



January 16, 2020

## THE CLOSING OBSERVANCES of NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK

*A Personal Reflection by Sr. Cathy Fedewa, CSFN*

This past Saturday, I planned to attend the screening of *One Border, One Body* at a nearby parish. This was part of the “Film Festival” organized by the Chicago Archdiocesan program of Immigrant Parish Coordinators as part of the observance of National Migration Week. But, as elsewhere in the country that day, the weather did not cooperate and I could not get there. So I watched the film through the internet.



As a sign of our shared humanity, all participants joined hands in song as a community of faith filled people.

That occurrence actually became a powerful mindset for my participation in Sunday’s Interfaith Service, *Becoming a Community of Hope*, sponsored by the Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants. For four years now, it has become our closing celebration for National Migration Week.



A Native American flautist opened the ceremonies with a prayer to the four directions.

With representation from the African American, Sikh, Muslim, Jewish, and Christian traditions, we heard from each representative the common themes that all of their writings and teachings express: hospitality, hope, welcoming the stranger, respect for differences. As would be expected in this kind of service, we were “preaching to the choir”, but it is good for the choir to be reminded together of the common concerns that so many of us carry. It was an affirmation of the need to persevere in our care for the immigrant, the refugee, the asylum seeker.

Two of the traditions specifically mentioned their understanding of hope, reflecting that, in those traditions,

hope's opposite – depression – is seen as an offense against God because it assumes a lack of trust in God's providence.

This was something I think I needed to hear at this point in time amidst all the difficulties and crises going on around the world and in our midst. We closed in a Circle of Communities around the church singing Sr. Miriam Therese Winters' lyrical adaptation of *America the Beautiful*.



I drove home that night buoyed by the mercy, goodness and power of our God who, in spite of the limitations of the human beings God has created, is still more powerful than all the negativity we manage to create.

HOPE STILL PREVAILS. ~ submitted by Sr. Cathy Fedewa, CSFN, Cabrini Retreat Center



A speaker from the Sikh tradition addressed the closing assembly.

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## Another Chapter in Mother's Travels... A New Home at the St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine

Mother Cabrini's carriage has been moved from West Park, NY and is now on permanent display at the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine in Manhattan where visitors and pilgrims are delighted and intrigued by its presence. The carriage resides at the entrance to the Shrine underneath the striking stained glass image of Mother Cabrini.

Mother Cabrini worked, vacationed and visited regularly in West Park.



This horse drawn carriage was her method of transportation. She and her Missionary Sisters used it to pick up children at the train station and to do errands.

The carriage was lovingly restored by the maintenance workers at Cabrini West Park in 2009.



Mother Cabrini's carriage is now on display at the Shrine in NYC.

To view a Smilebox presentation by Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC of the move from West Park:

<http://play.smilebox.com/SpreadMoreHappy/4e4459354e5449354e545a384d5441344d6a49334f546b340d0a?title=St.+Frances+s+X.+Shrine+-+Carriage&image=4e4459354e5449354e545a384d5441344d6a49334f546b340d0a.jpg>

~ submitted by Miriam King, Executive Director, St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine, NYC

# Cabrini U. Nursing Program Awarded Grant

The McLean Contributionship has awarded Cabrini University a \$37,010 grant to support the development of one of the technologically rich, high-fidelity suites within its Clinical Simulation Center (CSC), an innovative learning environment being created for the University's new [Nursing program](#).



Cabrini's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program will welcome its inaugural cohort this fall, combining the academic rigor, faculty expertise, and experiential learning of the University's highly regarded science program with a core curriculum based on social justice, leadership development, and health equity.

"We are grateful to the McLean Contributionship, which shares Cabrini's commitment to the education of promising young people, for this important support to equip our new Clinical Simulation Center," said University President Donald B. Taylor, PhD.

To be housed in the Antoinette Iadarola Center for Science, Education, and Technology on campus, the CSC will broaden the knowledge and proficiencies nursing students garner in the classroom and during off-campus experiences by providing additional experiential learning. The grant will provide necessary equipment to simulate real-life scenarios, helping nursing students conceptualize the effects of illness and injury while they learn to effectively treat patients using the technology they will encounter in health care settings.

"With the support from the McLean Contributionship, our Clinical Simulation Center will be equipped to provide our Nursing students with technology and space for authentic, experiential learning on the University's campus," said [Jennifer Specht, PhD, RN](#), Founding Director of Cabrini's Nursing program. "The individual and collaborative experiences students will have in the Center will enhance their clinical judgment and complement their experiences with our clinical partners."

As the state-of-the-art CSC optimizes students' ability to refine clinical skills and become confident, collaborative leaders in nursing practice, the marketability of Cabrini's Nursing graduates for future employment will increase. Cabrini's Nursing program begins at a time when the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects remarkable growth for the nursing profession—up 15% from 2016 to 2026.

*~ submitted by Molly Harty, Cabrini University*

# Making Christmas Magical for All



**Photo above:** Christmas was certainly merry at Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC as children enjoyed a variety of activities and received a special gift from Santa.

**Photo left:** What could be better than a brand new teddy bear to love?

On December 21st, Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC closed out our 20th year with our annual Christmas Celebration and Gift Distribution. 112 children and their families joined us for a fun afternoon of dancing, games, food, and face painting. Santa even stopped by for a visit! At the end of the celebration each family received gifts which were provided by many generous donors. Thank you to all who made this festive event possible!

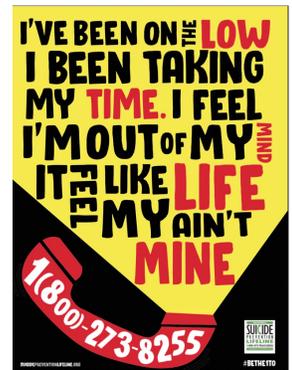
~ submitted by Ella Nimmo, CIS-NYC

## Cabrini University Hosts Annual Poster Contest

The Graphic Design and Fine Arts Department of Cabrini University hosted Art + Effect, its third annual poster contest for high school students. Students in grades 9–12 submitted conceptual posters designed to bring awareness to mental health issues. The department chose this year's theme due to the need to change the negative stigma that often surrounds mental health issues.

This year, Cabrini University received an impressive 186 student entries from 20 high schools in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

"The Art+Effect Poster Contest is such a fantastic opportunity for high school students to be changemakers as they share their artistic talents and unique vision regarding societal issues," said Jeanne Komp, Chair and Professor, Graphic Design and Fine Arts. "It is exciting to see the level of creativity grow each year." The Judges' Choice Award was presented to Domontaa Thomas of Hunterdon Polytech, seen at right. All entries were displayed in the Grace and Joseph Gorevin Gallery on the University's campus. ~submitted by Molly Harty



## *From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...*

The Delaware Valley Member Area of the National Religious Vocations Conference (NRVC) met on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Motherhouse of the Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary located in Immaculata, PA.



The Delaware Valley Member Area of the National Religious Vocations Conference.

Sr. Debbie Borneman, SSCM, the Director of Mission Integration of the NRVC, joined the members and gave a presentation on “Risking Hope: Countering the Narrative of Completion”. Additionally, there was a panel presentation of discerners and new members who shared their stories of vocational call and discernment.

A business meeting followed the morning session. Plans are in progress for a Life Awareness Retreat for young adults ages 18 – 45, for those women and men who are contemplating a major decision in their lives such as job opportunities; post-baccalaureate volunteer service; graduate school and/or life vocation – single, married, vowed religious and priesthood. (Please see the flyer on the following page.) The Delaware Valley Member Area will also hold three Gift of Mission days for high school juniors on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>. The MSCs will have representation at each of these vocational outreaches. ~ submitted by Nancy Costello, Vocation Promotion Team Coordinator

### One Minute Meditation

The Christian life is always a challenge. The relationship we commit ourselves to, and the decision to live our life more responsibly in light of that decision, demands that we grow and transform ourselves into new Christs. But growth is not something that happens automatically. Rather, it happens slowly, almost imperceptibly through God’s power working in and through us. We must accept the risk of living fully in relation to God - the making holy – of our whole self and our whole life.

As Paul said, we put on the mind of Christ and then are able to speak and act as he did. Our discipleship – following Jesus – is both a way of seeing as he did and a way of being as he was. It entails a vision of all reality understood through God’s action in Christ or our salvation and a vocation to continue Jesus’ mission and ministry so we can transform our world now into God’s “new creation.” We too will be transformed into Christ in a way that will allow us to say as Paul did, “It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.”

(Gal 2:20)

~ Steve Mueller, Words of Grace

# LIFE AWARENESS RETREAT

## Disconnect and Plug into the Voice of God

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**March 20-22, 2020**

**Arrival: Friday 4-6 p.m.**

**Departure: Sunday 1 p.m.**

**Ages 18-45**

**Mother Boniface Spirituality Center**

**3501 Solly Avenue**

**Phila., Pa. 19136**

**Contact: Sr. Ivette Diaz**  
**[Idiaz@mercymidatlantic.org](mailto:Idiaz@mercymidatlantic.org)**  
**or 494-562-1574**

**Free Will**

**Donation: \$75-\$150**  
*(includes program, meals and lodging)*

**Please RSVP by March 11**

*Offered by the NRVC Delaware Valley Vocation Directors*



# *A Healing Experience for You*

*Is there an area of your life  
that is in need of healing?*

**Saturday, January 18, 2020  
9:00 am to 3:30 pm**

**Cabrini High School Chapel  
1400 Moss Street  
New Orleans, LA 70119**

- 9:00 AM - Registration & Pauline Books Available
- 9:30 AM - Praise Music
- 10:00 AM - Teachings on Spiritual, Inner, and Physical Healing by  
Sr. Renee Kittelson, MSC
- 11:00 AM - Mass and Anointing of the Sick with Fr. Lance Campo
- 12:00 PM - Lunch provided and the bookstore will be open
- 1:00 PM - Testimony by Sr. Jackie Jean-Marie Gilonga, FSP; Adoration;  
Forgiveness Prayer; Confession and Healing Teams available
- 3:00 PM - Benediction

*Tickets in advance - \$20*

*Tickets at the door - \$25*

**Register online by January 10 at  
[www.cabrinighigh.com/healing-retreat](http://www.cabrinighigh.com/healing-retreat)**

**Questions? Contact 504-482-1193 or  
[rkittelson@cabrinighigh.com](mailto:rkittelson@cabrinighigh.com)**

# Prayer Requests

## ***Australian fire victims***

Please continue your prayers for all those in Australia who are suffering from the effects of the widespread bushfires.

## ***Cabrini University faculty member's spouse***

Prayers are requested for the husband of a faculty member at Cabrini University who is having complications following heart surgery. Please pray that his complications will resolve and that he will experience a full recovery.

## ***Stephanie Dunleavy***

Please remember Stephanie Dunleavy in your prayers. She is the sister-in-law of Sr. Patricia Dunleavy, MSC. Stephanie is currently undergoing treatment for a serious illness and she and her family would be grateful for our prayers.

## ***“Healing Experience for You” Retreat***

Sr. Renee Kittelson, MSC asks for your prayers for the success of The Healing Experience for You retreat that will be held at Cabrini High School, New Orleans on this Saturday, January 18. The retreat is open to the public. (Please see flyer on page 7.)



## ***Sr. Benigna Morais, MSC***

Sr. Benigna will be making the transition to her new mission at Sacred Heart Convent on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. She will be accompanied by Sr. Alfonsina Gomes, MSC and Sr. Joaquina Costa, MSC. Pray that their travels will be uneventful and that Sr. Benigna will receive many graces at Sacred Heart Convent.

## ***Florence Onstad***

Florence Wingerter, alumna and trustee of Cabrini High School in New Orleans, requests prayers for her mother, Florence Onstad, who had a second hip surgery during the month of December. Please pray that Mrs. Onstad gains strength and heals so that she will be able to regain her mobility. Florence shares that her “Mom is trying very hard and is a woman of great faith; I know she will improve with all the prayers she is receiving.”

## ***Puerto Rican earthquake victims***

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico, who were just, finally, emerging from the effects of Hurricane Maria, and are now coping with the destruction of the earthquakes and aftershocks that are jarring their island. Pray for their safety and well-being.

## ***Sr. Ruth Tavares, MSC***

Your prayerful accompaniment is requested for Sr. Ruth who will be entering hospice as of today. Please pray for her comfort and serenity as she begins her journey home to God.

