



November 4, 2021

National Vocation Awareness Week

November 7 – 13, 2021

~ Vatican News by Lisa Zengarini

As the Church in the United States prepares to celebrate the National Vocation Awareness Week this month, the Chairman of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, calls attention to the central role played by family and local faith communities in supporting them.

“The accompaniment of the whole faith community is key for genuine vocational discernment - from one's parents and family members, to the Catholic educators, as well as the vital role that youth ministers and fellow parishioners play as the early encounters for young people to the faith,” said Bishop James Checchio of Metuchen, NJ.

This was confirmed by the latest research figures published by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) in February of this year. According to the survey, three quarters of religious men and women who professed their perpetual vows in the United States in 2020 came from families in which both parents are Catholic. Nine in ten reported that someone encouraged them to consider a vocation to religious life.

From the National Religious Vocations Conference

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration. It was later moved to Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. In 2014, after extensive consultation, the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort.

FACTS about RELIGIOUS LIFE – WHAT YOU CAN DO

- 66% of newer entrants were invited to consider religious life. An invitation is key. [Please invite someone to consider a religious vocation.](#)
- Over 500 candidates/postulants are in initial formation in the U.S. [Consider sending them a note of encouragement.](#)
- 67% of women's religious institutes include faith sharing as part of their prayer life. [Invite a young adult to join you and your community in prayer.](#)
- 88% of religious institutes accept new members. [Invite a discernor to enjoy a meal with your community.](#)
- 95% of perpetually professed sisters, brothers and priests have earned at least a college degree and 70% have a master's degree or more. [Visit a college campus and introduce yourself to the students.](#)

To access more interesting facts about religious life and vocations, please click [here](#)

Remembering MSCs We Knew and Loved



This past Monday on “All Saints Day” the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart who reside at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY, held a special prayer service in honor of all the deceased Missionary Sisters throughout the world, who passed away in 2019, 2020, and 2021. Father Thomas Vadakemuriyil, Director of Pastoral Care, led the sisters in prayer.

At the end of the “Reading of Names”, Fr. Thomas invited the sisters to share memories and reflect on their relationships with those that were known to them. This time was a special time of healing and meaning for the sisters who were in attendance.



Missionary Sisters gathered to remember their beloved departed sisters on All Saints Day with a prayer service. Front row from left: Sr. Mary Ann Hawes, Sr. Xavier Hayden, Sr. Ilaria Povero, Sr. Damien Ciminera and Sr. Julia Toto. Back row: Sr. Romualda Molon, Sr. Alfonsina Gomes, Sr. Veronica Piccone, Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, Sr. Bernadette Casciano, Sr. Consolata Demma and Sr. Frances Xavier Brogan.

The following day, on the “Feast of All Souls” all the other sisters of the Guadalupe Province shared in the same prayer service.

*St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, pray for them
and pray for us, who mourn their loss.*



Fr. Thomas Vadakemuriyil (l.) and Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC (c.) lead the Missionary Sisters in the prayer service.

Pope Francis tells COP26 to show ‘Political Will’ Not to Defer

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



Glasgow, Scotland – Addressing the U.N. climate summit with his pen rather than in person, Pope Francis called on world leaders assembled here to demonstrate “political will” and stop deferring the action required to avert the worst catastrophes of climate change.

“As the Glasgow Conference begins, all of us are aware that this has the vital task of demonstrating to the entire international community whether there really exists a political will to devote – with honesty, responsibility and courage – and greater

human, financial and technological resources to mitigating the negative effects of climate change and assisting the poorer and more vulnerable nations most affected by it,” Pope Francis wrote in a message addressed to Alok Sharma, President of the U.N. climate conference known as COP26 which began on October 31.

“Sadly, we must acknowledge how far we remain from achieving the goals set for tackling climate change,” the Pope said. “We need to be honest: this cannot continue!”

“We need both hope and courage,” said Pope Francis. “Humanity possesses the wherewithal to effect this change, which calls for a genuine conversion, individual as well as communitarian, and a decisive will to set out on this path.” The Pope added, “there is no time to waste.”

The Pope in his message challenged diplomats at COP26 to construct a future where daily actions and economic decisions “genuinely protect” the conditions necessary for dignified human life and the health of the planet now and into the future.” To read the complete article please click [here](#)

Faith Community Arrives in Glasgow to Pray and Press Leaders

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

Glasgow, Scotland – Ready with prayers, presence and pressure, the faith community assembled this past weekend here in Scotland which for the next two weeks will be the center of international deliberations at a critical juncture in the global response to human-driven climate change. COP26, the high-stakes summit comes as the science of climate change has crystallized, its impacts have come more clearly into focus around the world and time to avert worst-case scenarios is running short.

“We stand at a pivotal point in history,” Patricia Espinosa, UNFCCC executive secretary, said during the opening ceremony. “Humanity faces several stark but clear choices. We either choose to achieve rapid and large-scale reductions of emissions to keep the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 Celsius or we accept the fact that humanity faces a bleak future on this planet.”

COP26 is the first time that countries are required under the Paris accord to submit new, more ambitious plans to slash emissions. That agreement obligates countries to update their pledges every five years, giving the Glasgow conference added importance in order to meet the 2030 emissions reductions.

The latest multifaith statement reiterated many of the calls to COP26 people of faith have been making for months, asking governments to swiftly and justly transition the global economy from fossil fuels toward renewables and compensate communities already affected by climate change.

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

Cabrini University First in PA to Partner with The Dream.US

In an email to the Cabrini University community, President Donald B. Taylor announced:

Cabrini University has been selected as the first school in Pennsylvania to partner with [TheDream.US](https://www.thedream.us/) to provide scholarships for the Commonwealth's undocumented immigrant youth as they achieve their dreams in higher education.



In selecting Cabrini, TheDream.US noted our mission as a Catholic institution with a long standing commitment to helping the underserved and serving the social justice charism of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The nonprofit also admired the work of Cabrini's Center on Immigration, which advocates on a local and national level on behalf of immigrants, and has provided *pro bono* legal assistance for students seeking citizenship or facing deportation.

Our namesake St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was herself an immigrant, and is the Patron Saint of Immigrants, so it is fitting that the University aid Pennsylvania DREAMers in pursuing their college aspirations.



TheDream.US, the nation's largest college access and success program for DREAMers, provides scholarships which include tuition, fees, books, and supplies of up to \$37,000 for first-time college students or up to \$31,000 for community college graduates to earn a bachelor's degree. These students attend over 70 partner colleges in 21 states and Washington, DC.

We look forward to welcoming applications from DREAMers for the 2022-23 academic year. To apply for the scholarship, applicants must have DACA or TPS authorization, or have come to the country before November 1, 2016 (before the age of 16), and otherwise meet the DACA eligibility criteria.

We are thrilled to support the mission of the Office of Mission, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Student Engagement, as it continues to create an atmosphere of belonging and support for all students. ~ *Cabrini University email communication*

To learn more about The Dream.US please click [here](https://www.thedream.us/)

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. **This is the final installment of the article.***

Building Blocks for Healthy Community

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

Part Six

Qualities Found in a Healthy Community

Just what does a healthy community look like? While each group is unique in composition and focus, life-giving communities share six characteristics.



1. Centers of Faith and Spirituality

They are centers of faith and spirituality; the gospel message of Jesus Christ lies at their heart. When visitors leave after time with the group, they are aware that they have been among people who pray.

2. Aware of Influence of Family of Origin

In a healthy community, members are aware of the influence of their family of origin. When men and women come to religious life, they bring their families with them. Not physically, of course, but in terms of their outlook on life, the traditions that they hold dear, the rules by which they live, and the idiosyncratic behaviors that make each family unique. Tasks such as managing money, planning a menu for the week, agreeing upon a level of cleanliness for the house, even trimming the Christmas tree can become flash points as each member remembers how these jobs were managed at home. The more members can remind themselves that the way they carried out these tasks in their family constitutes but one approach, the better they will be able to live harmoniously with others in the group.



Some members, however, might also come from families that faced serious challenges such as addiction, abuse, and violence. Those who found themselves in any of these situations often bring to community these four rules: denial, silence, rigidity, and isolation. While these four rules might have helped them to survive childhood, they are impediments to healthy adult living. Being aware of their presence is the first step on the road to recovery. Courageously addressing the origin of each and changing our ways of acting will help us to adopt behaviors that are more life-giving.

3. Practice the “Little Virtues”

They practice the “little virtues.” The way in which tasks – such as answering the door or phone, taking out the garbage, making sure that dishes are not left in the sink – are managed can either

add to the stress found in community or lessen any tension that might exist. Whenever a group lives together, several jobs need to be done to ensure the well-being of the community. These jobs must be shared by the members of the group. Identifying and addressing them is a good rule of thumb.

4. **Active Concern for Members**

They have an active concern for the people with whom they live. One member of the community might have sole responsibility for a mother who is aging, another a niece who is passing through a difficult time in her life; still another may be dealing with a physical illness or a life transition of difficulties at work. They show genuine concern. They are supportive to others as they deal with these challenges. At the same time, they never fail to celebrate those moments of hope and of joy that are also a part of life.



5. **Have a Sense of Humor**

Members cultivate a sense of humor. On one occasion or another, people can take themselves all too seriously. They need to learn to be able to laugh at themselves and appreciate those funny moments that occur regularly whenever a group of people lives together. If they cannot ask for forgiveness and, in turn, forgive others, a community has no right to call itself Christian and religious. Holding on to anger, refusing to talk with someone, nursing feelings of bitterness – none of these behaviors belong in a religious community made up of adults. Members must learn to forgive whatever was done to them because they value the person who did it as well as the relationship they share

Reconciliation entails a process wherein people choose not to let the hurt they have suffered get in the way of continuing their relationships. They decide to respond to whomever has hurt them rather than hold onto their pain. The relationships that one member has with others in the community are far more important than any slight that he or she might have suffered. In a healthy religious community, forgiveness is a habit and reconciliation is no stranger.



Our world longs to welcome communities of adults who embrace their interdependence, center their lives on the transcendent, and create spaces where young and old can live together. Let us pray that, as with the early Christians, life in religious communities of the 21st century will cause others to say, "See how they love one another?"

This concludes our series on Building Blocks for Healthy Community.



Title: Hidden Mercy - Michael J. O'Loughlin

Date: TODAY - November 4th, 2021

Time: 4:00pm

Location: Bruckmann Memorial Chapel of Saint Joseph

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

Michael J. O'Loughlin is the national correspondent for America Magazine and author of [*Hidden Mercy: AIDS, Catholics, and Untold Stories of Compassion in the Face of Fear*](#) (Broadleaf Books, 2021).



He has received numerous awards for his reporting, including honors from the National LGBT Journalists Association, the Religion News Association, and the Catholic Press Association for his 2019 podcast series, "[Plague: Untold Stories of AIDS and the Catholic Church](#)."

Previously a staff writer for The Boston Globe and Crux, Mike is also the author of "The Tweetable Pope: A Spiritual Revolution in 140 Characters" and he has written for The Atlantic, The Washington Post, Foreign Policy, and The Advocate. He has been interviewed on MSNBC, Fox News, ABC, CBS, NPR and by several local and regional media outlets and frequently gives talks at parishes, colleges and universities.

A graduate of Saint Anselm College and Yale Divinity School, Mike lives in Chicago.

Saturday, November 13th is the Feast Day of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

In preparation for the feast day,
please join with us in praying the
Novena to Mother Cabrini.

To access the novena
please click [here](#)





we are one family under God

The U.S. House of Representatives is preparing to vote on the Build Back Better Act, a budget reconciliation bill. Bishop Dorsonville, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration, joined his brother bishops in a letter to all members of Congress, urging them to "advance legislation that would promote the full integration of undocumented persons already living as Americans in principle by affording them legalization with a pathway to citizenship." The bishops also "affirm[ed] the value of enacting permanent relief in subsequent legislation."

The House is at a crossroads. While the budget resolution paving the way for the reconciliation bill included substantial funding for immigration reform, it's possible that much needed relief for undocumented persons will be left out.

TAKE ACTION TODAY!

Urge members of Congress to support legislative relief for our undocumented brothers and sisters in the Build Back Better Act:

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND THIS ACTION ALERT

Keep the Immigration Reform Alive: Support Relief for the Undocumented in the Build Back Better Act:

As a Catholic and as your constituent, I urge you to follow through on the budget resolution adopted by the House and Senate in August by including relief for undocumented immigrants in the Build Back Better Act.

Legalization with a pathway to citizenship is a crucial component of any immigration reform. However, even temporary relief for undocumented persons is welcome first step, with the expectation that Congress will work expeditiously to enact permanent relief in subsequent legislation. I echo the words of Pope Francis: "A nation can be considered great when it defends liberty as Lincoln did, when it fosters a culture which enables people to 'dream' of full rights for all their brothers and sisters."

Please work together to fulfill these ideals and promote the full integration of our undocumented brothers and sisters.

Please [here](#) to log in and send your message.

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, www.cabrinationalshrine.org and on the National Shrine page of the www.mothercabrini.org – Click [here](#)

Missed the previous LOVE in Action webinars?

To view a recording of the webinar on Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY, please click [here](#)

To view a recording of the webinar on Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC, please click [here](#)



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 ECG 200 Anti-Human Trafficking Class , the Cabrini Closet
Contact Karol Brewer at 610-902-1038 or cabriniformation@mothercabrini.org**

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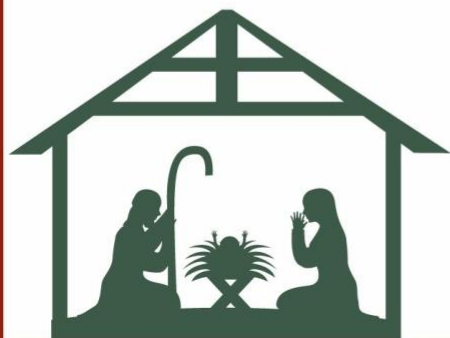
*The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
& Cabrini Mission Foundation Board of Trustees
invite you to celebrate the Spirit of Christmas at the
Flatiron Room Thursday, December 16th*

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 tickets and sponsorships kindly contact:
Ellen Cunningham: 212.228.8608

Prayer Requests

Paul Maguire

Prayers are requested by Sr. Benedict O'Donnell, MSC and the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Spirit Region for Paul Maguire, in London, who assists the MSCs with his accounting expertise, that he may be returned to good health in the very near future.

David Mallaun and Beverly Mallaun

Kindly pray for David and Beverly Mallaun, the brother and sister of Sr. Beryl June Mallaun, MSC who are experiencing some health issues. Please pray for their well-being. Sr. Beryl June would be most grateful for our prayers for her siblings.

Adrienne O'Brien

Please continue your prayers for Adrienne O'Brien, now at St. Cabrini Nursing Home, that she is blessed with serenity and surrounded by many longtime friends.

Michael Tambasco's mother

Please pray for Michael Tambasco's mother who will be undergoing a procedure. Pray that all will be well. Michael is the property manager for the Missionary Sisters.

With Grateful Hearts

Sr. Consolata Demma, MSC

The Missionary Sisters celebrated Sr. Consolata's 98th birthday on October 30th. A great day! Sr. Consolata was so happy. Blessings, Sr. Consolata.



Julie and Paul Fleming

"I wish to thank all the Sisters and the Cabrini family who prayed for my husband Paul Fleming who lost most of his sight after a stroke in August. Paul is convinced that it was Divine Intervention that enabled his sight to come back enough to be able to drive again and to continue to work on the Angus beef ranch."

In Loving Memory

Theresa Lingobardo

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Theresa Lingobardo from Scranton PA. Any MSC who lived and taught at St Lucy's School would remember her as a kind, friendly and wonderful school secretary. She passed away on October 30th peacefully. Theresa was 95. May she rest in peace.