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## World Needs Stories of Truth, Peace and Inspiration

~by Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

With fake news becoming ever more sophisticated, people need the wisdom, courage and patience to discern and embrace constructive stories, Pope Francis said.

"We need stories that reveal who we truly are, also in the untold heroism of everyday life," Francis wrote in his message for World Communications Day 2020.

The papal message was released at the Vatican on January 24<sup>th</sup>, the feast of St. Francis de Sales, patron of journalists.

The message for 2020 was based on the theme, "That you may tell your children and grandchildren: Life becomes history."

Jesus who is the "quintessential storyteller – the Word," he said in the message, spoke of God "not with abstract concepts, but with parables, brief stories taken from everyday life" so that "the story becomes part of the life of those who listen to it and it changes them."

So many stories throughout history share a common "thread" in which heroes, including everyday heroes, follow a dream and "confront difficult situations and combat evil, driven by a force that makes them courageous – the force of love," the Pope said. These kinds of stories can give people both the example and reasons "to heroically face the challenges of life," to grow, be enriched and to better discover themselves.

However, the Pope warned, "our story has been threatened" by the temptation of evil that entices with false promises and uses the power of storytelling "for purposed of exploitation. How many stories serve to lull us, convincing us that to be happy we continually need to gain, possess and consume. We many not even realize how greedy we have become for chatter and gossip, or how much violence and falsehood we are consuming," he said.

Such stories, he said, piece together scraps of "unverified information," repeat "banal and deceptively persuasive arguments" and send out "strident and hateful messages," which serve only to strip others of their dignity.

Francis wrote, "we need to reject false and evil stories. We need patience and discernment to rediscover stories...of peace, stories that point to the future and [inspire trust.]"

A good story stands the test of time, too, because it nourishes and renews life.



Pope Francis talks with journalists on a recent flight during his travels. Photo credit: CNS/Paul Haring

To read the full article: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/vatican/francis-chronicles/world-needs-stories-truth-peace-inspiration-pope-says>

# Share the Journey: Meet Our Neighbor

In Sunday School, our Glendale, AZ congregation helped tie together 56 shoelaces, each representing 1000 of the 56,000 migrants returned across the border under the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP). They then carried in the “line of laces” and draped them around the sanctuary, in a way to demonstrate how many lives are impacted.

Why are shoelaces an important symbol to show our support for asylum seekers being kept away from needed protection under “MPP”? The Dec. 2019 statement from the network of border shelters on the U.S. side explains it best:

*“As border shelters, we are ready to provide places of safety and welcome to asylum seekers. We know that when the U.S. government returns families to Mexico to await court dates, the process of return identifies them as targets for organized crime and heightens their risk of trafficking. **U.S. officials remove asylum seekers’ shoelaces purportedly so that they don’t harm themselves while in detention. But when they’re sent back to Mexico, the cartels identify families with missing shoelaces as easy prey for kidnapping and trafficking.** These unintended ties between U.S. border policy and cartel violence harm families and strengthen organized crime. According to Human Rights First, there are 636 publicly reported cases of violent attacks against asylum seekers returned under MPP, and the vast majority of such attacks are not reported. We know from our firsthand experience that we can avoid feeding such violence by allowing families to seek asylum from within the U.S., instead of returning them to Mexico....We, the representatives of 31 shelters are ready and eager to welcome asylum-seeking families.”*



Faith Communities have also seen and understand the importance of shoelaces, and their connections with asylum seekers: *When we visited one of the border-bridges that links El Paso to Ciudad Juarez, our host took us to a receiving area run by Mexican immigration authorities. There we had the opportunity to greet Central Americans being returned from El Paso where their plea for safety for themselves and their children fell on deaf ears. Almost to a person they were turned back and would be forced to remain in Mexico until their scheduled day in court. It might be 6 weeks, even 6 months or longer before they had their chance to make their case for asylum.*

*They came into the tent with nothing; all their belongings, including their shoelaces, having been taken from them by U.S. Customs and border protection.....We offered clothing, toiletries, diapers for the babies and scrunchies for the little girls. By far and away, the most popular item was shoelaces.....Migrants stuck in Mexico are easy prey for the unscrupulous, the human traffickers, and the criminal syndicates.”*

—Ann Scholz, SSND, PhD, Associate Director for Social Mission, Leadership Council of Women Religious.

*“MPP adds one more layer to the injustices that strip away the dignity of asylum seeking families. It sends people back into Mexico more vulnerable than when they presented themselves at the U.S. border, as U.S. officials send them back with their belongings in plastic bags and no shoelaces (shoelaces, bras, and belts are taken from them in custody), making them easily identifiable to those who wish to extort them. We must speak out against this policy, because our faith claims something different—that every individual is created as good and valuable, because we are created in the image of God. Our faith affirms the sanctity of every life.”*

— Rev. Ailsa Guardiola González, Pastor, First Christian Church, Tucson, AZ For more info., go to: [www.Faith4Asylum.com](http://www.Faith4Asylum.com), hold vigils in your area, and ACT ! #Faith4Asylum

By Rev. Dr. Sharon Stanley-Rea  
Director, Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries

## *Gently Serving Others as a CLM*

***“The important thing is that each believer discerns her own path, that she brings out the very best of herself, the most personal gifts that God has placed in her heart”. (cf. 1Cor. 12:7)***

I felt called by God to live a life as a **Cabrini Lay Missionary** since 1990. I was first missioned in Nicaragua teaching religion in one of our schools. Then the Provincial asked me to go to Argentina to work in a parish where I worked as a catechesis coordinator. During that time, I lived in the Provincial house and enjoyed sharing life and prayer with the sisters.

Then, Sr. Maria Barbagallo, MSC, who was the General Superior at that time, asked if I would be willing to go to Russia. I did not know the culture nor the language but I was there for more than six years working among the people doing evangelization. Following my time in Russia I was missioned to Italy and enjoyed teaching religion and working in a parish.

In 2002, Sr. Maria believe that it was time for me to go to United States. There I began to work among the immigrants as Mother Cabrini did as she, too, was an immigrant like me ministering to immigrants.

I saw the struggles the immigrants had adjusting to a new country, new culture and new language as I, too, was going through the same struggles. After a few years I was able to become an American citizen. Following my years ministering to the immigrants I was asked to begin to minister to the Senior Sisters at Sacred Heart Convent [in New York City] and St. Cabrini Nursing Home [in Dobbs Ferry, NY]. I enjoy working with these sisters as they have lived and continue to live lives of prayer, sacrifice and love.

Over these years I have had many opportunities to enrich my life both spiritually, communally and ministerially. I am so grateful to God and Mother Cabrini for this wonderful opportunity to serve as a **Cabrini Lay Missionary**.

*~ by: Adela Jarquin Soza, CLM*



In a recent photo, CLM Adela Jarquin Soza spends time visiting with Sr. Ruth Tavares, MSC at St. Cabrini Nursing Home. Sr. Ruth returned home to God last week with Adela by her side.

To learn more about the Cabrini Lay Missionaries, please visit our website:

<https://www.mothercabrini.org/get-involved/cabrini-lay-missionaries/>

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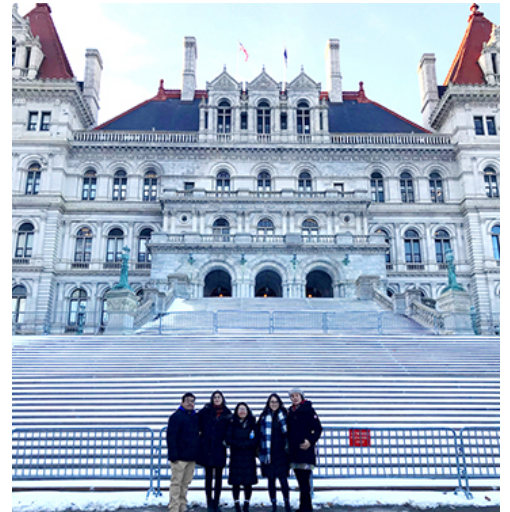


# Advocating in Albany

## *CIS-NYC Speaks on Behalf of Immigrant Rights*

On Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC staff and community members joined the New York Immigration Coalition in Albany, New York for their annual Member Congress. CIS-NYC and other immigration organizations from around New York State came together to advocate for our state budget and policy priorities. CIS-NYC staff and community members visited with 9 state Senators and Assembly Members to discuss these priorities and ask that they commit to supporting them in the 2020 legislative session. We advocated for an increased investment in immigration legal services, healthcare coverage for all, an end predatory ICE apprehension activities in NY Courthouses, and more. We look forward to continuing our fight for these essential pieces of legislation in the coming months!

~ submitted by Ella Nimmo, CIS-NYC



CIS-NYC staff and community members traveled to the capital of NY State to lobby for immigrant rights.

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

### **World Day for Consecrated Life**



In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on **February 2nd**. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of **World Day for Consecrated Life** is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

**World Day for Consecrated Life** is celebrated on February 2nd however, it is observed in parishes on the Sunday after February 2nd. In 2020, this day will be celebrated in parishes February 1-2, 2020.

"This then is the consecrated life: praise which gives joy to God's people, prophetic vision that reveals what counts. Consecrated life is not about survival, it is not about preparing ourselves for *ars bene moriendi*: this is the temptation of our days, in the face of declining vocations. No, it is not about survival, but new life. "But... there are only a few of us..." – it's about new life. It is a living encounter with the Lord in his people. It is a call to the faithful obedience of daily life and to the unexpected surprises from the Spirit. It is a vision of what we need to embrace in order to experience joy: Jesus."

--Pope Francis, WDCL Homily on February 2, 2019

*May God bless the Missionary Sisters as they continue to be  
"bearers of Christ's love to the world."*

# Cabrini University

## 2020 Mother Ursula Infante Memorial Lecture “Faithful Politics”

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020  
4:30PM, Grace Hall Atrium**



### **John Carr**

Founder and Director  
Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life  
Georgetown University

#### *Toast and Reception to follow*

John Carr is the founder and director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University. He served for over 20 years as director of the Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, directing the Conference's public policy and advocacy efforts on major domestic and international issues as well as sharing Catholic social teaching on human life and dignity, solidarity, faithful citizenship, and care for creation.

Mr. Carr's lecture is the keynote for our **LIVING JUSTICE in the American Catholic Church** spring lecture series. Sponsored by the **Wolfington Center** at Cabrini University, this year's theme is "Building a Civilization of Love: Faith and Politics in the United States." It will feature two panel discussions with scholars, activists, and public figures discussing forms of political involvement coming out of faith communities in the Philadelphia area.

**For more information please email Dr. Ray Ward, Director of the Wolfington Center: [rew68@cabrini.edu](mailto:rew68@cabrini.edu). RSVPs are welcome but not necessary, please contact Megan Norris: [mln49@cabrini.edu](mailto:mln49@cabrini.edu).**

*From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...*

## **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  
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Phila., Pa. 19136**

**Contact: Sr. Ivette Diaz  
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or 494-562-1574**

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**Donation: \$75-\$150**  
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**Please RSVP by March 11**

*Offered by the NRVC Delaware Valley Vocation Directors*

Facing a major decision in your life? Thinking about attending graduate school; making a job change; doing post-grad volunteer service or deciding on a career path? This retreat weekend will be the perfect opportunity to find a quiet setting to reflect and to invite God into your decision-making.

Questions? Contact Nancy Costello: 610-902-1039 or email: [mscvocations@mothercabrini.org](mailto:mscvocations@mothercabrini.org)

# Prayer Requests

## ***Australia Prayers***

Please continue to pray for the people of Australia who are experiencing the devastating results of the bushfires.

## ***Baby Emily Claire***

*Update* readers will remember that late last year we prayed for infant Emily Claire, born prematurely in November. Emily Claire is a family member of Cabrini University staffer Rita Lambert. Emily Claire is now 11 weeks old, 5 lbs. 15 oz. Last week she contracted RSV which is a respiratory virus and very tough on babies especially one as fragile as she is. Rita is asking the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community for prayers for this sweet little girl that she will quickly recover and finally be able to go home from the hospital. The family would be so grateful for our prayerful support.

## ***Stephanie Dunleavy***

Kindly remember Stephanie, the sister-in-law of Sr. Patricia Dunleavy, MSC, who will be undergoing surgery tomorrow. Pray that all will go well with her surgery and that she will recover quickly.



## ***Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus***

As we observe the World Day for Consecrated Life this coming weekend, let us pray for and be especially mindful of our Missionary Sisters and all consecrated sisters, brothers and priests.

*“Consecrated men and women are called first and foremost to be men and women of encounter. Indeed, the vocation does not originate from a plan we have designed “on the drawing board”, but from a grace of the Lord which touches us, through a life-changing encounter.”* –Pope Francis, 2016

## ***Prayers at the Border***

Let us continue to pray for our migrant brothers and sisters who are stranded at the Mexican border due to the current US policy “Remain in Mexico”. This policy has been in force for one year and has resulted in forcibly returning over 55,000 people to Mexico, including 16,000 children.

# In Loving Memory

## ***Mary Ann Eppolito***

Kindly keep Mary Ann Eppolito, the niece of Sr. Archangel Turco, MSC, in your prayers. Ms. Eppolito passed away on January 28th after a long illness. May she rest in God’s eternal peace.