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The Catholic Tradition of Environmental Care

~ by Joanne M. Pierce, by The Conversation by Religion News Service

Pope Francis led dozens of religious leaders on October 4 in issuing a plea to protect the environment warning that “future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home.” The appeal, which calls for net-zero emissions, was released after months of meetings leading up to the United Nations’ November climate conference in Glasgow, Scotland.

The Pope has voiced support for green policies before, including his 2015 encyclical letter to the encyclical letter to the entire Catholic Church “Laudato Si’ on Care for Our Common Home.”

But Francis is not the first Catholic leader to emphasize care for the planet. In fact, every pope for the past half century – except John Paul I, who died after just one month in office – has addressed environmental issues in his official publications.

The Early Tradition

One of the basic beliefs of Christianity is that the material world was created directly by God, and thus is fundamentally connected with God’s goodness.

As God completes each element of the world – day, night, land, sea, etc. – God sees that “it was good.” On the sixth day, when God creates human being in God’s own image, they are given “dominion” or “rule” over everything that lives on the Earth.



The Benedictine Tradition

One Benedictine saint has become especially connected with environmental concerns: St. Hildegard of Bingen, who died in A.D. 1179.

This German abbess was one of the most accomplished women of the Middle Ages. An expert on herbal medicines and botany, she also wrote religious plays and composed liturgical chants and hymns. She insisted that God loved the Earth as a husband loves a wife and espoused a kind of “green” theology called *viriditas*, condemning the harm that human activity could do to nature. Hildegard has been acclaimed as an unofficial patron saint of environmentalists.

The Franciscan Tradition

St. Francis of Assisi has over the centuries become renowned for his love of the natural world. One of Francis’ few documents is a poem, the “Canticle of the Sun,” which lyrically expressed his belief in the kinship between human beings and the rest of the natural world. Even the Sun and the Moon are addressed as “brother” and “sister.”

In 1979, Pope John Paul II named St. Francis as the patron saint of ecology because he “revered nature as a wonderful gift of God.” And in 2015, Pope Francis used the first words of “Canticle of the Sun,” *Laudato Si’* to open his encyclical on the environment and serve as its official title.

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

Cabrini Mission Foundation Hosts Gala

There were plenty of smiles, tears, and cheers at the highly anticipated 2021 Cabrini Mission Foundation Gala, hosted on Oct 7th at the Metropolitan Club. The event bolstered many familiar and a few new faces, all sharing a common goal to support and celebrate the Missionary Sisters as well as the honorees. A dazzling performance by our emcee, Joe Piscopo and a first look at the upcoming Mother Cabrini movie were just a few highlights of the wonderful night.



The feeling in the room was heart-warming as each honoree was highlighted for their remarkable achievements and commitment to helping others. Four individuals were awarded the Covid Angel Award which recognizes those who have helped their community and brought smiles to the faces of those who needed it most.



Nurse **Bissoondai Persad** has the task of caring for our Senior Sisters at the Sacred Heart Convent here in New York, and at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, worked diligently to keep our Sisters safe. **Luzmilla Cedeño** has been a volunteer at Cabrini Immigrant Services in New York for 20 years, and each week has come to help in the distribution of food to those in need as part of our food pantry program. **Ronald Cole**, a Respiratory Therapist at the St. Cabrini Nursing Home, has been courageous throughout the pandemic, and was one of the first to deliver up close and personal care and treatment to our residents who contracted COVID-19. **Kathleen Ann Michels**, an Emergency Room nurse in New York-Presbyterian Hospital the Weill Cornell Level 1 Trauma Center, was at the forefront of treating COVID patients as the pandemic unfolded, working countless hours to help see them recover.



Covid Angel Award winners are honored:

Top photo: Luzmilla Cedeño of CIS-NYC is congratulated by Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC.

Second photo - from left: Amish Persad, Maria Diaz, nurse Bissoondai Persad receive greetings from Sr. Lucille Souza, MSC.

Third photo: ER nurse Kathleen Ann Michels offers remarks after receiving her award from Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC.

Fourth photo: Respiratory therapist Ronald Cole is the proud award recipient and is greeted by from left: Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC, Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC and Ms. Patricia Krasnausky, President and CEO of Cabrini of Westchester. Congratulations to all!

Along with these dedicated individuals, three honorees were awarded the Spirit of Cabrini Award, which represents an understanding of Mother Cabrini and a willingness to continue her legacy of helping people who are in need throughout New York City beginning with the



From left: Chazz and Palminteri; Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, Cabrini Mission Foundation Chair; Gala emcee Joe Piscopo; and Cabrini Mission Foundation Executive Director Christopher LaBianco pause for a photo during the award ceremony.

Italian-American community. **Philip Foglia, Sr.** (Posthumously) and **Chazz and Gianna Palminteri**, have been involved with the Foundation for many years and were able to use their connections to erect the Mother Cabrini statue in Bryant Park.

The Sisters and Foundation staff would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to everyone in attendance and for the continued support of the mission. ~ submitted by Chris LaBianco

SAINT FRANCES X. CABRINI SHRINE, NEW YORK, NY

Immigrants, Migrants, and the
Making of New York

The pivotal role immigration plays in
making New York the greatest city in the
world

by Manhattan Borough
Historian Robert Snyder

Wednesday, October 20, 7 pm

ST. FRANCES CABRINI SHRINE
701 FORT WASHINGTON AVE

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 St. Frances Cabrini Shrine (or via streaming on our Facebook page) for an illustrated lecture by Robert W. Snyder, Manhattan Borough Historian and professor emeritus at Rutgers University, about the generations of new arrivals who have made and remade New York, from the nineteenth century 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 Manhattan Borough Historian and professor emeritus of journalism and American Studies at Rutgers University-Newark. Among his many books, he is the author of *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*. A former Fulbright lecturer in American Studies in Korea and a member of the New York Academy History, he lives in Manhattan.

The National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

8th Annual Benefit Event



Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC, Executive Director of the National Shrine with emcee Janet Davies engage with Benefit guests.

with stories about Mother Cabrini and the enormous impact she made in our city.

Our Benefit Event Committee worked extraordinarily hard in a very short period of time to produce this wonderful and remarkably successful event. Proceeds for this year's Benefit will provide important support for our Shrine Ministries, Programming and Special Events.



Sr. Joaquina Costa, MSC enjoys chatting with Ruben Mendez.

Mother Cabrini was certainly watching down upon us and we can be sure she was smiling.

~ submitted by Barbara Willis



National Shrine Benefit guests from left: Barbara Willis, Anthony DeLeonardis, Lori Schneider and Justine Santiago enjoyed a spectacular evening overlooking the harbor in Chicago.

Service to Others Makes Cabrini Kids Smile

While schools were closed for Columbus Day/Indigenous People Day, some of our Cabrini Kids gave up their holiday to help with a Giving Back Program at Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, NY. Thanks to a grant from the St. Faith's House Foundation, our Kids made 100 packets of toiletries which will be donated to The Pantry in Verplanck, NY. The Pantry, which has a food pantry, also works one on one with women to help them get needed services.



The program was organized by our Social Work Intern, Sarah Flaherty, a senior at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY. She also involved the Social Work Club at Iona College. The college students made 100 cards of support which were put into the packets. In addition to the card, each packet had shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, tissues, Chap Stick, body wash, a facial mask sheet, toothpaste, a toothbrush, a comb and a pair of socks. A special thank you to Tom Costello, from The Joy of Sox in Radnor and Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, for donating 100 pairs of socks!



Cabrini Kids assemble packets for The Pantry in Verplanck, NY where they will benefit women in need.

Our Cabrini Kids all said that they felt great knowing that they were able to help others. They learned about The Pantry and their different services. They are looking forward to our next Giving Back Program and being able to help more people who are in need.

~ submitted by: Lorraine Campanelli, Director, Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY



The Cabrini Kids were proud to display the bags they assembled each with an inspirational message created by the Social Work Club of Iona College. With the students are Shirley Godoi, CIS Administrative Assistant (I.) and Sarah Flaherty, (r.) an Iona College intern with CIS.

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 Four The Evolution of a Religious Community

Every religious community undergoes a process of evolution from the time its members first gather until it come to an end (and “end” because the members are different people). Ends happen due to departures or

additions. The first phase involves the experience of simply coming together. Subsequent phases include:

- Working out differences among members
- Establishing norms for the group
- Getting on with the tasks of living and serving together

For most of the first phase in the life of any community is a period of orientation. Members find themselves in an unfamiliar situation and need time to get their bearings. They are also on their best behavior. They size up one another and wonder if they will be liked, rejected, respected, or ignored. If members are feeling anxious and uncertain, they can easily start comparing their new living situation with the one they left recently.

During this first phase, the veteran members of the community need to be careful not to spend all their time discussing people and events with which they alone are familiar. If they do, those new to the group need to point out what is happening, or they run the risk of finding themselves increasingly excluded from day-to-day conversation.

The task of drawing up a plan for life together is often addressed during this forming period. Even if the community developed a plan the previous year, its details should be discussed and renegotiated. Such action is imperative whenever the membership of the community changes. With every departure and each addition, a new community forms and is in need of beginning again.

A helpful way to describe the second phase in the formation of a community is that of “working out differences.” After the group has lived together for a time, attention shifts from concerns about acceptance and approval to issues of dominance, power and control. “Oughts” and “shoulds” begin to appear, negative comments and criticisms are more frequent, judgments about others emerge. For growth to take place beyond the first phase of coming together, members must be able to disagree, even heatedly at times, and to resolve their differences in a mutually acceptable manner. Unfortunately, false notions about what the virtue of charity entails have rendered many members incapable of telling the truth. Instead, they remain silent to keep the peace.

Next week: The Evolution of a Religious Community continues.

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=V1RrSmFXYYVhoSnI0UTdiT2ZremQxQT09>

Passcode: 279051

Or One tap mobile :

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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 last month...**


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

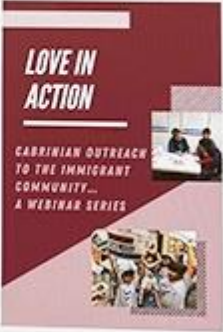
Welcoming and Servicing our Immigrant Sisters and Brothers
Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NYC

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.**



Cabrini University Campus Ministry is excited to continue our Catholic Lecture Series by welcoming dr. timome davis to Campus. We hope to see you there!

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

Title: Wedding at Cana: Going Beyond the Wine



Date: October 20th, 2021

Time: 4:00pm

Location: Bruckmann Memorial Chapel of Saint Joseph

THERE WILL BE A STREAMING OPTION.

dr. timome davis* is an Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, with an emphasis in Black Catholic Theology at the Loyola University Chicago.

timome 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.



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Prayer Requests

Patricia Bethany

Dr. Adeline Bethany, Professor Emerita, of Cabrini University, asks for prayers for her daughter-in-law, Patricia Bethany, a Cabrini University alumna, who is dealing with some medical issues.

Donna O'Connor

Rosalind Yu asks prayers for Donna O'Connor who is facing extensive dental treatment. Please pray that her procedure will go smoothly.

World Poverty Day

Sunday, October 17th is World Poverty Day. Please pray for all those who live in poverty and are marked by illness, deprivation, and on-going struggle.

Adele Zambrano

Let us pray for Adele, a friend of Sr. Grace Waters, MSC, who would be grateful for our prayers at this time.

With Grateful Hearts

Paul Bethany

Dr. Adeline Bethany wishes to thank the Missionary Sisters and all who prayed for her son, Paul. Seriously ill with COVID-19, he was recently removed from a ventilator after 2 months. They are calling him "Miracle Man" at the hospital. Surely, an answer to prayer.

Sr. Regina Palamara, MSC

Sr. Regina sends her abundant thanks to everyone for their prayers, phone calls, good wishes following her recent surgical procedure. She wants everyone to know that she came through surgery very well and is doing fine as she recovers.

She sends special words of appreciation to her California based support group that accompanied her throughout her surgery and has continued to her throughout her recovery. She is deeply grateful for all they did for her during her pre and post hospitalization.

She sends her love and blessings to all.

