



March 5, 2020

Pope Francis Issues 'Urgent Call' for 5th Anniversary of Laudato Si'

~ by Brian Rowe, EarthBeat, National Catholic Reporter



A screenshot of Pope Francis' video message announcing plans to mark the 5th anniversary of *Laudato Si'*. (YouTube/Global Catholic Climate Movement).

Renewing his “urgent call to respond to the ecological crisis,” Pope Francis invited the 1.3 billion Catholics worldwide to join in a week of celebration and action in May commemorating the fifth anniversary of “[*Laudato Si'*, on Care for Our Common Home](#).”

In a [video message](#) March 3, Francis officially announced Laudato Si' Week, set to take place May 16 – 24. Throughout the nine days, the Pope has asked the global Catholic community to undertake ambitious actions to address the mounting environmental perils

facing the planet and its people – climate change; ecosystems in the Amazon, Australia and the Arctic [approaching tipping points](#) [4]; and the [unprecedented threat of biodiversity loss](#) [5] facing 1 million plant and animal species.

The initiative is the latest spearheaded by the Vatican under Francis, who throughout his seven-year papacy has persistently called Catholics and non-Catholics alike to an ecological conversion to safeguard the environment and preserve its natural resources for present and future generations.

The one-minute video opens with soaring images of mountains cloaked by clouds as Francis repeats a question he first posed in *Laudato Si'*: “What kind of world do we want to leave to those who will come after us, to children who are growing up?”

It then cuts to footage of young people taking part in a climate demonstration, shouting: “What do we want ? Climate justice. When do we want it? Now.”

“I renew my urgent call to respond to the ecological crisis,” the Pope continues. “The cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor cannot continue. Let’s take care of creation, a gift of our good Creator God. Let’s celebrate Laudato Si’ Week together.”

Planning has been underway for months within the Vatican and numerous Catholic organizations around the world to mark the anniversary. Those discussions have sought ways to catalyze the collective church to live out Catholic teaching on caring for creation by reducing environmental impact, and to press for substantial measures from world leaders to curtail a rapidly warming climate.

Global Catholic Climate Movement said, “With about one-sixth of the world’s population organized in more than 220,000 parishes around the globe, the Catholic Church plays a unique and vital role in addressing the environmental crisis.”

To read the full article: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/earthbeat/francis-issues-urgent-call-plans-fifth-anniversary-laudato-si>

Immigration Insights from the Experts



Lorraine Campanelli (c.) participated in a panel discussion at Mercy College on the trauma experienced by unaccompanied immigrant minors.

Lorraine Campanelli, the Director of Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, NY, was invited to be a member of a panel which was held at Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, NY. The program, ‘Immigration Reform, the Status of the Unaccompanied Minor and the Trauma They Endure,’ was sponsored by the National Association of Social Workers (Westchester Division), Mercy College and Rising Ground.

The keynote address was presented by Diana G. Amado, the Senior Vice President for Immigration Services at the Passage of Hope Program, Rising Ground. Diana is a strong advocate for vulnerable populations, especially in Colombia, South America and the USA.

Following the keynote address, each panelist spoke about the work that is done at his/her organizations. In addition to CIS, there was an attorney from Catholic Charities in NYC, the Director of the Human Trafficking Program at My Sisters' Place in White Plains, NY and two social work students from Mercy College, who spoke about their internships. Both students are working with the immigrant population.

Following the presentations, the panel received questions and comments from the audience. People left the program with a greater understanding and realization of what immigrants deal with on a day-to-day basis. Many commented that it was a wonderful and deeply moving experience to hear from people who work directly with the immigrants as opposed to just hearing about immigration on the news.

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



Presenters in the immigration program.

National Catholic Sisters Week

March 8 - 14, 2020



From March 8 - 14, National Catholic Sisters Week (NCSW) invites everyone to join in celebrating women religious.

NCSW is an annual celebration that began in 2014 to honor women religious with a series of events that instruct, enlighten, and bring greater focus on the lives of these incredible women. It's a chance to recognize all that they do, with the hope that as more young women learn about women religious, more will choose to follow their example.

In celebration of NCSW, on Saturday, March 7th, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSC - Cabrini) will be joining the Delaware Valley Member Area of the National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) in a day of service in Phoenixville, PA. They will be pairing with The Joy of Sox, a 501c3 non-profit organization, that provides new socks for those experiencing homelessness. Sisters from eight religious congregations will be sorting and packaging socks for later distribution to shelters in the greater Philadelphia, PA and Trenton, NJ region, and shipment to shelters throughout the United States.

Visit the NCSW website, nationalcatholicsistersweek.org, to learn about the organization, find an event near you and join in honoring women religious, or plan an event of your own and spread the word.

Please keep the Missionary Sisters in your thoughts and prayers during this special week. Perhaps, send a note or an email expressing your thanks for their service to the Church and all those on the margins of society.





Cabrini High School President Jack Truxillo (l.) along with Cabrini H.S. Alumnae Association President Natalie Natal Tatje '81 (r.) honors Stacey Maylin Wohlgemuth '86 (c.) as the 2020 Cabrini High School Alumna of the Year.

Cabrini High School names Alumna of the Year

Stacey Maylin Wohlgemuth of the Class of 1986 has been named Alumna of the Year of Cabrini High School for 2020. This award is given annually to an outstanding alumna who has exemplified the teachings of Mother Cabrini and has shown her dedication to Christianity through her interaction with her family, the Cabrini community, and the general community.

When told the news, Wohlgemuth said, "To be selected as the 2020 recipient of Cabrini High School's Alumna of the Year means the world to me. I was shocked, thrilled, surprised,

honored, and totally humbled that I was nominated by my peers. This inspires me to continue my service and volunteering to continue Mother Cabrini's legacy."

As a parent and volunteer at Cabrini High School, Stacey has contributed countless hours in many capacities. She has volunteered and participated in events such as the Parents' Association, Gala committee, Mother Cabrini's Exhibit Room, Cabrini's former festival, Bayou Bash, and even assisting teacher when asked for help. She has been an active member of the Alumnae Association for eight years, and also served as the Class of 1986 Class Agent for many years where she was instrumental in organizing and planning her class' reunions.

According to Natalie Natal Tatje '81, President of the Alumnae Association, "Stacey has always loved Cabrini and has kept our school near and dear to her heart. Whether it's through all of her volunteer work or by passing on the love and legacy of Cabrini to her daughter, Stacey is very deserving of being the 2020 Alumna of the Year." ~ submitted by Katelyn Ehrhardt, Cabrini High School



One Minute Meditation

The entire Lenten worship is a constant reminder of the difficulties, the obstacles and the temptations that await those who think that they may depend on their own willpower and not on God. It is for this reason that we need first of all a spiritual preparation for the effort of fasting. It consists in asking God for help and so in making our fast God-centered. We should fast for God's sake. We must rediscover our body as the temple of God's presence. We must recover a religious respect for the body, for food and the very rhythm of life.

~ Alexander Schmemmann, Great Lent

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SHIRLEY DIXON CELEBRATION OF URBAN EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM "THE FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW"



FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020

RECEPTION: 5:30-6PM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY TIM WISE
AND AWARDS PRESENTATION: 6-7:30PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER TIM WISE

Tim Wise is among the most prominent anti-racist writers and educators in the United States. He has spent the past 25 years speaking to audiences in all 50 states, on over 1,000 college and high school campuses, at hundreds of professional and academic conferences, and to community groups across the country. He is also the host of a new podcast, *Speak Out with Tim Wise*.

He has also lectured internationally, in Canada and Bermuda, and has trained corporate, government, entertainment, media, law enforcement, military, and medical industry professionals on methods for dismantling racism in their institutions. Wise has provided anti-racism training to educators and administrators nationwide.

Wise is the author of seven books, including his latest, *Under the Affluence: Shaming the Poor, Praising the Rich and Sacrificing the Future of America* (City Lights Books). Other books include *Dear White America: Letter to a New Minority* (City Lights Books); his highly acclaimed memoir, *White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son*, recently updated and re-released by Soft Skull Press; *Affirmative Action: Racial Preference in Black and White*; *Speaking Treason Fluently: Anti-Racist Reflections from an Angry White Male*; *Between Barack and a Hard Place: Racism and White Denial in the Age of Obama*; and *Colorblind: The Rise of Post-Racial Politics and the Retreat from Racial Equity*.

Wise has been featured in several documentaries, including the 2013 Media Education Foundation release, *"White Like Me: Race, Racism, and White Privilege in America."* The film, which he co-wrote and co-produced, has been called, "A phenomenal educational tool in the struggle against racism," and "One of the best films made on the unfinished quest for racial justice," by Eduardo Bonilla-Silva of Duke University and Robert Jensen of the University of Texas, respectively. He also appeared alongside legendary scholar and activist Angela Davis in the 2011 documentary, *"Vocabulary of Change."* In this public dialogue between the two

activists, Davis and Wise discussed the connections between issues of race, class, gender, sexuality, and militarism, as well as intergenerational movement building and the prospects for social change.

Wise appears regularly on CNN and MSNBC to discuss race issues and was featured in a 2007 segment on 20/20. He graduated from Tulane University in 1990 and received anti-racism training from the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond in New Orleans.

SHIRLEY DIXON

The late Shirley Dixon, EdD ('84, MEd '89, EdD '18), was a consistent moral and courageous leader at Cabrini University and a trailblazer in advocating for and facilitating equitable practices for all students.

Dixon worked with the Philadelphia Housing Authority for nearly 20 years before transitioning to education, teaching fifth grade and then serving as principal at Grand College Elementary School.

In 2007, she joined the Cabrini faculty full-time as an assistant professor in the Education Department. In 1990, she was asked to join Cabrini's Board of Trustees, becoming the first African American to do so. Dixon served faithfully at Cabrini University until her death in November 2019.

THE CENTER FOR URBAN EDUCATION, EQUITY, AND IMPROVEMENT (CUEEI)

The Center for Urban Education, Equity, and Improvement integrates the mission of the University to further work alongside historically underserved communities and schools. Integrated throughout the Center's activities and strategic initiatives is a commitment to service, strengthening relationships, and building solidarity.

**Please note: While this event is free, registration is required because seating is limited.

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Cabrini University is pleased to announce the viewing of



**Human Trafficking Awareness - Award-Winning Documentary
A Free Movie Event**

Sponsored by:

The Barbara and John Jordan Center for Children of Trauma and Domestic Violence Education, Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition, and ECG 200 Voice for Voiceless- Anti-Human Trafficking Class

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020 – 6:00 pm
Cabrini University Widener Lecture Hall**

Please register for the event at <https://tinyurl.com/tq853x7>

"California's Forgotten Children' is a feature documentary about child sex trafficking. The film recounts true stories of girls and boys who were commercially sexually exploited in California and are now survivors and courageous leaders fighting for the rights of victims worldwide. (Website)

Melody C. Miller is a filmmaker who works to make a positive impact in the world by making narrative films and documentaries. An advocate for women and children's rights, Melody has dedicated from the start of her career making films that amplify the voices and stories of causes she cares about. She has gone above and beyond to not only create empowering films but creating a movement of change. (Website)

This movie is relevant to a variety of academic disciplines. Students from all majors will benefit by attending this event. Student attendance will be recorded at this event.

[Please Come and Bring a Friend!](#) [Open to the Public](#)

We will be accepting donations of gift cards (Target, Walmart), underwear, feminine hygiene products, and travel-sized bottles of shampoo and/or soaps at this event.

Questions about the event:

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**Wednesday
April 22, 2020**

CABRINI OF WESTCHESTER'S
TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL
Sharing in Mission
CELEBRATION DINNER

April
in PARIS

Honoring
MICHAEL P. HOFFMAN
SR. ARLENE VAN DUSEN, MSC
SUSAN STRANGIO

Abigail Kirsch at
Tappan Hill Mansion
Tarrytown, New York



For more information please contact 914-693-6800 x502

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

Second Week of Lent

My reflection on the first two readings for the Second Sunday of Lent made me think of the immigration crisis that we are facing in our world. In the reading from Genesis (12:1-4A), we read, “Go forth from your father’s house to a land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation and I will bless you.” Today, people are leaving their homelands for many reasons. Unfortunately, they are not always feeling welcomed into the land to which they go. To me, God is reminding us that we are all sisters and brothers. We are not nationalities or color, we are simply, the family of God. God is saying that the nation will become great and that the people will be blessed by God.

Reflection: Our world is in chaos. There are so many shootings, needless wars, climates are changing, wildfires, earthquakes, etc.

- Do you think the chaos might be happening because humanity cannot live in peace?
- Do you think things might change if we were more accepting and welcoming of each other?
- Do you think that nature is being effected by the chaos?

In the reading from 2 Timothy (1:8b), we are told that as Beloved to God, we should bear our share of hardship for the Gospel with the strength that comes from God. Again, my thoughts went to immigration. Our

immigrant sisters and brothers are bearing great hardship. They are leaving their homelands, perhaps they are leaving family, being separated from their children. There are so many scenarios that are taking place. But, we are also being asked to share in the hardship.

Reflection:

- How am I bearing the hardship of immigration?
- What does the Gospel call me to do?
- Do I pray for immigrants?

In Genesis 12:3b, we are told that that ‘the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you.’ Throughout Lent, reflect on how you are a blessing to others.

~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, CLM Director

