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THE UPDATE

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National Migration Week 2021 September 20 – 26

~ Justice for Immigrants

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking.



National Migration Week for 2021 takes place September 20-26, and will climax with the Vatican's celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees

(WDMR), which always falls on the last Sunday of September. The primary theme for this year's WDMR is "*Towards an ever wider WE*". In his letter announcing this year's theme, Pope Francis emphasizes that "this focus calls on us to ensure that 'after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those,' but only 'us'" (Fratelli tutti, no. 35). And this universal 'us' must become a reality first of all within the Church which is called to cultivate communion in diversity."

In solidarity with the Vatican, National Migration Week will use the same theme as WDMR – "*Towards an ever wider WE*" – but will emphasize the particular ways in which this theme and its application to the migration question is important for the Catholic Church in the United States.

New Spotlights on populations of interest!

- [Spotlight on Refugees](#)
- [Spotlight on Asylum](#)
- [Spotlight on the Refugee Olympic Team](#)

Report Outlines Complaints Re: Treatment of Asylum Seekers

~ by Mark Pattison, Catholic News Service

A joint report by the Kino Border Initiative and Network, the Catholic social justice lobby, details complaints lodged against U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents against those seeking asylum at the Arizona-Mexico border.

The 34 specific incidents in the report are just the tip of the iceberg, according to Joanna Williams, the new executive director of the Kino Border Institute.

The report, “Due Process Denied,” is based on exchanges earlier this year between Kino officials and Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security. The initial volley, according to Williams, came from Kino in February, with a list of complaints against Custom and Border Protection over alleged abuses during the Trump administration.



Asylum-seeking migrants from Central America do their laundry in the public square of Reynosa, Mexico. *CNS photo/Go Nakamura, Reuters*

One incident documented in “Due Process Denied” is a case Williams worked on herself.

A would-be asylum-seeker having entered the U.S. from Guatemala made her way to the U.S. government agency’s border facility in Tucson, Arizona. “She was sent into a room with a TV, and on the TV screen it said that if anyone was experiencing violence, they should speak to an agent. She then called the agents and said she wanted to apply for asylum. They told her that was unavailable because of the pandemic,” the report said.

“The agents started yelling at her that she should have gone to a port of entry if she wanted asylum, and that she was breaking the law by coming this way. They said that she did what the mafia does, crossing the border illegally. Additionally, officers threw the name of her abuser in her face and taunted her, telling her they were going to call him.

“She felt humiliated by the agents’ actions. By this time, she had had three separate agents decline to help her apply for asylum,” the report said, adding that the woman was expelled to Mexico the next morning.” Kino has yet to hear from the agency about the complaint’s status.”

“We really haven’t seen any improvement in the way people fleeing violence are being treated. It runs contrary to our Catholic values,” Williams told Catholic News Service. Since joining Kino in 2016, “this is my third administration,” she said. “We always believe we could work toward being a more welcoming country. That’s part of our Catholic values.”

While Kino waits for a response, Williams was heartened by a September 2 ruling by a U.S. district judge for the Southern District of California that declared illegal the government’s “turnback” policy of the past four years, where it would refuse to process asylum requests at ports of entry at the southern border, forcing would be asylum-seekers to go back into Mexico and wait for weeks or months before filing an asylum request.

“That’s huge news,” Williams said. “It recognizes that we need to respect U.S. law at the border and we just can’t push it aside for convenience’s sake. The moral and community implications of this is a sign of hope after years of work,” she said, but she also added: “We still have an uphill battle.”
To read the complete article please click [here](#)

From the Guadalupe Province Vocation Team...

Hope Calls us to Something Bigger Than Ourselves

by Brother Joseph Bach, OSF in HORIZON, the Journal of the National Religious Vocations Conference

In the first chapter of Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis describes dark clouds over our world that hinder the development of a universal fraternity of sisters and brothers.

We have known all too well how difficult it has been recently to have hope amid the weariness in our world. Yet despite the dark clouds, which cannot be ignored, Pope Francis invites us to a renewed hope, a hope that “speaks to us of something deeply rooted in every human heart.” A hope that is bold and courageous. It is a hope that is deeply rooted not only in the individual members’ hearts, but in the heart of our religious communities.

Tell the story of your founders and foundresses, those first brothers or sisters who took the risk to travel to a new place or undertake a new ministry. They had hope that speaks of a thirst, as Pope Francis called it, a thirst for the living gospel, a thirst to meet a need. They established relationships, built community, and celebrated the interwoven, interconnected, and interdependent relationships. Their hope was bold. It looked beyond inconveniences and roadblocks.



Hope calls us to something bigger than ourselves. Hope calls us to rediscover the heart of our religious profession. It calls us to continually look for ways to reconnect our individual hearts with the heart of our congregation – the charism – and pay attention to how the gift of our charism can be lived today.

[Often, founders] came to educate immigrants, even though the response to the calling of our founders might look different today.



There is still hope, a hope that is bold enough to say, yes, our lives as consecrated women and men are relevant and needed in our world. Perhaps it is now time to have the courageous hope to do what needs to be done – and not just talk about it. This hope that we bear is in the courageous living of our charisms.

Cabrini Mission Foundation Donates to Catholic Medical Mission Board's Earthquake Response Efforts



Scenes in Haiti from the devastation following the earthquake last month.

Every day we seek to continue Mother Cabrini's legacy and lifelong commitment to the dignity, development and empowerment of all people, especially during natural disasters, and to do so, the Cabrini Mission Foundation responds with urgency to provide immediate assistance to those in need. The devastation that has swept through Haiti following last month's magnitude 7.2 earthquake has left thousands of people without basic necessities, food, housing and access to life-saving medical attention.

In order to help with relief efforts, our foundation, in collaboration with the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – Guadalupe Province, has donated \$10,000 to the Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB), a century-old organization rooted in Catholic traditions and deeply committed to addressing health inequities for women and children worldwide, to assist in providing medical aid and more to the people of Haiti.

Within three hours of the quake, CMMB-Haiti allocated and shipped medicines to Les Cayes health facilities, sent two



Nurse Stephanie (2nd r.) and her mother (l.) assist a Haitian family.

orthopedic surgeons and five anesthesiologists to the region to perform critical surgeries at Immaculate Conception Hospital in Les Cayes; distributed 20,000 water purification tablets to provide 100,000 gallons of potable water to people lacking safe drinking water; and provided food to families of those hospitalized, so they could care for their injured loved ones.

We are honored to help CMMB's mission in helping the country, and we will continue to pray for the safety of all persons in Haiti as well as the CMMB staff. ~ *CMF website*



NICU nurse Stephanie Onoh volunteers in Haiti with CMMB.

Food Pantry Summer!



Photo above and right: Missionary Sisters and CMF staffers team up with volunteers to assist at the food CIS- NYC food pantry.

The Cabrini Mission Foundation responds with boldness and urgency to the unmet needs of the most vulnerable, especially when there are those in need in our own community. During the summer season, our team worked with Cabrini Immigrant Services' NYC Food Pantry, and has been dedicated to supporting and feeding more than 200 families each week.



People wait in line to visit the Cabrini Immigrant Services food pantry in New York City.

Whether it was lugging groceries up numerous flights of stairs or working as a team to fill the bags of food, our Sisters, staff, and volunteers worked tirelessly to provide meals for the disadvantaged. Though many of us come from different backgrounds, speak different languages or come from various parts of the world, we came together to “answer the call” for help, as Mother Cabrini did throughout her lifetime.

~ CMF website





If you are unable to join us in person
at our annual gala,
we invite you to please join us

Virtually

from your desktop computer, tablet or laptop.

Friday, September 17, 2021
7:30 p.m. (MDT)

Visit **www.MotherCabriniShrine.org**
for the link to join, and tune in any time
after 7 p.m. (MDT)



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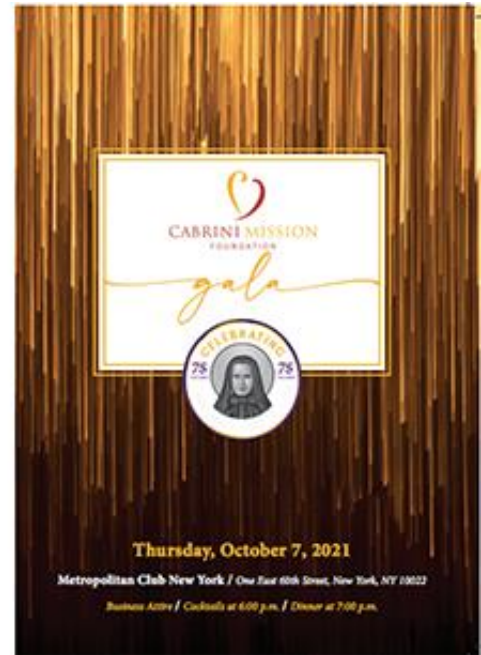
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Our Mission Statement

Cabrini Mission Foundation responds with boldness, urgency and courage to the urgent needs of the most vulnerable and those on the margins of society. We support charitable works of healing, teaching and caring that share the charism of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, founded by St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. With every response we foster hope as bearers of the love of Christ in the world.



Thursday, October 7, 2021

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

Business Attire / Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. / Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

For more information about tickets and the Gala journal please contact Ellen Cunningham:

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Honoring

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and

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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 four experts in their respected fields to share their gifts and talents with the community. All lectures will be held in our chapel (<https://www.cabrini.edu/about/visit/directions>)

Each speaker will use Campus Ministry's theme, *Shoulder to Shoulder*, as their foundation for their conversations with our community.

Please click [here](#) for more information about the speakers and how to register. **Please note that you must register in order to receive the link to the presentation.**

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. This charitable organization was created and funded by Matthew H. McCloskey, Jr. (1893-1973), building contractor and U.S. Ambassador to Ireland (1962-64), in 1967 to advance Catholic education and evangelization throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition – Please consider.



The Laudato Si movement wants to send this Catholic Petition [see link below] with 1.5 million signatures from around the Globe to 2 United Nations conferences coming up, hoping for 20,000 signatures from the United States.

As of Sunday, they have collected 2,000 from the U.S.

Please support this grassroots effort and sign this petition to be presented at the Cop 26 and spread the word to your organizations and communities: <https://thecatholicpetition.org>

~ with heartfelt thanks to Pat Krasnausky for submitting this action item to The Update for publication

LOVE in Action

A Spotlight on the Cabrinian Outreach for Immigrants

Please Mark Your Calendars

This fall, we kick off a new webinar series on immigration in which 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.

Sponsored by:

The National Shrine of St. Frances X. Cabrini, Chicago, IL
in collaboration with
Cabrini Retreat Center, Des Plaines, IL

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83580175093?pwd=V1RrSmFXVhoSnI0UTdtT2ZremOxQT09>

Passcode: 279051

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

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

Welcoming and Servicing our Immigrant Sisters and Brothers **Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY**

Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS) in Dobbs Ferry, NY is a store-front organization that offers both educational and social services to an immigrant population of adults and children. CIS has been a welcoming presence since it opened its doors in 1998. For adults, CIS offers tutoring in English and also preparation for the Citizenship Exam; a Literacy Program, and writing and computer classes. It also provides educational workshops on topics such as domestic violence, sexual assault and nutrition. For children, CIS provides an Afterschool Homework Program, trips – educational and fun, and The Giving Back Program. In this webinar, Lorraine Campanelli, the CIS Director, will explore the various educational and social services offered through the organization and will discuss issues that are of concern to the immigrants at this time.

Presenter:



Lorraine Campanelli, MS, MSW

Lorraine Campanelli is the Director of Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY. She holds a BS in Elementary Education; a MS in Education (Reading Specialist) and a Master of Social Work. She has postgraduate certificates in spiritual direction, health care management, and health care ministry leadership. She has taught on elementary and college levels. She serves on advisory boards for social work schools and on various community boards. She is also a field supervisor for social work interns.

WEDNESDAY, October 27, 2021
11:00 am EDT/ 10:00 am CDT/ 9:00 am MDT/8:00 am PDT

Sharing Our Outreach and Our Services:
Cabrini Immigrant Services-New York City

Cabrini Immigrant Services-NYC's multicultural and multi-lingual staff and volunteers provide a range of services which will be highlighted during this webinar, including: immigration legal services; culturally immersive recreational activities for low-income families; case management and short-term crisis intervention counseling; one of the largest food pantries on the Lower East Side; information and referrals to community resources; engagement in community organizing and advocacy; and monthly Know Your Rights informational workshops.

Presenters:



Javier Ramirez-Baron, MSW

Javier Ramirez-Baron is the Executive Director at CIS-NYC. He first started at CIS-NYC as a Social Work intern in 2005 and has been a trusted leader in the local immigrant community ever since. Javier was the Family Programs Coordinator at CIS-NYC for four years before becoming the Executive Director in 2013. He received his Master's in Social Work from the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College and is a Licensed Master Social Worker. He is also a Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) Accredited Representative.



Ella Nimmo, MSW

Ella Nimmo is the Director of Community Programs & Development at CIS-NYC, where she works together with immigrants and allies to build power and leadership within the local immigrant community. She first joined CIS-NYC as a Social Work Intern in 2015, and became a staff member the following year. Ella received her Master's in Social Work from the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College and is a Licensed Master Social Worker.



WEDNESDAY, December 1, 2021
11:00 am EDT/ 10:00 am CDT/ 9:00 am MDT/8:00 am PDT

The Art of Storytelling – Uniting Immigrants and Elders
Cabrini Immigrant Services-Dobbs Ferry and St. Cabrini Nursing Home

Depression, anxiety and isolation are becoming more prevalent especially during COVID. Immigrants and nursing home residents are also experiencing these feelings. This webinar, which brings together immigrants and elders, will demonstrate how through storytelling and discussion, there has been an improvement in their quality of life. Participants will listen to a storyteller present a story and participate in a discussion about the book.

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Deborah Mosley, MA

Deborah Mosley is a certified dietitian-nutritionist and trained storyteller. She has worked for the NYS Department Health, Division of Nutrition, Public Health Nutritionist, Chronic Disease Prevention and Adult Health. She volunteers as a storyteller in schools in Westchester County, NY. She is currently involved in adult literacy and the STARS (StoryTelling, Art, Reading and Socialization) for Kids program as well as the Expressive Arts: Improving the Well-Being of Adult Immigrants and Elderly Nursing Home Residents at Cabrini Immigrant Services in Dobbs Ferry, NY.

Prayer Requests

Señora Calero

Sr. Xochilt Calero, MSC requests prayers for her mother who is very ill and hospitalized with COVID. Please pray that she will receive effective treatment for the virus and will soon begin to recover. Many in Central America have not yet been able to receive the vaccine.

Carlos Flores

Kindly unite in prayer for Carlos Flores, the brother of Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC. Carlos is very ill in Nicaragua. Please pray for him and for his family at this time.

Elizabeth Lennox

Prayers are requested by Julia Attaway, Executive Director of the St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine, for her sister, Elizabeth Lennox, who will be undergoing major surgery today. Please pray that all will go well with her surgery and that her recovery will be swift.

Mary Peterson

Sr. Regina Peterson, MSC is asking for prayers for her sister-in-law, Mary. "She is my brother Albert's wife, and she has recently been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. When diagnosed it had already spread to lymph nodes and bones. She is currently in the 6th week of chemo. I ask for prayers for her, my brother and all the family. (Mary and Al have 9 adult children, each married with children of their own.)"

With Grateful Hearts



Sr. Damien Ciminera and Family

Sr. Damien would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her sister, Ermina Cola these past weeks as she began dialysis at home. Ermina is doing fine and adjusting to these treatments. The family is most grateful for our prayerful support during this time.

Vicky Lucio and Family

My family and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for praying for my sister, her son and her husband. It was a miracle that they were able to beat COVID through God's goodness and mercy, through the unwavering dedication of the medical team, and through all your prayers and concern. My sister was released from the hospital three days ago and my nephew was released yesterday.

Thank you so much for all your prayers and concern! Praise God!

Please continue to pray for them hoping that they will not experience any long term effects of COVID.

Full of gratitude,
Vicky and Family