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Prayers for Those Still Dealing with COVID Reminders for the Month of the Sacred Heart

~ by Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

Pope Francis prayed for people living in countries where COVID-19 is still causing a huge number of deaths and cautioned people to continue to be careful and follow health precautions.

“Be careful, do not sing ‘Victory’ yet, do not celebrate victory too soon! It remains necessary to follow the rules in force because they help us to prevent the virus from gaining ground,” the pontiff said on June 7th.

Pope Francis reminded people that “the virus continues to claim many victims” in other countries.

According to the World Health Organization the pandemic is still infecting large numbers of victims in the United States, and countries in Central and South America.



Pope Francis [also] reminded people that the month of June was dedicated in a special way to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

“Indeed, the human and divine heart of Jesus is the wellspring where we can always draw upon God’s mercy, forgiveness and tenderness,” he said.

At the center of Jesus’ every gesture and word there is love, “the love of the Father who sends his Son, the love of the Holy Spirit that is within us,” he said.

He urged people to practice eucharistic adoration because they can find that love present in the Eucharist and “little by little, one’s heart will become more patient, more generous, more merciful, in imitation of the heart of Jesus.”

Pope Francis also encouraged people to recite, for the month of June, a short prayer his grandmother taught him, **“Jesus, let my heart resemble yours in all I do.”**

To read the entire article, click [here](#)

FAITH MARCH 4 JUSTICE



Vigil candles are placed at the wall of the St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine in Upper Manhattan during the Faith March 4 Justice.

Sunday, June 7th was a beautiful day in a variety of ways. [In the Upper Manhattan neighborhood by the St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine] about 200 people of diverse ages and backgrounds turned out for the Faith March 4 Justice. The goal of the Faith March was to provide young people with a way to channel their frustration and hope about racism into faith rather than anger.

The group arrived at the Shrine singing Amazing Grace, accompanied by the police, and many neighbors stopped to listen. The clergy and people stood outside the Shrine wall, underneath the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

One of the priests said that walls are often perceived as a sign of division, and yet, the wall of the Temple in Jerusalem is the holiest site for Jewish people, where they unite in prayer. Then the clergy, representing a variety of denominations, took turns leading the people in prayer. It was peaceful and reverent.

We are very thankful to nearby St. Elizabeth's Parish for including us in this event. We had refreshments on the porch of the Shrine, where social distancing was easily possible and fresh air, abundant.



Members of the clergy and other participants gathered and prayed outside the walls of the St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine.

~ submitted by Julia Attaway, Shrine Director, with thanks to Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC

Where Have All the Children Gone?

As part of the policy to halt all migrants from entering our country at this time, our government has stopped allowing unaccompanied children to ask for asylum at our borders. Some children are



simply not admitted, but some are deported to their home countries without the opportunity to speak to a social worker or plead for asylum. Tragically, that means future Bethany and Viator Houses of Hospitality participants who have fled horrendous violence are being turned away from the safety they seek. Sr. Cathy Fedewa, CSFN, on the boards of both facilities, has cited the decreased number of residents as representative of this unjust policy. This is the situation in most of the programs whose outreach is to these vulnerable children. Space and care are available contrary to what some of the media sources report.

This [policy of deportation without the opportunity to speak with a social worker or plead for asylum] was a major departure from previous policy and was prompted by the current pandemic situation. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) transfers the children to the custody of government officials in their home countries to reunite them with their families, if possible. While CBP can make exceptions to those orders, few exceptions are made.

It is argued that the move violates the Trafficking Victim Protection Reauthorization Act, which specifically lays out how unaccompanied children must be processed and cared for upon arrival at the border.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler stated aptly that, "Children do not have to be put in harm's way to protect us from the coronavirus pandemic...the Department of Homeland Security has the ability and capacity to protect both these children and the public."

Children who come to the United States seeking protection are fleeing violence, poverty, trafficking and other threats to their lives. Turning them away at the border means they are waiting in Mexico alone and open to more of the same tragic circumstances there.

Our nation has the ability to welcome these children and keep them safe during this crisis.

~ Sr. Cathy Fedewa, CSFN, Cabrini Retreat Center



Please reflect on the plight of these children and consider calling your congressional representative to speak out for these children at our border.

Here is the Capitol switchboard number you can call to leave messages for your senators and representatives: (202) 224-3121.

For the full story, click [here](#)

An Update from your National Parks of the Soul: Retreat Centers during the Pandemic

~ by Mark Piper, National Catholic Reporter

I have been the director of the Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago since June 10, 2019. The last few months have been difficult on all of us who operate retreat centers. We are used to the cycle of welcoming and sending forth, of hellos and goodbyes, but waiting so long after a goodbye to say hello once more is new to us.

In late February, we took note and precautions due to the pandemic. But by March 13, before the state of Illinois issued its shelter-in-place mandate we chose to close to the public until we could safely reopen. As with retreat centers across the world, [we] provide the space for people of all walks of life to go out and do justice, love, mercy and transform our world. [At retreat centers] whoever they [may be], they are welcome to grace our simple, holy halls.

Every [retreat] colleague of mine has been burdened and vexed. We're figuring out how to pivot, how to live our mission as places of welcome, acceptance and healing, under new and existential duress: necessary prolonged closures.



The Sacred Heart of Jesus welcomes all retreatants and visitors to the Cabrini Retreat Center in Des Plaines, IL.

Here in Illinois, **Nancy Golen, Director of the Cabrini Retreat Center in Des Plaines**, shared that these mandates have, “caused Cabrini to be separated from our ministerial identity as a place of physical sacred space.”

“Approximately 80% of the guests at Cabrini are youth. The closure came at a time when we would have been at full capacity with multiple Kairos Retreats,” she said. “For decades, we’ve welcomed and cared for young people. As we plan our reopening there are many considerations to restore that sense of sacred safety. Cabrini’s sponsors have

been open to offering the retreat space for other forms of service.”

Civic or health care representatives have approached some centers about utilizing their space to house first responders, quarantined individuals or homeless persons. Some obliged. Other retreat centers have found that impractical due to vulnerable populations who live on-site. Nancy said that, “Due to the way our facility is designed, and the nature of COVID-19, no fit was found for the space to date.”

“We miss our guests. Despite bleak financial realities, we maintain a trust in a God of love and abundance,” said Mark Piper. “A trust that, when it is safe, we will say ‘welcome’ once again. Until that day of our next holy hello, we’re in anxious solidarity, praying this long goodbye.”

To read the entire article click [here](#)

A Special Gathering at Cabrini High School



The Elenian Club, founded in 1934, is an Italian women's club named after Queen Elena di Savoia of the Kingdom of Italy. The Elenian's support cultural, educational, civic, and social activities and is open to Italian loving people of Christian faith. The group held their annual Mass, May Crowning, and reception at Cabrini High School on May 31st. Social distancing was observed except for the very quick photo seen here. Sr. Renee Kittelson, MSC welcomed the group and is seen on the far right just behind the first row.

~ submitted by Sr. Renee Kittelson, MSC with thanks to Katelyn Ehrhardt, Cabrini High School



Derecho Topples Trees on Cabrini U Campus



Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC, captured some of the destruction on campus.

Last Wednesday, June 3rd, suburban Philadelphia and environs were the scene of a “derecho,” a line of intense, widespread, and fast-moving windstorms. The campus of Cabrini University was adversely affected by the storms which hit around noon, darkening the skies to an inky black and bending trees in wild gesticulations. Sadly, several of the stately trees on campus fell victim to the high velocity winds. A huge tree crushed a pergola near the reflecting pond that was an original feature of the historic Woodcrest Estate, the site of the University. Fortunately, no other structures on campus sustained any damage.

From the Province Vocations Promotion Team...

Over the past month we have brought you insights from the National Religious Vocations Conference (NRVC) with regard to the 2020 Study of Recent Vocations to Religious Life. As a follow up to that series, this week, we begin a new series written by Carol Schuck Scheiber, the editor of HORIZON, the journal of the NRVC.

Best Practices for Encouraging New Membership

Vocation Directors often relish the chance to discuss the ins and outs of their ministry with people who understand it well. Some members (of the congregation) don't always "get it". The public frequently doesn't. And even among practicing Catholics, myths about vocations can abound. Vocation promotion is everyone's business – ordained, religious and laity. While there are no one-size-fits-all solutions, HORIZON hopes these eight best practices – grounded in data and backed up by experience – provide insights that will help religious communities move forward.

One truism that the 2020 study confirmed is that religious communities in the United States vary substantially: they have unique charisms, distinct financial realities, different ministries, and varied number of active and retired members. Thus, the capacity to act on each of these best practices is different from one religious order to another.

HORIZON begins with the belief that the gift of religious life is worth sharing. The 2020 study confirmed that young people have a desire to grow spiritually, live communally and perform ministry. Young adults – and not-so-young – adults seek their path and want guidance.

1. Decide you want new members

This sounds obvious, but, in reality a community will not attract and retain new members if the existing members don't want them, even if this sentiment is not expressed overtly. There are many inadvertent ways to communicate lack of interest: members are too busy, no one is willing to stay up late with a young visitor, or few people will take a turn helping with a college retreat.



On the other hand, in the 2020 study, new members repeatedly report that they were attracted to communities that showed genuine interest in them, their welfare and their vocational discernment. Community members invited them to events, made them feel welcome, adapted to their youthful energy, and offered them an attractive experience of religious life. These themes arose many times when newer members talked in focus groups about their experiences in joining religious life.

The best-case scenario for communities that desire new members is to decide communally that they want them, have leaders and members that continuously prioritize that goal, and make ongoing efforts consistent with that goal. Most members need to believe in the community and its future in order for it to have a future.

As an expression of Cabrinian resilience, we invite you to attend a webinar on:

The 2020 Global Perspective: What are we Seeing?

*In the midst of a pandemic, there are responses that can bring out
the best or the worst in us.*

*Throughout our Cabrini World, we have seen many signs of hope and
solidarity. In this webinar session we invite you to take a look;
you are invited to a “see” change.*



Save the Date:

Wednesday, June 17th – 10 am CDT

The webinar is sponsored by the National Shrine of St. Frances X. Cabrini
in collaboration with the Cabrini Retreat Center.



Presented by
~ Sr. Bernadette Anello, MSC
MSC General Councilor

Sr. Bernadette is a member of the MSC General Council and resides in Rome. Her primary areas of responsibility are formation and communication. Her ministry experiences have been in teaching, retreat work, vocation promotion, campus ministry, parish ministry, fundraising and formation work with candidates, novices and Sisters in first vows.

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 - 10 am CDT
Global Webinar Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87437736547>

For more webinar information: Call 847.297.6530 or email: info@cabrinicenter.org

Tech Tips for the Webinar

Want to join the Webinar and are new to Zoom?

If you are new to Zoom, these YouTube videos will help you get started:

- One-minute video to help you get started on Zoom: [How to Join a Zoom Meeting](#)
- One-minute video to show you how to test your audio and video: [Configuring Audio & Video](#)
- Ten minute video about participating in a meeting with zoom: [How to Navigate the Meeting Controls](#)

Tech Test Time - Friday June 12, 2020 at 10 - 10:30 am CDT

- Want to test-drive zoom in preparation for the webinar?
- Log into to this zoom link to meet the friendly Chicago Cabrini Tech Team:
 - [Zoom Tech Check](#)

This will be an opportunity to test out the controls and ask any questions you have.

- You will need to have downloaded zoom on your computer or smartphone to participate.
- You will need a video camera and a microphone on your computer to engage on the call otherwise you will participate as a viewer only.

Questions? email info@cabrinicenter.org or call 847-297-6530 (leave a message with a good time to return your call).

Announcing a New MSC Communications Initiative: Our Cabrini World Blog



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Dear Sisters and Partners-in-Mission,

Greetings in this month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We have been seeking new ways in which to share more of the love of Christ, to reach beyond boundaries and increase our collective understanding of how to collaboratively best serve those to whom we have been called in these times.

There are so many excellent practices across our ministries globally, ways in which we intelligently and effectively deliver services and so, share the love of Christ: in education, in healthcare, in eldercare, in refugee and immigrant services and in serving and comforting the marginalized and vulnerable around the world. We do this both through direct care, and work on structural change against unjust systems.

We would love for you to learn more from each other and those among us who are experts and leaders in their fields and who extend the Cabrinian charism through their specialties. One such vehicle we are developing for sharing is a **new blog post on our Cabrini World website**. To access the blog click [here](http://www.cabriniworld.org)

It is a way that we can “gather together” with the current bans on travel. The blog posts are there for reflection, for comment and discussion among yourselves as communities and ministries. In this month of the Sacred Heart we’ll be launching the blog with the theme “Education of the Heart”. We look forward to the many ways in which we will continue to engage with one another.

Yours in the Heart of Christ,
Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC, General Superior

Virtual Gala



Friday, June 12th
6:30 pm MST

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO SIGN UP AND PARTICIPATE AT
WWW.MOTHERCABRINISHRINE.ORG

Welcome - Kyle Dyer, Mistress of Ceremonies
Invocation - Fr. John Lager, O.F.M., Cap.
Q & A about the Shrine - Jeff Lewis, Executive Director
Mission Moment Video
Paddle Raiser - Reggie Rivers, Auctioneer & Former Denver Bronco
Concluding Remarks

Virtual Gala

We have a few helpful technology tips for anyone who would like to join in:

You can watch the Virtual Gala on Facebook Live or on our Website:

<https://www.facebook.com/CabriniGoldenColorado/>

<https://www.mothercabrinishrine.org/>

It is suggested that you watch the event on your tablet, laptop or desktop computer.

If you choose to bid on a silent auction item or make a donation in the paddle raiser, please sign up here:

<https://www.aesbid.org/SHRINE2020#page=1>

It is suggested that you use your smart phone for bidding and also sign up to receive text message (SMS notifications) when registering so that the link to bid will be sent directly to your phone.

We look forward to seeing you virtually tomorrow evening!

June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

To access the novena to the Sacred Heart, please click [here](#)

The Feast of the Sacred Heart is June 19th.



Prayer Requests

Mitch Frawley

Dr. Missy Terlecki, a faculty member at Cabrini University, asks for prayers for her son, Mitch Frawley, who is in Children's Hospital in Philadelphia (CHOP). He is undergoing tests at this time. Please pray for him and pray that the doctors can find the cause of his condition so he can be successfully treated.

Kevin Kehoe

Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC requests prayers for a friend, Kevin Kehoe, who is suffering from lung cancer that has metastasized to his brain. Let us pray for his comfort and well-being.

Charles Opara

Let us unite in prayer for a faithful follower of the MSC Weekly Update. Mr. Opara is very ill with malaria. Let us pray for his swift recovery and return to full health.

Earl Rogers

Marilyn Rogers, a former employee of St. Cabrini Nursing Home and volunteer at Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, asks for prayer for her brother, Earl Rogers, who is hospitalized in California. Earl is suffering with internal bleeding. Please pray that he will be successfully treated and that he will have a successful recovery.

Vickey Zavasnik

Please remember Vickey Zavasnik in your prayers as she is undergoing a cat-T cancer procedure at the Dana Farber Cancer Center in Boston. Pray that the procedure will go well and her treatment will be successful.



In Loving Memory

Evelyn Hoffman

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Evelyn Hoffman, mother of Michael Hoffman, the Chairman of Changing our World. Mrs. Hoffman died suddenly on June 1st at the age of 89, after spending a lovely time with Mike and his family. Up to that time she had continued to be active and was a teacher's aide. Services were held privately. Kindly remember the family as they experience this loss.