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Bringing Christ's love to the world

THE UPDATE

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*He
is
Risen!*



*Alleluia!
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Good and gracious God,
our most glorious Creator,
as we greet the signs in nature around us,
of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,
we give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the Resurrection of your Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time.
The sadness and despair of his death have given way to the bright promise of immortality.
For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason,
light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death.
As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the promise given to us
by imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the least among us.
As we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet,
we ask your special blessings on those who are suffering.
We ask your blessing upon our world hungry for peace and so in need of your love.
We praise you in this Easter season.
Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever.

Amen.

- Fr. Larry Snyder, SJ

Pope Francis opens Holy Week with call for Easter Truce

~ Associated Press

VATICAN CITY – Pope Francis opened Holy week on April 10 with a call for an Easter truce in Ukraine to make room for a negotiated peace, highlighting the need for leaders to “make some sacrifices for the good of the people.”



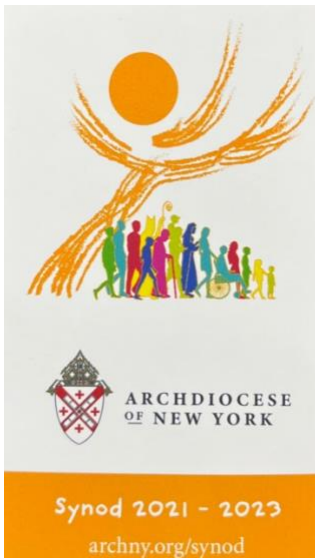
Pope Francis greets the crowd after celebrating Palm Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican April 10, 2022.
(CNS photo/Paul Haring)

Celebrating Palm Sunday Mass before crowds in St. Peter's Square for the first time since the pandemic, Francis called for “weapons to be laid down to begin an Easter truce, not to reload weapons and resume fighting, no! A truce to reach peace through real negotiations.”

Francis did not refer directly to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, but the reference was clear, and he has repeatedly denounced the war and the suffering brought to innocent civilians.

During his Palm Sunday homily, the pontiff denounced “the folly of war” that leads people to commit “senseless acts of cruelty. When we resort to violence...we lose sight of why we are in the world. We see in this folly of war, where Christ is crucified yet another time.”

A Time to Listen



On Friday, April 8th, a very important gathering occurred in Cabrini of Westchester's Chapel. Fr. John Anderson, ArchCare's Vice President of Mission Integration, moderated a Synodal Listening Session where many of Cabrini's residents shared their views about the Catholic Church.

In 2023, Pope Francis will preside over a Synod of Church leaders. The purpose of the Synod sessions is to discuss how we as a Church are living out the Gospel, the ministry of Jesus and ways in which we could do better at creating a more just, respectful and loving society. The sessions are part of a worldwide synodal process.

Pope Francis was very clear that this was not to be a discussion solely among bishops and church leaders but that the “voice and participation

of the people” needed to be engaged and heard. To that end, this listening session was open to staff, residents and families wanting to participate in this important dialogue.

Fr. John began the discussion with a “Prayer for the Synod” and then asked several questions:

- How can we effectively live out the church’s mission of bringing the healing love of Jesus to all in need?
- What are your dreams for the Church?
- How do we promote active participation of all in accomplishing our mission?

The feedback from the session was important with concerns being raised about inclusivity; involving youth in a more meaningful way; and recruitment of clergy and other men and women religious. The information will be recorded in a database and shared with the Cardinal Timothy Dolan so that he can share it with the church leaders in Rome.

~ submitted by Susan Herveg, Director of Development and Public Relations, Cabrini of Westchester



Each week, as we have journeyed through Lent, one of the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLM) has been offering a reflection. For Easter Sunday, the reflection is given by Melanie Paccillo, CLM.

Easter Sunday

I’ve always been fascinated by the line “So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved...”

Why not just say to whom Mary ran? Who is the mystery player who “saw and believed” on the day Jesus rose from the dead? John leaves us a bit of wiggle room on this very important day, and space for us to recognize ourselves as the one Jesus loves.

The life, sacrifice, and resurrection of Christ is being continuously played out every moment of every day. We are blessed as Catholic Christians to celebrate this mystery in its fullness. So why not, too, in the discovery of Jesus resurrected so we can proclaim ourselves that we have seen the love of Jesus and believed? *~ by Melanie Paccillo, CLM*



Prayer Requests

Mary Anders

Prayers are asked for Mary Anders, a staff member at Cabrini University, who underwent shoulder surgery this week. Mary would be most grateful to receive our prayers for a quick recovery.

Cabrini (College) University alumna

Please pray for a Cabrini (College) University alumna who underwent surgery for cancer. She is very appreciative of your prayerful support.

In Loving Memory

Douglas Brown

Kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Douglas Brown, former Cabrini University trustee who passed away on April 6, 2022. Please pray for Doug's wife, Karen, and adult children Stephanie and Stuart as they mourn their loss.

Ann Regan Papariello

Kindly unite in prayer for Annie Papariello who passed away on Friday, April 8th after a two-year illness. She leaves behind her husband, Chris, and their three sons, Regan, Brendan and Desmond, her mother, and siblings and a large extended family. Please keep Annie and her family in your prayers at this very sad time.

Margaret T. (Fisher) Schwab

The Cabrini University community extends sympathies to faculty member Dr. Maria M. Schwab on the loss of her mother-in-law, Margaret T. (Fisher) Schwab, who passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Thursday April 7, 2022.



*The Missionary Sisters
wish everyone a joyous
Easter season!*

