



February 13, 2020

Pope Francis to Visit Malta to Highlight Migrant Struggles

~ by Joshua J. McElwee, *National Catholic Reporter*



Pope Francis greets the crowd as he arrives for his general audience at the Vatican. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

Pope Francis will visit Malta at the end of May, making his first trip abroad in 2020 to a small island nation at the forefront of a continued surge of migrants and refugees across the Mediterranean.

Malta, a European Union country located about 100 miles south of Sicily has, at times, been in dispute with the other 26 EU-member nations about who should welcome migrants rescued in the Mediterranean by volunteer ships.

Announcement of the papal trip comes only a week after one ship carrying 363 rescued migrants, operated by the non-profit organization Open Arms, said it had been refused permission to dock in Malta, and was forced instead to continue to the southern Sicilian port of Pozzallo.

Francis has frequently warned that the Mediterranean is turning into a “cemetery” for migrants, many of whom are trying to escape violence in North Africa or the Middle East in makeshift rafts or dinghies.

Malta Archbishop Charles Scicluna said the pope’s visit will be a reminder to “welcome migrants who knock on the shores of our islands seeking a safe haven and human dignity.”

“This is a tall order for a small nation but we will...commit ourselves to be that safe haven in the Mediterranean,” said Scicluna.

Francis will be the third pope to visit the country, after John Paul II in 1990 and 2001 and Benedict XVI in 2010. Maltese Catholics, though a small population, have played a significant role in Francis’ nearly seven-year papacy.

To read the article in its entirety: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/vatican/francis-visit-malta-may-trip-likely-highlight-migrants-struggles>

Justice for Immigrants – Leadership Program

This spring, Justice for Immigrants (JFI) is offering an exciting opportunity to young adult immigrants who are interested in developing their leadership skills and joining a team of change-makers. JFI's Leadership Development Program will create a space for young adults (ages 18-35) to learn about community organizing strategies and tactics, explore how to use storytelling as a tool for change, study the history of social movements, and much more. During this 6 week period, participants will also have opportunities to apply what they're learning to real world contexts through field trips and advocacy activities. Metrocards and snacks will be provided at each meeting, and at the end of the program, participants will be awarded a \$100 stipend.



Missionary Sisters Antonina Avitabile (c.) and Pietrina Raccuglia (c.l.) recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to advocate for immigrant rights.

What: Leadership Development Program

Who: Young adult immigrants (ages 18-35)

When: Mondays from 6-8pm, February 24th - March 30th

Where: CIS-NYC office, 139 Henry Street, New York NY

Why: We're stronger together! By building organizing and advocacy skills, we gain tools to change our communities, our city, our world.

The program will be led in English

If you or someone you know is interested in joining our cohort this spring, please contact us at 212-791-4590 ext 105 or cglickman@cis-nyc.org. We are so excited about this opportunity to grow and build as a community.



ADVOCACY DAY IN WASHINGTON, DC
APRIL 16, 2020 | 9AM

Join us for a day of advocacy meetings with the offices of members of U.S. Congress for more just immigration policy.

Free and open to everyone who would like to participate.

Transportation and training provided.

To RSVP email immigration@cabrini.edu or visit cabrini.edu/immigration for more information.



Cabrini University – Immigration Advocates

Join us for a day of immigration advocacy in Washington, DC!

Every year Cabrini University's Center on Immigration coordinates a trip to the nation's capital to advocate for immigrant justice and lobby for immigration reform. We invite students, faculty, and staff to collaborate with us and travel to Washington, DC.

We would love to have you join us for our next advocacy day, which will take place on Thursday, April 16, 2020. Training and transportation will be provided. We ask that each participant fills out the attached [Advocacy Day Form](#) and emails the completed form to immigration@cabrini.edu.

Visit cabrini.edu/immigration for more information.

Cabrini High School Students and Faculty March for Life in Washington, D.C.



During their time in Washington D.C. the contingent from Cabrini High School met with New Orleans Archbishop Gregory Aymond.

On January 22, 2020 a group of nine students and faculty members from Cabrini High School traveled with 650 people from the Archdiocese of New Orleans, spending 24 hours on a bus to Washington D.C. to stand with over 500,000 people for the annual March for Life.

The purpose of this pilgrimage is to make a stand for life and to speak for those who have no voice.

Throughout the week, the Cabrini Crescents shared time with one another and God in Mass, adoration, and prayer every day. They heard from many people about the issue of Pro-Life, and even spent some time with Archbishop Gregory Aymond. They were even treated to a youth rally and Christian concert with inspiring and challenging speakers.

This year was also the first year the President of the United States spoke at the March for Life and shared his [commitment] for the pro-life movement.

During this pilgrimage, they not only were lifting their voices for the voiceless and defending life, but they were also celebrating the gift of Life with one another. ~ submitted by Katelyn Ehrhardt, CHS



Joining with 650 people from the Archdiocese of New Orleans, the young ladies from Cabrini High School pause for a commemorative photo.

One Minute Meditation

Ancient writers called meditation the practice of purity of heart. We have to purify, which means to clarify, our consciousness so we can see with perfect clarity of vision. What we see is what is there. We see ourselves. We see creation. We see God. In his light we see light. The revelation is all God's. We learn from our daily meditation how to wait on God and to attend to God in the deepening patience of true presence and mindfulness.
It is a journey away from self and into the mystery of God.

~ John Main, Essential Writings

Passing the Leadership Baton

With the start of the new decade, Lorraine Campanelli, CLM, stepped into her role as Director of the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLM) (Guadalupe Province) following her election in October, 2019. Lorraine has been an employee of Cabrini of Westchester since 2002 where she started as a social work intern, then she became a social worker for the Adult Day Care Program before transitioning to staff social worker and eventually the Director of Social Work for the nursing home. She made her commitment as a Cabrini Lay Missionary in 2015. Currently, she is the Director of Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY, where her skills and talents as a teacher and social worker are the perfect recipe for success.

Patricia Krasnausky, who leaves the role of Director after 12 years, has been a Cabrini Lay Missionary since 2004. She has worked in eldercare at the various New York Cabrini ministries since 1991. Pat currently serves on the International CLM Commission, and has had the privilege of visiting several of the missions abroad.

At the January bi-monthly CLM meeting, Pat was presented with flowers from the CLMs in gratitude for her contribution to the program.

In the words of St. Cabrini, *"Today, love must not be hidden....it must be living, active and true!"* We are grateful to Pat for her years of dedication and her ability to spread the charism of St. Cabrini. God bless you for all you have done as a CLM.

~ submitted by: Patricia Krasnausky, CLM and Lorraine Campanelli, CLM

*Thank you, Pat, for your dedicated leadership.
Welcome and congratulations, Lorraine.*



Incoming CLM Director Lorraine Campanelli (l.) extends a bouquet of gratitude on behalf of all CLMs to outgoing CLM Director Patricia Krasnausky in recognition of her CLM leadership since 2004.

To learn more about the Cabrini Lay Missionaries please visit: <https://www.mothercabrini.org/get-involved/cabrini-lay-missionaries/>

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
3501 Solly Avenue
Phila., Pa. 19136**

**Contact: Sr. Ivette Diaz
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

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

St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine

THE JESUS PRAYER

The Prayer of the Heart

Would you like to develop a closer relationship with God this Lent?



The Jesus prayer is an ancient prayer from the time of the desert Fathers and Mothers that is also known as the prayer of the heart. It is a simple short prayer or chant to help one to "pray without ceasing" (St. Paul: 1 Thessalonians 5:17). It helps to focus one's thoughts on Jesus, to tap into the Divine Power to attain union with God. The Jesus Prayer helps us to create a space so we can respond rather than react to God and each other. As a quick and concise prayer that cries out to the Lord for grace - it is a convenient way to remind ourselves that we need God's help throughout the day.

**An hour long workshop will be given on the following dates
by Sister Dianne McKenna, M.S.C.**

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB 26

after the 12:00 Mass and after the 5:00 pm Mass

There will be distribution of ashes at both Masses.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

1:00–2:00 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH TBA

after the 12:00 Mass



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Prayer Requests

Jack Cloran

Kindly unite in prayer for 17 year-old Jack Cloran who is facing the amputation of his leg this week. Jack, a high school athlete, has been fighting Ewings Sarcoma. Please pray for his healing and for his strength and courage. Pray, too, for his parents and siblings as they support him through this traumatic time.



South Sudan Mission

Sr. Therese Merandi, MSC asks the Sisters, CLMs & lay collaborators in our missions and ministries for their prayers. Sr. Therese writes, "During these last 10 days we have of the extended time for the formation of the new transitional government of national unity."

"We are in such a fragile and uncertain moment; there still are skirmishes and killings going on; no one wants to fall back into a civil war, but we don't really know where the motivation, intentions and actions of the leaders are! Please. Prayer!!"

Sr. Xavier Hayden, MSC

Sr. Xavier is experiencing severe back pain. She would be most grateful for our prayerful accompaniment. Sr. Xavier is a resident at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY.

With Grateful Hearts

Baby Emily Kirschner



Cabrini University staff member, Rita Lambert, would like to share the good news that little Emily, born prematurely in November and for whom we have been praying, went home from the hospital on this past Saturday. She is now 6 lbs. 2 oz. and doing just fine.

Rita would like the Missionary Sisters and the entire Cabrinian community to know that Emily's mom and dad, Dana and AJ Kirschner and their families, are so appreciative of all the prayers and well wishes. Our baby, Emily, is thriving and growing and we appreciate the miracle that she is.



Kristina Yu

Last week we ask for prayers for Kristina who had undergone surgery and was recuperating. Her aunt, Rosalind Yu, wishes to thank everyone for their prayers. Kristina is doing well.

In Loving Memory

Francesca Cuomo Avitabile

Please pray for Francesca Avitabile, the beloved mother of Sr. Antonina Avitabile, MSC and her siblings Alex and Libby and Libby's husband Tom, and their children, Naomi and John Thomas (JT), who passed away on Sunday, February 9th. Mrs. Avitabile's funeral will be on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Holy Name of Jesus Church; [245 Prospect Park West; Brooklyn NY 11215](#). Please keep Sr. Toni's family in your prayers at this sad time.

Theresa Pepito

Please pray for Theresa Pepito who recently returned home to God. Theresa was the aunt of Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC. May she rest in peace.

Teresa Rocha

Kindly unite in prayer for Teresa Rocha, a good friend of many Missionary Sisters, who passed away on January 30th in California after long illness. Bless her with eternal light.

James "Jim" Scott

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Jim Scott, friend of Nancy Costello in the Communications Office. Jim passed away in Boston on Saturday, February 8th, after a long illness. Jim was the husband of Seton Scott, Nancy's lifelong friend. Jim, a kind and humble man, was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. May he rest in God's eternal peace.

Filogonia Tlatelpa

Please pray for the passing of Filogonia, the sister-in-law of Josephine Geraci, the Executive Secretary in the Guadalupe Province Office. Filogonia passed away in Mexico on Sunday, February 9th. We extend our condolences to Josephine and her family.

Ann Wall

Kindly pray for Ann Wall, who passed away recently. Ann is the mother of Seton Scott, a friend of Nancy Costello in the Communications Office. Ann was the mother of six children and the grandmother of many. She was a people person who loved life. She will be dearly missed. Please pray for her family as they mourn her loss.

