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THE UPDATE

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This is National Migration Week

January 5 – 11, 2020

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2020, “Promoting a Church and a World for All” draws attention to the fact that each of our families has a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another.



Promoting a Church and a World for All

Unfortunately, in our contemporary culture we often fail to encounter migrants as persons, and instead look at them as unknown others, if we even notice them at all. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, as fellow children of God, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious or fearful of them. During this National Migration

Week, let us all take the opportunity to engage migrants as community members, neighbors, and friends.

Globally, there are more than 70 million people who have been forcibly displaced from their homes due to political instability, violence, and economic hardship. Pope Francis has challenged people to move from a culture of “indifference” to a culture of solidarity, which will help them to embrace the poor and marginalized, and those struggling to find a better life.

“As a founding principle of our country, we have always welcomed immigrant and refugee populations, and through the social services and good works of the Church, we have accompanied our brothers and sisters in integrating to daily American life,” said Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishop’s Committee on Migration. “National Migration Week is an opportunity for the Church to prayerfully

unite and live out the Holy Father's vision to welcome immigrants and refugees into our communities and to provide opportunities that will help them and all people of goodwill to thrive."

How you can help

Ask your Senator to Support the Dream Act of 2019 (S. 874)

From November 2019 until Spring 2020, while the U.S. Supreme Court deliberates, it is vital that we encourage Congress to act to provide DACA recipients with a path to citizenship. As the House passed H.R. 6 which includes a path to citizenship for DACA recipients, we ask that you turn your attention to your Senators and urge them to stand in support of young adult immigrants by supporting legislative protection for DACA recipients generally and the [Dream Act of 2019, S. 874](#), specifically. ~ USCCB and Zenit

For more information: <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/take-action/action-alerts/>
<https://zenit.org/articles/us-church-stands-in-solidarity-with-refugees-and-migrants/#noredirect>

National Migration Week - Talking Points

- Catholics are called to stand with immigrants and refugees as our brothers and sisters. This is who the Catholic Church is. This is what we as Catholics do.
- Pope Francis invites us to be part of a culture of encounter as we welcome, protect, integrate, and promote immigrants and refugees in our midst.



since the nation's founding and has been integral to helping them integrate into American culture.

- In addition to welcoming and caring for those in need, the Church continues to uphold the centrality of family reunification as a critical component of our immigration and refugee systems.
- Forced displacement of people is at the highest level since World War II, with more than 65 million people displaced around the world and over 22 million refugees.
- Refugees are the most rigorously screened population coming into America. This screening happens before they ever set foot in our country. The United States has the most thorough background checks of immigrants of any nation in the world.

- Immigration is about real people who are trying to find a better life and a new beginning. It's about more than statistics, it's about families. As Pope Francis stated, "Each migrant has a name, a face and a story."

- Welcoming immigrants is part of Catholic Social Teaching and reflects the Biblical tradition to welcome the stranger.

- The Catholic Church has been welcoming immigrants and refugees to the United States

PROMOTING A CHURCH AND WORLD FOR ALL

(Theme for 2020 National Migration Week)

In his 2019 World Day of Migrants and Refugees message, the Holy Father called on Catholics to welcome, protect, promote and integrate not only migrants and refugees but “all those living in the existential peripheries.”

The United States annually celebrates National Migration Week each year in January.

A Mass at Holy Name Cathedral on January 5, feast of the Epiphany, highlighted the ethnic diversity of the Archdiocese of Chicago through multilingual readings and music. The Mass included Spanish, Polish and Filipino choirs from different parishes. Immigrants representing more than 30 countries participated in their traditional attire. Intercessions were offered in six languages, with Sr. Cathy Fedewa, CSFN from Cabrini Retreat Center, offering the English prayer.



The Spanish Choir performs during the Mass at Holy Name Cathedral.

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago stated, “These days also highlight how the world’s refugees in our day experience the same struggles of the Holy Family, who had to flee violence and travel to a foreign land for safety.”

~ submitted by Sr. Cathy Fedewa, CSFN



Immigrants from over 30 countries proudly wear their colorful native dress for the special Mass.

The Guadalupe Province is deeply saddened by the terrible bushfires that continue to impact many communities across Australia. The Missionary Sisters have a large health care system in Malvern, Australia. Sue Williams, the CEO of Cabrini Health, described how they are responding to this situation:

“We have all been shocked and saddened by the terrible bushfires that continue to impact many communities across Australia.

“Cabrini is keen to support and assist bushfire victims as they grapple with the ongoing disaster and start to rebuild.

“Initially, we are supporting the Victorian Bushfire Disaster Appeal, will offer our Tooronga Road apartments to families affected by the fire and will provide hospital services free of charge if required. We are also considering what we can do to support communities affected by the bushfires over the medium to long-term.” A Mass was also offered for all those who have been affected by this disaster.”



We join Australia in our prayers for so many people who have been impacted.

If you wish to help, please send any monetary donations to: Cabrini Mission Foundation 222 E. 19th St. Suite 5E New York, N.Y. 10003 and be sure to indicate that it is for the Australia Bushfires. The money will be sent to Cabrini Health to support the relief effort.

*If you wish to send a donation directly to the Victorian Bushfire Disaster Appeal go to: Online – visit the Victorian Bushfire Disaster Appeal website
<<https://www.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au/make-a-donation/bushfire-disaster-appeal/>*

*We thank you for your prayers and support.
Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC
Provincial, Guadalupe Province
Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*



Translation:

What is happening in Australia?

A combination of extreme temperatures, prolonged droughts and strong winds have caused numerous fires, which have left:

- 5.9 million hectares consumed by fire
- 480 million animals, dead (this figure does not include insects or frogs)
- 20 deceased people
- 30% of the koalas could have died in the region
- 28 persons disappeared or unaccounted for
- 1,000 homes destroyed

Celebrating a Lifetime of Dedicated Service to the People of Chicago



After a lifetime of faithful commitment to their religious order, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus better known as the Cabrini Sisters, and to the Catholic Church's healing ministry at Saint Anthony Hospital, Sister Benigna Morais, MSC and Sister Alfonsina Gomes, MSC will be retiring from Saint Anthony later this month.

Their faithfulness to the Saint Anthony Hospital family and its community has been a blessing to us all.



Sr. Benigna Morais, MSC

The Cabrini spirituality, which Sister Benigna and Sister Alfonsina have lived out lovingly is at its core a commitment that implies nothing less than a desire to love as Jesus loved, with the total self-gift of their lives, seeking to reach those most vulnerable, neglected or marginalized. With God's grace working in them as in St. Frances Cabrini before them, this is the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus order's ideal: no work will be too difficult, no land too distant, no person too wounded for the love of the heart of Jesus and for all those invited to be bearers of the love of Christ in the world.

To honor their sacred work and their love for Saint Anthony Hospital, a celebratory Mass will be held in the chapel on Tuesday, January 14 at 1:00 pm celebrated by Bishop Robert Casey and followed by a reception.



Sr. Alfonsina Gomes, MSC

All are welcome to attend this special celebration to honor Sister Benigna and Sister Alfonsina.



St. Anthony Hospital in Chicago where Sr. Benigna and Sr. Alfonsina have given loving service to so many patients and their families.

Believe.



Cabrini Immigrant Services social work intern, Cindy Ambrosio, counts the letters written to Santa.

Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, NY, participated in the *Believe Program*, which is sponsored by Macy's. Macy's donates \$1.00 for every letter to Santa that they receive during the Christmas Season, to the Make-A-Wish Foundation



Cindy Ambrosio, a social work intern at CIS, is a grant wisher with Make-A-Wish. She organized the letter writing program at St. Cabrini Nursing Home, CIS and also extended it to the Dobbs Ferry Senior Citizens Program and to Marian Woods, a convent in Hartsdale, NY.

We collected 650 letters! We were informed that on a particular day, Macy's would donate \$2.00 instead of \$1.00 to Make-A-Wish. We brought all our letters to Macy's that day and thanks to everyone who participated, we raised \$1,300 for Make-A-Wish.

What a wonderful Christmas gift we were able to give. This year, Macy's donated \$2 million dollars to Make-A-Wish. So many children will have their wishes come true.

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



Cindy Ambrosio (r.) involved the Sisters from Marion Woods in the "Letters to Santa" project. Due to the efforts of the Sisters and the Dobbs Ferry Senior Citizens program \$1300 was raised for the Make a Wish Foundation.

As we begin the new year, just a reminder to visit the website of the Guadalupe Province often.

www.mothercabrini.org

On most days, on the homepage, you will find an inspirational thought for the day along with our Facebook posting and the most recent news.

Also, be sure to check out the website of the MSC Generalate:

www.cabriniworld.org

Sharing the Joys of the Season

There was certainly a lot of Christmas cheer at Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, NY, during the Christmas season.

We had a special Christmas dinner for some of our Moms. They were so happy as they shared their different dishes from their home countries. There was much joy and laughter as they shared stories and recipes, etc. The Moms also had a Secret Santa. It was touching as each person got up and said some beautiful things about the person for whom “Santa” bought a gift. It was a delightful evening for all and the Moms enjoyed having some time to share with friends during the holidays.



Cabrini Immigrant Services in Dobbs Ferry hosted a Christmas party for the Cabrini Moms. Native dishes were served and recipes were shared making for a festive evening.



This Cabrini youngster received a new little friend from Santa.

We also had our Holiday Party for our Cabrini Kids who are in our Afterschool Homework Program. The children made a special star ornament and following, they enjoyed delicious pizza. Then, the children received their gifts from Santa. The smiles, the joy, the excitement filled the office to overflowing. The Kids were very happy with their gifts. They couldn't believe that Santa knew exactly what they wanted. One little girl in the first grade, mentioned that she had waited her whole life for the gift that had received! A special thank you to Bonnie Burke, Administrator of St. Cabrini Nursing Home, for having the Giving Tree at the nursing home to benefit our Kids. They also collected food cards for Stop and Shop to give to some of our families. A thank you to our CIS tutors who also purchased gifts for our Kids.

Christmas at CIS was truly a blessed time. So many smiles, so many happy hearts, made the season what it is meant to be, a time to reflect, enjoy family and friends, and know that love was born in our hearts.

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



Christmas on the Bayou

Cabrini High School hosted its annual family holiday tradition, Christmas on the Bayou last month.

The evening began with Mass in the Cabrini gymnasium. Following Mass, guests gathered outside on Moss Street eagerly awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus. Visitors experienced the living nativity and enjoyed special holiday performances by the Cabrini cheerleaders and Eclipse dance team. The Cabrini Chamber Ensemble also spread holiday cheer with candlelight caroling in anticipation of the arrival of Santa Claus on Bayou St. John.

After Santa's arrival with his elves, who were played by Cabrini students, there was a magical reception in the cafeteria complete with hot chocolate, cookies, and sweet treats compliments of the Cabrini Dads' Club. Guests were also able to take a complimentary picture with Santa.

According to Cabrini's President Jack Truxillo, "Christmas on the Bayou is a long and treasured tradition here at Cabrini High School. Cabrini students, parents, alumnae, faculty and staff, and even neighborhood residents gather around to experience the magic of Christmas, all taking a place on tranquil Bayou St. John. It's a great event for the whole family."

~ submitted by Katelyn Gross Ehrhardt '11, Cabrini High School



The Eclipse Dance Team of Cabrini High School brought sparkle and energy to the Christmas on the Bayou festivities.



Candlelight caroling signals the arrival of "you know who" on the bayou!

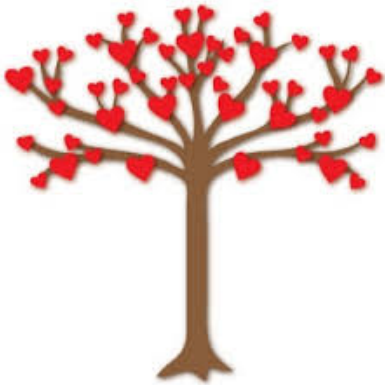
Prayer Requests

Anne Marie and Mercella

Prayers are requested by Kitty McCormick, cousin of Sr. Grace Waters, MSC, for her friend Anne Marie, who needs treatment for an ailment with her hand and for her friend Mercella who is undergoing treatment for a hand and shoulder ailments.

Australian nation, friends and colleagues

The Missionary Sisters and the worldwide Cabrini community are united in prayer for the people of Australia as they cope with the horrific fires that have been ravaging their country. We pray for our colleagues at Cabrini Health as they serve those in need in their community. We pray that the fires will soon subside. We pray for those who have perished and we pray for all those who have suffered great losses of homes, businesses and livelihoods. We pray, too, for all of God's creatures – birds, kangaroos, koalas, wallabies, – whose numbers have been so greatly diminished by the fires. May God bring healing to the people and to the scorched lands.



Danielle Truxillo Britt

Jack Truxillo, President of Cabrini High School in New Orleans, offers this update on his niece, Danielle, who continues to be treated at University Medical Center. Danielle was involved in a terrible accident. She has undergone several surgeries and procedures to address her burns and those will continue. She will be at UMC at least another month. Jack says that his family is very grateful that Danielle survived and has the faith and determination to work towards a very normal life after this tragedy. Please keep Danielle and the entire Truxillo and Britt families and their friends in your prayers at this very stressful time for all.

Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke's brother-in-law

Your prayers are asked for Arthur, the brother-in-law of Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, who underwent brain surgery on January 3. Pray that the surgery was successful and that his recovery will be swift and uncomplicated.

Sr. Xavier Hayden, MSC

Kindly keep Sr. Xavier in your prayers as she continues to experience various medical issues. We know that Sr. Xavier will be so grateful for your prayerful accompaniment.

Sr. Benigna Morais, MSC

Please pray for Sr. Benigna as she prepares to transition into her new mission at Sacred Heart Convent. Sr. Benigna has been Director of Pastoral Services at St. Anthony Hospital in Chicago for 25 years and will be sorely missed. This coming Tuesday, January 14th there will be a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Casey at the hospital honoring both Sr. Benigna and Sr. Alfonsina, who has served at St. Anthony's these past 20 years and who will be retiring from her position as a neonatal nurse serving high risk newborns.

On January 20th Srs. Alfonsina and Joaquina will accompany Sr. Benigna to her new mission.

Daniel Picker

Prayers have been requested for Daniel, a college student who is experiencing multiple blood clots and is in need of prayer. Kindly remember Daniel in your prayers.

Sr. Ruth Tavares, MSC

We continue to hold Sr. Ruth in our prayers during this time. Sr. Ruth's health condition is deteriorating and as of next week, she will be admitted into the Hospice Program at St. Cabrini Nursing Home.

Granddaughter of Gregory Vacalas

Please unite in prayer for Addison, the granddaughter of Gregory Vacalas. Addison is 2 years old and is encountering some problems with asthma and a speech defect. Please keep this little one in your prayers.

Ethel Younger

JoAnn Seaman, of the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO, requests prayers for her mother, Ethel Younger, who had a knee replacement earlier this week and is having a hard time with the pain and rehab. Please pray that Mrs. Younger's pain will be alleviated and that she can fully enter into the rehabilitation to ensure a full recovery.

With Grateful Hearts



Lorraine Campanelli

Lorraine, the Director of Cabrini Immigrant Services in Dobbs Ferry, NY, offers these words of gratitude, "I would like to thank everyone for their prayers for my nephew John Campanelli and his wife Michelle. They were blessed with two beautiful girls on Christmas Eve. Theresa Danielle and Ariana Michelle have already brought so much love and joy to our family. Please continue your prayers as we are waiting for Ariana to be discharged from the hospital." We join with Lorraine in giving thanks for the safe delivery of these identical twins.

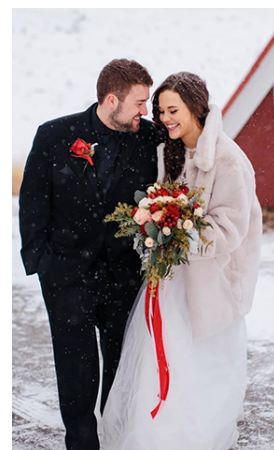
Kitty McCormick

Kitty McCormick offers her thanksgiving for all the prayers she has received in the past few months. After six months of chemotherapy all cancer has disappeared. Kitty is the cousin of Sr. Grace Waters, MSC. We join Kitty in giving thanks for her healing.

Presenting the newly married Molly and David Johnson

On a snowy December 28th, Molly Seaman, the daughter of JoAnn and Tim Seaman, became the bride of David Johnson at a nuptial Mass celebrated – fittingly! – at the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO. From the time she was an infant, Molly spent much of her life at the Shrine since her mom, JoAnn, serves as the Director of Development there. Molly is a graduate of Cabrini University and eight of the attendants at their wedding are also Cabrini University graduates. We wish this new couple many, many years of love, friendship, and family.

Congratulations, Molly and David!



In Loving Memory

Dr. Andrew Butterfass

It is with deep regret and heavy hearts that the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services announces the passing of Dr. Andrew D. Butterfass on December 31, 2019. For several years, Dr. Butterfass worked at Cabrini Medical Center in NYC in the Emergency Department and was the Medical Director of Cabrini Medical during the tragedy of 9/11. Dr. Butterfass died in his sleep on Tuesday December 31st. He leaves behind his loving wife Alissa and two children, Max 13 and Seth 10. Please keep the Butterfass Family in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad time.



Dr. Beverly Chaignaud



Your prayers are requested for Dr. Beverly Chaignaud who passed away unexpectedly due to a car crash this past Friday evening in Slidell, LA. Beverly was a graduate of Cabrini High School in New Orleans, who later taught art at the High School until she entered medical school and became a pediatric surgeon. At the time of her passing, she was working at Children's Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama where she specialized in pediatric surgery. Beverly was a close friend to many of the Cabrini Sisters who served in Louisiana, especially Missionary Sisters Catherine Garry, Xavier Hayden, Christine Perazzoli, and Bridget Zanin, to name a few.

Judy Lipp and the Lipp Family

Nancy Golen, Executive Director of the Cabrini Retreat Center, requests prayers for The Lipp Family after the sudden passing of Judy Lipp. Please pray for her husband George and for their son Dave who are grieving this great loss.

Anthony Salerno

Please pray for Anthony, the brother of Fr. Michael Salerno, who passed away unexpectedly. May he rest in God's eternal peace.

A Blessing for the New Year

A gentle mind.
A peaceful soul.
A joyful spirit.
A healthy body
and a heart full of love.
These are the blessings we wish for you in the new year.

