



July 29, 2021

*When was the last time you called your grandparents?*  
**Pope Francis' homily for World Day  
for Grandparents and the Elderly – July 25**

VATICAN – As he sat down to teach, Jesus “looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him.” Jesus did not just teach the crowd; he was alert to the hunger present in their lives. In response he fed them with five barley loaves and two fish provided by a young man nearby.

On this day devoted to grandparents and the elderly, let us reflect on three moments: Jesus sees the crowds hunger; Jesus shares the bread; Jesus asks that the leftovers be served. Three moments that can be summed up in three verbs: *to see, to share, to preserve.*

Jesus cares about us; he is concerned for us; he wants to satisfy our hunger for life, love and happiness. Jesus' gaze is contemplative. He looks into our lives; he sees and understands.

***To see***

Our grandparents and the elderly have looked at our lives with that same gaze. That is how they cared for us, ever since we were children. Despite lives of hard work and sacrifice, they were never too busy for us, or indifferent to us. They looked at us with care and tender love. When we were growing up and felt misunderstood or fearful about life's challenges, they kept an eye on us; they knew what we were feeling, our hidden tears and secret dreams. They held us in their arms and sat us on their knees. That love helped us grown into adulthood.



And what about us? How do we see our grandparents and elderly persons? When was the last time we visited or telephoned an elderly person in order to show our closeness and to benefit from what they have to tell us? I worry when I see a society full of people in constant motion, too caught up in their own affairs to have time for a glance, a greeting or a hug. Our grandparents, who nourished our own lives, now hunger for our attention and our love; they long for our closeness. Let us life up our eyes and see them, even as Jesus sees us.

### *To share*

Seeing the people's hunger, Jesus wants to feed them. That is at the heart of this miracle, by which some five thousand people were fed, we find a young person willing to share what he had.

Today we need a new covenant between young and old. We need to share the treasure of life, to dream together, to overcome conflicts between the generations and to prepare a future for everyone. The Gospel bids us share what we are and what we possess, for only in this way will we find fulfillment. Young and old, the treasure of tradition and the freshness of the Spirit.



### *To preserve*

After the crowds had eaten, the Gospel relates that much bread was left over. So, Jesus tells the disciples: "Gather up the fragments, that nothing may be lost" (Jn 6:12). This reveals the heart of God: not only does he give us more than we need, he is concerned that nothing be lost, not even a fragment. Grandparents and the elderly are not leftovers from life, scraps to be discarded. They are precious pieces of bread left on the table of life that can still nourish us with a fragrance that we have lost, "the fragrance of mercy and memory".

Let us not lose the memory preserved by the elderly, for we are the children of that history, and without roots, we will wither. They protected us as we grew, and now it is up to us to protect their lives, to alleviate their difficulties, to attend to their needs and to ensure that they are helped in daily life and do not feel alone.



Let us ask ourselves: "Have I visited my grandparents, my elderly relatives, the older people in my neighborhood? Have I listened to them? Have I spent time with them? Let us protect them so that nothing of their lives and dreams may be lost. May we never regret that we were insufficiently attentive to those who loved us and gave us life.

To read the entire text of Pope Francis' homily, please click [here](#)

## *A Special Day for Tea*

On the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York City hosted a special tea honoring our older Sunday Mass-goers with the assistance of Sisters Amarech, Aynalem, and Ayantu. We are blessed to have so many

long-time supporters of the Shrine.

*~ submitted by Julia Attaway,  
Executive Director,  
St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine*



The MSCs and the Shrine in NY made elders feel special on World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly by sharing a cup of tea.



# Rallying for Immigrants



**All photos:** Advocates from Cabrini Immigrant Services – NYC rallied in support of immigrants on Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> making their way from the CIS-NYC offices on Henry Street through Chinatown and across the Manhattan Bridge.

On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, a group of 50 Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC members and staff attended the Immigrants are Essential Rally in New York City. CIS-NYC and over 1,000 New Yorkers marched through Chinatown and shut down the Manhattan Bridge as part of a nationwide day of action to demand a pathway to citizenship be included in the next federal infrastructure package.

Recently, Congressional Democrats announced that their infrastructure package would include a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, TPS holders and Essential Workers. This rally was part of ongoing efforts to pressure Congress to show leadership and take action to ensure that a pathway to citizenship becomes reality **now**, after decades of empty promises.  
~ submitted by Ella Nimmo, CIS-NYC



If you would like to join us, you can take action here:

<https://www.nilc.org/action/>

For further information to see how you can call your senator, please be sure to see the next page.





This week, Democratic Congressional leadership continues debating what will be included in the \$3.5 trillion recovery package. The transformational recovery package will be passed through the budget reconciliation process, which only requires 50 Senate votes to pass and become law. **The upcoming vote in the Senate provides a unique opportunity to create a pathway to citizenship for millions of our undocumented community members that cannot be missed.**

**Your Senators need to hear from you. Call your Senators today at 888-738-3058 and urge them to support including a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders, farm workers, and essential workers in the recovery package.**

With a simple majority vote, Senators can finally deliver a pathway to citizenship for millions of undocumented people who have lived and worked in the United States under the fear of deportation for too long. We must ensure a pathway to citizenship is a part of the budget reconciliation to achieve a recovery that is truly equitable and inclusive for all regardless of immigration status.

It is a moral failure that today in the U.S., millions of immigrant workers are considered "essential" and "deportable" at the same time. Congress has a moral imperative to provide a pathway to citizenship for immigrant essential workers and their families through the reconciliation process.

**Call your Senators now if you agree.**

**Call Your Senators Now: 888-738-3058**

*Tell them tell them to create a pathway to citizenship for our undocumented neighbors in the budget reconciliation bill.*

*\*Call twice to reach both Senators\**

*When you call here's what you might say:*

*Hello my name is..... and I am a constituent from [Your town]. I am calling to express my support for including a pathway to citizenship in the Senate budget reconciliation process. I am asking the Senator to publicly support a pathway to citizenship for millions of essential workers and their families, Dreamers and TPS holders.*

*Providing a pathway to citizenship for our undocumented neighbors is an important step in building a more just and equitable nation, which supports our country's pandemic recovery. Will the Senator support essential workers? Thank you for creating a pathway for citizenship for them.*

A pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, TPS holders, farm workers and other essential workers has overwhelming bipartisan support. If we act together, we can make a change. Now is the time to extend a pathway to citizenship to millions of our neighbors.



# The Heart of Jesus Campaign: An Update



The Heart of Jesus Campaign at the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO, is progressing well.

Phase One is nearing completion and Phase Two is about to commence. To view all the enhancements to date and to take a peek at what is yet to come, enjoy this video: please click [here](#)

*~ submitted by JoAnn Seaman, Mother Cabrini Shrine*

## On a Pilgrim Journey



These young people were among the 1,500 youth that the St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine hosted. Director of Liturgy Cherie Sprosty addressed the group telling them the story of Mother Cabrini.

Last week, the St Frances X. Cabrini Shrine in Upper Manhattan hosted over 1,500 youth on pilgrimage. The energy and faith of the teens was electrifying! It was an honor to introduce them to Mother Cabrini, to answer their questions, and to pray with and for them. All were headed toward a Redemptorist Mater conference. The first Redemptorist Mater seminary is outside Newark, on the grounds of an orphanage founded by Mother Cabrini.

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



The young people prayed and paid their respects at the altar where Mother Cabrini is enshrined.

# World Trafficking Day – July 30, 2021

Every country in the world is affected by human trafficking, whether as a country of origin, transit, or destination for victims. Traffickers the world over continue to target women and girls. The poor and the vulnerable are most at risk. The vast majority of detected victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation and 35 per cent of those trafficked for forced labor are female. Conflict further exacerbates vulnerabilities, with armed groups exploiting civilians and traffickers targeting forcibly displaced people.

COVID-19 has amplified trafficking dangers. Loss of jobs, growing poverty, school closures and a rise in online interactions are increasing vulnerabilities and opening up opportunities for organized crime groups.

The crisis has overwhelmed social and public services, impacted the work of law enforcement and criminal justice systems, and made it harder for victims to seek help.

And yet in these difficult times, we see the best of humanity: frontline heroes, men and women risking their lives and going above and beyond to provide essential support for human trafficking victims.

The United Nations announced this year's theme for the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons highlights the importance of listening to and learning from survivors of human trafficking. Survivors are key actors in the fight against human trafficking. They play a crucial role in establishing effective measures to prevent this crime, identifying and rescuing victims and supporting them on their road to rehabilitation.

Many victims of human trafficking have experienced ignorance or misunderstanding in their attempts to get help. They have had traumatic post-rescue experiences during identification interviews and legal proceedings. Some have faced revictimization and punishment for crimes they were forced to commit by their traffickers. Others have been subjected to stigmatization or received inadequate support.



Learning from victims' experiences and turning their suggestions into concrete actions will lead to a more victim-centered and effective approach in combating human trafficking. ~ submitted by Karol Brewer, CAAC



For information on how you can help, please see the next page.



Human trafficking does not only happen in big states, or big cities.

According to Polaris Project statistics, California, Texas, Florida, and New York have the most trafficking cases — no surprise, considering these are densely-populated states bordering water. But Ohio, Georgia, Michigan, Washington, and Pennsylvania round out the top ten, which confirms that just because you don't live in an obvious "hotspot" state doesn't mean that trafficking isn't a problem close to home.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- **Ask your hotel** to become part of *The Tourism Child-Protection Code of Conduct*. ECPAT-USA has made it easy with the printable letter located on their website.
- **Save 888-373-7888 in your cell phone.**  
This is the number of the hotline at the National Human Trafficking Resource Center sponsored by Polaris Project. The line is staffed 24/7, with multiple language interpreters available. Victims can also text BEFREE (233733) to be immediately connected to the NHTRC.
- **PRAY** for all Trafficking to end.
- Shop smarter — use the U.S. Department of Labor's **list of goods commonly produced worldwide** by child labor or forced labor to determine whether the things you buy are ethically harvested/manufactured. Visit **SlaveryFootprint.org**, a website made in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Justice, for an eye-opening look at how many of the things we use every day come from a supply chain fraught with forced labor.
- Volunteer locally. The Human Trafficking Hotline has an online **Referral Directory** where you can enter your location and find the anti-trafficking organizations and resources closest to you.
- Raise your voice for the voiceless: contact your elected officials (local, state *and* federal; find them all **here**) and ask them — relentlessly, if necessary — what they are doing to address the issue of human trafficking. Then offer suggestions!
- Spread the word. Be vocal, both in person and on social media, about this cause! The more people are made aware of the facts and ways to help, the more likely they are to recognize the signs — and help accordingly. The Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign has an **online document library** with printable cards, posters, pamphlets, and infographics to help raise awareness.
- Keep yourself informed. The U.S. Department of Justice's press room has a **constantly-updating database** of the latest press releases pertaining to human trafficking. You can **set up a Google alert** to ping your email when a new article about human trafficking hits the web. You can also see breaking news on the Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) website's **news feed**.
- Encourage your workplace to provide pertinent, specialized training. Anyone working in the healthcare industry (including social workers and behavioral health professionals) can take **SOAR training**. Those in law enforcement and criminal justice can **access training** through the Office for Victims of Crime Training & Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC).
- Encourage your child's school to adopt protocols for anti-trafficking; your district can find **a ton of resources, plus a sample protocol**, via the National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments.
- Use your skills for a good cause. No matter what you do professionally, or what you're talented at, there's some way to use your strengths. Do you provide a service that you or your employer could donate "pro bono" to victims of trafficking?





Cabrini University's Campus Ministry Department is excited to announce our speaker lineup for the Catholic Lecture Series during the Fall Semester. The department will welcome three experts in their respected fields to share their gifts and talents with the community. **Each speaker will use Campus Ministry's theme, *Shoulder to Shoulder***, as their foundation for their conversations with our community. The Catholic Lecture Series is made possible by a grant from the Ambassador's Fund for Catholic Education, the successor name to the Archdiocesan Educational Fund.

All lectures will be held in our chapel (<https://www.cabrini.edu/about/visit/directions>) A link to the live-stream will be forthcoming.

**Dr. Edward Hastings**

**Date: September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

**Time: 4:00 pm**

**Location:** Bruckmann Memorial Chapel of Saint Joseph

Edward Hastings serves as an assistant professor for Villanova University with a specialty of Spirituality, sports and spirituality, systematic theology. He received his doctorate from Duquesne University and has a master of arts degree in systematic theology from Washington Theological Union.



**dr. timone davis\***

**Date: October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Time: 4:00 pm**

**Location:** Bruckmann Memorial Chapel of Saint Joseph

timone davis\* is a cradle Catholic who was a "pewster" until she discovered that the uselessness of the Church was because she wasn't giving anything of herself. After committing to do something, her life changed. Her first ministry was with the RCIA, where she not only welcomed others into the Church, but also revitalized her own spirituality. Timone is an assistant professor in the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago. \*timone uses lower case letters in spelling her name to indicate her decrease as God increases within her.

**Michael J. O'Loughlin**

**Date: November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Time: 4:00 pm**

**Location:** Bruckmann Memorial Chapel of Saint Joseph

Michael J. O'Loughlin is the national correspondent for America Media, where he writes regularly about the Catholic Church, and the host of the podcast, "[Plague: Untold Stories of AIDS and the Catholic Church.](#)"

The "Plague" podcast was recommended by The New York Times and it won awards from The National LGBTQ Journalists Association, the Religion News Association, and the Catholic Press Association. Mike is writing a book based on the podcast, [HIDDEN MERCY: AIDS, CATHOLICS, AND THE UNTOLD STORIES OF COMPASSION IN THE FACE OF FEAR](#), due out November 2021. Mike is also author of [The Tweetable Pope: A Spiritual Revolution in 140 Characters.](#) Mike has also written for The Atlantic, The Washington Post, Foreign Policy, The Advocate, Religion News Service. He has been interviewed on MSNBC, Fox News, ABC, CBS, NPR and by several local and regional media outlets.





# LOVE in Action

## A Spotlight on The Cabrinian Outreach for Immigrants

### Please Save These Dates



*~ graphic design by Natalia Osias, National Shrine*

Announcing a **new webinar series on immigration** sponsored by the National Shrine of St. Cabrini in Chicago in collaboration with the Cabrini Retreat Center, Des Plaines, IL. This fall we will be exploring how LOVE for immigrants finds its expression in the everyday services provided by our Cabrini Immigrant Services in Dobbs Ferry, NY and New York City.

Please join us for this important and informative sequel to our Winter 2021 webinars.

**Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** – Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY – 11:00 am EDT/10:00 am CDT/9:00 am MDT/8:00 am PDT Presenter: Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS-Dobbs Ferry.

**Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** – Cabrini Immigrant Services – NYC - 11:00 am EDT/10:00 am CDT/9:00 am MDT/8:00 am PDT Presenter: Ella Nimmo, Director of Community Programs & Development, CIS-NYC

**Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** - Immigrants and Nursing Home Residents: Storytelling as Outreach - 11:00 am EDT/10:00 am CDT/9:00 am MDT/8:00 am PDT Presenters: Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS-Dobbs Ferry and Deborah Mosley, Storyteller

### Weekly Update Publication Notice

This is the final edition of The Update for the summer.  
Publication will resume on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Prayer requests are always welcome at [cabrini-news@mothercabrini.org](mailto:cabrini-news@mothercabrini.org)  
and will be published on Thursdays as they are received.  
Enjoy the remaining days of summer!

# Save the Date



CABRINI MISSION  
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# Annual Gala

## October 7, 2021

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**Metropolitan Club New York**  
One East 60th Street, New York, NY 10022

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**Honoring**

Chazz & Gianna Palminteri  
Philip Foglia, Sr. (posthumously)

**First Responder Honorees**

Ronald Cole, RRT, Cabrini of Westchester  
Kathleen Ann Michels, MS RN CCRN,  
New York Presbyterian Weill Cornell  
Luzmilda J. Cedeño, Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC  
Geraldine Flaherty, Sacred Heart Convent

# Prayer Requests

## ***Peter Cellucci***

Earlier this year, we asked for prayers for eight year-old Peter Cellucci who is being treated for brain cancer. This past Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> was Peter's birthday and he was in the hospital receiving another round of chemotherapy. Please pray for his spirit and his stamina as he continues his course of treatment. Pray, too, for his parents and his siblings as they journey with him.

## ***Joe Hopko***

You are asked to pray for Joe Hopko who has undergone medical procedures this week and will be undergoing further procedures in the coming weeks. Please pray that he will come through safely and that all will be successful.

## ***Natalie McMaster***

Please pray for 18-year-old Natalie McMaster who has experienced the ravages of ALL (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia) for the past six years. After many rounds of chemotherapy and two bone marrow transplants, the cancer has returned and she is undergoing chemo yet again. Pray the chemo works so she will be able to receive another bone marrow transplant. Natalie is the grandniece of Claire Roth, Cabrini (College) University alumna and former trustee.

## With Grateful Hearts

## ***Michelle Sherman and Dr. Nick Rademacher***

We share the bittersweet news with the Cabrinian community that former CMC missionary, Michelle Sherman and her husband Dr. Nick Rademacher, will be soon be leaving the Radnor, PA area. Both Nick and Michelle have accepted new positions at the University of Dayton and will be moving to Dayton, Ohio, in early August.

We give great thanks for their lives of service to Cabrinian Community: Michelle as a CMC missionary at the former Mother Cabrini High School in New York City and Nick as a professor and chair of the Religious Studies Department at Cabrini University. Each of them has been so generous in sharing their gifts with the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community. We wish them every grace and blessing as together they begin this exciting new chapter in their lives. Godspeed, Michelle and Nick, and thank you.

*"New frontiers that will emerge, as you begin to approach them,  
calling forth from you the full force and depth of your undiscovered gifts."*

*~ John O'Donohue*



Confident that Mother Cabrini will be with them always, we wish the very best to Dr. Nick Rademacher (l.) and Michelle Sherman (c.)



# In Loving Memory

## *Judy Orr*

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Judy Orr, who served for twenty years as the office manager and bookkeeper for the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO. Many Missionary Sisters will remember her as a welcoming presence there. Please keep Judy's family in your thoughts in prayers. May she rest in peace.

## *Leonard Primiano, PhD*

It is with great sadness that the Cabrini University community shares the passing of a beloved colleague and well-respected scholar, a longtime professor and former chair of the Religious Studies Department, Dr. Leonard Primiano. Dr. Primiano passed away on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> after a long and courageous battle against cancer.



Friends, colleagues and former students will remember him for his passion for teaching and scholarship; his affinity for religion and collection and study of religious artifacts; his appreciation of the arts; and his impeccable fashion sense and style. You can read more about Leonard's life in the University's [web tribute](#),

## *Adelina Sartor*

Kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Adelina Sartor, age 96 who went home to God on July 20<sup>th</sup>. She is the aunt of Sr. Romualda Molon, MSC. Please pray for the Sartor and Molon families at this sad time.

