



Faith Groups Band Together to Help Haitians Camped at US-Mexico Border

~ by Nuri Vallbona, Global Sisters Report

Ciudad Acuña, Mexico - Recent images of immigrants crammed under the international bridge and officers on horseback trying to grab and corral them drew outrage across the political spectrum. The threat of deportation left many migrants in limbo, too afraid to take their chances with the asylum process but stuck in Mexico without work permits or a means to support themselves.



Sr. Ursula Herrera banters with a 2 year-old Haitian boy who is watching his father wade through the Rio Grande toward an immigration camp in Mexico. His father had crossed the Rio Grande alone to check the current before he returned to pick up his son.

Photo: Nuri Vallbona

As the number of Haitian arrivals at the border swelled, Catholic sisters, religious organizations, nonprofits, and churches banded together with a common goal: provide basic services and restore human dignity.

“If God has allowed these different religions, then we all need to support each other. We are all God’s children. We were all created equal, so we need to treat each other with respect,” said Sr. Ursula Herrera, a Benedictine Sister of Boerne, Texas.

On September 22, the sister joined a team of volunteers from Casa Hogar Getsemani, a Baptist orphanage in Morelos, Mexico, to pass out lemonade and more than 130 plates of hot dogs, rice, beans, tortillas and pork stew to the migrants milling around an immigration camp in Ciudad Acuña.

Throughout September, Matt Mayberry, a pastor at the Southern Baptist City Church Del Rio said he

was inundated with calls from churches across the country offering to support his congregation’s efforts to feed those camped under the bridge. He estimated that volunteers handed out more than 16,000 sandwiches and snacks to immigrants and border officials until the federal government stepped into provide food.

“Our understanding of Scripture is that we were made in God’s image – all humans,” he said. “And so, regardless of our ethnicity or nationality, every human is worthy of human dignity and value. Our church and all the churches who have joined us believe the same thing.”

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



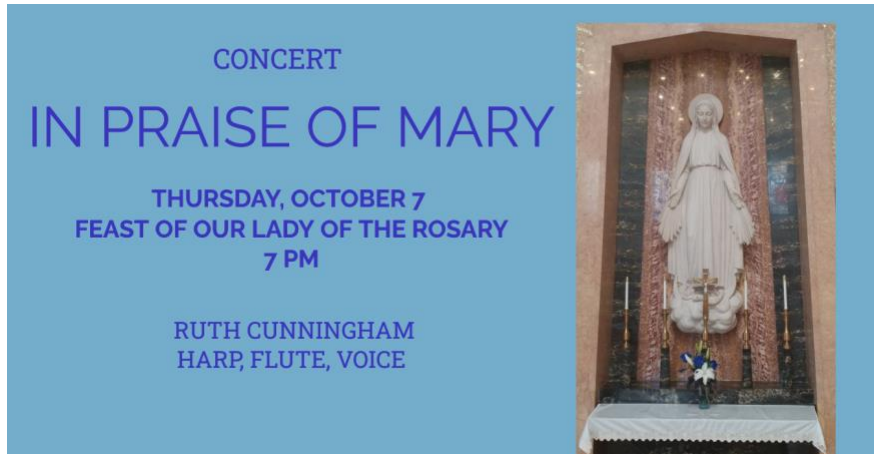
October Events You Won't Want to Miss at the NY Shrine!

We invite you to join us at St. Frances Cabrini Shrine on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7 at 7 pm for *In Praise of Mary*, a concert of harp, flute and voice by the extraordinary Ruth Cunningham.

Ruth is a founding member of the noted early music group Anonymous 4. She specializes in early and Renaissance music, as well as improvisational sacred music from varied spiritual

traditions in both liturgical and concert settings. In addition to performing in concerts and festivals throughout the United States, Europe and the Far East, Ruth has made thirteen recordings. This performance will be streamed live on the Shrine's Facebook page.

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



SAVE THE DATE! – Wednesday, 10.20.21 **Immigrants, Migrants and the Making of NY**



For centuries, immigrants and migrants have provided the labor that drives New York City's economy, the families that fill its neighborhoods, and the creativity that animates its culture.

Join us at the Shrine on October 20th at 7 (or streamed on our

Facebook page) for an illustrated lecture by **Robert W. Snyder, Manhattan Borough Historian and professor emeritus at Rutgers University**, (photo above) about the generations of new arrivals who have made and remade New York, from the nineteenth century (when Mother Cabrini arrived from Italy) to the present. The lecture will devote special attention to what recent census figures tell us about the enduring importance of immigrants and migrants in New York City.

Robert W. Snyder is author of many books including *Crossing Broadway: Washington Heights and the Promise of New York* and the coauthor of *All the Nations Under Heaven: Immigrants, Migrants and the Making of New York*. He is a member of the New York Academy of History. ~ submitted by Julia Attaway, Executive Director, St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine



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 present it in serialized form 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



Part Two

Different Understandings about What Constitutes a Community

Today there are many understandings about what constitutes a community. Some insist that numbers are unimportant; a person living alone can be connected to a wider community of people. Life under one roof, they say, is not necessary.

Others have perfected the art of living along together. They share physical space with others in the same house but might as well be living on their own. In these communities there is little interaction among members, most of whom live rather independent lives.

Then there are those who insist that they will no longer live with difficult people. In their search for an ideal community, however, these men and women fail to realize that, just as there are no perfect families, problem-free communities simply do not exist.

Still others adopt a legalistic point of view when discussing life together. They cite articles from the Constitutions and statutes of their congregation when addressing the issue. By their way of thinking, attendance at prayer and meals fulfills their obligation to the people with whom they are living.

Some also wonder if community life has any witness value today or whether dealing with the obvious intergenerational and intercultural differences that exist in many groups is worth the effort. Amid these competing definitions of life together, just what do we mean by the term “community”?

Community Defined

To answer this question, communities must admit that the topic of community life is rarely on the agenda during initial formation. Rather this assumption is made: if they were able to live in a family, they can live in a community. But religious communities are not families. Families include people of unequal status – parents and children. In contrast, religious communities are made up of adult women and men who have come together to live the gospel. The skills needed to live in a family differ from those necessary to live in a community of adults.

Second, a community does not magically become a reality through the observance of rules governing life together. Hard work is needed to build one. All people have days when they are not their best.

However, for anyone to subject their community to a steady diet of bad days is not only unjust, it has implications for the group's ability to construct a life that will support the ideals that it holds dear and to foster vocations. Communities must work daily to repair damage done to community life and to lessen the frictions that inevitably occur. Each member of the community has a responsibility to live in such a way that the spirit of joy that should mark their way of life is evident to all.



At the same time, any community in which anyone has ever lived has been flawed. We know only too well that neither we nor those with whom we live are perfect. The admission that many aspects of life together

can lead to hurt feelings and disappointments is understandable. Day-to-day disagreements are sure to arise, and those with whom we live often fail to meet our expectations. As a consequence, a spirit of reconciliation must also lie at the heart of any community today that claims to be Christian and religious.

Perhaps, then, one of the most honest ways to define community is to say that it is an affair of the heart. While structures are necessary, community is more of an attitude than a place. Life together with sisters and brothers should challenge each member to formulate and nurture a loving heart. Without one, each member may survive but never flourish in community.

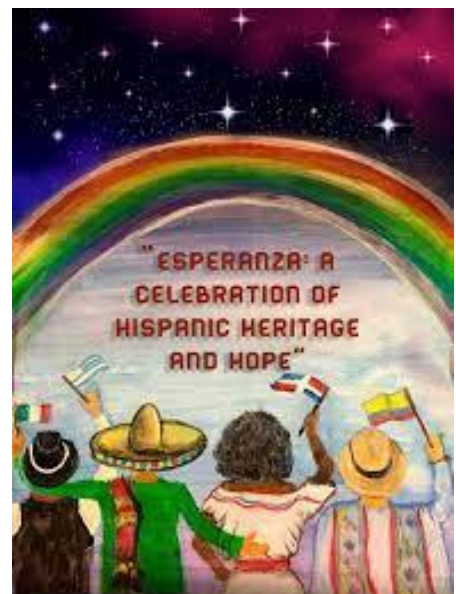
Next week: Community, discipleship and mission

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.



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:

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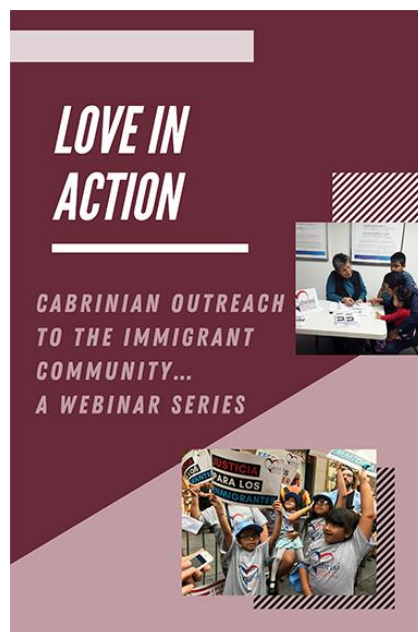
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WEDNESDAY, October 27, 2021

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:



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.



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.

Please note: If you are unable to join the webinars at the scheduled times, they will be recorded and the link will be available in The Update and on the websites National Shrine of St. Frances X. Cabrini and www.mothercabrini.org

*** If you missed LOVE in Action yesterday morning...**

Welcome to our first webinar in the **LOVE IN ACTION** series

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

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.

We 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.

PRESENTED BY

 **Lorraine Campanelli, MS, LMSW**
Director at Cabrini Immigrant Services,
Dobbs Ferry, NYC



For those who may have missed yesterday's webinar on Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY Please click [here](#) to view the recording.

The outreach and programs that take place at Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry truly demonstrate **Love in Action.**



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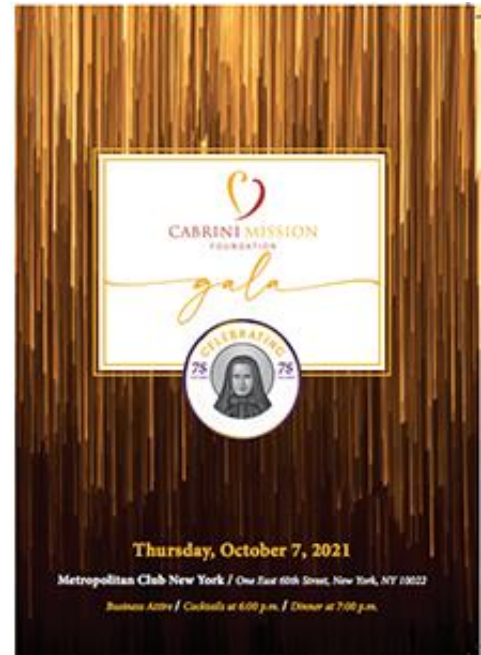
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Our Mission Statement

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.



For more information about tickets and the Gala journal please contact Ellen Cunningham:
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Title: I Feel Like I've Been Run Over by a Truck: How to build Connection, Resilience and Gratitude in the Wake of a Trauma – Katie McKenna

Date: October 6th, 2021

Time: 4:00pm

Location: Bruckmann Memorial Chapel of Saint Joseph

REGISTRATION <https://forms.office.com/r/nq553MrJs4>

THERE WILL BE A STREAMING OPTION.

Take a listen to Katie's story.



People often say, "I feel like I've been run over by a truck." I actually was.

On a sunny morning bike ride in Brooklyn, I was forever changed when I was run over by an 18-wheeler. Now, being crushed under a massive semi wasn't something I should have survived. After 10 hours of emergency surgery, I woke to find herself in a body and a life that would never be the same.

What began as a journal entry on a borrowed laptop during my extended hospital stay, became the best-selling memoir, *How to Get Run Over by a Truck*. Since getting a second chance at life, I have made it my mission to make every person I meet life just a little bit better for having me in it.

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. The name of the Fund changed in February 2020.





In response to the postcard writing Any Refugee initiative, Karol Brewer of the Province Immigration Commission, received a letter thanking the Cabrini community “for our support which raises awareness about the global refugee crisis among young people here in the U.S. and demonstrates to refugees that they are not forgotten. As the JRS staff travels overseas to visit JRS programs, they distribute Any Refugee postcards to students who are enrolled in JRS-supported programs. These young people are always happy to know that there are people thinking of them as they strive to build a better life for themselves and their families.”

Prayer Requests

Brian Quigley

Prayers are requested by Sr. Anita Quigley, SHCJ, for her brother, Brian, who will be undergoing heart bypass surgery. Pray that all will be well with his surgery and that his recovery will be swift.

Linda Roscioli

Please pray for Linda, a Sodexo employee at Cabrini University, who was recently hospitalized. She is now at home and doing well.

Joseph Santoro,

Your prayers are requested for Joseph, a young man from Florida, who is seriously ill with Covid19. Let us pray for him and his family that he will soon recover .

In Loving Memory

Dr. Fred Petrone

Kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Dr. Petrone, a former faculty member in the Department of Education at Cabrini (College) University who passed away on August 27th. Please pray, too, for his wife, Tina Buttacavoli Petrone, a 1962 graduate of Cabrini College, at this sad time.

Arlene Scanlon

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Arlene (Totten) Scanlon, a former Missionary Sister, who went home to God on September 23rd. Arlene was a devoted friend to the Missionary Sisters, especially to the sisters at St. Cabrini Nursing Home. Please pray for her husband John who mourns her loss.