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'Every man for himself' is not a solution to pandemic states Pope Francis

~ by Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service
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As more and more countries feel the economic [crisis] due to the coronavirus pandemic, Pope Francis urged business leaders to seek solutions that will not hurt employees and their families.

"Each (country) must find concrete solutions depending on their situation, but of course, 'every man for himself,' is not a solution," the Pope said in an interview via Skype that aired in Spain on March 22. "A business that lays off employees to save itself is not a solution. In this moment, instead of laying off, we must welcome and make everyone feel that there is a society of solidarity."

When told by Spanish journalist Jordi Evole that business leaders could argue that he [the pope] may not be knowledgeable in business management and the struggles of maintaining a business with staggering production losses, the Pope said they were right in their assertion.

But, he continued: "I do know the hardships that will face the employees, the workers and their families. And there are certain realities appearing, and we are being asked to take care of those realities."

Commenting on the images of him blessing an empty St. Peter's Square at the end of his Sunday Angelus address, Francis said that the square has become "a desert."

Although he does not meet with groups, the pope said he still holds personal meetings "every hour or every half-hour, and I continue to work normally."

He was also asked if he was an "optimist" when it came to how the world would be after the current crisis is over.



Standing in the window of the Apostolic Palace overlooking an empty St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis blesses the city of Rome still under lockdown to prevent the spread of the COVID 19.

Photo credit: ~ CNS/Vatican Media via Reuters

"I have hope in humanity, in men and women, and I have hope in the people. I have a lot of hope (in) the people who will take lessons from this crisis to rethink their lives. We are going to come out better, although there will be fewer of us, of course. Many will remain on the path and the path is hard. But I have faith we will come out of this better."

The current pandemic, Francis added, has also revealed the plight of the less fortunate, which is a tragedy "that is concealed from societies."

"A couple of days ago, a police officer — with good intentions — told a man, 'Sir, please go home, you can't be out here in the street.' And this man told him, 'I don't have a home. I live on the street,'" the Pope recalled.

"We must start to be close to those people who we only know as a concept: the homeless, those who are taken advantage of, the sad world of exploited women which is all a business. And this brings us close to those people who, in a way, have very little hope because they don't have anyone to lean on. It's very sad but at the same time, we start to realize that these people exist," he said.

Cardinal Dolan visits St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine in NYC Asks for Mother Cabrini's Intercession



In the cold morning air on Sunday, March 22, Cardinal Timothy Dolan hurried into the Chapel at St. Cabrini Shrine in New York City. Leaving his coat on a pew, he picked up a bouquet of white flowers and walked quietly to the main altar. After kneeling silently, the Cardinal read a prayer to Mother Cabrini on behalf of all who are affected in any way by the virus outbreak. Then he was off again to his next stop.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan prays at the foot of the altar at the St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine for all those who are affected by the coronavirus and asked for Mother Cabrini's intercession.

The Cardinal visits the Shrine often, especially in time of crisis, and relies especially on the

intercession of this holy woman who walked the streets in our neighborhood.

St. Frances Cabrini, pray for us!~ *submitted by Cherie Sprosty, Director of Liturgy, St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine, NYC*

~ *with thanks to Sr. Joan Marie Sariti, MSC*

To view videos of the Cardinal's visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/TimothyCardinalDolan/videos/924104091339576/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TimothyCardinalDolan/videos/221216412589287/>

To view the prayer of the Cardinal: <https://www.mothercabrini.org/news-and-publications/cardinal-dolan-visits-ny-shrine-asks-for-mother-cabrinis-intercession/>

A Message from the Cabrini Mission Foundation



CABRINI MISSION
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Dear Cabrini Mission Foundation Family, Friends and Partners in Ministry,

These are challenging times. With the uncertainty and escalating nature of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) the environment in which we work and live is rapidly changing. We are all becoming familiar with the term social distancing as well as a series of precautions designed to protect us as well as those most vulnerable to the spread of the virus.

During this Lenten season we must not only keep strong in our faith but be prepared to address and adapt to what lies ahead. “We want to assure you of our prayers during this difficult time for you and your family. All of us need to work and pray for the common good and health of people throughout the world.”

The Cabrini Mission Foundation is adhering to Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and recommendations. As of March 16, 2020, the Foundation office is closed and staff is working remotely. Business hours however will remain 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time and phone calls, voice messages and emails will be answered.

How you can help...

True to Mother Cabrini’s charism, the Foundation works each day to support programs of healing, teaching, and caring. As you may know, Cabrini Immigrant Services in Manhattan operates a food pantry that provides food to 750 families each month. Many of these families will be disproportionately impacted by the current economic situation due to layoffs or simply the loss of available working hours.

Also, the Foundation is supporting some immigrants who have won their asylum cases one of whom just had a beautiful baby girl. If you are in a position to help others at this time a financial gift to the Foundation for the emergency fund for COVID-19 would be helpful.

You can learn more about the Foundation, as well as make a gift online at:
www.cabrinifoundation.org

We are pleased to join you in making efforts to minimize the risk of a COVID-19 infection in all our communities.

May our tender and loving God make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity.

God bless,

Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC
President

Cabrini of Westchester Receives Grant for Enhanced Dementia Care

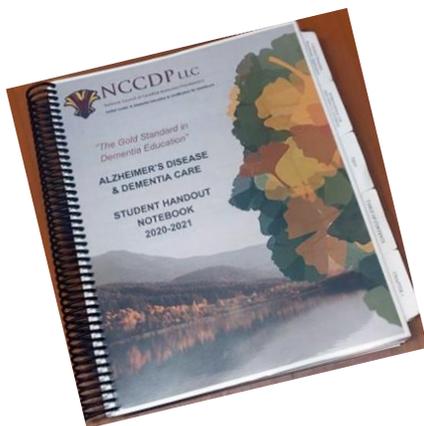


The management and clinical staff of Cabrini of Westchester attend the introductory session for *Comfort Matters*.

Cabrini of Westchester [in Dobbs Ferry, NY] was awarded a grant to enhance Cabrini's Dementia program on its Garden Level, the memory care unit for residents with moderate to severe dementia. Awarded by The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation in December 2019 in the amount of \$40,000, the grant is designed to provide staff with additional training and equipment that will improve the quality of life for the residents.

Upon receiving the grant, a Dementia Grant Committee Team was formed to organize and implement it in order

to expand the limits and ideas of what can be applied to Cabrini and the Garden Level. The program will educate, train and certify staff to care for the residents on the Garden Level and to understand the needs and wants they may have. It includes therapeutic sensory stimulation equipment, such as boards, dolls and robotic companion pets that can be used on the unit to sooth agitation. In addition, a Tovertafel table, an animated table that has been proven to increase sensory stimulation and calm the residents in the memory care units is included.



With the grant, we have contracted with two organizations to help Cabrini through certifications both individually and as an accreditation for the whole program. The organization certifying staff is the National Council for Certified Dementia Practitioners. Comfort Matters is the second organization, which will provide accreditation to Cabrini of Westchester's

program itself. On February 27, staff attended the first Dementia Education Seminar, followed by the second on March 4, both hosted by the NCCDP. Thirty-four staff members attended a seminar and completed applications to become Certified Dementia Practitioners. A PowerPoint presentation by Comfort Matters held on March 16, will be followed by accreditation visits in the upcoming months.



~submitted by Leila Xbudo, Administrator in Training, Cabrini of Westchester

U.S. – Mexico Border Humanitarians Scramble to Contain COVID-19

~ by J.D. Long-Garcia, *America Magazine*

Just last month, more than 400 people gathered for the blessing of the Kino Border Initiative's [new 18,000-square-foot building](#) in Nogales, in the Mexican state of Sonora, just south of Arizona. Today, with the outbreak of COVID-19, things are much different.

The [Kino Border Initiative](#) is a binational effort to serve migrant, educate the public and advocate for justice. Since 2009, part of its daily work has included providing food and a place to eat for migrants – those heading north and those recently deported from the United States and those seeking U.S. asylum. Kino workers are still serving food at the comedor, but, the coronavirus has changed how they do it.

“What we’re trying to do is maintain a distance between the migrants while they wait in line,” Sean Carroll, S.J., the director of the Kino Border Initiative, said. Families will enter together, receive their food and then find a place to eat outside. Kino can no longer provide seating, and those in the food service are wearing face masks and gloves.”

The Kino Border Initiative has U.S. to carry out its mission and who spend months volunteering. Fr. Carroll has sent those long-term volunteers – many of whom are senior citizens and retired – home. Other volunteers who come for the day have been told not to come. That is for their own safety and the safety of the migrants.

“We’re really trying to do all we can to mitigate the risk as much as possible,” Fr. Carroll said, “but we are going to continue to serve the migrants here.”



Just last month, with great festivity, the Kino Border Initiative inaugurated their new center. Now this are very different.

Maria Limón of the [Hope Border Institute](#) said that migrants feeling violence in their home countries have been waiting for months to have their cases heard. They are frustrated and COVID-19 as another obstacle to finding safety for their families. “We know these folks are immunocompromised because of malnutrition,” Ms. Limón said, adding that advocates are “gravely concerned about how these people are being transported. We are concerned that the care and well-being of immigrants in detention is not being considered [by immigration officials] ...we want

to push for a vision that is more focused on human dignity.”

Love and Resilience: Stories from the MSCs



Now is such a time in our history that our working in unity towards our greater mission will shape our journey together. How we act, what we say, the way we treat one another, the heart with which we respond, will be recounted by generations to come.

We have been through so many challenges as an Institute over the past nearly 140 years since our courageous foundress set sail to New York for the first time in 1880. Over the years we have faced great wars, internal conflict, disease, and many other trials, and yet we have always overcome.

*Sister Barbara Staley, MSC
General Superior*

[Read the letter statement from Sister Barbara Staley, MSC General Superior.](#)

Over the next weeks, we have been asked by the MSC Generalate in Rome to invite you to submit stories of the Missionary Sisters who have touched your life, particularly, perhaps, in time of difficulty. These stories will be posted on the website of the Generalate: www.cabriniworld.org and we will also feature your stories in The Update and on www.motherscabrini.org

We also encourage each of you to send brief messages of faith and inspiration from your own lives, both from the past and from what you are witnessing or experiencing now. Share how you are coping with our current reality. What is your routine? What gives you joy? What gives you strength? Have you developed a new spiritual practice? Do you have a favorite prayer or mantra that would be helpful for others? In this way, it is hoped that we can draw upon our Cabrinian friendships and connections to give us strength and optimism during these challenging times. Invite younger voices to share how *they* are dealing with this new reality as they miss their teachers, classmates, their school sports, clubs and extra-curricular activities. And with your narratives, please feel free to share photos, as well.

In submitting stories and reflections please send to both of these emails:

communications@cabriniworld.org and cabrini-news@motherscabrini.org

Mother Cabrini once said, “There is room here for every talent and inclination.” We know that a vibrant sense of community is at the heart of the Institute of the Missionary Sisters. At this time when we must engage in social distancing, it is hoped that by sharing our stories we will strengthen those Cabrinian ties we hold so dearly.



Please note the Change of Date!

Cabrini of Westchester's
Twenty-Second Annual
Sharing in Mission Celebration Dinner
originally scheduled for:

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

has been postponed

due to the risks posed by the Coronavirus, along
with the recently declared state of emergency by
the State of New York.

Please note the new date:

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Please mark your calendar!



April
in PARIS

Each week during the season of Lent, the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLM) will be presenting a reflection for our prayer and meditation. We invite you to join with them as we journey through these 40 days.

Fifth Week of Lent

Lenten Reflection for March 29

As Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLM), we were asked to choose on which date we would like to share a reflection during the Lenten season. For some reason, I found out that the Gospel for the week that I chose was the powerful story about Jesus bringing back the life of Lazarus.

As I read and re-read it, I remembered when some of my family members died tragically...it caused so much pain...pain that was indescribable and unbearable. It validated how I was feeling, that there was hope. When I read the story about Jesus calling for Lazarus to come out from the tomb, I knew that I have to give permission to free myself from the tomb of pain.

When Jesus asked the people to roll back the rock, light came into the tomb. That's exactly how I felt over time when I released myself from the pain. Of course, the pain will never leave because it is a part of my scar. But I will not allow it to be a wound forever. This experience unfolded only when I started to entrust myself into the grace of our merciful God.

With this Lenten season, I think we are the Marthas and the Marys who journey in entrusting our dependence to God with faith and trust.

~ reflection by: Vicky Lucio, CLM



One Minute Meditation

Companioning God, grant me peace of mind and heart to recognize the ways in which you are always with me. Encourage me to find the many, many aspects of my life that call me to gratitude and wonder. Remind me often that I am, indeed, a pilgrim on the way home to you. I need not be afraid of the wilderness and the moments of feeling lost, for you are always there as a loving guide and companion.

~ Joyce Rupp, Out of the Ordinary

Prayer Requests

Coronavirus Pandemic

We continue to pray for the global community that is severely impacted by COVID 19. We pray for those who have died, for those who are ill, and for all medical personnel who are risking their lives to treat others. We pray for those whose jobs and livelihoods have been upended. We pray for those who are in manufacturing, transportation and front-line service such as in grocery stores and pharmacies. We pray for scientists who are diligently seeking a preventive vaccine and treatments for the disease. We pray for those who are elderly and alone. We pray for parents with small children as they try with patience to keep their children safe, at home, and occupied.



The Missionary Sisters remember in their prayers the many people who in this period are missing the affection of their loved ones because of the viral pandemic enveloping our world.

Eleanor Damiano

Prayers are requested for the healing, recovery and accompaniment of Eleanor, 86-year old mother-in-law of Cabrini University alumna Debbie Larkins Damiano. Eleanor fell at home on Tuesday night and broke her femur. She was taken to the hospital by ambulance and had surgery on Wednesday. Her 91-year old husband, John, and the family cannot visit her or be by her side due to the Coronavirus restrictions on hospital visitors. Please pray for her comfort and rehabilitation, her caregivers, and especially for those who cannot be with her at this time.

Charlie Ditta

Your prayers are asked for Charlie Ditta, who is in ICU, recuperating from an aneurysm after recent emergency surgery. He is the husband of Sr. Bernadette Anello's godchild, Donna, and the father of two young children. May he recover swiftly.

In Loving Memory

Marie Bartolotti

Kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Bartolotti, Sr. Bernadette Anello's aunt, who returned home to God this past weekend in Staten Island. Please pray for her daughters and the extended Anello family at this time.

Sr. Fausta Pezza, MSC

The Guadalupe Province has received word that on Tuesday, March 24th our dearest Sister Fausta Pezza, has returned to the Father's house. Sr. Fausta was of the Community of Sant' Angelo Lodigiano, Italy. Let us pray that the Lord may welcome her into the Kingdom and give her eternal joy and peace.