



November 5, 2020

'People are raw': Sisters Reflect on Post-Election Life

~ by Dan Stockman ~ by Soli Salgado ~ by Chris Herlinger, Global Sisters Report

The following article was written on Monday, November 2nd. As The Update goes to press the winner of the Presidential Election has not yet been determined. Ballots continue to be counted in several pivotal states.

Whatever the results of the election, Americans will have to find a way to live together. And politicians won't solve all problems, several sisters told the Global Sisters Report.

"Everybody's thinking of this election in apocalyptic terms, that it's a choice between life and death," said Sr. Marcia Hall, Vocation Director of the Oblate Sisters of Providence.

Even if things go smoothly with the election, Sr. Hall said the United States is in the midst of both a global pandemic and deep-seated racial tensions. "We won't all be holding hands and singing 'Kumbaya' no matter who wins...It's going to take more than the election for us to start talking about coming together," she said.



Sr. Marcia Hall

Building bridges takes dialogue, listening

Sr. Barbara Nicholas of the Loretto Community wrote to the Global Sisters Report saying that in discussing the pre-election landscape with members of her community, a clear consensus emerged.

"We know what everyone knows: in our country, half of us will be relieved and very optimistic with the outcome; half of us will stand in disbelief that so many could have chosen the [wrong] candidate. So where we go as a country will depend on what motivates us to move forward. We want to have confidence that the newly elected leaders will see that every decision they make is made on behalf of the wellbeing of all us citizens."

Conversations around kitchen tables and friend circles need to change entirely if Americans are to mend relationships, said Sister of St. Joseph Carol Zinn, Executive Director of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR). Zinn said she is struggling with the simultaneous emotions this era has stirred - "I don't know how I can weep with the heartache and weep out of absolute fury that we have arrived at this point."

Sr. Maribeth Larkin, Superior of the Sisters of Social Service said, "There has to be room for empathy for the other's perspective. If we could have conversations that are not deeply embedded in our resentments, we could really listen and be open to understanding where the other is coming from. We're in this together."

Sr. Eileen McKenzie, Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, said it is in times of uncertainty, fear and darkness when God is moving in our lives. "Cooperate with God in that. That's a grace. The times just look really dark, but God works profoundly in those times."

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

175 CONGREGATIONS OF WOMEN RELIGIOUS PRAYED FOR PEACE ON ELECTION DAY

Sisters offer perpetual prayers for 24 hours

More than 175 congregations of women religious, including the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, prayed for peace for 24 hours on Election Day, November 3, 2020.

The idea originated following a day of prayer for the provincial council of the School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province (SSNDCP). Sister Mary Kay Brooks, council member, said, "Toward the end of the day our facilitator asked, 'Which needs are immediate and which ones are ongoing?' I went back to our vision statement and read "responding to urgent needs and living the Gospel call to justice and peace. I was overwhelmed with the call for peace, especially as we inch our way toward election day on November 3."

The idea began to form, said Sister Mary Kay, "Could we not band together as women religious from around the country and pray for peace on November 3? There is a plethora of material for the days before the election and even after, but not much of anything for the day of the election."

A joint letter from the provincials of the Central Pacific Province and Atlantic-Midwest Province was sent to each member of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) inviting them to collaborate with SSND in praying for peace in our country, safety for poll workers and safety for those voting on November 3. To date, more than 120 congregations have agreed to pray around the clock on Election Day.

"We encourage Sisters, associates, family, friends and ministry partners to join the congregations in prayer throughout the day to continue building this community of peace and unity," said Sister Mary Kay. "As women religious, we pray for urgent needs throughout the world; let us be a visible sign of that gift which has been entrusted to us."



Prayer for Peace

God of all, in this year of election, in these days of discernment,

IGNITE us with the fire of your love.

ENFLAME our hearts with courage to embrace dialogue that transforms, and truth that frees.

KINDLE our love with kindness to heal divisions and reconcile relationships.

LIGHT our imaginations with insight to envision and create a world where we all are one.

STIR our actions with justice and peace to engage critical concerns and cherish all of life.

FIRE our lives with audacity and hope to risk all for God's mission.

~ Roxanne Schares, SSND
General Superior



BROADWAY, FILM & TV STARS CHAZZ & GIANNA PALMINTERI

recognized at CABRINI MISSION FOUNDATION RECEPTION

NEW YORK – Academy Award nominee Chazz Palminteri, whose career spans more than 35 years on Broadway, and in notable film and television roles, and his wife, Gianna, herself an acclaimed actress and producer, were thanked by the Cabrini Mission Foundation, at a reception at the Bedford Playhouse in Westchester, NY.

The Palminteris, who reside in Bedford, have long been active in Italian American, Catholic and community causes. In 2019, their daughter Gabriella wanted to help immigrant families at the border and led a high school project that collected toothbrushes and toiletries for those in need. She donated the supplies to the Cabrini Mission Foundation and through that process, her parents were introduced to the organization and the important work it does around the world.

Since that time, Chazz and Gianna have become well-known supporters of the charisma and work of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the first Italian American and U.S. Citizen to be canonized a Saint by the Roman Catholic Church.

“The story of Mother Cabrini has been so inspiring to me and

my family. As a proud Catholic and Italian American, I am honored to support the Cabrini Mission Foundation whose work is critical to uplifting the lives of so many people around the globe, particularly during these difficult times,” said Chazz Palminteri. “More recently, when Mother Cabrini was nominated for a statue, I joined my close friend Philip Foglia to advocate for it. I was glad to play a role in seeing it recently erected.”

“My husband and I are grateful to the Foundation for this recognition and allowing us to help them in their important work. We are so proud of our children who share in our commitment to our faith and community and were the reason we were able to connect with the Cabrini Mission Foundation in the first place,” said Gianna Palminteri.

Chazz Palminteri, is most recently known for Academy Award nomination for acting, writing and producing *A Bronx Tale*. Throughout his heralded career, he has appeared in numerous movies, Broadway productions and popular television series like *Law & Order: SVU*; *Blue Bloods*, *Modern Family* and *Kojak*.



The Missionary Sisters and the Cabrini Mission Foundation extended gratitude to Chazz Palminteri (l.) and his wife Gianna (3rd.r) at a recent reception. Welcoming the Palminteris were from left: Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial; Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, CMF Chair; Sr. Lucille Souza, MSC, CMF Board member; and CMF Executive Director Christopher LaBianco.

“The Palminteris are shining examples of a family stepping up in these challenging times to help those less fortunate. COVID-19 has only accelerated the level of assistance that immigrants and those who are in need have today. We are so thankful for their enduring support and encouragement,” said Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who serves as chairwoman of the Cabrini Mission Foundation.”

“Chazz and Gianna have been incredible supporters of our foundation, especially this year, as our programs and services are stretched due to the pandemic,” said Cabrini Mission Foundation Executive Director Christopher LaBianco. “We were so happy we could recognize them for their generous service and help during these critical times and look forward to honoring them at our Gala in 2021.”

~ submitted by Christopher LaBianco, CMF Executive Director

COVID Begets an Outpouring of Kindness

It’s hard to imagine anything good coming from COVID, but I have to admit that if there is one positive thing, it is to have more time to reflect and see how people are sharing their goodness and love with so many others.



Envelopes that contain food vouchers were presented to Cabrini Immigrant Services in Dobbs Ferry, NY.

I have seen so much goodness over these past few months. November, the month of Thanksgiving draws my attention to the Gospel of St. Matthew, (Chapter 25 verses 35, 37 and 40). We are reminded that we must feed the hungry and give something to drink to those who thirst. As we begin the new month, another blessing has come to Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, NY.

Westchester County created the ‘Community Table Partnership Program,’ which awarded grants to help local restaurants recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and also to help families struggling with food insecurity. The Rivertowns Chamber of Commerce is administering this program which is assisting people and restaurants in the villages of Ardsley, Hastings-on-Hudson and Dobbs Ferry.

CIS is so grateful to be chosen as one of the places that will receive food vouchers. Thanks to Michelle Adams, a local restaurant owner and a member of the Rivertowns Chamber of Commerce, 51 CIS families will be receiving food vouchers. A special thank you to our local participating restaurants: Harper’s Restaurant and Bar, and Piccola Trattoria, in Dobbs Ferry; L’Inizio in Ardsley; GoSo Meats and Noodles, and River Grille, both in Irvington, all Rivertowns in New York.

~ submitted by: Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS, Dobbs Ferry, NY



Raising Awareness about Human Trafficking

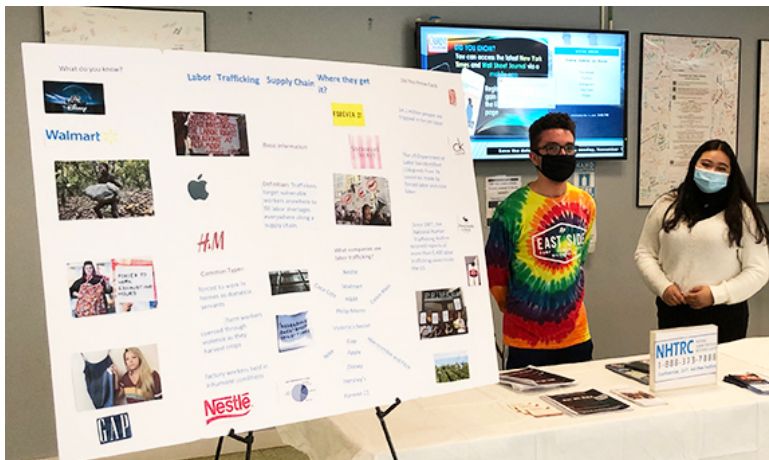


Image above: On Tuesday, November 10, Cabrini University will observe Cabrini Day. A walk on campus will be held to focus a spotlight on the horrors of human trafficking.

Photo left: Cabrini University students Patrick Heavey (l.) and Joana Cainglet from the ECG 200 class Voices for the Voiceless: Anti-Human Trafficking staff an information table in Founders Hall on campus. They are drawing students awareness to the scourge of human trafficking and asking them to get involved in anti-trafficking initiatives.



THE BARBARA AND JOHN JORDAN
CENTER FOR CHILDREN OF
TRAUMA AND DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE EDUCATION

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 cabriniformation@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

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

St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine, NYC

St. Frances Cabrini Feast Day Celebrations The Patron Saint of Immigrants

FRI, SAT & SUN November 13-15, 2020


FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 12:00 Feast Day Mass		VIERNES, 13 DE NOVIEMBRE 12:00 Misa de la fiesta
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 12:00 Italian Mass 3:00pm Filipino Mass 5:30pm Mass for Health Care Workers		SABADO, 14 DE NOVIEMBRE 12:00 Misa en italiano 3:00pm Misa filipina 5:30pm Misa para trabajadores de salud
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 11:00am English Mass Celebrant Bishop Gerald Walsh 3:00pm Spanish Mass		DOMINGO, 15 DE NOVIEMBRE 11:00am Misa en inglés Celebrante Obispo Gerald Walsh 3:00pm Misa en español


Chapel Tours - Music - Veneration of St. Cabrini Relic
Visita de la Capilla - Musica - Veneración de la reliquia
All Masses live-streamed on [www.Facebook.com/CabriniShrineNYC](https://www.facebook.com/CabriniShrineNYC)

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Cabrini Day
2020

NOVEMBER 10, 2020





COVID-19 & Human Dignity

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.

Cabrini Day 2020

To learn more,
please visit
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Save the Dates

for a Compelling Webinar Series on Immigration:

“Dreaming of a Single Human Family”

Sponsored by:
The National Shrine of St. Frances X. Cabrini, Chicago, IL
In collaboration with
The Cabrini Retreat Center, Des Plaines, IL

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021

9:00 am MST/10:00 am CST/11:00 am EST

**“Themes from the Life and Spirituality of Mother Cabrini,
Patroness of Immigrants”**

Presenters:

Nicholas Rademacher, PhD

Dr. Rademacher is professor and chair of Religious Studies at Cabrini University. His teaching and scholarship focus on historical and contemporary expressions of Catholicism in the United States. A published author of journals and books, he serves as Vice President of the American Catholic Historical Society and recently completed service on the historical commission for cause for canonization of Fr. William Atkinson, OSA. Dr. Rademacher can be reached via nr725@cabrini.edu

Michelle Sherman, MA

Michelle Sherman is the Campus Minister for Retreats at Villanova University. A former Cabrini Mission Corps missionary at Mother Cabrini H.S. in NYC, she is honored to contribute to this important Cabrini series. She holds a BA in Humanistic Studies from St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, IN; a MA in Theology and Certification in Lay Ministry from Villanova University; and Certification in Spiritual Direction from the Cranleith Spiritual Center. Ms. Sherman can be reached at michelle.sherman@villanova.edu

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

9:00 am MST/10:00 am CST/11:00 am EST

“The Center on Immigration: Challenges in Migration and a Cabrinian Response”

Presenter:

Abel Rodriguez, JD ('01)

Abel Rodriguez is Director of the Center on Immigration and Assistant Professor of Religion, Law and Social Justice at Cabrini University. His scholarship, teaching and advocacy focus on migrant justice. He is an expert and frequent presenter on immigration policy and the intersection of criminal and immigration law. Rodriguez earned a Juris Doctor at U. of Penn, a Masters of Theological Studies at Harvard, and a Master of Arts in Latin American Studies at Stanford, and a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish at Cabrini College.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021

9:00 am MST/10:00 am CST/11:00 am EST

“Immigration from the Perspective of the Cabrinian Charism, on a local, national and international level.

Highlighting the focus of Cabrini University Wolfington Center”

Presenter:

Raymond Ward, PhD

Ray Ward is the Director of the Wolfington Center at Cabrini University. He serves as an advisor to several student-run organizations and also teaches the Faith, Service and Advocacy and College Success Seminars.



Further details on the series will be provided in the upcoming weeks.
Please be sure to mark your calendars.

November 13th is Mother Cabrini's Feast Day

Please join with us
in praying the
Novena to Mother Cabrini.
In these uncertain times,
she will be a powerful intercessor
for us.
To access the novena,
click [here](#)



Prayer to Mother Cabrini, Patron Saint of Immigrants

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini,
woman of God, disciple of Christ,
you offered the people you met the gifts of life and love
by responding to their physical, emotional
and spiritual needs in practical and creative ways.
Inspired by your confidence in God
and your compassion, love and sense of justice,
we ask you to accompany us as we work
to respond to the urgent needs of our sisters and brothers
fleeing their home countries in search of refuge and peace.

Teach us. Pray for us. Amen.

—Sr. Sharon Casey, MSC, Cabrini Health

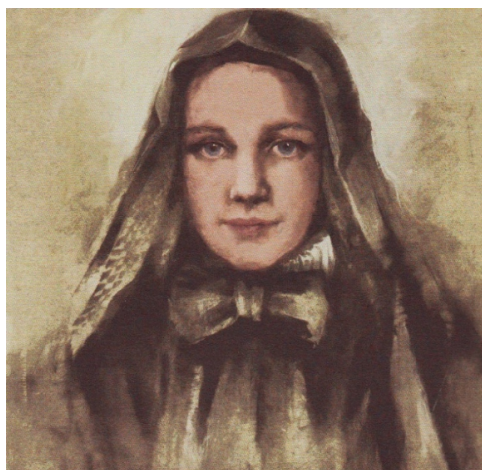
“MOTHER CABRINI”

the movie that made its debut last year
will be shown once again on

Saturday, November 7 at 8 pm EST

on EWTN

Thanks to Sr. Renee Kittelson, MSC for this reminder.



Prayer Requests

John and Cathy Fruscione

Please unite in prayer for John and Cathy Fruscione who both are dealing with the COVID virus. John is the nephew of Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC. Please pray that they each experience a quick and complete recovery.

Joanne Huey

Kindly unite in prayer for Mrs. Huey, the mother of Lechia Taylor, the wife of Cabrini University President Dr. Donald Taylor. Mrs. Huey suffered a major stroke over the weekend. Please pray that she will be comforted at this time and will soon recover. Dr. and Mrs. Taylor would be grateful for your prayers.

Hurricane Eta

Hurricane Eta made landfall on Tuesday afternoon as a strong 140 mph Category 4 hurricane in Nicaragua, making it the strongest hurricane to strike that country since 2007. The storm produced intense amounts of rainfall and relentless winds for hours. The Missionary Sisters have a presence in Nicaragua and in Guatemala. Please pray for the Sisters and the people of Central America as they recover from this storm.

Sr. Stephanie Kabacinski, MSC

Kindly remember Sr. Stephanie in your prayers. She is in the hospital at this time dealing with an infection. We pray that all goes well and that in a few days she will return to St. Cabrini Nursing Home.



Continued Prayers for...

Sr. Tommasina Lanski, MSC and Sr. Veronica Piccone, MSC

Sr. Tommasina continues to recover from major surgery – please keep her and Sr. Veronica Piccone, MSC in your thoughts and prayers as they adjust to their new mission and surroundings at St. Cabrini Nursing Home. They would be grateful for our prayerful accompaniment.

In Loving Memory

Robert Hickey Jr.

Who passed away on October 30th. Robert is the husband of Coleen Hickey, special aide to some of our sisters at St. Cabrini Nursing Home. Let us hold Coleen and her daughters, Michelle and Tina and their families in our prayers during this time.