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THE UPDATE

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TODAY is EARTH DAY



Human Selfishness is Creating Millions of Climate Change Refugees

~ by Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Whether people admit it or not, climate change and environmental destruction are forcing millions from their homes, and Catholics have a responsibility to assist them Pope Francis wrote in the preface to a new document.

“When people are driven out because their local environment has become uninhabitable, it might look like a process of nature, something inevitable,” the Pope wrote. “Yet the deteriorating climate is very often the result of poor choices and destructive activity, of selfishness and neglect, that set humankind at odds with creation, our common home.”

The papal preface appears in “Pastoral Orientations on Climate Displaced People.” A document released March 30 by the Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

In addition to offering parishes, dioceses and national bishops’ conferences suggestions for offering pastoral care to people forced to move because of rising sea levels, desertification and increasingly strong storms, the document encourages Catholics to study and track climate change and to change their lifestyles to help mitigate some of its effects.

“The climate crisis has been unfolding since the Industrial Revolution,” Pope Francis wrote. “For a long time, it developed so slowly that it remained imperceptible except to a very few clairvoyants.”

“Even now it is uneven in its impact: climate change happens everywhere, but the greatest pain is felt by those who have contributed least to it,” the Pope wrote. “The huge and increasing numbers [of people] displaced by climate crises are fast becoming a great emergency.”

Responding to the needs of people displaced within their home countries or forced to migrate because of climate related catastrophes is “at the heart of being a credible and witnessing church, a caring and inclusive ecclesial community,” the document said.

Many people either do not know about the human cost of climate change or refuse to believe it, the text said.

“Blindness about these issues is widespread and its causes are mainly: a) plain ignorance; b) indifference and selfishness vis-à-vis

phenomena that endanger the common good; c) the purposeful denial of reality to protect vested interests; d) misunderstanding.”



A woman collects water for washing as floodwaters begin to recede in the aftermath of a 2019 cyclone near Beira, Mozambique. Many climate scientists have associated an increased number of natural disasters and their severity with climate change. (CNS photo/Mike Hutchings, Reuters)

“God gives us the means to see, but human beings must be willing to journey from blindness to awareness,” the document said, which is why many of the suggestions in the text involve education at all levels of the church, ecumenical and interreligious cooperation in sensitizing people to the issues and in responding to the needs of people displaced by climate crises and listening to and advocating for the real needs of displaced people and those threatened with displacement.

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



On Earth Day, U.S. Bishops call upon Catholics to do their part

~ by Brian Rowe, *National Catholic Reporter*

In the days leading up to Earth Day, several U.S. bishops took to church pulpits and Zoom rooms to call Catholics to do their part in ushering in the societal changes needed to counter

climate change and other ecological calamities – and not just on days like Earth Day.

Three bishops over four days spoke out on the need for more than technology and policy to stunt rising global temperatures and slow destruction of ecosystems and species, saying there must be changes in lifestyles and even how living a good life is defined.

Next month, the Vatican is set to launch its Laudato Si' Action Platform, a global grassroots effort to galvanize wider portions of the Catholic Church to work toward sustainability in the mold outlined in his 2015 encyclical.

Vatican officials have called the worldwide rebuilding effort from the coronavirus pandemic as the opportunity to reorient the globe toward a more just and sustainable future.

To read the full account, please click [here](#)



A boy carrying a sack of recyclables walks through fields of trash in Karachi, Pakistan in 2020. (CNS/Reuters/Akhtar Soomro)

For a thought provoking look at recycling click [here](#)



Last week, a mid-April storm brought a ten-inch blanket of snow to the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO.

The natural beauty holds forth at the Shrine during each season making us aware of the need to protect our precious environment.

The Shrine continues with its fundraising campaign and on-site construction projects, no matter what the weather.

~ submitted by JoAnn Seaman, Mother Cabrini Shrine

Springtime Snow in the Rockies



Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC Advocates for the Passage of the NY HERO Act



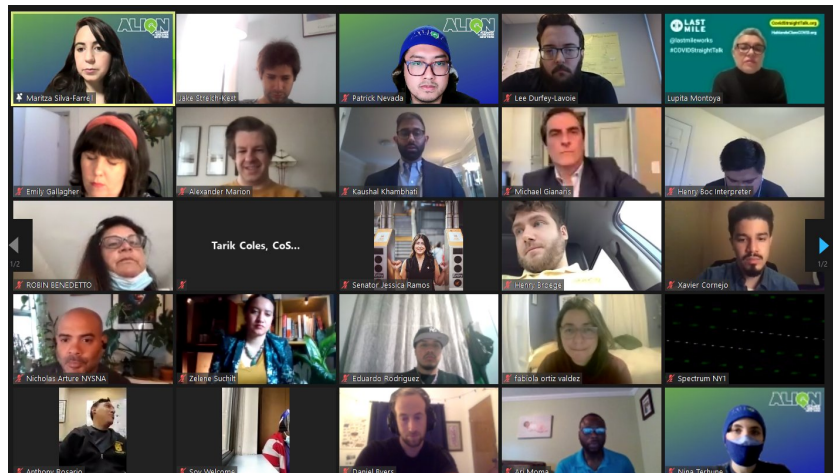
JFI member Eduardo speaks about his experience at the NY HERO Act Press Conference last week.

In recent months, CIS-NYC Justice for Immigrants (JFI) members, leaders, and staff have been advocating for the passage of the New York HERO Act, which would put in place workplace standards to prevent exposure to COVID-19 and future airborne diseases. Currently, New York State is going through a deadly surge of COVID-19 while essential workers continue to work without mandated protections.

In March alone over 2,500 New Yorkers died from COVID-19.

Essential Workers—mostly black and brown New Yorkers—have kept our state moving and served our communities over the last year, and continue to bear the brunt of the pandemic. Despite their sacrifices, the state still has no workplace standards to prevent exposure to COVID-19. As dangerous new variants of the virus spread it is critical that we keep workers and communities safe.

Last week, CIS-NYC Justice For Immigrant (JFI) staff and members participated in a virtual press conference attended by workers, allies, elected officials, and press. One of JFI's leaders, Eduardo, spoke about his family's experience getting sick with COVID-19 as the result of unsafe working conditions. Another leader, Felipe, created a video advocating for the passage of the bill, which you can view [here](#).



Just of few of the workers, allies, elected officials, press and JFI members who showed up to support the NY HERO Act.

Now, after months of advocacy, we are celebrating two exciting victories! **As of this week, both the New York State Senate and Assembly have passed the NY HERO Act, due to the unwavering advocacy of workers and allies.** Now it is up to Governor Cuomo to sign the bill as soon as it reaches his desk. To learn more about the bill and how you can help us ensure it becomes law, click [here](#)
~ submitted by Ella Nimmo, CIS-NYC

Cabrini High School Fights Human Trafficking with “Sun’s Up, Dress Up” Day



NEW ORLEANS – Cabrini High School helped fight human trafficking on Friday, April 16, 2021 by participating in “Sun’s Up, Dress Up.” In place of the school’s annual Dressember promotion against human trafficking, Cabrini was inspired with the spring weather for “Sun’s Up, Dress Up,” a collaboration among all students leveraging fashion and creativity to promote the dignity of all women and stand in solidarity against the modern injustice of human trafficking.



Cabrini High School students are fashion-forward as they support anti-human trafficking initiatives.

Founded by Mother Cabrini, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus support two corporate stances, “To support the rights and dignity of all immigrants” and “To stop human trafficking.” This is the driving force behind Cabrini High School’s efforts to fight human trafficking. In keeping with Mother Cabrini’s own service to immigrants and migrants, today’s



Showing their sense of style as they bring awareness to the important cause of anti-human trafficking are these CHS students.

Missionary Sisters have prioritized work against human trafficking in their mission, in part, because studies show that migrants and immigrants are one of the more significant demographics to be victims of human trafficking.

“Sun’s Up, Dress Up” is a day to dress and advocate by keeping four important points in mind: dignity, fashion, modesty, and femininity. Students could pay two dollars to dress up with dignity, modesty, femininity, and their own fashion. These words guide the Cabrini dress guidelines for every occasion.

Throughout the school, Cabrini raised \$307.72 for “Sun’s Up, Dress Up.” All money collected will be donated to the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart’s anti-human trafficking initiatives.

According to Campus Minister, John Smestad, “In keeping with this mission a priority of the Cabrini family, Cabrini High School takes a week each year to educate, pray, and take a stand against the crime and sin of human trafficking. One of the concrete efforts is to raise funds for the anti-human trafficking initiatives of the Sisters. ‘Sun’s Up, Dress Up’ provides an opportunity for students to dress up, make a donation and make a difference.”



CHS students will make a difference in the fight against human trafficking by their participation in Sun’s Up, Dress Up.

Prior to “Sun’s Up, Dress Up,” Cabrini High School has been participating in anti-human trafficking efforts through Dresember since 2014. Dresember is a national collaborative movement leveraging fashion and creativity to restore dignity to all women. Before Dresember, students were educated on facts about human trafficking and slavery, and prayed as a community to end this horrible crime against humanity.

Cabrini High School continues to pray for victims of human trafficking.

~ submitted by Katelyn Ehrhardt, CHS

Pope Francis Chooses Theme for World Day for Grandparents and Elderly

~ by Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) To express the closeness of God and of the church to every older person, Pope Francis has chosen “I am with you always” from the Gospel of Matthew as the theme for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.



Pope Francis receives a hug from an elderly woman and shares a warm smile. CatholicRegister

The theme for the celebration on July 25 is especially appropriate “in these challenging pandemic times,” said the announcement from the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life.

‘I am with you always’ is also a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share. Not only are grandchildren and young people called upon to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelization, proclamation and prayer, and of encouraging young people in their faith,” the statement said.

In ‘Fratelli Tutti’ the Holy Father reminds us that no one is saved alone. With this in mind, we must treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation.

NOVENA TO ST CATHERINE OF SIENA and CABRINI CONVERSATIONS

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Please Join Us on April 25th, 2021 for a
Novena to St Catherine of Siena

NOVENA to ST. CATHERINE of SIENA

Nine days of Prayer and Spiritual Reflection
hosted by Catholic Communities in Vicariate II
of the Archdiocese of Chicago
April 20th – April 28th

April 25, 2021

The National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Will be part of a multi-parish novena
to St. Catherine of Siena



Monsignor Richard Hynes will lead us in prayer.

Joining us in prayer will be
Most Reverend Mark Bartosic
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago,
Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate II
as we journey together to
St. Catherine of Siena's Feast Day
on
Thursday, April 29, 2021

The Novena will be livestreamed as well as in person.

For more information, please [CLICK HERE](#).



HAPPENING THIS COMING MONDAY!

WALK A MILE
WALK TO LEARN ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS
AND HOW WE CAN HELP

WHY WE WALK

It's time we open our eyes and see the victims of the sex trade, domestic servitude, and forced labor who've been in the shadows for far too long.

The purpose of the event is to shine a spotlight on the 27 million men, women, and children who are still trapped in slavery today.

It's happening right here in our community. Come out and learn more about the signs and how to help end trafficking in your zip code.

JOIN US

Register Here

Monday April 26, 2021

**Walk starts at 3:00 P.M. in front of Grace Hall
Please remember to wear a mask**



Donations of hotel size toiletries: soap, shampoo, toothpaste etc. We will also be accepting donations of gift cards to support the Cabrini Closet

**This walk is sponsored by ECG 200 Anti-Human Trafficking Class, the Cabrini Closet
Contact Karol Brewer at 610-902-1038 or cabriniformation@mothercabrini.org**

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If you enjoyed our recent
webinar series on immigration,

“Dreaming of a
Single Human Family”
we would like to invite you to
a follow-up conversation
next week via Zoom

on
Wednesday, April 28th

11:00 am EDT/10:00 am CDT/ 9:00 am MDT/ 8:00 am PDT

This will be an opportunity to exchange thoughts and ideas with our distinguished presenters, Cabrini colleagues and friends about what you learned during the webinar series; to discuss immigration practices and policies and learn more about how you can get involved with immigrant causes and reform.



We hope that many of you who were with us for the webinars will join us for this informal time of dialogue as we share:

- what were your ‘takeaways’ from the sessions?
- what lingering questions about immigration do you have?
- what do you think is necessary to bring about enduring and humane immigration reform?
- what courses of action regarding immigration have you been inspired to undertake?

Cabrini Conversation - Webinar Reflection

Time: Apr 28, 2021 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kc8AHZf2Eh>

For a synopsis of each of the immigration webinars:

1 – Themes from the Life and Spirituality of Mother Cabrini – p.7

<https://www.motherscabrini.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/1.28.21-D-1.pdf>

2 – Challenges in Migration and a Cabrinian Response – p. 2

<https://www.motherscabrini.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2.25.21-C.pdf>

10 - Immigration from the perspective of the Cabrinian charism – p.2

<https://www.motherscabrini.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/3.25.21.pdf>



From the Archdiocese of New Orleans...

Sr. Renee Kittelson, MSC shares that the Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, the Archbishop of New Orleans, recently welcomed the statue entitled “Angels Unawares” to New Orleans. The sculpture, cast in bronze and weighing nearly four tons is on a tour of American cities before going

on permanent display at the Catholic University of America.



“Angels Unawares” on display in New Orleans, LA

The statue is a replica of that which was commissioned by Pope Francis for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees in 2019 and on permanent display at the Vatican.

The statue shows a 20-foot-long boat

crowded with migrants and refugees from various lands. Among the 140 sculpted faces are Italians and Germans seeking a better life in a new country; Irish immigrants escaping the 19th century Potato Famine; Africans who were forced onto slave ships; Vietnamese boat people fleeing a Marxist regime; a Cherokee on the Trail of Tears; Jews scarred by the Holocaust; Syrians seeking a more peaceful home than their homeland, and many others. All figures and faces are from photos of real people or modeled in studio. Even the Holy Family is in the crowd, identifiable only by St. Joseph’s toolbox. Above the figures, stretching 11 feet high, are the wings of an angel meant to symbolize Hebrews 13:2: “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.”

~ with thanks to Sr. Renee Kittelson, MSC



A Cascade of Roses...

An abundance of roses and joy descended upon St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in NY on Divine Mercy Sunday. The cascades came courtesy of two regular attendees at our weekly Spanish Mass, who spent nearly three hours putting the arrangement together. Fortunately the roses were extremely fresh, and remained vibrant for an entire week!

~ submitted by Julia Attaway, St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine

What a spectacular floral display was designed at the New York Shrine for Divine Mercy Sunday by two devoted Mass attendees.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday, April 25, 2021

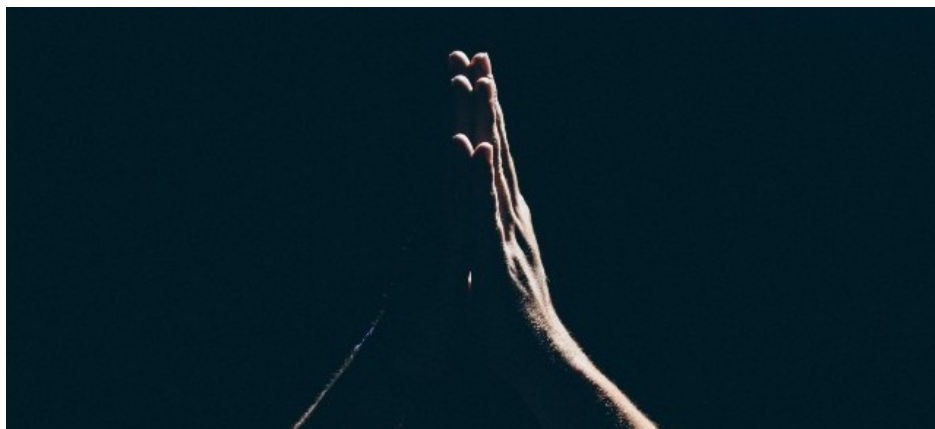


The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

2021 marks the **58th Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

From the Guadalupe Province Vocation Team...

A message from the NRVC:
Missionary Sisters,



Please plan to
celebrate
**World Day of
Prayer for
Vocations on
April 25**

Author Sister Deborah M.
Borneman, SS.C.M.

Help us to celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations by emailing a photo of a member of your community praying for vocations! The NRVC will share these photos on Facebook and in other publications. The photo can be in any setting. Let's showcase the varied ways we pray as religious.

Email photos to debbiesscm@nrvc.net. Please make sure you have the permission of the people in the photo (and if you are taking the photo with your phone, aim for images not less than 1920 X 1080 pixels). For more information about celebrating this annual day of prayer, visit our website at nrvc.net.

Cabrini University Welcomes Sr. Josephine Garrett, CSFN

The Religious Studies Department and Campus Ministry of Cabrini University welcomed Sr. Josephine Garrett, CSFN, on April 20th as a speaker in the series: *Expanding the Education of the Heart: Enriching and Integrating Catholic Faith at Cabrini University*. Sr. Josephine was excited to be present for the faculty and staff as well as students.

Presented via Zoom and hosted by Dr. Nick Rademacher, Chair, Religious Studies Department, and Director of Campus Ministry Guilherme "G" Lopes, the presentation focused on discernment and the practice of the present moment of God. Sister asked the audience to be attentive to what is going on in their lives...challenges; joys; sorrows. This is a process. We have to work to name our feelings which offer us insight and self-awareness. In this she reminded the audience to be aware of St. Joseph who modeled faith and trust in God. Sister said, as St. Joseph lived his life, "don't fear what is of God".



Sr. Josephine Garrett,
CSFN

The speaker series is made possible by a grant from the Ambassador's Fund for Catholic Education.

Prayer Requests

Special Intention

Your prayers are asked for someone with a special intention. Pray that with regard to this person's situation that all will be well.

In Loving Memory

Daphne Apostolidis

Cassie Woestman, a Cabrini (College) University alumna, asks for prayers for her good friend, Daphne Apostolidis who died after suffering a fall. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the comfort of her family and friends.

Louise Mendez Flores

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Louise Mendez Flores who entered eternal life this week - a victim of COVID. Louise is a friend Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC and an alumna of Mother Cabrini High School. Please pray for the comfort of her husband Wilson, her daughter Elizabeth and her granddaughters - Rachel and Hannah.

Jan Haltom Plyler

Kindly keep Jan Haltom Plyler, who passed away on April 10th at her home, in your prayers. Mrs. Plyler was the mother of Ann Plyler, a former Cabrini Mission Corps missionary, a friend to many Missionary Sisters and members of the Cabrinian community. Please keep the Plyler Family in your prayers at this sad time.

Prayer for World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood, and permanent diaconate.



Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability.

Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call.

Inspire parents, families, and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service.

Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about monastic life, apostolic life, missionaries, cloistered contemplative life, and evangelical life.

Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for religious sisters, brothers, deacons, and priests to live in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalized.

Disrupt our comfortable lives and complacent attitudes with new ideas to respond courageously and creatively with a daily 'YES!' Amen.