



This Sunday is the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees *Forced like Jesus Christ to Flee*

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

Every year the WDMR is the last Sunday of September – this year, on September 27th. As the title for his annual message, the Holy Father has chosen “Forced like Jesus Christ to flee” to focus on the pastoral care of internally displaced people (IDPs). The following are excerpts from the Pope Francis’ message:



At the beginning of this year, I pointed to the tragedy of internally displaced people as one of the challenges of our contemporary world: “Situations of conflict and humanitarian emergencies, aggravated by climate change, are increasing the number of displaced persons and affecting people already living in a state of dire poverty. Many of the countries experiencing these situations lack adequate structures for meeting the needs of the displaced.”

For these reasons, this message is devoted to the drama of internally displaced persons, an often unseen tragedy that the global crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated. In fact, due to its virulence, severity and geographical extent, this crisis

has impacted many other humanitarian emergencies that affect millions of people, which has relegated to the bottom of national political agendas those urgent international efforts essential to saving lives. But this is not a time for forgetfulness. In light of the tragic events that have marked 2020, I would like this message to [also] embrace all those who are experiencing situations of precariousness, abandonment, marginalization and rejection as a result of COVID-19.

During the flight into Egypt, the child Jesus experienced with his parents the tragic fate of the displaced and refugees, “which is marked by fear, uncertainty and unease. Unfortunately, in our own times, millions of families can identify with this sad reality. Almost every day [we hear] news of refugees fleeing from hunger, war and other grave dangers, in search of security and a dignified life for themselves and their families.” In each of these people, forced to flee to safety, Jesus is present as he was at the time of Herod.



We are called to respond to this pastoral challenge with the four verbs I indicated in 2018: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. To these words, I would add another six pairs of verbs that deal with very practical actions. You have *to know* in order *to understand*. It is necessary *to be close* in order *to serve*. In order *to be reconciled*, we need *to listen*. In order *to grow*, it is necessary *to share*. We need *to be involved* in order *to promote*. It is necessary *to cooperate* in order *to build*.



This is not a time for self-centeredness, because the challenge we are facing is shared by all, without distinguishing between persons. To preserve our common home and make it conform more and more to God’s original plan, we must commit ourselves to ensuring international cooperation, global solidarity and local commitment, leaving no one excluded.

To read Pope Francis’ full message click [here](#)

To access videos on the Migrant and Refugee crisis click [here](#)

National Shrine of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini



We are so excited to present to you our first Virtual Benefit **TODAY, Thursday, September 24th at 6:30 p.m. CT**

Together we will celebrate our beloved saint Mother Cabrini and our faithful community.

There will be music, wonderful images, a historical tour of Mother Cabrini’s life in Chicago, a silent auction and paddle raise.

We wish to thank you in advance for joining us for this wonderful celebration.

To access the Shrine website click [here](#)

To view the Benefit live, click on the link below:
<https://aesbid.com/ELP/CABRINI>

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Award Presented in Chicago

Earlier in September during a special Zoom event, Cardinal Cupich presented Sr. Cathy Fedewa, CSFN, Immigrant Outreach Coordinator at Cabrini Retreat Center, with the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Award. This award recognizes a leader in the Immigration Ministry's network who embodies Mother Cabrini's missionary and pastoral spirit in tireless service to immigrants.

A number of the Missionary Sisters attended the ceremony including Sr. Bernadette Anello, Sr. Antonina Avitabile, Sr. Ayantu Bishaka, Sr. Joaquina Costa, Sr. Catherine Garry, Sr. Genet Henok and Sr. Bridget Zanin.

Sr. Cathy's spirit of Mother Cabrini goes beyond any doors and into the community making an everlasting impact on our immigrant sisters and brothers. She brings a wealth of experience and valuable insights as she serves individuals and families through active ministry in schools, parishes, and social agencies. As Coordinator of Immigrant Outreach and Advocacy at the Cabrini Retreat Center in Des Plaines, Illinois, she responds to the challenges immigrants face in new and creative ways.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Award Sr. Catherine Fedewa, CSFN

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She has visited and prayed with detained immigrants at the Broadview Detention Center and tutored a Chinese student through the Aquinas Literacy Center. Sr. Cathy serves on the Board of Bethany House of Hospitality for Women, which offers housing and support services to young immigrant women as they start the path for independence. (The Missionary Sisters also financially support Bethany House.)

Sr. Cathy provided leadership for the Chicagoland *Share the Journey Walk* partnering with the Archdiocese of Chicago, Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the Mother Cabrini League, St. Anthony Hospital and Maryville Academy.

In addition, Sister Cathy is a member of Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants (SBI) and the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants (ICDI), and has blessed Pastoral Migratoria with her many talents on the Immigration Ministry's annual Posada and National Migration Week activities.

~ submitted by Nancy Golen, Executive Director, Cabrini Retreat Center

We extend our congratulations to Sr. Cathy along with our gratitude for her dedication to the immigrant community of Chicago and beyond.

If you would like to contact Sr. Cathy: cathyfedewa@gmail.com

Nuns on the Bus Hit the Virtual Road Re: US Presidential Election

~ by Dan Stockman, *Global Sisters Report*

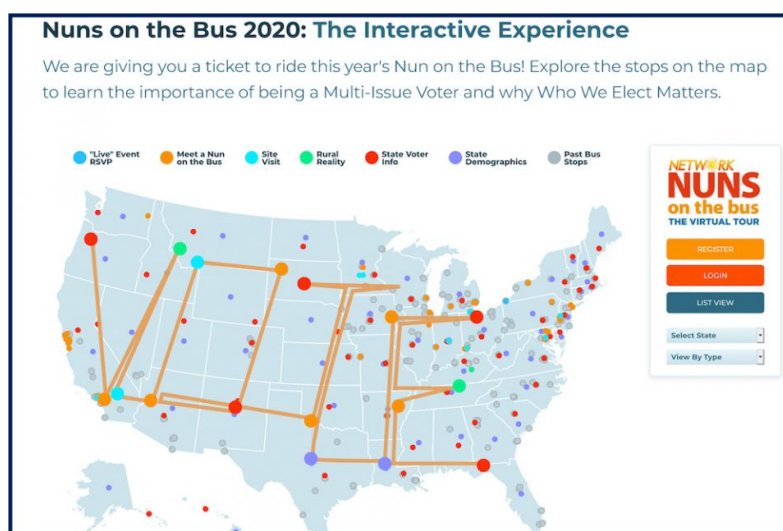
The Nuns on the Bus are getting a sort of staycation this year, running a bus tour of the country that will take place entirely online.

[Network](#), a Catholic social justice lobby, announced that the tour, which runs from September 23 to October 23, will be entirely in cyberspace because of the risk of transmitting the coronavirus.

“We may be crazy, but I am excited about it,” said Social Service Sr. Simone Campbell, the Executive Director of Network.

[Nuns on the Bus](#) began in 2012 as a cross-country bus tour to raise awareness of income inequality and the working poor, barnstorming through political battleground states. This will be the seventh tour.

“When you look at the church’s teaching, it is always linked to life issues like care for the poor and the marginalized, care for the Earth.” Voters following Catholic Social Teaching need to consider issues such as racism and white supremacy, xenophobia and economic inequality,” said Sr. Simone



While there are certainly drawbacks to not boarding an actual bus and meeting people across the country, Campbell said, there are also benefits to having an online version: Sisters can participate without committing to a week of bus travel and can pick which events best fit their schedules. And since it is virtual, nuns are not the only people who can get on the bus.



Sr. Simone Campbell

“Everybody can be on the bus this time,” she said. “That’s the cool part.”

Campbell said building community is another reason to host a tour, despite the technical challenges it presents: Much of the political and social divides in the United States fall along geographic lines between urban and rural voters.

“If we believe in democracy, we need everybody’s voice in the conversation,” Campbell said.

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

Sr. Norma Pimentel named one of Time's 100 most influential people of 2020

The front page story of last week's *Update* focused on the desperation of the asylum seekers at the Mexican border. Sr. Norma Pimentel works faithfully among these people. This week she was named one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people in the world. In a Facebook message she gave credit to all those who work with her in the Diocese of Brownsville, TX, in "restoring human dignity to those in need. When we see human suffering, we cannot turn our backs, we must respond." ~ *Global Sisters Report*

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



Prayer Requests

Sherry Becht

Please unite in prayer for Sherry Becht, a former Holy Spirit library staff member at Cabrini University who will be undergoing surgery soon. Please pray for a successful procedure and a complete recovery from her shoulder surgery.

Jessica

A former Cabrini University staff member is requesting prayers for her niece Jessica who is undergoing a double mastectomy. Please keep Jessica in your prayers for a successful procedure and recovery.

Debbie Kavourias

Please remember in your prayers, Debbie Kavourias, who is recovering from a heart attack. Debbie is a friend of many in the Cabrini community and is a graduate of Mother Cabrini High School where she was vice principal for many years. We are certain Debbie would be grateful for our prayerful accompaniment.



Millie McMullen

Kindly remember Millie McMullen, a friend of a Cabrini University staff member, in your prayers as she copes with a recurrence of cancer. Pray that her treatment will be successful and that she will be restored to full health. Millicent will be most grateful for our prayers.

Marla Stamer Nowry

Please unite in prayer for Marla, the wife of Sr. Arlene Van Dusen's nephew, who will begin chemotherapy today. Pray for her strength and stamina throughout her course of treatment.

In Loving Memory

Tamara

Please pray for the repose of the soul Tamara, the grandniece of Sr. Martha Nidia, MSC, who died of meningitis at the tender age of 9 months on September 21st. Please pray for her family and for Sr. Martha Nidia.