, 2019

The Feast of the Patroness of Immigrants St. Frances X. Cabrini

November 13, 2019

The Sister with the Suitcase

~excerpts from an article by Lucetta Scaraffia, 100 Years of Cabrinian Mission

This fragile, determined woman from the Lombardy region traveled extensively, having dedicated her life to helping the Italian immigrants who, filled with hope, made the trip to America. Francesca Cabrini had received this mission from Pope Leo XIII and to serve them, became an immigrant among immigrants.

She left Genoa with seven [of her Missionary] Sisters in 1889, unfamiliar with the sea, exactly like most of the women and men packed into Third Class, and during the crossing she began to comprehend the appalling conditions in which immigrants lived. Like them, she thought she would find a warm welcome and assistance when she arrived in New York, but bitter disappointment was what she found.

The Scalabrini Fathers, who awaited her arrival, told her they had not expected her so soon and that they had not yet prepared their accommodations. The next day, having rested in appallingly filthy conditions in a [rooming house], she went to see Archbishop Corrigan, where she discovered that the situation was even worse. The prelate ordered them to go back on the same ship that brought them. (Mother Cabrini refused.)

This experience only confirmed to Francesca Cabrini that the presence of her mission here was a necessity. Like other immigrants, without anyone to protect her and without knowing a word of English, she went to work immediately to find a dignified headquarters and wealthy supporters who would finance her schools and orphanages, even if she had to come up against enormous difficulties. Nothing seemed to work out the way it should have and everything seemed to conspire against her projects. But, because of this, she was able to see the difficulties and disappointments she encountered not so much as obstacles, but as spiritual tests to purify her intent and provide sound and solid foundations for her work.

She moved in two directions: visiting the poor and understanding their needs on the one hand, and seeking to understand American society with focused meetings on the other. Whether in mines or prisons, Mother Cabrini was not afraid to send her Missionary Sisters, armed only with their charity



for protection, to terrible places where few women would have dared to go. With gentleness, and patient and sincere interest in their souls, their purpose was to provide dignity and hope to those fringes of desperate people for whom emigration had been a failure. ~ *from 100 Years of Cabrinian Mission*

Chicago Catholic, the Newspaper of the Archdiocese of Chicago, will be featuring this very human portrayal of Mother Cabrini in anticipation of the Feast Day next week ...
~*with thanks to Sr. Joan Marie Sariti, MSC*

Author Shares Family Friendship with Mother Cabrini

~ *by Joe Ruff, Catholic News Service*

Celeste Raspanti, a volunteer archivist at the Cathedral of St. Paul, remembers stories her mother told about their family forging a friendship at the dinner table with St. Frances Xavier Cabrini as they helped her minister to the poor in Chicago.

“She drank wine, she ate pasta, she sang songs,” Raspanti said of the saint.

When Raspanti’s grandfather was ill, Mother Cabrini asked to be called if death drew near. “She was holding his hand when he died,” Raspanti related.

Those real-life episodes in turn of the century Chicago are depicted in a book Raspanti published earlier this year based on her mother’s memories of Mother Cabrini and titled “Our Saint: A Friend of the Family.”

Illustrated by a niece of Raspanti’s, Deborah Zanger, in gray pencil line drawings punctuated with splashes of color, the book can be purchased at the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in Chicago.

A major point of the book, which is written simply but is for adults as well as for children, is that people who are living with saints often don’t realize it.

Mother Cabrini helped poor Italian immigrants and others by gathering, growing and distributing fruits and vegetables on the streets of Chicago. The family’s friendship with Mother Cabrini began with the future saint searching the streets of Chicago for food for the poor and for one of the hospitals that she founded – Columbus Hospital in the Lincoln Park area. Mother Cabrini often sought Italian immigrants who could help others from Italy, and she found the fruit and vegetable warehouse own by Raspanti’s grandfather, Celestino Caviale, on South Water Street near the Chicago River.

Raspanti’s mother was asked to accompany Mother Cabrini on her route, which turned into a weekly routine, using a cart provided by Caviale. The route ended with dinner back at the Caviale home, with Celestino, his wife Elizabetta, Lillian and her five siblings.

“On Wednesday, Mother Cabrini would come,” Raspanti said.

“She didn’t act like a saint, she didn’t wear a halo,” Raspanti said of Mother Cabrini. “But, she loved God and she served other people. She did what she could for as long as she could.”

To read the entire article: <https://www.chicagocatholic.com/chicagoland/-/article/2019/11/04/author-shares-family-s-friendship-with-mother-cabrini>



Celeste Raspanti, the author, proudly displays her book, *OUR SAINT, A Friend of the Family* about Mother Cabrini.

Share the Journey: Meet Our Neighbor

I crossed the footbridge from El Paso into downtown Juarez, and the effects of the U.S.' metering policy were immediately apparent. To my left was a community of tents, makeshift homes for the dozens of Mexican nationals who had been living there, some for as long as 20 days, while they waited for their turn to seek refuge in the U.S. Under "metering", only a certain number of individuals seeking asylum in the United States are permitted to present themselves per day. When I encountered this group, it had been three days since the last family was allowed to cross, and they were growing desperate and defeated. The families were waiting in the sun, on a busy street; some of them had children who were playing on the street, oblivious to the filth of the city roads and the dangerous conditions around them. When I returned the next day, it was cold. Employees of the state were recruiting people to move to a shelter ahead of a winter advisory, but most were reluctant, afraid to lose their place in line and their opportunity to start their asylum process.

In addition to metering, some migrants are facing the consequences of the [Migrant Protection Protocol \(MPP\)](#). Under MPP, migrant families, many with small children, will be waiting in Mexico through the duration of their immigration proceedings, a process which could last months, all because they are attempting to ask for protection and a better life. As a volunteer with CLINIC, who has been working in Juarez since mid-August, I visited some of the spaces and shelters for migrants subject to MPP. I was struck by the sense of vulnerability in the very spaces meant to offer refuge to asylum-seekers who are already fleeing from dangerous countries and violence. It is clear that Central American migrants are being targeted in Mexico and the stories I heard from families in Juarez further confirmed this. In one of the shelters in the area of Anapra, I heard a story of masked men entering the premises at night, fleeing only when the children playing in the yard began to scream. Regrettably, this was not an isolated incident. Some of the families I met arrived over the summer but did not have hearings until December. One of the families I spoke with said they know they are being "watched" and try to be cautious. Every day is one more day of endless waiting, anxiety and trying to stay alive. Until their court dates, all they can do is wait in danger and pray for protection.



Migrants waiting their turn in Juarez, Mexico, to present themselves to U.S. authorities as they seek asylum.

Photo credit: Celina Marquez



I visited a home where five asylum-seeking women are staying. We talked about their time in Juarez and they mentioned not going out for walks past a certain hour, how they'd visited an observatory, but left promptly when they realized they were alone and felt unsafe. While I was there, they welcomed me into their home, sharing their food and lives with me; I colored and played with their little girls. It was difficult to leave them, not knowing what their fate would be. I returned to the bridge before the sun went down and the area became less safe, more aware than ever that this was not a possibility for many families that I had seen suffering and waiting.

~ Celina Marquez, CLINIC ~ *Justice for Immigrants*



Cabrini Retreat Center Welcomes those Transitioning Out of Homelessness

This past weekend, a small woman approached a staff person at Cabrini Retreat Center in Des Plaines, IL and slipped a tightly folded five dollar into a hand saying, “this is all I have, it is a donation to thank you for spoiling us on retreat this weekend.” Touched, the staff person responded that it was our privilege to show God’s love by “spoiling” each retreatant.



Women retreatants gather in the Cabrini Retreat Center chapel on Sunday morning to reflect and share the gifts of their retreat.

The Overnight Retreats allow men and women making big changes in their lives to re-discover their inherent worth and dignity, and to experience that they are deeply loved. Days of renewal after the retreat allow the experience to deepen and be supported.

Thanks to the Cabrini Mission Foundation and our Sister Prayer Partners who support this mission.
~ submitted by Nancy Golen,
Executive Director,
Cabrini Retreat Center



During the Men’s Retreat, a prayer service introduces the idea that God wants to help carry their burdens and that this can be experienced in a community of faith.

To learn more: www.ignatianspiritualityproject.org

OUR MISSION CALLS US TO AWARENESS & ACTION

What is Domestic Violence?

Definition: a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate relationship.

Physical
Sexual
Emotional
Verbal*

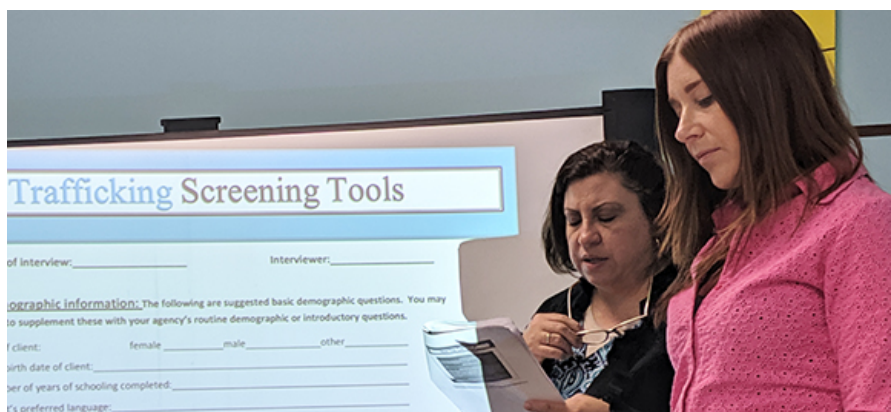


Our Cabrinian mission calls us to reach out to others, especially the marginalized, the outcasts and the less-fortunate. We need to be a haven for them to feel safe, to feel the love of God. We live at a time where fear and abuses are rampant. It's hard to believe that in this day and age, human slavery still exists, people fear that they

Three social work interns at Cabrini Immigrant Services present information on domestic violence.

will be deported and separated from their children, and the number of reported violent crimes has risen.

Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, wanted to reach out to its clients and to some members of the community. During October, we held three different presentations: Domestic Violence (DV), Know Your Rights (KYR) and Anti-Human Trafficking. All three topics have staggering statistics. The presentations on DV and KYR were done by CIS staff and the Anti-Human Trafficking was done by Olga Brandenberger, a Senior Case Manager at Catholic Charities, and Jessica Beladino, a Children and Youth Counselor from Hope's Door. This presentation was offered to our adult tutors and some members of the Dobbs Ferry community.



Olga Brandenberger from Catholic Charities (I.) and Jessica Beladino from Hope's Door present information on human trafficking.

As hard as these topics are, it is important for us to be aware that these horrors exist in our world, in our state and in our neighborhoods. Education is power. We need to do all we can to get the word out there. We need to do all we can to protect the victims of these horrendous crimes.

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

The Update Publication Schedule - Kindly Make a Note

The Update **will be** published on:

November 14

November 21

No Update on November 28 – Thanksgiving Day in the U.S.

December 5

December 12 – final edition for 2019

The Update will resume in January 2020.



Cabrini University students, in the company of Dr. and Mrs. Taylor, lent their assistance during the silent and live auctions during the Fifth Annual Visionaries Gala.

Visionaries Gala Recognizes Four Cabrini Honorees

The fifth annual Cabrini University Visionaries Gala honored awardees Joseph J. Romano, PhD, and Sharon C. Schwarze, PhD, Professors Emeriti of Philosophy; Abel Rodríguez, JD ('01) Founding Director of the Cabrini Center on Immigration; and Joan Buzzallino ('66), Trustee Emerita, Vice President, IBM (ret.) and raised more than \$192,000.



Abel Rodríguez, J.D. accepts the Luminary Award.

“My Cabrinian education provided the foundation for my career and my life,” said Board of Trustees Chair Frank Emmerich Jr. ('92) as he welcomed guests to Cabrini's Annual Visionaries Gala, held this year November 1 at Pomme in Radnor. “The Cabrini experience empowers students to find their passions and to channel that positive energy into creating change, doing good, and *Living with Purpose*.”

“I believe that everyone who has ever experienced the Cabrini spirit knows what a special place it is,” said University President Donald B. Taylor, PhD. “We're here tonight to ensure that our beloved institution continues to grow, to safeguard the Cabrini experience for students of all backgrounds, and to secure the Cabrini mission to provide an *Education of the Heart* for future generations.”

The four individuals recognized with awards at the gala, along with the student speaker, are living examples of that positive energy and the Cabrini spirit. ~ submitted by Molly Harty, Cabrini U. Marketing and Communications



Compass Award honorees Dr. Sharon Schwarze and Dr. Joe Romano.



Trustee Emerita and alumna Joan Buzzallino '66 receives the Christopher Award from President Dr. Donald Taylor.

On October 30th, Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC teamed up with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and FWD.us to host a DACA Renewal Clinic. At the clinic 30 DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipients were provided with free assistance from volunteer lawyers to complete their DACA renewal applications. Thanks to the generous contributions of our donors and FWD.us each recipient was also provided with a scholarship to cover the \$495 renewal fee. Renewing DACA will allow each of these young immigrants to have two additional years of protection from deportation and the ability to work legally in the U.S.

from the Supreme Court about the word to ensure all recipients have protection for as long as possible! If you need to renew, you can call us to make an appointment at 212-791-4590 ext. 100 or go to homeishere.us to find other service providers.

If you would like to support DACA recipients during this uncertain time, please consider making a donation to CIS-NYC's DACA Renewal Fund at <http://bit.ly/donatecis>.

Staff members from CIS-NYC, FWD.us, and Akin Gump outside the DACA Renewal Clinic.

**RALLY FOR DACA
IN WASHINGTON
D.C!**

**TO REGISTER, CONTACT US
AT
ELLANIMMO@CIS-NYC.ORG
OR 212 791 4590 EXT. 107,
OR FILL OUT THIS FORM:
BIT.LY/DACADC**

A group of people, including children and adults, are gathered outdoors for a protest. They are holding a large black banner with white text that reads "Justice for Immigrants" and "ABOLISH IMMIGRANT SERVICES". Some individuals are wearing blue hard hats. In the background, there are other signs, including one that says "NO WALLS" and another that says "IMMIGRANTS ARE HERE". The scene is set in a park-like area with trees and a clear sky.

@CISNYC

If you would like to join us,
sign up here: <http://bit.ly/DACADC>

From the Vocation Promotion Team...

This is National Vocation Awareness Week

November 3 – 9, 2019



National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration. It was later moved to Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. In 2014, after extensive consultation, the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort. To learn more: <https://nrvc.net/274/publication/4171/article/18685-2019-national-vocation-awareness-week-nov-3-9>

What will YOU do this week to promote vocations?



A Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, give to our young people the generosity necessary to follow your call, and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give to parents that faith, love, and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service, and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. May your example and that of your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, encourage both young people and parents to let your grace sustain them. Amen.

~ from the parish of St. Anthony, with thanks to Melanie Paccillo, Vocation Promotion Team

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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Join us and celebrate ...

The Spirit of Christmas

on Thursday, December 5, 2019

6:00 pm to 10 pm

The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and

Cabrin Mission Foundation Board of Trustees

invite you to the

Midtown Loft and Terrace

267 Fifth Avenue

New York, NY 10016

(between 29th and 30th Streets)

Individual Tickets \$219

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CIS-NYC Christmas Celebration

On **December 21st**, Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC will be holding our annual Christmas Celebration & Gift Distribution. At this event, immigrant families in need enjoy a fun afternoon of food, drinks and games, and the children receive gifts their families would not otherwise be able to provide. ~ submitted by Ella Nimmo

Help us ensure a merry Christmas for all of our families by making a donation at <http://bit.ly/donatecis> or by purchasing a gift from our wish list at <http://tgt.gifts/CIS2019>



Prayer Requests

Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC – Community members

Prayers are asked for the sons and relatives of two community members of Cabrini Immigrant Services, New York City, who were involved in a very serious car accident. One son remains hospitalized in ICU and faces a long recovery. Another son is at home but has suffered head injuries. Additional family members in the crash are suffering trauma. Please pray for all of these individuals and their care providers as they cope during this period of recovery. The CIS-NYC staff and community are grateful for your prayerful support.

Don and Jeanne Gray

Please pray for Don and Jeanne Gray, friends of Tom and Marianne McGowan. Both Don and Jeanne are experiencing serious health problems.

Nancy Panganiban

Please continue your prayers for Nancy Panganiban as she undergoes additional medical testing this week. She would be thankful for your kindness.

Suzanne Smith '68

Your prayers are asked for Suzanne Smith, a 1968 graduate of Cabrini (College) University. Suzanne is the sister of Elizabeth (Betsy) Smith '65, also a Cabrini grad. Suzanne is in very ill health. Please pray for her comfort and serenity.

In Loving Memory

Marguerite A. Di Mattia

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marguerite A. DiMattia, the mother of Cabrini (College) University alumna and adjunct faculty member Marguerite DiMattia. Marguerite's mother returned home to God earlier this week. Please pray for the comfort of her family at this time.

Novena for the Feast Day

Please join us in praying the Novena to Mother Cabrini for the Feast Day.

<https://www.mothercabrini.org/spirituality/cabrini-novena/>

