



July 16, 2020

ICE Rule for International Students Rescinded

~ Carol Zimmermann, Catholic News Service

On July 14, the Trump administration rescinded a rule it announced eight days ago that would have required international students to transfer or leave the country if their schools held classes entirely online because of the pandemic.

According to the Associated Press, the decision was announced at the beginning of a Boston hearing in a federal lawsuit against the rule by Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). U. S. District Judge Allison Burroughs said federal immigration authorities had agreed to rescind the directive and “return to the status quo.”



U.S. Catholic college and university leaders had joined the nation's higher education community in condemning the policy that would have prevented international students from remaining in or coming to the United States if their colleges used a completely online format in the fall semester due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The temporary final rule – guidance for the Student and Exchange Visitor Program – was issued without notice on July 6 by the U.S. Immigration and

Customs Enforcement (ICE). Two days later, Harvard University and MIT filed a lawsuit against the administration seeking a temporary order to block the administration from enforcing it.

The lawsuit said the goal of the new guidance seemed to be to “create as much chaos for universities and international students as possible.”

The Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, or ACCU, said the government's decision is “not only bad health policy, it is heartless.”

“Allowing all students, regardless of country of origin, to be given equal access to online learning is the fair, sensible and moral thing to do. We can keep students safe and keep these young people on track,” the July 8 statement said.

The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities or AJCU, similarly expressed “grave concern” about this guidance and [had] asked Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf to withdraw it immediately.

The ACCU, whose members are leaders from Catholic colleges and universities across the country, said to send the international students “home, without a degree, would force them to start their lives over simply because a university is trying to keep its faculty and students safe as contagion levels continue to be unpredictable.” To read the entire article click [here](#)



What Would Mother Cabrini Do?

Contemporary Issues – Cabrinian Perspectives

On St. Cabrini’s 170th birthday many Sisters and friends from across the United States “gathered” in a webinar to reflect on the charism of Mother Cabrini and the Missionary Sisters.

Sr. Eileen Currie, MSC presented from Sacred Heart Retreat House in Sedalia Colorado.

In a rich presentation, set within the historic backdrop of the years in which Mother Cabrini lived, Sr. Eileen invited webinar attendees to understand the lens of – Cabrinian - charism as a way to know God in a deep and personal way that also reflects the ‘needs of the times.’ She spoke of Mother’s deep devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which was an integral part of her spiritual formation. Because of her lifelong fragile health, Mother Cabrini took as her lifelong mantra from Philippians, “I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me.”



Sr. Eileen Currie, MSC



Webinar participants

Sr. Eileen shared that – in contemporary terms – Mother Cabrini was a networker. She knew what was going on in the world around her. She went to the people. She listened. She did not have a master plan, but she recognized the plight of people and she did as Jesus did, she was present to them.

When asked what we should do during the pandemic, Sr. Eileen suggested that we listen to what strikes our heart and spirit and act.

Due to the positive response to the summer webinar series Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC, Shrine Director, asked viewers to “stay turned” for more offerings in the fall. ~submitted by Nancy Golen, Cabrini Retreat Center

For those who were unable to attend the webinar it is now available on the National Shrine of St. Frances Cabrini website. Click [here](#)



Birthday Celebration

On Wednesday, July 15, the members of the Holy Spirit Community in Denver participated in the webinar sponsored by the National Shrine of St. Frances X. Cabrini with a presentation by Sr. Eileen Currie, MSC.

Regarding the webinar, Sr. Martha Lopez shared the following:

"Beautiful way to celebrate Mother Francesca's birthday!"

"These meetings and talks deepening our Charism and Spirituality really enchant me as a Junior! We need to continue 'inventing' ways to share, to serve, to love in these times of pandemic."

I am grateful to the Chicago Shrine for having taken the initiative to host this webinar with our beloved Sister Eileen."



Photo left: The Holy Spirit Community in Denver celebrated the 170th birthday of Mother Cabrini by creating a beautiful shrine in her honor.

Photo right: The Sisters also spent the day together enjoying the beautiful scenery in the Colorado Rockies. From left: Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC; Sr. Martha Lopez; MSC novice Tigist Loha and Sr. Alice Zanon, MSC.



On the Move...Please Make a Note

A new room for:

Sr. Mary Ann Hawes, MSC
St. Cabrini Nursing Home
3 North – Room 319
115 Broadway
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

Sr. Mary Ann will continue to use her cell: 215.694.2143

Magical Moments!!

Magical Moments are taking place at Cabrini of Westchester! Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the month of July, family members are able to make an appointment to see their loved ones through the window up close and personal, while speaking via iPads from either side of the door.



Kelly Geoghegan made a beautiful sign and gave a sweet smile to her grandmother Patricia Stanley seen in the photo on the right.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the regulations put into place by the New York State Department of Health, visitors have not been allowed to enter St. Cabrini Nursing Home since March. Although regular updates have been given to all families since the pandemic began, and many have had the opportunity to FaceTime with the residents, these Magical Moments have been so special because the residents are able to see and communicate with their loved ones in person – something they haven't been able to do for nearly four months!



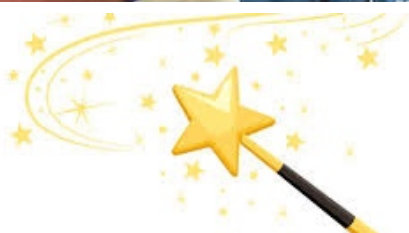
Patricia Stanley waves to her family during her "visit" with them.

The residents and families have been grateful to all the staff who make these reunions possible. We look forward to the day when these families move on from virtual hugs to actual hugs! That day can't come soon enough!

~ submitted by Susan Herceg, Cabrini of Westchester



Photo below: Husband and wife residents, James and Marie Fatigate, beam from ear to ear while speaking with their daughter Carol Brown and son Jay Fatigate in the photo at left. One can only imagine their joy at being able to see one another face to face.



From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...

We continue to explore the different facets of religious life based on the 2020 NRVC-CARA Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life. This week we begin a look at:

A Call to Define Community

~ by Sr. Mary Johnson, SN de N

The NRVC-CARA 2020 *Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life* contains good news for religious life in the United States and beyond. It also contains challenges. This is no surprise because as social science research reveals findings, it also points to implications and inspires people to respond. The results of this study and its implications come at a time of profound pain in the world due to COVID-19 and must be read in that context.

It is incumbent on each Institute to articulate the value that 'community' is for members, and the ways that community is manifest within their Institute.

The good news is that those women and men who entered religious life in the United States between 2003 and 2018 bring many gifts for mission. Prayer and spirituality are very important to them and take a variety of forms. Most new members have previous work experience, and more than half were engaged in ministry of some kind prior to entrance.

The racial breakdown of the newer members is also a gift. They look increasingly like the church and the nation. Another quality they bring is cultural diversity. Almost a quarter of newer members were born outside of the United States (representing 68 countries) and their first language is not English.

And, finally, the newer members bring hope. They hold abundant hope for the future of religious life, fully aware of the challenges confronting it. These new members are entering, being formed, and being missioned at a time unlike anything in recent memory. Their ability to be involved in their congregations' efforts to build solidarity for the sake of the common good –

in the face of COVID-19- is needed more than ever.

One finding in the study that allows the call of Pope Francis for “hospitality, fraternity and solidarity” to be made manifest is the call of the newer members to community. The courage to re-envision community as the creation of new spaces for the living of these virtues is needed today. Both the church and the world need this witness.

On average, about 400 newer members begin the process of initial formation each year in the U.S.; their average age of entrance is 28. One way to prepare for their coming is to individually and communally grapple with the question of how to create and sustain community in this time, especially as we seek to strengthen the bonds of solidarity in the global community. This is a challenging but fruitful exercise of many dimensions.

The definition of community is broad. Many people in our society yearn to feel part of a community, especially now and community can happen in many places – parishes, online, neighborhoods, workplaces and more. Many people find community in multiple places. Newer members are attracted to community living as a distinctive aspect of religious life, that is living together and living a communal and simple lifestyle. In an individualistic society, community is countercultural. New members see community life as a part of the attraction of religious life.

To be continued.



St. Frances Cabrini Shrine

invites you to Mother Cabrini's

Virtual Birthday Party!

Live-streamed Mass from the Shrine at noon on Saturday, July 18

followed by our video birthday card

Join us on our Facebook page [CabriniShrineNYC](#)

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The Update Summer Publication Notice

The final summer edition of The Update
will be published next week on July 23rd.

The Update goes on vacation in August and will return on September 10th.

Prayer requests are welcome at any time at:

Cabrini-news@mothercabrini.org

and will be published on Thursdays
as they are received.

Prayer Requests

Carol Christianson

Our prayers are invited for Carol Christianson, a good friend of Sr. Tommasina Lanski, MSC and many Missionary Sisters, who is experiencing health problems. Please pray for a return to good health for Carol.

Nina Dicsko

Please pray for Nina Dicsko, the niece of Frank Morelli, a benefactor of the St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine, who is very ill. Please pray for her health and well-being.

