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Sunday, May 8th is World Day of Prayer for Vocations



This special day, also liturgically known as “Good Shepherd Sunday,” invites the Church to publicly pray for and promote vocations in all its forms.

Many parishes and religious institutes commemorate this day with prayer for vocations and vocation promotion events. Considering that 73 percent of women and men professing final vows participated in one or more parish activities and 88 percent served in one or more parish ministries *before* entering religious life, our presence and participation in activities that mark this special day is essential.

[Religious congregations] should consider asking local parishes for opportunities to speak, pray, and meet the parishioners before and after Masses. ~ NRVC website

It is the joy of simplicity, the joy experienced daily by those who care for what truly matters: faithful closeness to God and to our neighbor. How good it would be if the same atmosphere, simple and radiant, sober and hopeful, were to pervade our seminaries, religious houses and presbyteries! I pray that you will experience this same joy, dear brothers and sisters who have generously made God the *dream* of your lives, *servicing him* in your brothers and sisters through a *fidelity* that is a powerful testimony in an age of ephemeral choices and emotions that bring no lasting joy.

May Saint Joseph, protector of vocations, accompany you with his fatherly heart!

--Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2021



Prayer for World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the single and married life, consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood, and permanent diaconate.

Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability.

Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call.

Inspire parents, families, and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service.

Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about vowed and associate commitment in apostolic life, cloistered life, evangelical life, lay ecclesial ministers, missionary life, monastic life, and societies of apostolic life.

Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for all the baptized to live their vocation in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalized.

Disrupt our comfortable lives and complacent attitudes with new ideas to respond courageously and creatively with a daily 'YES!' Amen.

To access additional prayers for vocations, please click [here](#)

Prayer for Mothers

On Sunday, May 8th we celebrate Mother's Day.

Gracious Lord, we pray for all mothers – living and deceased - on this special day of honor. Thank you for their lives, and for the blessing they have been in our lives. Bless them and the families they love so much! Thank you for the wonderful example of love and service they have displayed in their lives. May you continue to bless them and fill their hearts with joy and love. Today and every day, may they experience the rich blessings of your goodness and faithfulness.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



Pope Francis: ‘I am ready to go to Moscow’ to end the war in Ukraine

~ by Gerard O’Connell, AMERICA

Pope Francis is deeply concerned that the war in Ukraine shows no signs of slowing and said he is ready to go to Moscow to speak with Russian President Vladimir Putin in attempt to bring it to an end. He revealed in an interview with *Corriere della Sera*, the leading Italian daily, that he let the Russian leader know this 20 days after the war started, but said that he has not yet received a reply from him.

In the interview, Francis recalled that “on the first day of the war I called the Ukrainian President Zelensky by phone, but I did not call Putin. I had spoken with him in December, but this time no. I did not call him.” Instead, he said, I wished to make a clear gesture that the whole world could see, and for this reason I went to the Russian ambassador. I asked him to explain to me [the reason for the war]. I told him, ‘Please stop [the war].’ Then, after 20 days of war, I asked Cardinal Parolin to get the message to Putin that I am ready to go to Moscow.”



Pope Francis greets the crowd during his general audience in St. Peter’s Square on April 27, 2022.
(CNS photo/Guglielmo Mangiapane, Reuters)

“Certainly, it is necessary that the leader of the Kremlin should open a window (for this to happen), but we have not yet received an answer,” Pope Francis said. “But we continue insisting, even though I fear that Putin cannot and does not wish to have this encounter at this moment. But how can one not stop such brutality?”

Asked whether it was right for Western countries to send so much weaponry to Ukraine, Francis said he “was too far away (from the war)” to respond to this question. But, he remarked, “one thing is clear they are trying out new weapons” in this conflict. Moreover, “the Russians now know that tanks are of little use and so are thinking of other things,” perhaps alluding to the supersonic missiles or nuclear weapons that the Kremlin has publicly threatened it could use.

President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine has also invited Francis to come to Kyiv, but Francis feels the moment is not right. “I feel that I should not go (now). I must first go to Moscow. I must first meet Putin,” he said. “I am a priest, what can I do? I do what I can. If Putin opens the door...”

Pope Francis described the Ukrainians as “a proud people” that “paid a heavy price” during World War II, and that today are a “martyred people, with many who have died.”

To read the full account, please click [here](#)

Cabrini Immigrant Services-NYC relocates to St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine

Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC has finally moved to our new location!

We opened our doors on the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine property on Monday, May 2nd.

After almost 23 years at 139 Henry Street, we saw the need to move our offices to the upper side of Manhattan. We believe the services we offer are also needed by the community of Inwood and the surrounding neighborhoods. The big difference is that our food pantry needed to be relocated at 207 Street at the Good Shepherd Parish to share the space with their food pantry however, it will continue to be under our care. The legal services are now offered at our new location.



Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC (r.) meets with a client. From the smiles on their faces, you can see how happy CIS-NYC staff members and clients are to be in this new location.

As we opened our doors we welcomed our clients with joy and a sense of newness since the place is brand new to all of us. In our new surroundings, sometimes we get lost searching for someone's office – but, we just laugh about it.

Now we are able to offer to our clients a better space in which to visit and to receive the services they need.

All of us are happy for having a place where we feel at home.

~ submitted by Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC



Clients of Cabrini Immigrant Services – NYC await their appointments in this bright, spacious and comfortable waiting room.

Raising Human Trafficking Awareness Among Students

Cabrini University's ECG 200 - Voices for the Voiceless: Anti-Human Trafficking class, in collaboration with the Missionary Sisters Action and Advocacy Coalition, held an anti-human trafficking event on Monday, May 2, at Cabrini University. The event was held to raise awareness and to educate on human trafficking.



The ECG 200 Voices for the Voiceless: Anti-Human Trafficking class who planned and presented the event on campus.

The students had several "stations" set-up throughout campus where they presented on topics: What is Human Trafficking?, Covid and its Effect on Human Trafficking, Trafficking During Global Events, Child Slavery/Child Labor and Slavery Footprints.



Photo above and right: Turning out to support the anti-human trafficking event are the Cabrini University women's and men's lacrosse teams.

Guilherme "G" Lopes, Director of Campus Ministry, began our event with a beautiful prayer and we ended with a prayer to end Human Trafficking written by Sr. Veronica Piccone, MSC. Both the men's and women's lacrosse teams participated in the walk with their coaches, as well as students (and some of their family members) and staff.

We feel the students help create a campus of abolitionists who are passionate about standing up against the injustices of modern day slavery and know they will continue their fight to help end it!

~ submitted by Karol Brewer, Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition



From the Guadalupe Province Vocations Promotion Team...

Leadership Makes the Difference

~ by Sr. Mary Rowell, CSJ for HORIZON the Journal of the National Religious Vocations Conference

Animate the Gifts of Each

Everybody! Everybody has gifts. As Brother Loughlan Sofield, S.T. pointed out in a 2015 address to the Religious Formation Conference, leadership that brings life begins with the identification, affirmation, and animation of the gifts of each person. Traditionally, vocation ministers have done this as they have walked with individuals in discernment, and it is appropriate that they continue to do so. They encourage in others the most important question, “Where is God calling me? Vocation ministers in light of the Spirit, call out and affirm the gifts of discerners to enable them to reflect upon their particular call. In doing so, vocation ministers exercise the leadership skills of listening, reflection, values clarification, and invitation as a process of mutual discernment takes place. Focusing on, calling forth, and affirming the gifts of individuals is a critical part of the process.

Today, however, this is not enough. Younger people rarely reach a point of truly discerning a particular vocation because the language of vocation in the church is absent, misconstrued, or limited. Moreover, many religious communities lack visibility; people no longer even know we exist, and some congregations have ceased to invite others to consider our way of life. Besides, many younger people no longer go to church on a regular basis, and while they may attend Catholic educational institutions, awareness and discussion of vocation is often largely absent from school and college curricula.



This situation now invites the vocation minister to work in a wider context and to assist in leading initiative that help people recognize, claim, and live their gifts. So, I suggest that vocation ministers are called today as leaders who first help create, with others, initiatives in parishes, schools, colleges, coffee shop, and youth gatherings that facilitate the claiming of gifts to

introduce healthy vocation awareness. Initiatives may include worship experiences, social events, relaxed discussions, retreats, hiking days, movie evenings, creative writing and art projects, social media events and ecological and justice programs. The goal of such initiatives is to help people identify their gifts and ways in which their gifts have relevance for their relationship with God and significance for service in the contemporary church and world.

In his book, *Let Your Life Speak*, Parker Palmer emphasizes this important first step in vocation leadership. He says, “Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of my true self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice ‘out there’ calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice ‘in here’

calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God.” Vocation leadership finds a starting point in facilitating self-discovery, giftedness, and call.

This approach presupposes that all are gifted and called. All have a vocation, and until this is fully realized, processes relating to the discernment of particular vocations are, at best, weak. Vocation ministry today entails that ministers take seriously the importance of working together to create a culture of vocation. **Next week: Vocation leadership to encourage a culture of vocations**

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Honor Mary ~ Bless Mothers ~ Pray for Vocations



PLAYBALL!

New York has a new professional baseball team the Staten Island Ferry Hawks of the Atlantic League. The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Cabrini Mission Foundation want you to join us for a day at the ballpark! Get your team together and meet us behind home plate in the stadium's big event suite. Hotdogs, burgers bottomless popcorn, and soft drinks are included.

Date: Thursday, July 21, 2022

Game Time: 11:00 AM

Where: Staten Island University Hospital,
Community Park, 75 Richmond Terrace, Staten
Island, NY 10301

(Easy to get to by car, ferry, train or bus)

Sponsorships Available!

- Tickets for the game \$100
- Sponsor a Sister \$100
- Beverage Sponsor: \$350
- Base Hit Sponsor: \$750
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- RBI Sponsor: \$1,500
- Double Sponsor \$2,000
- Triple Sponsor \$3,000
- Homerun Sponsor \$4,500
- Grand Slam Sponsor: \$5,000
- Team Captain Event Sponsor: \$10,000



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Prayer Requests

David Hoffman and his daughter, Mary

Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC asks our prayers for her brother-in-law David Hoffman and her niece, Mary, both of whom are experiencing medical issues at this time. Please pray that they soon will regain full health.

Sr. Beryl June Mallaun, MSC

Kindly pray for Sr. Beryl June who has been hospitalized and who will be going to St. Cabrini Nursing Home to recover. Sr. Beryl June would appreciate our prayerful accompaniment.

Innocent Opara

Prayers are requested for Innocent Opara who anticipates having cataract surgery in a few weeks. Please pray that his sight will be improved and that his recovery will be swift.

With Grateful Hearts

Sr. Grace Waters, MSC



Happy Birthday

It is with joy and gratitude that Sr. Grace celebrated her 90th birthday in the company of her family members and her friends on Sunday, May 1st at Cabrini University. Fr. Dave Driesch, O. Praem., presided at a Mass in the Bruckmann Chapel of St. Joseph which was followed by a luncheon in the Mansion on campus. Everyone in attendance enjoyed wishing Sr. Grace a very Happy Birthday!



No birthday celebration would be complete without a cupcake and a candle. Dining manager Tracy Eells does the honors for Sr. Grace at her party.

In Loving Memory

Joseph Catania

The Cabrini University Community extends sympathy to Maureen Catania, former Assistant to the Provost, on the loss of her husband, Joseph Catania who passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2022. Please pray for Maureen, Joe's parents, children, grandchildren and extended family at this very sad time.