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Mothers of Disappeared Migrants Plead for Help

~ by Rhina Guidos, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON – A group of women looking for sons and daughters who were never heard from again after migrating to the U.S. traveled in mid-to late October throughout the country to plead for better immigration laws.

The Caravan of Mothers of the Disappeared, a project backed by Pax Christi USA and the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, helped spotlight the plight of the group of women, who made a stop in Washington on October 19 to meet with members of Congress.



Karen Morales of Honduras talks about her brother who went missing nine years ago in Mexico while standing with the other women of the caravan. CNS photo/Elizabeth Franz/Reuters

On October 20, the mothers, often only giving their first names, participated in an online event and talked about their family members, how and why their sons and daughters left their home countries, their last whereabouts, and the last time they spoke to them. They also shared how they had dropped off samples of their DNA with authorities at the border in hopes of one day finding out what happened to them.

Many of the stories mirrored the one told by Aracely, a mother from El Salvador, who last heard from her son, Edwin Alexander Colindres, more than nine years ago. He had set off for the U.S. to

find work. He was in communication with his mother through part of the journey north, then she never heard from him again.

A woman named Bertila said she found her son, “but not the way I had hoped. ...I never expected to find him among the dead,” she said. He was kidnapped by drug cartels in Tamaulipas, Mexico, and his remains were later identified in a mass grave.

“I’m here to support the mothers,” she said. “All along the border, there are thousands and thousands of remains. I had to fight for years for the remains of my son. I asked everyone for help, but no one wants to help the poor.”

Like many of the other mothers, she had seen her son leave, looking for work he couldn't find at home. She called for better paths to enter the U.S., ones that won't put people in danger.

"We look for them because we love them," shouted one of the women in the caravan.

"As I listened to them, the women, it's heart-wrenching," said Mercy Sr. Anne Marie Miller in an interview with Catholic News Service. "It touches you to hear the suffering."

"We have to do something...use our voices as women religious," she said, adding that organizations such as the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) have long advocated for justice in such situations. To read the entire story please click [here](#)

Just Ahead of COP26, Public Opinion on Climate Change Varies

~by Brian Roewe, Earthbeat, National Catholic Reporter

Global public opinion is skeptical that when leaders gather in Glasgow they'll do anything to seriously address the major challenge of climate change.

A briefing this week [led by the Pew Research Center](#) compiled findings from a number of surveys conducted in the past year on the issue of climate change. One polls the views of roughly 1,000 people each [in 17 countries with advanced economies](#), representing North America, Europe and the Asia-Pacific region. Of that group, majorities in 12 countries said they were not confident that actions by the international community would significantly reduce the effects of global climate change. Only four of the countries – Germany, the Netherlands, South Korea and Singapore – had majorities expressing confidence.

The need for far more urgent and full-scale actions is a message that the faith community will be bringing to Scotland. A major objective for them will be holding countries' pledges to the more ambitious Paris accord goal of limiting average temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius – a level that scientists say surpassing will put millions of people at risk of extreme weather, poverty and numerous health issues. To read the full account, please click [here](#)

Volunteers Grillin' and Chillin' at St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine, NYC



Somehow a burger always tastes better when it's cooked outdoors on a grill. The volunteers at the Shrine gathered for a thank you BBQ on the grounds of the Shrine.

Last Sunday was St. Frances Cabrini Shrine's first Volunteer Appreciation BBQ. Nearly three dozen volunteers turned out to meet each other, chat, and enjoy the rare city experience of food cooked outdoors on the grill.

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

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 Five

Traits that foster life together

Just as communities pass through predictable phases of growth, there are also personal traits that make it easier for an individual to live in a group. Those in formation would do well to help young



people develop some of these

qualities. The first is **flexibility**. When a community has members who are rigid and inflexible, issues of power and control often become a problem for all involved. In contrast, flexibility on the part of community members allows them to “roll with the punches,” adapt quickly to new realities, and to live with uncertainty.



A healthy sense of self-esteem is a second trait that comes in handy when living in community. Those with this trait are at home with themselves; they appreciate their strengths, accept their faults; they see themselves as others do.

Dependability is a third trait. People are reluctant to rely on those whom they judge as undependable. Consequently, a disproportionate amount of this group’s work falls on a few. **Having an ability to relate to others** is another helpful trait. Those who possess it are able to form close relationships while maintaining their own autonomy; they don’t isolate themselves. Others see them as agreeable and friendly.



Finally, **an ability to control impulses and delay gratification and a spirit of resiliency** are additional traits that help anyone live in community. They allow one to tolerate the inevitable frustrations that can arise as the group works to achieve larger and more long-range goals. Those without resiliency focus on the inherent unfairness of life or injustices that they believe they have suffered.

Next week: Qualities found in a healthy community.

LOVE in Action

A Spotlight on the Cabrinian Outreach for Immigrants

Please Mark Your Calendars

Please join us in December for the third and final webinar in this series on immigration. Sponsored by:

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

**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 www.cabrinationalshrine.org and www.motherscabrini.org

A Heroic Act at Sacred Heart Convent

On October 14, around 7 p.m., security officer Michael Acevedo noticed an elderly gentleman outside the Sacred Heart Convent who appeared to be intoxicated. Michael went outside to investigate. He found that the man thought he was in Brooklyn and had no idea how he had gotten to lower Manhattan. It appeared that he had a short term memory problem. Michael called 911. When describing the man, he fit the description of a missing person. When the ambulance and the police arrived, they confirmed that he was indeed the person they had been searching for. Mother Cabrini must have led him to the convent to be found by his concerned family. **Way to go Michael Acevedo!**

~ submitted by Sr. Renee Kittelson, MSC



**Michael
Acevedo**



WALK A MILE
WALK TO LEARN ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS
AND HOW WE CAN HELP

WHY WE WALK

It's time we open our eyes and see the victims of the sex trade, domestic servitude, and forced labor who've been in the shadows for far too long.

The purpose of the event is to shine a spotlight on the 27 million men, women, and children who are still trapped in slavery today.

It's happening right here in our community. Come out and learn more about the signs and how to help end trafficking in your zip code.

JOIN US Use QRcode to Register



Monday November 15, 2021

Walk starts at 3:00 P.M. in front of Grace Hall
Please remember to wear a mask

Donations of hotel size toiletries: soap, shampoo, toothpaste etc.

We will also be accepting donations of gift cards to support the Cabrini Closet

This walk is sponsored by ECC 200 Anti-Human Trafficking Class, the Cabrini Closet
Contact Karol Brewer at 610-902-1038 or cabriniformation@mothercabrini.org

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You're Invited!

*The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
& Cabrini Mission Foundation Board of Trustees
invite you to celebrate the Spirit of Christmas at the
Flatiron Room Thursday, December 16th*

When: December 16th, 2021
(Thursday) 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Where: The Flatiron Room
37 W 26th St, New York
(Between 5th & 6th Avenues)

Enjoy: Food, drinks, dessert, open
seating, and more!

Tickets limited to 100 guests.



**For details regarding tickets and sponsorships kindly contact:
Ellen Cunningham: 212.228.8608**

Prayer Requests

Sr. Mary Lou Andes, MSC

Please unite in praying that all goes well for Sr. Mary Lou as she has her second cataract surgery on Tuesday, November 2nd. May her procedure go smoothly and may her recovery be swift.

Maria Valente Breeser

Prayers are requested for Cabrini (College) University alumna, Maria Valente Breeser, Class of 1973, who was hospitalized recently for tests and a medical procedure. Please pray that her recovery will be swift and she will soon be returned to full health.

Cabrini University Employee

Kindly pray for the mother of a Cabrini University employee who recently suffered a hip fracture. Pray that full healing will take place.

Wayne Dennis

Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC asks for prayers for her brother-in-law, Wayne Dennis, who is waiting for medical test results. Pray that all will be well.

Sr. Beryl June Mallaun, MSC

Your prayers are invited for Sr. Beryl June who is recuperating and having rehabilitation at St. Cabrini Nursing Home. If you would like to speak with her you can call her at Cabrini (914) 693-6800 - Ext. 243
If you would like to send her a card, we are sure that she would like to hear from you.

**Sr. Beryl June Mallaun, MSC
1 West Unit - Room 129
115 Broadway,
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522**



Sr. Benigna Morais, MSC

All is well with Sr. Benigna and she will be returning to Sacred Heart Convent this coming Friday, October 29.

Dan Rose

Dr. Adeline Bethany, Cabrini University Professor Emerita, requests prayers for Dan Rose, a good friend of hers, who is seriously handicapped. He has no use of his legs and now requires shoulder surgery that will have him immobile for one year. He doesn't know whether or not to have the surgery. Hopefully prayer will guide him to the correct decision.

Lechia Taylor's father

Kindly keep in prayer the father of Lechia Taylor, wife of President Donald Taylor of Cabrini University. Lechia's father is currently hospitalized.

Continued Prayers

Dr. Michaela Galica

Please continue to remember Dr. Galica in your prayers. She is now recovering at home following her recent hospitalization.

Adrienne O'Brien

Our ongoing prayers are requested for Adrienne who is quite ill at this time. Adrienne would appreciate all of our prayers as she is struggling with a terminal illness. Please pray for her comfort and serenity.

In Loving Memory

Melissa (Missy) Morevec Burgess

It is with great sadness that the Cabrini University community shares the passing of Melissa (Missy) Moravec Burgess, former Director of Co-op & Career Services, and Assistant Director of The Center for Career and Professional Development (CCPD).

Missy was employed at Cabrini from 2012 to 2015, and worked closely with Nancy Hutchison, former Director of CCPD, to grow the connections and opportunities open to current undergraduate and graduate students, as well as alumni.

She was a deeply valued member of the University community who send their deepest condolences to her family. A Mass will be offered in memory of Missy on **Monday, November 8, 2021, at 12:30 pm** in the Bruckmann Memorial Chapel of St. Joseph.

Prayer to All Saints

Dear Lord, thank you for the example of the Saints. May they intercede for us on our behalf.

Prayer for All Souls – All Souls Day

November 2 is the Commemoration of All of the Faithful Departed, or All Souls. On this day, we pray that all those who have died— our loved ones, and also those people around the world — through the mercy of God, will rest in peace.

Change of Phone Number – Please make a note.

Sr. Bernadette Casciano, MSC has a new phone number at St. Cabrini Nursing Home: **914.693.1583**.
Sr. Bernadette is no longer using her cell phone.

All Saints Day

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven.



Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

We pray, especially, to St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, our Patroness, whose feast day we will celebrate on November 13th. Please join with the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian Community in praying her novena. To access the novena, please click [here](#)