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## Pope Francis will take Post-Pandemic Pleas to Global Stage

~ by Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

When he addresses, via video message, the U.N. General Assembly on September 15, Pope Francis is expected to speak about using the coronavirus crisis as an opportunity to rethink economic, political and environmental policies in a way that will benefit humanity and the earth.

Since COVID-19 was officially recognized as a pandemic in early March, the Pope has been urging individuals, organizations and governments to recognize the inequalities the pandemic has highlighted in economics and access to health care and education, as well as the ways current patterns of production and consumption have damaged the environment.

In an interview published on August 27, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican Secretary of State, was asked what principles of Catholic Social Teaching could help the global economy recover from the pandemic and its lockdowns.



Pope Francis in his first address to the U.N.

“COVID-19 not only provoked a health crisis but impacted multiple aspects of human life: the family, politics etc.,” Parolin said. “The broad and interconnected character of the pandemic constantly reminds us of Pope Francis’ observation that ‘everything is connected.’”

“Today the pandemic is giving a tremendous shock to the entire economic and social system and its supposed certainties at all levels. The problems of unemployment are and will be dramatic; the problem of public health require the revolution of entire health and education systems; and the role of states and relations between nations are changing,” Parolin said.

The church feels called to accompany the complicated journey that lies before us all as a human family. She must do so with humility and wisdom, but also with creativity,” Paolin continued. Today’s courageous creativity is more urgent than ever so that the dramatic crisis of the pandemic does not end in terrible tragedy, but opens spaces for the human and ecological conversion that humanity needs,” Parolin said. To read the entire article click [here](#)

**UPDATE:** *It was announced that Pope Francis will travel to Assisi on October 3 to sign an encyclical on the social, political and economic obligations that flow from a belief that all people are children of God and therefore, brothers and sisters to one another. The encyclical is expected to [focus on] preferential option for the poor, universal destination of goods and the obligation of solidarity.*

## Share the Journey...Meet Our Neighbor

My name is Lidia\* and I came to the United States from San Pedro Sula, Honduras. I had to leave my home for many reasons, including abuse from family and strangers as a child, fear of dying from gangs who believe that gay people do not have the right to exist, and a future without opportunities to study.

The biggest hurdle to rebuilding my life is being unable to work to my full capacity. When I was trafficked, I not only had emotional injuries but physical ones too. They [the traffickers] put my life in danger by injecting chemicals into my body. This requires many surgeries [plastic surgery] to remove them. Thanks to the nonprofit organization [Face Forward](#) in Los Angeles, I was able to have several surgeries. Unfortunately, I still need more so that my health improves.



I also received support from [Catholic Charities of Galveston – Houston](#). They helped me economically and emotionally. They did everything in their power to make sure I felt safe and taught me that my life has meaning. It makes me happy that they always treated me with respect, regardless of my sexual orientation. I am still in contact with Catholic Charities through a program that helps me to find work. Due to the world pandemic we are living in, they are also helping me with services like rent and food support.

On the World Day against Trafficking in Persons (July 30), I had a message for people who want to fight this crime. First, you can work to expose the myths. Many people think that victims are only women and lack education. But there are men and boys, and people with formal studies, who are also trafficked. And traffickers are not exclusively men. There are women that exploit people for profit too.

Second, teach children from a very young age how to say safe and to recognize traffickers. You can also help anti-human trafficking organizations, advocate for more therapy services for victims, and do everything you can to let them know that they are not alone. When a person escapes, he or she feels terrible and more alone than anyone else on the planet. To this day, I cannot be by myself. I must leave the light on when I go to sleep. If I don't, I feel like someone is going to enter my room.

My biggest dream is to be completely healthy so I can begin to live my life fully, work and be independent. I want to graduate from nursing school to give back just a little of all that life has given me.

I am very glad there are organizations like Catholic Charities of Houston who care about those most in need. I would also like to give thanks to everyone taking the time to learn and to ask questions. I am grateful to every person in my life that has helped to make it happier. ~ *Justice for Immigrants*

*\*The name has been changed to protect her identity.*

# Catholic Solidarity with Our Brave Hispanic Workers

~ A COMMENTARY by Hosffman Ospino,\* Catholic News Service

The early days of September afford us the opportunity to turn our attention to one of the noblest activities: human labor.

In an ideal world, we work doing what we like. Education puts us closer to that ideal. Millions of people, however, must simply work in whatever job is available to make ends meet. For them a job is a job, and that alone is a blessing.

[In that vein] we bring attention to the many brave Hispanic workers who are the backbone of core industries in the U.S. such as farming, fishing, construction, hospitality, restaurants, child and personal care, cleaning services, medical assistance and mining, among others.



A Mexican migrant workers is pictured picking blueberries at a farm in Lake Wales, Florida. ~ CNS photo/Marco Bello, Reuters

Why speak of these workers as brave? Besides the obvious physical and mental exigencies of these jobs, the current pandemic placed millions of Hispanic workers face-to-face with the highly contagious and lethal COVID-19 virus.

Workers such as doctors, nurses, teachers and others in similar professions are also exposed regularly to this virus. Yet, their industries are more likely to offer safety protections that are not always available to, say, farmers, hotel workers and people performing cleaning services.

It is no secret that workers in mining, farming, service and hospitality industries are often poorly paid. COVID-19, in a matter of months, made tough jobs even tougher. Picking crops, taking care of the elderly in nursing homes, babysitting, cooking and serving in restaurants are tasks that cannot be done remotely. They must be on-site and thus risk everything. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported recently that more than 26% of deaths due to COVID-19 were among those who are Hispanic.

Those Hispanic workers who risk their lives to survive and ensure that our economy thrives must not go unnoticed by our Catholic community. We need to engage in Catholic solidarity with these brave workers. They are our sisters and brothers. With them we are nation and church.

We pray with gratitude for these workers, millions of them immigrants and refugees, and all others who labor every day with love and sacrifice.



*\*Hosffman Ospino is a professor of theology and religious education at Boston College.*

## Cabrini University Alumna Advocates for Immigrant Farmworkers

When the United States began its most stringent COVID-19 lockdown in mid-March, America's food supply workers – from grocery store clerks to farmworkers quickly became some of the country's most essential laborers.

To Cabrini University alumna Meghan Hurley '07, who has served at CATA – The Farmworkers Support Committee in southern New Jersey since 2012, farmworkers were essential personnel long before COVID-19 gripped the globe. Of her work helping mobilize farmworkers in the CATA



Cabrini University alumna Meghan Hurley receives a special commendation.

network to advocate for improved labor conditions before legislators in New Jersey and Washington, D.C., she said, "What we are seeing is not new, but just refocused."

Hurley said that labor legislation has often excluded farmworkers, who are largely people of color and immigrants – including permanent residents and workers on temporary work visas or without documentation. This Cabrini alumna is advocating for at least six pieces of legislation in New Jersey that would provide some economic relief for undocumented immigrants and expand labor protections for farmworkers and many other essential workers, including increased sick days and the right to refuse work in unsafe conditions without fear of retaliation or termination.

"Right now, we are focused on the immediate needs of Latino working communities and pushing for better protections," Hurley said.

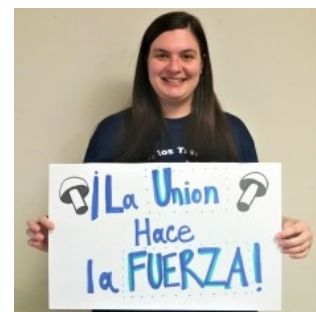
"We call these workers essential but treat them as though they are expendable," she said.

Hurley credits much of her passion for immigrant advocacy work to the experiences she had as a Cabrini undergraduate studying English and Communication. She said Jerry Zurek, PhD, Professor, English and Communications, had a particularly profound impact, helping Hurley foster a passion for social justice and advocacy.

"Meghan's work now for immigrant farmworkers should touch our conscience," Zurek said. "These farmworkers don't earn minimum wage and, if undocumented, haven't received a penny in COVID-19 protection and relief. What Meghan does now is what Mother Cabrini would do if she were here today."

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

~ This article originally appeared on the Cabrini University website. The Update thanks Dr. Zurek and Matt Nestor, Cabrini Marketing and Communications, for bringing Meghan's story to light.



Meghan's sign reads 'union makes a force'.





*we are one family under God*

The White House is currently preparing to set the goal for the number of refugees that will be allowed to be admitted to the United States for the coming fiscal year (FY). This process is called the “Presidential Determination” (PD). Before setting the new refugee

Presidential Determination, the President is required by federal law to consult with the [House](#) and [Senate](#) Judiciary Committees.

Nearly two hundred organizations, including the USCCB and many JFI member organizations, have already sent a letter to President Trump urging him to build back the U.S. resettlement program **by setting a goal of 95,000 refugees.**

Jesus, was part of a refugee family. Refugees contribute greatly to the United States in ordinary times and have continued to contribute as essential workers during the COVID-19 crisis, including 176,000 refugees serving in the healthcare field and 175,000 laboring as part of the food supply chain. Resettlement will continue to be done safely as all refugees must and do undergo medical checks for COVID-like symptoms prior to entering the United States and are required to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.

### **TAKE ACTION**

Join Justice for Immigrants by contacting your Members of Congress to ensure the Trump Administration honors its legal obligation to meaningfully consult with Congress about this year’s refugee admissions level before September 30th and to build back the refugee resettlement program by setting the goal at the historic average of 95,000 refugees allowed to be admitted this year.

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# CABRINI NATIONAL SHRINE 2020 VIRTUAL BENEFIT

The National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini will host its first Virtual Benefit on Thursday, September 24 from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CT. Each year we come together in person to celebrate our beloved Saint, Mother Cabrini and YOU, our loyal and dedicated community. This year we will celebrate virtually from the comfort of home.

Janet Davies from ABC 7 Chicago will be the Emcee for this event and Auctioneer for our Paddle Raise. She will share with you the importance of this year's Benefit and will extend individual gratitude to our supporters.

Our Silent Auction will start at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 17 and bidding for these items ends September 24th at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are complimentary, but don't forget to register. Click on the link below to register and to view some of our silent auction items:

<https://aesbid.com/ELP/CABRINI>

In addition to registering, you can also become a Sponsor for this year's event. Sponsorship is paramount to the Shrine's growth and existence and as a Sponsor you will enjoy unique experiences and hospitality at the Shrine. Click on the link below to learn more about Sponsorship Opportunities:

<https://www.cabrinationalshrine.org/become-a-sponsor> or you can contact our Development Director, Barb Willis at [development@cabrinationalshrine.org](mailto:development@cabrinationalshrine.org) or call 773-360-5746 for sponsorship details.

It is suggested that you watch the event on your tablet, laptop or desktop computer. Smart phones are best used for bidding and donations. When registering, the link to bid will be sent directly to your phone. For updated information on how to view this event, go to our website at [www.cabrinationalshrine.org](http://www.cabrinationalshrine.org)



**COME INSIDE THE SHRINE ON SEPTEMBER 24th  
FOR A HISTORICAL TOUR AND NIGHT TO REMEMBER.  
We look forward to seeing you then!**

# Cabrini University Welcomes the Class of 2024 to Campus with Hybrid Matriculation

Cabrini welcomed the Class of 2024 to campus on Friday, August 28, as first-year students, with the help of their families, took turns moving into East, Woodcrest, and Xavier halls. A total of 389 students—both residential and commuter—were enrolled as part of the Class of 2024 when classes began on August 31.



Students participated in a new move-in process this year, which included capacity limits within each residence hall, as well as campus-wide face mask and social distancing mandates in accordance with Pennsylvania’s COVID-19 social restrictions.

“Morale has been high,” Je La Boulden ’23 said while helping direct students outside of East Hall. “A lot of schools can’t offer Orientation and the events that we’re having. Because we have the advantage of being a small school, it’s a lot easier for us to maneuver and still keep everything safe for the students, parents, faculty, and staff.”

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Chioma Ugochukwu, PhD, addressed Cabrini’s newest students during a [virtual Matriculation address](#) on Friday.



“To our new Cavaliers, I am very proud to officially say, ‘Welcome, Class of 2024,’” she began. “I ask you to keep these questions in mind. How will you contribute your voice? How will you impact your community and your chosen field? How will you share your passion with the world?”

Several upperclassmen then explained, via video, what the University’s core values of Vision, Respect, Community, and Dedication to Excellence mean to them.

Junior Anthony Frasca encouraged students to ask themselves, “How are you going to leave your mark on campus and live with purpose?”

After the address, incoming students gathered in small groups in the Founder’s Hall lobby to sign Cabrini’s Charter of Core Values—an agreement to uphold the University’s core values and a signal of their transition to the next step in their lives. View the Move-In Day 2020 [photo gallery](#). Watch the Matriculation [video](#).

## From the Guadalupe Province Vocation Team...

Despite the restrictions of the pandemic, the Guadalupe Province Vocation Team under the leadership of Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC, has been active throughout the summer having met three times via Zoom. The team remains committed to focusing on creative possibilities for outreach to young adults. Plans are underway in the fall for information sessions and focus groups via Zoom. More details on these events will be forthcoming in the near future.

As stated in the summer edition of HORIZON, the journal of the National Religious Vocations Conference (NRVC), the COVID-19 season of our lives and ministry will last for an undetermined length of time. A great deal about the virus and its impact is simply unknown, including when a vaccine will be available or if a “second wave” will happen. Through it all, vocation ministers will continue to work, pray, listen, unite and hope.

It's a good time to remember the words of Sister Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A., who knew something about the persevering spirit of so many NRVC members: “Sometimes people think they have to do big things in order to make a change. But if each one would light a candle, we'd have a tremendous light.”

~ reported by Carol Schuck Scheiber, HORIZON editor



## Announcing...

*With this edition of The Update we are pleased to launch “The CLM Corner” – an occasional feature which will spotlight the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs) - women and men who desire to live out their Christian Baptismal commitment as a special call from God, in order to grow spiritually, to witness Gospel values, and to be agents of transformation in the world. CLMs commit themselves to embrace and give witness to the love of the Heart of Jesus, according to the living legacy and spirit of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini.*



CLM Director Lorraine Campanelli writes, “We are so happy to have a “CLM Corner” in *The Update*. We will be sharing information about what it means to be a CLM, as well as, featuring updates about the ministries of our CLMs.

We would like to begin by presenting our new logo. It was created by Sr. Susan Greene, RDC, a Sister of the Divine Compassion, who was called home to God on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Sr. Susan was a teacher and an accomplished artist. She was a resident at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY. She loved to share her artwork and talk about what inspired her when she painted a picture. We are pleased that Sr. Susan shared her talent with the Cabrini Lay Missionaries in this special way.

~ Lorraine Campanelli, CLM Director



# Prayer Requests

## ***Danielle***

Prayers are requested by and for Danielle, an alumna of St. Donato School in Philadelphia and Cabrini University. Danielle asks for prayers for her unborn baby whom the doctors suspect has medical issues. Please pray that all will be well with Danielle's pregnancy and her unborn child.

## ***Ellie***

Please unite in prayer for Ellie, a young mother of five children, who is very ill with advanced cancer.

## ***Liz***

Your prayers are asked for Liz, a young mother of two, who is ill with advanced cancer.

# With Grateful Hearts

## ***With abundant thanks...***

A member of the Cabrinian community wishes to thank the Missionary Sisters and all who have been praying for her return to good health. She is doing well and asks that we continue to keep her in our prayers.

# In Loving Memory

## ***For all those who perished on 9.11. 2001***

Tomorrow, we mark the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic events that took place on September 11, 2001. We pray for all the souls that were lost on that day, their families, and the first responders who, heroically, came to aid those in danger.

