



September 23, 2021

## World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

### *Towards an ever wider WE*

It's not just about migrants, it's about not excluding anyone.

It's about putting the last and the least in first place.

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

Every year the WDMR is the last Sunday of September; in 2021 it will be celebrated on September 26. As the title for his annual message, the Holy Father has chosen ***Towards an ever wider "we"***.



*Dear brothers and sisters,*

*In the Encyclical Fratelli Tutti, I expressed a concern and a hope that remain uppermost in my thoughts: "Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation. God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those', but only 'us'" (No. 35).*

*For this reason, I have wished to devote the Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees to the theme, Towards An Ever Wider "We", in order to indicate a clear horizon for our common journey in this world.*

### *The history of this "we"*

*That horizon is already present in God's creative plan: "God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply'" (Gen 1:27-28). God created us male*

*and female, different yet complementary, in order to form a “we” destined to become ever more numerous in the succession of generations. God created us in his image, in the image of his own triune being, a communion in diversity.*

*When, in disobedience we turned away from God, he in his mercy wished to offer us a path of reconciliation, not as individuals but as a people, a “we”, meant to embrace the entire human family, without exception: “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them” (Rev 21:3).*

*Salvation history thus has a “we” in its beginning and a “we” at its end, and at its centre the mystery of Christ, who died and rose so “that they may all be one” (Jn 17:21). The present time, however, shows that this “we” willed by God is broken and fragmented, wounded and disfigured. This becomes all the more evident in moments of great crisis, as is the case with the current pandemic. Our “we”, both in the wider world and within the Church, is crumbling and cracking due to myopic and aggressive forms of nationalism (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 11) and radical individualism (cf. ibid., 105). And the highest price is being paid by those who most easily become viewed as others: foreigners, migrants, the marginalized, those living on the existential peripheries.*

*The truth, however, is that we are all in the same boat and called to work together so that there will be no more walls that separate us, no longer others, but only a single “we”, encompassing all of humanity. Thus I would like to use this World Day to address a twofold appeal, first to the Catholic faithful and then all the men and women of our world, to advance together towards an ever wider “we”.*

To read the complete message of Pope Francis for World Day of Refugees and Migrants 2021, please click [here](#)



**To access videos about this special day:**

Building a “we” that cares for our common home, click [here](#)

Pope Francis: Learning to live together, click [here](#)

Pope Francis: One Church, one home, one family, click [here](#)

Pope Francis: A “we” as wide as humanity, click [here](#)

To view additional videos, please click [here](#)



Each year Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC joins the United States Catholic Church in celebrating [National Migration Week](#). This is a time to reflect on the challenges faced by migrants, as well as the role we play in welcoming and protecting our immigrant neighbors. This year, National Migration Week will take place today, September 20th through 26th, and will end with the Vatican's celebration of the [World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#).

The theme for 2021 is ***“Towards an ever wider ‘we’.*”** In his letter announcing this year's theme, Pope Francis wrote that this theme asks us to recognize that *“we are all in the same boat and called to work together so that there will be no more walls that separate us, no longer others, but only a single ‘we’, encompassing all of humanity.”* For over two decades, CIS-NYC's staff, volunteers, and partners have worked tirelessly to embody this ideal; working together with the immigrant community and allies to create a more inclusive society by fostering justice, dignity, and respect.

We hope that you will join us in celebrating National Migrant Week and reaffirming our commitment to stand in solidarity with immigrants by taking some of the actions below:

- **Make a donation to support CIS-NYC's work.** Donations can be made online [here](#).
- **Host a food drive or donation collection** to benefit CIS-NYC at your church, school, community center, or place of employment. Please reach out to our Director of Development at [ellanimmo@cis-nyc.org](mailto:ellanimmo@cis-nyc.org) for support with organizing an event.
- **Educate yourself and your loved ones** about the current state of immigration in the US and around the world. Share with others who may have misconceptions about immigration. Many helpful resources can be found on our social media accounts! Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#).
- **Use your voice!** A pathway to citizenship for millions is currently within reach – use your voice to pressure your Congress Members to ensure that citizenship is included in budget reconciliation. Take action [here](#).

The pandemic, recent natural disasters, and other challenges of recent years have only highlighted our shared humanity and made it even more necessary for us to come together as a *“single ‘we’.*” **CIS-NYC is grateful to the many community members, partners, allies, donors, and volunteers who have played a role in our work to break down *“the walls that separate us.”*** Thank you for your continued support.

With Gratitude,  
Javier Ramirez-Baron  
Executive Director

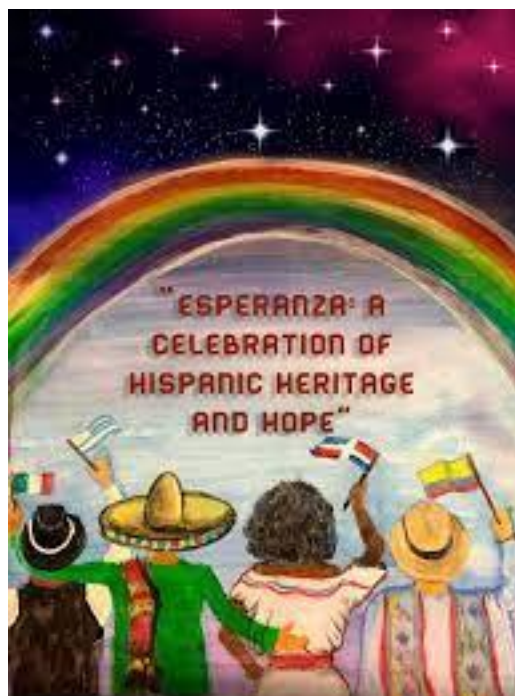
[Click here to learn more about National Migration Week](#)

# National Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from **September 15 to October 15**, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.



To learn more please click [here](#)

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## Hope of Providing Path to Citizenship Quashed

~ by Rhina Guidos, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON – Immigration advocates were dealt a blow at the beginning of a week that many believed would bring about history.

They had hoped to include an immigration provision in the \$3.5 trillion budget bill that would have granted legal status to 8 million farmworkers and essential workers, young adults brought to the U.S. illegally as minors, and recipients of a temporary program for migrants.

Instead, the Senate parliamentarian, Elizabeth MacDonough, a nonpartisan interpreter of standing rules of how a provision can be used in Senate legislation, said late on September 19 that the Democrats' plan was "not appropriate" for inclusion in the budget reconciliation bill process.

Senate Democrats hope to pass the budget using reconciliation – meaning it could be passed with a simple majority not the 60 votes usually needed and with no Republican support.

"The policy changes of this (immigration) proposal far outweigh the budgetary impact scored to it," MacDonough said in a statement.

Many, like Sen. Bob Menendez, D-NJ, said in a September 20 conference call that he was "disappointed" but vowed to keep working to find relief for those who would have benefitted. "This ruling does not mean this process is over. She (the parliamentarian) gave her view on only one approach. This is not the end...we are not going to take 'no' for an answer."



Republicans had opposed the tactic and said Democrats should first try to solve the problems at the southern border with Mexico where thousands of migrants remained trapped under a bridge near Del Rio, Texas, trying to cross over.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, the ranking member on the Budget Committee, said he was “very glad” in a statement released shortly after the parliamentarian’s decision as made public. It was not an appropriate budgetary matter, he’d said, “It’s a major policy change.”

The legislative language Democrats sought to include in the budget measure aimed to help migrants who are in the country without legal permission but have Temporary Protected Status, which is granted to nationals whose countries have experienced natural disasters, armed conflicts or exceptional situations; agricultural workers and other essential work; and “Dreamers,” young adults brought to the U.S. illegally as children who have temporary protection under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.



U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. CNS photo/Tyler Orsburn

Hopes had been high that the budget reconciliation bill would be the magic bullet to finally deliver the path toward reform, even at the expense of bipartisanship.

Instead of riding a wave of victory on the immigration front, the Biden administration found itself putting out different kinds of fires related to the issue, even from supporters. Many denounced the deportation of Haitians and others at the southern border. To read the complete article please click [here](#)

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## U.S. Sisters Push for COVID Vax as Healthcare Staff Face Burnout

~ by Dan Stockman

After 18 months of turmoil, stress and watching COVID-19 victims die, caregivers at Catholic health facilities are reaching their limits.



“With the delta variant and the number of people who have chosen not to get vaccinated, this fourth COVID surge is the worst they’ve seen,” said Brian Reardon, Vice-President of Communications and Marketing at the [Catholic Health Association](#), which includes more than 600 hospitals and 1,600 other health facilities in the United States. “The biggest impact

is burnout in caregivers and staff. We’re hearing multiple reports that they just can’t take it anymore.”

The majority of CHA facilities were founded by or remained sponsored ministries of Catholic sisters. Since the beginning of the pandemic, those sisters and other women religious have been working on the front lines, treating the sick and pushing vaccination efforts amid the delta variant’s takeover of the country.

“It’s just been 18 months of unrelenting stress,” Reardon said. But this surge is especially frustrating because it doesn’t have to be happening,” he added. “People are in the ICU on ventilators. There is a moral obligation for people to get vaccinated.”

Mercy Sr. Karen Scheer has seen that close up in her work as a physician with Holy Redeemer Health System in Philadelphia where she provides primary care to people who are homebound. “Our primary purpose in life is to live Gospel values and care for one another,” she said. “Getting a vaccine can be an inconvenience, but it can be life-saving. Many people of color are suspicious and understandably so. In Philadelphia, the [Black Doctors Consortium](#) has done a lot to reach out to the communities of color and it’s working. It’s providers of color providing care, and that’s the greatest witness.”

Meanwhile, healthcare officials worry what the burnout of caregivers and staff will do to the industry.

“We’re hearing from our members about how concerned they are about not only current workforce issues, but what it’s going to mean long-term” if people leave the field because of stress and burnout, Reardon said.

There is concern because hospitals are full of COVID patients, other things go unchecked: chronic health problems as well as mental and substance abuse, which the social isolation of the pandemic exacerbated.

“There’s a confluence of crises out there, with COVID at the top,” Reardon said.

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



A nurse at St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City checks a patient. CNS/Reuters/Nick Oxford

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## *From the Guadalupe Province Vocation Team...*

*This article about Healthy Community originally appeared in the summer 2021 issue of HORIZON, the Journal of the National Religious Vocation Conference. Given its length we will serialize it and will carry segments in the upcoming editions.*

### **Building Blocks for Healthy Community**

*~ by Brother Sean Sammon, FMS in HORIZON, the Journal of the National Religious Vocations Conference*



Since Vatican II, community life has posed a challenge for many women and men religious. Prior to the council, rigid structures and antiquated rules governed life together. Communities, in general, were large, institutional, and closed off from the world around them. Little opportunity existed for personal expression; skills that might foster adult living were hard to find.

Vatican II changed all that. Religious congregations were asked to examine their structures and make necessary changes. In response to this directive, innovative living situations began to emerge.

Determined to live among the people whom they served, a number of brothers, sisters, and priests moved out of their residences, convents, and rectories and into neighborhood homes and apartments.

In time a new phenomenon began to merge: religious living in households of one or two members. This development was understandable. More than a few religious, serving in a ministry distant from any congregational house, had to find local accommodations. Others were forced to live alone or in smaller groups as parishes and dioceses repurposed traditional community housing. Still others, after years of living in situations where they had little control over their lives, wanted to take advantage of their newfound freedom.

Fast forward 50 years. Many in aging populations of religious now find themselves unable to live independently. Consequently they have little choice but to move to communities that can provide healthcare and other services. However, for some the move from independent to community living with necessary institutional structures has not been easy.

At the same time, brothers, priests, and sisters living in small groups want to ensure that their communities are life-giving, built on principles of faith and zeal for ministry. They realize that similar to a friendship or a good marriage, community life requires that we respect those with whom we live, make sacrifices for the common good, and work toward consensus.



Finally, a new generation of young people looking at religious life today point out that life together is one of the most important elements that they seek. They have little interest in living alone and are eager to share their lives with others on a day-to day basis.

The type of community that these young men and women seek, however, differs in structure from those that existed in years past. For many of them qualities such as predictability, punctuality and regularity are not as important as the *quality of relationships* that exist among those in the group.

Wanting to promote a level of exchange that moves beyond the superficial, they are keen to talk with others in the community about their emotional life and experience of God. Some wonder how best to express their feelings of affection and care, their doubts and preoccupations. For many of them physical presence at prayer is less of a concern than the preparation that has gone into the service, the manner in which it is carried out, and the ability of those in the group to adapt.

The issue of life together, then, continues to present a challenge for women and men religious. They must find ways to establish communities that will be life-giving for both long-standing and new members. Next week, Brother Sammon takes a look at ways to address that challenge.

# 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**  
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Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83580175093?pwd=V1RrSmFXVVoSnI0UTdtT2ZremOxQT09>

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**NEXT 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.

**Presenters:**



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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.



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. **Next lecture: Katie McKenna, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm** 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.*

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## 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*



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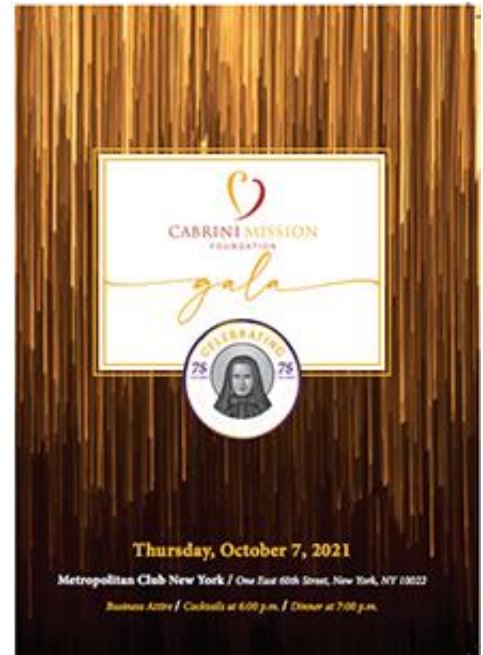
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Cabrini Mission Foundation responds with boldness, urgency and courage to the urgent needs of the most vulnerable and those on the margins of society. We support charitable works of healing, teaching and caring that share the charism of the Missionary 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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# Prayer Requests

## ***Dr. Timothy Mantz***

Dr. Tim Mantz, the Dean of the School of Business and Professional Studies at Cabrini University, will undergo shoulder surgery next week. He asks for prayers for a successful surgery and recovery.

## ***Annie P.***

Please unite in prayer for Annie who underwent surgery for a brain tumor this past Monday. Annie has been battling breast cancer for two years. Pray for her strength and stamina as she recovers.

## Prayer for Migrants and Refugees



Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst! Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured our your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution,

violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.

Lord Jesus help us by your grace,

- To banish fear from our hearts that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister;
- To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;
- To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;
- To share of our abundance as your spread a banquet before us;
- To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. ~ USCCB