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## Parents of 545 Children Separated at U.S.- Mexico Border Still Can't Be Found

~ Mark Katkov, NPR News

Despite a federal judge's order that the government reunite families who had been separated at the U.S.-Mexico border under the Trump administration's "no tolerance" migration policy, the parents of 545 children still can't be found, according to a court document filed Tuesday by the U.S. Justice Department and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Thousands of families were separated under the policy before the Trump administration ended the practice in 2018. The ACLU successfully sued the government, winning a court order to reunite families. Thousands of parents and children were reunited within weeks.

But about 1,000 families who had been separated in a pilot program in 2017 were not covered by the initial court order — reunification of this group was ordered only last year. The passage of time has made finding both parents and children more difficult.



David Xol of Guatemala hugs his son Byron as they were reunited at L.A. International Airport last January. They were separated for 18 months. ~ Photo Credit: Ringo H.W. Chiu/AP

"What has happened is horrific," says Lee Gelernt, deputy director of the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project, who has been leading the litigation. "Some of these children were just babies when they were separated. Some of these children may now have been separated for more than half their lives. Almost their whole life, they have not been with their parents."

The update on reunification efforts was filed ahead of a status conference scheduled for Thursday before U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw in San Diego.

The filing estimates that two-thirds of the separated parents are believed to have returned to their home countries. Nongovernmental groups appointed by the court have "engaged in time consuming and arduous on-the-ground searches for parents in their respective countries of origin," according to

the filing, but those efforts were halted by the coronavirus pandemic and are only now resuming in limited fashion.

NPR's Joel Rose reports that the children initially went into a shelter system before being placed with sponsors across the country and that many will likely try to remain in the United States. The ACLU's Gelernt says about 360 of the children still have not been located.

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## Pope Francis: “Cruelty of the Highest Form”

~ by J.D. Long-Garcia, *AMERICA Magazine*

Pope Francis called the Trump Administration policy of separating children at the border “cruelty of the highest form” in a new documentary that premiered in Rome today.

It’s cruelty, and separating kids from parents goes against natural rights,” the Pope says in the documentary “Francesco”. It’s something a Christian cannot do. It’s cruelty of the highest form.”

Under the Trump administration, U.S. border enforcement officials began separating children from their parents as early as 2017, according to the Associated Press. The administration implemented a zero-tolerance policy in May 2018, leading to more than 2,700 children being separated from their parents in less than a month. That June, a U.S. district judge ordered an end to the practice. Yet,



Javier from Honduras kisses his 4-year old son William after they were separated for 55 days.  
CNS photo/Lucas Jackson Reuters

today, three years after being separated [545 children have still not been united with their parents](#), according to court appointed lawyers.

“We know that the separation of children was a willful and calculated strategy to weaponize against vulnerable migrants at the border the most sacred thing they had – their family,” Dylan Corbett, the executive director of Hope Border Initiative, said in an email to **America**.

The revelation that years later we still have not been able to reunite hundreds of families points to the lasting and irreversible damage of this awful moment of moral darkness in our nation’s history,” he said.

“We need to remember, to make amends and end the

cruel strategies of deterrence against migrants in every form they take.”

Ashley Feasley, the Director of Migrant Policy and Public Affairs at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said that while separations from children and parents happened on occasion under the Bush and Obama administration, the Trump administration policy is different. “This has been large scale and strategic and intentional,” she said.

The Trump administration also had no plan to reunite the children with their parents, and they have yet to establish a tracking system to keep track of children, Ms. Feasley said. She noted that Lutheran and Catholic agencies worked together to [reunite 1,500 families](#) in 2018. Yet, Ms. Feasley said, many of those families suffer ongoing mental health problems stemming from the traumatic separation experience.

“They knew they had no way to ensure that families could be reunited and moved forward anyway,” she said. “It was calculated to wreak havoc on families’ lives. And it did.”

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

## Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC Honored with Trustee of the Year Award

**Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC**, long time board member of Cabrini of Westchester, was honored with the **Trustee of the Year award from LeadingAge New York**, part of a national association of 5,500 not-for-profit organizations. This prestigious award is given in recognition of trustees who have served with distinction and made significant contributions to the betterment of services for the aged and infirmed. Sr. Catherine would have been presented with the award earlier this year, but due to the social distance restrictions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was presented to her on October 20, 2020 after a special Mass in Cabrini of Westchester's chapel.



Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC receives her Trustee of the Year award from Patricia Krasnauskas, President and CEO of Cabrini of Westchester.



A special Mass was held in Cabrini of Westchester's chapel to recognize Sr. Catherine Garry's commitment to the nursing home.

Sr. Catherine's extensive career includes teaching and serving as principal in several schools, administering a retreat center and serving as a Trustee at Columbus-Cuneo-Cabrini Hospitals in Chicago. She has also held the position of Provincial of the

Missionary Sisters and remains on the Boards of Cabrini of Westchester and Mother Cabrini High School in New Orleans.

Sr. Catherine has always demonstrated a deep commitment to Cabrini of Westchester's residents, clients and staff and has provided guidance as a trustee in many areas including her expertise in by-laws of the corporation, the effects of canon and civil law, and most importantly, the essence of the mission of the organization.




Sr. Catherine offers remarks after the reception of the prestigious award.

“It is my privilege to present this award to Sr. Catherine on behalf of LeadingAge, the Board of Trustees, the residents and employees to thank her for all she has done for Cabrini of Westchester,” said Patricia Krasnausky, President and CEO of Cabrini of Westchester. “Sister is an inspiration to us all and I am grateful for her steady and committed presence.”

Upon receipt of the award, Sr. Catherine shared the following: “Coming to Cabrini of Westchester for meetings and to see the residents is high spot in my life. You have been as supportive to me as I have been to you. Thank you very much for this award.” ~ submitted by Susan Hecceg, Cabrini of Westchester

*Warm Congratulations, Sr. Catherine, on a well-deserved honor!*

Cabrini Day  
2020



COVID-19 &  
Human Dignity

NOVEMBER 10, 2020

**CABRINI**  
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**Cabrini Day 2020** is unique in context and delivery. For the first time, students will deliver the keynote address, and all Cabrini Day presentations will be virtual.

The theme, **COVID-19 and Human Dignity**, acknowledges the current moment and the challenges we face during an ongoing pandemic. It also recognizes the power of our community to come together to fight for and preserve human dignity.

**STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**  
10am-Noon | Live Stream  
October 31: Deadline to submit research projects

Submit your presentations to [CabriniDay2020@cabrini.edu](mailto:CabriniDay2020@cabrini.edu). The email subject line should include the topic of your presentation.

This year, digital presentations using a power point or other slide-based formats are preferred over posters, if possible. To present, students will need internet connectivity (preferably high-speed) and a web camera.

VISIT  
[CABRINI.EDU/CABRINIDAY](http://CABRINI.EDU/CABRINIDAY)  
for more information on possible topics.

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY STUDENTS**  
1pm-2pm | Hyflex Delivery  
October 20: Deadline to apply to be a keynote speaker

Write a paragraph and/or make a one-minute video (preferably both) on why you want to be a keynote speaker and how your presentation will connect to COVID-19 and Human Dignity. Email your paragraph and/or video to [CabriniDay2020@cabrini.edu](mailto:CabriniDay2020@cabrini.edu). Include your major and graduation year.

Five or six students will be selected to speak for 10 minutes each.

# COVID-19 has Exacerbated Human Trafficking

~ Chris Herlinger, Global Sisters Report

In addition to eliminating jobs, halting and slowing travel, and disrupting food pipelines, the coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated the problem of human trafficking said experts gathered at an October 14 symposium entitled: “Combating Human Trafficking: Action in a Time of Crisis” sponsored by the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See and held at the International Union of Superiors General in Rome.



Declaring human trafficking “a stain on all of humanity,” said Calista Gingrich, the U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See. She further said that human trafficking “is impervious to our current health crisis. It invades borders, destroys communities, and robs millions of their human dignity.”

In many communities, Gingrich said, “exploitation, abuse and modern slavery are on the rise. Countless victims, especially women and children, face growing threats. As the economic fallout of this pandemic continues, additional men, women and children are likely to become victims of forced labor and sex trafficking.”



Sr. Patricia Murray

Photo credit CNS/Courtesy of International Union of Superiors General

She said that amidst the troubling signs, alliances focused on ending the exploitation of human can make a difference. She hailed the work of Catholic sisters, church-based humanitarian [groups] and law enforcement and said the shared concern about human trafficking is a “cornerstone” of the relationship between the U.S. embassy and the Holy See.”

In her remarks, Loreto Sister Patricia Murray, IUSG executive secretary noted that the United Nations has said the pandemic will likely cause an estimated 34.3 million people “to fall below the extreme poverty line” this year alone with over half that increase to happen in African countries. That has made people desperate for ways to support themselves and their families and has

opened the opportunity for exploitation by traffickers.

Murray quoted Pope Francis’ declaration earlier this year that the financial gain from trafficking amounts to “blood money” and described trafficking as an “open wound on the body of contemporary society.”

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

To access a PDF with Missionary Sisters’ Corporate Stance on Human Trafficking click [here](#)

## Cabrini University Graduate Named Pennsylvania Principal of the Year

Matthew Moyer (MEd'02) has been named Pennsylvania's Distinguished National Principal by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP). Moyer, who earned a Master of Education with a Principal's Certification at Cabrini, recently began his 16th year as Principal at Rupert Elementary School in Pottstown.

Moyer attended Rupert Elementary as a child and has a strong desire to give back to his community—a community that has seen vast socioeconomic changes since his childhood.

“Pottstown had a lot of blue-collar workers when I was a kid, and then those jobs left, and the town changed a lot,” Moyer said, indicating that high poverty affects part of the area. “I feel drawn to helping the kids and helping this area.”

Moyer said the Distinguished Principal award, which is peer-nominated and recognizes principals serving students in Pre-K through grade 8, is a testament to the accomplishments of his entire staff.

Together, they wear “many hats” in an “underfunded, small district,” he said. Moyer is particularly proud of Pottstown School District's Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Program that he introduced 10 years ago and currently leads while serving as the district's Safety Coordinator. The program includes internationally standardized intervention training with de-escalation tactics.

“I feel good about that,” he said, “because if you can't provide a safe school, you can't provide a quality education.” ~ submitted by Matt Nestor, Cabrini University Marketing and Communications To read the entire account click [here](#)



Matt Moyer (MEd '02)

## From the Guadalupe Province Vocation Team...



Sr. Barbara O'Kane

The Delaware Valley Member Area of the National Religious Vocations Conference held its most recent meeting – via Zoom – on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

With the theme 2020 - A Leap of Faith, the morning session was a workshop presented by Sr. Barbara O'Kane, MPF on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as it pertains

to vocation ministry. Session One was entitled “Everything is Different” and Session Two was entitled “Jesus Christ Remains the Same”. Sr. Barbara's presentation was an uplifting and intentionally lighthearted way in which to approach the hurdles vocation ministers have encountered during this time of COVID. A business meeting followed. Productive meetings are taking place for Hispanic vocation ministry with the new Archbishop of Philadelphia Nelson Perez.





Cabrini University is pleased to announce the virtual showing of



Human Trafficking Awareness Award-Winning Documentary  
**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 ECG200 Voice Voiceless Anti Human Trafficking Class

**Wednesday, November 18 – 6:30 pm**  
**Virtual ZOOM Event**

*“California’s Forgotten Children’ is a feature documentary about child sex trafficking. The film recounts the 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.”*

**Join us and bring a friend!**

We will be accepting e-gift card donations

To send an e-gift card please contact Karol Brewer at [cabrininformation@mothercabrini.org](mailto:cabrininformation@mothercabrini.org)  
or call: 610-902-1038

**Questions about the event?**

Call the Barbara and John Jordan Center – 610-902-8466

Email: [jordancenter@cabrini.edu](mailto:jordancenter@cabrini.edu)

Thank you for your consideration,  
Colleen Lelli, Cindy Ross and Karol Brewer

# Prayer Requests

*Through the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) the Missionary Sisters received the following request to pray for peace during the upcoming election:*

Dear Sisters [and friends],

With the recent increase of protests and violence in our country, a need for peace is emerging for the remaining days before election day. This is an invitation to join the School Sisters of Notre Dame in a **collaborative day of prayer on November 3**. We believe there is an urgent need in our country as the political discourse continues to incite and divide us. With your congregation [and lay collaborators] we would like to promote unity, through prayer, for peace on Election Day.



Please choose an hour on November 3 for your congregation to pray specifically for peace in our country, for the safety of all poll workers and the safety of those who are voting on that day.

Sr. Debra M. Sciano, SSND    Sr. Charmaine Krohe, SSND

*Therefore, the MSCs invite our Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs), Cabrini Companions, lay collaborators, board members and friends to select an hour of election day to devote to prayer for peace. Thank you for joining with us and the School Sisters of Notre Dame in this prayerful initiative.*

## ***Greg Buczacki, Jr.***

Please unite in prayer for 17-year old high school senior Greg Buczacki, Jr, as he copes with liver disease. Please pray for a resolution to his health issues and for a speedy recovery. He and his family would be most grateful for your prayers.

# In Loving Memory

## ***John Dale***

It is with great sorrow that the Cabrini University community mourns the sudden passing of John Dale, the husband of the late, beloved former Alumni Director Martha Dale. John passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. John, a gentleman and scholar, was every bit as much a member of the Cabrini University community as was Martha. Our prayers and heartfelt condolences go out to the Dale and Anderson Families at this time of their loss. John's funeral services will be held on this Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. He will be greatly missed by all who enjoyed his friendship.

## ***James Garner***

Kindly pray for the repose of the soul of James Garner, the father of Cath Garner of Cabrini Health, Australia. Mr. Garner was 91 years of age. He passed away peacefully with his family at his side. Please remember Cath and her family in your prayers at this sad time.