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## Sunday, June 20 is World Refugee Day

*This year's theme: Together we heal, learn and **shine**.*

### What is World Refugee Day?

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives.

### Why is World Refugee Day important?

World Refugee Day shines a light on the



rights, needs and dreams of refugees, helping to mobilize political will and resources so refugees can not only survive but also thrive. While it is important to protect and improve the lives of refugees every single day, international days like World Refugee Day help to focus global attention on the plight of those fleeing conflict or persecution. Many activities held on World Refugee Day create opportunities to support refugees.

### When was World Refugee Day inaugurated?

World Refugee Day was held globally for the first time on June 20, 2001, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. It was originally known as Africa Refugee Day, before the United Nations General Assembly officially designated it as an international day in December 2000.

### What happens on World Refugee Day?

Each year, World Refugee Day is marked by a variety of events in many countries around the globe in support of refugees. These activities are led by or involve refugees themselves, government officials, host communities, companies, celebrities, school children and the general public, among others. To learn more please click [here](#)

## On the Anniversary of DACA Migration Chairman Reaffirms Need for Congress to Act

June 15, 2021

WASHINGTON—[June 15<sup>th</sup>] marks nine years since Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) was created. DACA allows certain undocumented immigrants who entered the United States as children—known as Dreamers—to remain in the country, subject to several requirements. DACA does not provide legal status, nor does it create a pathway to citizenship, but it does make recipients eligible for work authorization and other benefits. There are over 600,000 active DACA recipients currently living in the United States and as many as 3.6 million Dreamers total, about 1.8 million of which are DACA-eligible.

In recognition of DACA's anniversary, Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville, auxiliary bishop of Washington and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration, issued the following statement:



“Every day, DACA recipients make important contributions to their communities and the life of our nation. During the COVID-19 pandemic, over 200,000 DACA recipients have served as essential workers, and they continue to demonstrate their resolve during this period of recovery. Yet, these young

people have far too often faced uncertainty and rejection at the hands of our broken immigration system.

“The Biden Administration has identified immigration reform as a priority, and we look forward to seeing it realize that commitment through congressional engagement. Meanwhile, the ideal time for Congress to act has long since passed, though the opportunity and imperative still remain. Dreamers—together with Temporary Protected Status and Deferred Enforced Departure holders, migrant agricultural workers, and undocumented essential workers—deserve relief.

“As a Church, we recognize the inherent, God-given dignity of every human person, regardless of immigration status. Therefore, we will continue to call for comprehensive immigration reform that preserves family unity, honors due process, respects the rule of law, recognizes the contributions of foreign-born workers, defends the vulnerable, and addresses the root causes of migration, consistent with the common good.”

Congress currently has multiple opportunities before it to enact immigration reform, including the American Dream and Promise Act (H.R. 6) and the Farm Workforce Modernization Act (H.R. 1603), bipartisan bills passed by the House of Representatives in March. Bishop Dorsonville submitted written [testimony](#) for a hearing held [Tuesday] by the Senate Judiciary Committee on the American Dream and Promise Act. This follows a [statement](#) issued in March by Bishop Dorsonville and Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the USCCB, urging the Senate to act.

# A Day of Commitment and Celebration



Susan Pierson

Veronica Hernandez-Perez  
Victoria Ortiz-Perez  
Sheny Hinestroza

Digna Merchan

The Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs), Guadalupe Province, shared a beautiful Feast of the Sacred Heart and the celebration continued until June 13<sup>th</sup>.

On the Feast Day, we had a special prayer service, via Zoom. During the service, Adela Jarquin and Marianne McGowan, renewed their commitment to

We join in thanksgiving for the commitment of our newest Cabrini Lay Missionaries and wish them every joy and blessing as they begin their journey. the CLMs for 3 more years. We are so grateful for their continued presence and their work toward the Cabrinian mission. Following the renewals, five new CLMs made their initial commitment for one year. We are blessed to have Digna Merchan, Sheny Hinestroza, Susan Pierson, Veronica Hernandez-Perez and Victoria Ortiz-Perez begin their new journey as CLMs. Digna lives in New York, Susan in Pennsylvania and Sheny, Veronica and Victoria are from Guatemala. Each person received a certificate, their CLM handbook and a symbol, which is worn as a sign of being a CLM. They will be sharing more about themselves in the coming weeks in our CLM Corner in The Update.

We certainly did not let distance or a pandemic stop us from celebrating the gift of our new CLMs. On June 13<sup>th</sup>, we met again on Zoom. The Cabrini Sisters were invited to join us so



On Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> Missionary Sisters and CLMs from the Guadalupe Province joined via Zoom to welcome and offer their good wishes to the newest CLMs.

they could meet our new members. We had Sisters from Colorado, Guatemala, New York, Pennsylvania and Nicaragua. It was a beautiful gathering as our new CLMs spoke about themselves and the amazing work that they are doing. A special blessing was prayed by all for our new CLMs. We pray that they will continue to bring the love of Christ to the world.



Thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a special time for all our CLMs.

~ submitted by: *Lorraine Campanelli, Director*



Susan Pierson, a new CLM, receives the warm wishes of Sr. Grace Waters, MSC.

## Feast Day Events and Observances



This past Friday, June 11th, the National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. With the Sacred Heart at the center of their mission, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart here in Chicago celebrated by renewing their vows.

Continued thank you for the thoughts, prayers, & patronage. Many thanks to all who were able to join the in-person Mass to celebrate this Blessed Solemnity!

**Photo left:** Red roses adorn the statue of the Sacred Heart and Mother Cabrini at the National Shrine in Chicago.

**Photo right:** From left: Missionary Sisters Joan McGlinchey, Joaquina Costa and Bridget Zanin renew their vows.



Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC and Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC share this link of a broadcast video of the Feast Day celebration at the **Sacred Hearts and St. Stephen Parish** in Brooklyn, New York where the Missionary Sisters served and taught for many years in the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary School. **Please see the story on the following page.** To view the video, please click [here](#)

# New Mother Cabrini Statue Stands Proud and Tall Outside Brooklyn Parish Where She Worked

June 12, 2021

By *Erin DeGregorio, The Tablet*

CARROLL GARDENS — It was a long time coming for the Diocese of Brooklyn to have its own Mother Cabrini statue, but the faithful finally got to see the final figure.

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio unveiled and blessed the statue and shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini — also known as Mother Cabrini — outside her Brooklyn parish, Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church on June 11.

Members of Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, founded in 1880 by Mother Cabrini, were also in attendance. Once the sisters removed the red fabric from the monument, applause, Italian music, and red, white, and green confetti filled the air.

The statue features Mother Cabrini standing on a cobblestone street with two young children on either side of her. She is depicted at the age she was when she arrived in Brooklyn — approximately 40 years old — and wearing the habit of her order.



The Missionary Sisters were honored guests at the unveiling of the new statue of Mother Cabrini at her parish, Sacred Hearts and St. Stephen in Brooklyn, NY. Sr. Antonina Avitabile, MSC (r.) served on the committee that brought the statue to fruition. Photo credit: Erin DiGregorio



From left: Missionary Sisters Bernadette Anello, Martha Lopez, Ayantu Bishaka and Antonina Avitabile prepare to unveil the statue. Photo: Erin DiGregorio

The design of the statue includes a variety of historical references, including on the brick base on which the statue will stand. The base also contains the cornerstone of the original church.

Mother Cabrini worked in Brooklyn after she and six other Cabrini Sisters arrived in the U.S. from her native Italy in 1889 and tended to immigrants in the original Carroll Gardens church, which is now the site of Mother Cabrini Park.

“The decision was that the statue should be placed in the parish where she worked here in Brooklyn first,” said John Heyer II, pastoral associate at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Parish. “She founded the first school for Italian

immigrants here on all of Long Island, quite frankly, and the first for the Diocese of Brooklyn.”

Sister Antonina Avitabile, MSC was a member of the committee that helped bring the diocese’s statue to fruition.

“I think the parish and the Italians in the Brooklyn diocese will love it,” she said before the unveiling. “We put a lot of work into choosing it.”



The Missionary Sisters join in the celebration of the statue unveiling with Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio. Photo: Erin DiGregorio

Msgr. Guy Massie, pastor of Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen, noted the important messages the monument sends.

“It makes a statement to all immigrants that the church is with them and for them, particularly at this time in the history of the United States where there are such anti-immigrant feelings,” he explained. “And it is a great statement of the devotion that people have to Frances Cabrini, who lived right here in our parish.”

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

To view the video, please click [here](#)

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## From the Guadalupe Province Vocation Team...

### Intercultural Spirituality

~ by Sr. Sophia Park, SNJM in *HORIZON, the Journal of the National Religious Vocations Conference*

***Intercultural spirituality involves both learning and unlearning. It challenges how we use language and even steps away from an emphasis on doing. Over the next few editions of The Update we will be exploring this important topic.***



#### ***Part Three – Loosening Our Communications Expectations***

Meaning-making through communication indicates an “approximation” because it never reaches the ideal signified in human language. If “approximation” is the natural process for meaning-making, it should be thoughtfully applied to intercultural encounters.

Some people complain that members from other cultures, often speaking a language not their own, tell stories differently from time to time. For members of religious communities, narratives such as family stories and humorous episodes in ministry are repeatedly shared over time. They already know the story and the situation is familiar to

them. In other words, the narratives do not allow space for interpretation or even new meaning; the stories are fossils or dead.

What about the stories of younger members from other cultures? Their narratives are often not fully polished and carry lots of holes which provide space to speculate. Because their stories are told in translation, they need more time to enunciate, often causing slowness and perhaps, even changes in the details. The first step of intercultural spirituality, then, is to loosen up the language and language structure to create a space for understanding others with love. This step can help to change us from logo-centered living to spirit-centered living.

### ***From being grounded to turning***

One of the most dominant descriptions of religious life is firmness and groundedness. The whole life is ordered and balanced. When we live interculturally, endlessly engaging ‘otherness’, we may lose control in that ordered and balanced life to become less grounded and less rigid. Constant movement gives one a deep awareness of uncertainty, which is part of the human reality.

We exist in uncertain time and space, struggling to grasp the Truth.

The uncertainty of the intercultural way can manifest as a “turn,” and it demands flexibility. We all know the remarkable story of Copernicus’ discovery that the earth revolves around the sun. The discovery was revolutionary because in this new way, there is no distinction between the dominant center and the periphery and the margins. At a particular moment, we can stand on the margin, and at another moment, we can stand in the center, and vice versa; we are turning around all the time. One culture cannot control or dominate all encounters. In intercultural living we can unconsciously impose Western culture as the standard when setting up a schedule, facilitating a meeting, or organizing convent space. We need constant conversation, which requires honesty, to acknowledge discomfort. We need self-awareness to notice our tolerance level and emotions. In this new way of intercultural living, each party bring context, dis/comfort, and sensitivity.

To turn also means moving endlessly, as culture is always on the move. To turn is a term frequently used for dancing. When we embrace those from another culture, that is, from another ethnicity, race or generation, we enter the endless dance. As mentioned previously, intercultural spirituality is more spirit-centered, which means we do not have much control. In John 3:8, Jesus says to Nicodemus, “The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Not knowing whether the wind is coming or going, we continue to live and encounter others. If we do not hold a sense of freedom given by the Spirit, we will be anxious and drive to control. When we launch into intercultural living, we pay attention to the inner space we gain by continuing the dance, turning overall order and opening to the new.



***Next week: The fourth and final installment – From Doing to Being***

# Prayer Requests

## ***John Catalanotto***

Your prayers are asked for John Catalanotto, the husband of Cabrini University staff member Anita Catalanotto, who will be undergoing serious surgery on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Anita asks for prayers for a successful medical procedure for John and a complete and swift recovery. Please keep Anita in prayer, as well, as she accompanies her husband throughout his hospitalization and recovery.

## ***Augusta Silva and Maria Madalena Gomes***

Your prayers are requested for Augusta Silva and Maria Madalena Gomes, the sisters of Sr. Alfonsina Gomes from Brazil, who are having health issues. We pray for their many medical needs and for their families during this time and for our Sr. Alfonsina as she is concerned about her siblings.

## ***Emmalyn Maumus***

Please keep 11 year-old Emmalyn in your prayers. She is the granddaughter of Cabrini University staff member Anita Catalanotto. Emmalyn is a spunky young lady who is a five year cancer survivor and who will be going for – possibly - her last MRI scan on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Anita shares that if all goes well, and her family prays that it does, she will no longer need to be tested. The medical experts feel that if a person make 5 years of being cancer free, there is very little chance of it returning. Anita's family has been so blessed with her good health. Please join in praying for a clear scan for Emmalyn.

## ***Susan McCuen***

Kindly unite in prayer for Susan McCuen, a former staff member at Cabrini University. Susan is experiencing some health issues and has asked for the prayers of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community.

## ***Sr. Dianne McKenna, MSC***

Sr. Dianne underwent spinal surgery on June 11<sup>th</sup> – the Feast of the Sacred Heart. She has asked our prayers for a successful surgery and a swift and uneventful recovery. Please keep Sr. Dianne in your thoughts and prayers as she recuperates.

## ***Philip Wingerter***

Prayers are asked for Philip, the son of Florence Wingerter (Cabrini High School Alumna and Trustee). Philip is having a heart procedure on June 21, 2021. Your prayers for a successful outcome would be appreciated.

## In Loving Memory



## ***Sr. Berta Montanelli, MSC***

Please pray for Sr. Berta, who went home to God at age 92 on June 12th in Codogno, Italy. Sr. Berta served many years at Columbus Hospital in Chicago, IL. We thank you Lord, for the gift of Sr. Berta who has faithfully served you over all these years in Italy and Chicago.