



October 7, 2021

Refugee Crisis is one of Solidarity

~ by Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY – Countries hosting millions of refugees are not receiving adequate support, and the situation is made worse when other nations forge agreements that trap migrants and refugees often indefinitely, “at strategic points along their journey,” said a top Vatican official.

“The fact that millions of our fellow brothers and sisters remain in limbo is a crisis of solidarity. It should challenge our conscience as a family of nations to seek strategies that engage with all countries as equal partners,” said Francesca DiGiovanni, an undersecretary in the Vatican’s foreign ministry office.



Francesca Di Giovanni, undersecretary in the Vatican’s foreign ministry at a Mass with Pope Francis. CNS photo/Vatican Media

She spoke on October 5 as head of the Vatican delegation to the executive committee of the U.N. High Commissioner’s Program for Refugees in Geneva.

The current system in place for handling those who are forcibly displaced has been “entirely overwhelmed” and “struggles to respond adequately,” making displacement, within and across borders, “one of the most pressing challenges of our times,” she said.

Even though the 1951 Refugee Convention declares its aim is to guarantee that refugees may exercise their “fundamental rights and freedoms,” millions of refugees are unable to enjoy these rights in many regions of the world, she said.

Many nations are trying to provide “both immediate and durable solutions,” but host countries do not receive adequate support, DiGiovanni said. “A number of countries have even increased the burden of host communities through an unsustainable strategy of externalization, avoiding direct responsibility for large, mixed flows of migrants and refugees through agreements that stop them, often indefinitely, at strategic points along their journey.”

Countries near these areas of crisis “are only as strong as the unity and effectiveness of the international community in extending financial and technical support to first responders and to local populations that are struggling to continue on with daily life,” she said.

The Vatican, she said, is calling on all countries “to adopt concrete, meaningful actions, especially in response to the increasing number of humanitarian crises.”

The Vatican also insists on protecting the “right to health of everyone, including refugees and migrants, and especially of women and children who are at particular risk in humanitarian situations, she said. To read the complete article please click [here](#)

Pope Francis Makes Urgent Climate Appeal Ahead of COP26

~ by Brian Roewe, *Earth Beat*, National Catholic Reporter

In response to the “grave threat” of climate change, heads of the world’s major religious united at the Vatican to issue an unprecedented joint appeal to government leaders at next month’s United Nations climate summit, calling for “urgent, radical and responsible action” to drastically curb greenhouse gas emissions and for the world’s wealthiest countries to lead in the health of the planet.

The nearly 40 religious figures, among them Pope Francis, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Islamic, Jewish, Buddhist and Hindu leaders, also pledged to increase awareness of the climate crisis and actions to address it within their own congregations.

“We are currently at a moment of opportunity and truth. We pray that our human family may unite to save our common home before it is too late,” the declaration read. “Future generations will never forgive us if we squander this precious opportunity.”

“We have inherited a garden: we must not leave a desert for our children,” the faith leaders wrote.

The joint statement, issued October 4th, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the [patron saint of ecology](#), outlined the expectations of the world’s major religions – representing about half the global population – for the COP26 U.N. climate conference set for November 1-12 in Glasgow, Scotland.



Pope Francis leads the meeting of world faith leaders on October 4. CNS/Paul Haring

We plead with the international community, gathered at COP26, to take speedy, responsible and shared action to safeguard, restore and heal our wounded humanity and the home entrusted to our stewardship,” the faith declaration said. We appeal to everyone on the planet to join us on this common journey, knowing well what we can achieve depends not only on opportunities and resources, but also on hope, courage, solidarity and good will.”

Climate negotiators have said Francis’ encyclical *‘Laudato Si’* on Care for our Common Home,” along with statements from other faith leaders and the world’s bishops had a positive influence on COP21 in 2015. The hope is that his new interreligious appeal will yield similar results in Glasgow.

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

Celebrations in Colorado

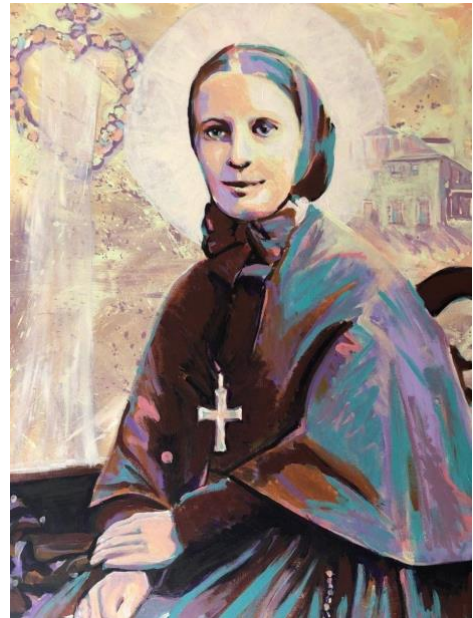
Cabrini Day

In March of 2020, Colorado Governor Jared Polis signed into law, HB 1031 establishing Frances Xavier Cabrini Day as a Colorado State Holiday. It is the first paid state holiday in the nation that recognizes a woman, and is now observed on the first Monday in October.

Taking advantage of a beautiful fall Colorado weekend, Mother Cabrini Shrine welcomed visitors and guests who came to walk the steps, light a candle in the chapel and enjoy the beautiful grounds that honor our beloved St. Frances Cabrini and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. After the Sunday Masses, coffee and donuts were served in celebration of Cabrini Day. To us, Cabrini Day is about her story – her determination, grit and service to immigrants, the poor and those most in need, and we are always eager for those who come to the Shrine to learn of it and be inspired by her life, her faith, and all she accomplished. ~ submitted by JoAnn Seaman
Links to Cabrini Day local news coverage below:

<https://www.9news.com/article/news/local/mother-cabrini-shrine-cabrini-day/73-447f086d-18ff-4789-8e28-d33ad3e276f7>

<https://denver.cbslocal.com/video/6061635-coloradans-celebrate-cabrini-day/>



This image of Mother Cabrini painted by a local artist is the rendering the Shrine uses for the celebration of Cabrini Day in Colorado.

Mother Cabrini Shrine Gala 2021



Clearly, the MSCs (from left) Sr. Alice Zanon, Sr. Roselle Santivasi, Sr. Lucy Panettieri and Sr. Asnakech Asefa were enjoying the 20th Anniversary Gala as Mistress of Ceremonies Kyle Dyer and guest auctioneer Reggie Rivers conduct the Gala auction.

With gratitude and joy, we were able to gather for the Mother Cabrini Shrine 20th Anniversary Gala on Friday, September 17 at the Pinnacle Club in downtown Denver. For those unable to attend in person, a portion of the event was livestreamed. All proceeds from the gala will go towards our \$4.5 million Heart of Jesus Capital Campaign. We are so grateful and happy to announce that due to the generosity of so many and

Mother Cabrini Shrine Gala 2021

the success of the gala, our campaign total is nearing \$3.6 million. Construction on the expansion and chapel renovations are set to begin in the spring of 2022. ~ submitted by JoAnn Seaman

Photo right: Fr. John Lager, OFM, Cap. greets guests during the opening reception.

Photo below: Longtime members of the Mother Cabrini Shrine family are Sarah and Tom Francis.

Photo below right: Gala guests got into the spirit of the auction. Does this gentleman have the winning bid?

Photo below left: Looks like this lady might have won a raffle prize!



For a glimpse of the gala please see photos and thank you video:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/141021425@N02/albums/72157719893301353>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxjUZ5Nz7x0>

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 Three Community and Discipleship

At the time of Baptism each Christian enters into that community of disciples known as the church; at first profession men and women religious go a step further pledging to find

their identity and destiny among a specific group of disciples within the People of God.

Like Mary, they are challenged to let Christ be the center and passion of their lives and the life of their community. Their identity as disciples of Christ lies at the heart of their life together as brothers and sisters.

Religious life, like all forms of Christian life, is a quest for God, a God who is love. It is easy to point to many aspects of life together that are unattractive. How much more difficult, though, to acknowledge that being called together by God is what transforms life in community into a moment of grace.

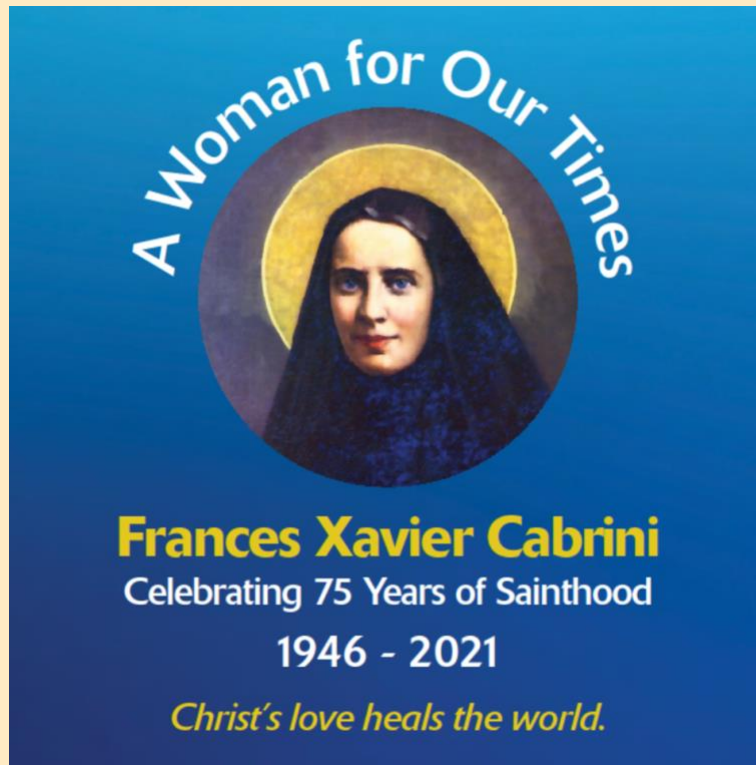
Community and Mission are Friends

Communities, then, come into existence so that they can live the gospel and proclaim the Word of God; their primary mission is to love God and to make God known and loved. Little is accomplished today by continuing to rank community and mission in order of importance or in asking time and time again, which has the greater claim on the time or talents of members. Balancing a life of action and contemplation is always a challenge. Remember, however, that community and mission are two sides of the same coin.

Simply living together can never ensure that a community exists, nor does a common work, nor an agreed upon plan for community living. These elements might help but they can never guarantee a community. Likewise, reluctance to place discipleship at the heart of life together has caused many communities to entertain poorly analyzed, cosmetic, and ultimately ineffective solutions for the difficulties encountered in community life. **Next week: Evolution of a Religious Community**



A Joyous Jubilee Year Celebrating 75 Years of Sainthood



If you would like to join us in the Opening of the Holy Doors and Mass on 11/13 please be sure to register as space is limited. To register, click [here](#)

Installation at the National Shrine

Blessings, Father Ramil Fajardo.

Thank you to all those who came to Mass on September 26 to celebrate Fr. Ramil's installation at the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in Chicago.

To learn more about Fr. Ramil, please click [here](#)



LOVE in Action*

A Spotlight on the Cabrini 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=V1RrSmFXVWhoSnI0UTdiT2ZremQxQT09>

Passcode: 279051

Or One tap mobile :

US: +13126266799,,83580175093# or +16465588656,,83580175093#

Webinar ID: 835 8017 5093

International numbers available: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83580175093?pwd=V1RrSmFXVWhoSnI0UTdiT2ZremQxQT09>



~ graphic design by Natalia Osias, National Shrine

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.

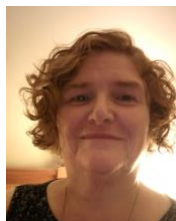
WEDNESDAY, December 1, 2021

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 week**

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**.



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.

CONCERT

IN PRAISE OF MARY


THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7
FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
7 PM

RUTH CUNNINGHAM
HARP, FLUTE, VOICE

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

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 of Arts, he lives in Manhattan.

Prayer Requests

Loretta Pizzello Gardner

Kindly keep Loretta in your prayers. She underwent surgery this week and is now recovering. For those who would like to send Loretta a card:

**23008 56th Avenue West Room 214
Mt. Lake Terrace, Washington 98043**

Tom McGowan

Please remember Tom McGowan, the husband of Cabrini Lay Missionary Marianne McGowan, in your prayers. Tom is experiencing some medical issues at the moment, and both he and Marianne would be grateful for the prayers of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community.

Manual Moreno

You are asked to pray for Manual Moreno, the father of Rebeca Moreno, who is seriously ill.

Sr. Regina Palamara, MSC

Kindly keep Sr. Regina in your prayers. She is currently recovering from surgery and would welcome our prayers.

Prayers for friends

Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC requests prayers for two friends who have been diagnosed with breast cancer and are undergoing treatment.



Connie Scheetz

Please pray for Connie Scheetz who is recovering from a fractured femur. Connie is the wife of Frederick Scheetz, trustee of the Cabrini Mission Foundation and Cabrini Senior Housing Development, Inc..

Evon Somirla

Please pray for Evon, an MSC Candidate, who is recovering from surgery. Please pray that her recovery will be swift.

Beverly Suhrbier

Kindly pray for Beverly Suhrbier, who is recovering from hip surgery. She is the mother of Craig Suhrbier, trustee of the Cabrini Mission Foundation.

Dr. Mihaela I. Vladutiu (Galica)

Your prayers are asked for Dr. Vladutiu, a gastroenterologist in New York, who is hospitalized.

With Grateful Hearts

Layla James Bailey



Proud grandmother JoAnn and sweet little Layla.

It is with joy that we announce the arrival of the newest member of the Cabrinian family.

Layla James Bailey was born to Hannah and Jett Bailey on October 3 2021.

Layla is the first grandchild of JoAnn and Tim Seaman. Their daughter Hannah is the new mom. JoAnn is the Director of Development at the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO.

We wish them all every blessing!



Cabrini University Campus Ministry Hosts Katie McKenna, Inspirational Speaker and Author

I Feel Like I've Been Run Over by a Truck: How to build Connection, Resilience, and Gratitude in the Wake of a Trauma

On Wednesday afternoon, October 6th, Cabrini University Campus Ministry hosted Katie McKenna, who, at the age of 24, was run over by 18 wheel tractor-trailer as she rode her bicycle on a crisp October Sunday morning in Brooklyn, NY. She spent months in the hospital recovering after ten hours of emergency surgery.



Doctors told her she would never walk again, but, in her talk, Katie speaks to taking life in small bites and celebrating even the smallest victories, as a way of overcoming the many the mental and physical challenges she faced in her recovery. Now, fourteen years later, able to walk, and expecting her first child in November, she shared her insights on remaining upbeat when trauma enters your life and how best to cope and take the learnings from that experience to bring about positive change in your own life and the lives of others.

She credits the unending support she received from her parents, family and friends in encouraging her always to look towards the future. ~ submitted by Nancy Costello, MSC Communications Office