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## Cabrini University Grads Put Lobbying Skills to Work For World's Needy Kids

~ by Gia Myers, Cabrini College Class of 1987 for Catholic Philly.com

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**Dr. Jerry Zurek: “Cabrini University alumna Gia Myers ‘87 did an absolutely wonderful job profiling the accomplishments of six of our recent grads and their work for Global Justice through Catholic Relief Services.”**

Among the graduates at Cabrini University’s three commencement ceremonies on May 22 were six student ambassadors for Catholic Relief Services, who along with their fellow graduates heard from speaker Sean Callahan, president and CEO of CRS.

“This is a hopeful moment, and we need to be people of hope,” Callahan told the graduates and guests. “Yet, as I say this, I know that the world is being pulled apart.” He referred to news reports of mass shootings in the United States, the global COVID pandemic and the war in Ukraine,



Graduating Cabrini CRS ambassadors pose for a photo following their graduation from Cabrini University with their commencement speaker, Sean Callahan, President and CEO of CRS (c.) Shown from left are: Ixchele Ortiz, Tristan Weatherly, Tariq Mines, Mr. Callahan, Faith Pitsikoulis, Layal Srour and moderator of the ambassador program, Dr. Jerry Zurek. Not shown is CRS Ambassador Julie Lopez.

Callahan encouraged students to “do the impossible,” saying he has seen that the impossible is possible through the 17-year relationship between CRS and Cabrini in which student ambassadors dedicate time during their college years to grow in global awareness, learn valuable advocacy skills and make a difference in the world.

During fall 2020, in the midst of the COVID lock down, Cabrini students still managed to advocate actively for the [Global Thrive Act](#) that became law in January 2021, much earlier than expected.

The new law mandates that early childhood development activities be integrated into relevant U.S. foreign aid programs, and CRS official attribute its enactment to successful student lobbying.

Cabrini CRS Ambassadors advocated by visiting about 15 virtual classrooms. They spoke with their fellow students and encouraged them to get involved by calling and writing to their government representatives.

“(Students) were excited to hear that the bill was passed,” said Cabrini graduate and CRS Ambassador president, Layal Srour. “We definitely felt we made an impact. It made us want to do more, want to help more.”

Srour, who is Muslim and the child of immigrant parents from the Middle East, emailed her congressional representatives including Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon, representing Pennsylvania’s fifth district, and U.S. Senator Pat Toomey.

Srour said she had never heard about CRS before attending Cabrini, but was attracted to CRS because “they help everyone” in need regardless of creed, race or nationality.

“We called; we lobbied. When we saw the results of it, we were in awe,” said graduating Cabrini CRS Ambassador Ixchele Ortiz about advocating for the Global Child Thrive Act.

Ortiz was born in the Philippines and came to the U.S. when she was 15.



Sharing a lighthearted moment, following their years of advocacy, the graduates are pleased and honored to meet Sean Callahan, President and CEO of CRS (2<sup>nd</sup> l.) Dr. Zurek (l.) is justifiably proud of his students.

“CRS made me more open-minded,” she said, and also taught her to “go beyond the mindset of being comfortable to realize other people (around the world) might not be.”

In conversation after the graduation ceremony, Callahan told the six Cabrini CRS Ambassadors that CRS “really counted on” their advocacy for passage of the act.

“We heard back from senators and congress,” Callahan told the ambassadors, “and they said (the advocacy) was really super important to them in getting the new law passed so quickly.

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

# Ukraine – a Hunting Ground for Traffickers

*This concludes our series on the human trafficking that is taking place in Ukraine.*

**European Commission: May 2022**



To protect people fleeing the war in Ukraine, today, the European Union Solidarity Platform presented a tailor-made plan to address the risks of trafficking in human beings and support potential victims. The European Union Anti-Human Trafficking Director, Diane Schmitt, developed the plan together with EU agencies and countries.

## **Five objectives of the Common Anti-Trafficking plan**

The Common Anti-Trafficking plan delivers one of the goals set in the 10 Point Action Plan to better coordinate EU actions for welcoming people fleeing the war in Ukraine.

The plan builds on the EU Strategy on Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings and carefully follows the EU Anti-trafficking Directive. It sets forward five goals:

1. Strengthen awareness regarding risks of trafficking in human beings and setting up dedicated helplines
2. Reinforce prevention against trafficking in human beings
3. Enhancing law enforcement and judicial response to trafficking in human beings
4. Improving early identification, support and protection of human trafficking victims
5. Addressing the risks of trafficking in human beings in non-EU countries, especially Ukraine and Moldova



The above goals will be pursued through concrete actions on EU level and through recommendations to EU countries.

## **Next steps**

The EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator will implement the plan in cooperation with the National Rapporteurs and Equivalent Mechanisms of EU countries and the EU Agencies.

*~ submitted by Karol Brewer, Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition*

To access more information on Anti-Human Trafficking and the MSC Corporate Stance against Human Trafficking please click [here](#) and [here](#)



# An Afternoon of Hope



**“In every age, O God, you have been our refuge. In every age, O God, you have been our hope.”** (Psalm 90 1-4; Janet Sullivan Whitaker).

Uvalde school massacre. Eleven year old Miah smeared herself with the blood of her best friend and played dead. Miah survived. Nineteen classmates and two teachers did not.

Tulsa massacre: Four fatalities. Dr. Phillips shot to death.

Buffalo massacre: Thirteen shot. Ten fatalities.

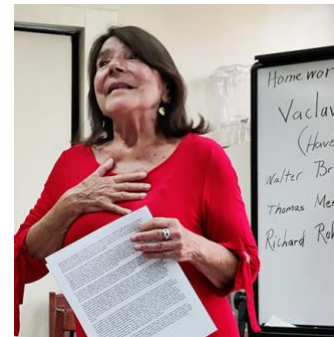
**“In every age, O God, you have been our hope.”**

Ukrainians continue to be executed by Russian soldiers.

Covid continues.

**“Oh God, you have been our hope.”**

On Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Cabrini Lay Missionaries of the Guadalupe Province, along with caring Cabrini partners, gathered at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine in New York City for an afternoon of song, prayer, discussion and reflection on the meaning of hope. Our afternoon was facilitated by Lucille Larrivee Naughton, retreat leader, spiritual director and music minister.



Lucille Larrivee Naughton facilitated the day of retreat and reflection.

Our afternoon began with a lovely buffet lunch followed by song and prayer. We were then ushered into the conference area where Lucille asked us to examine and reflect on the meaning of hope for ourselves, beginning with our personal hope and extending outward to include family, local community and finally the global community and Mother Earth.



Retreat participants reflect on the meaning of hope and then shared their thoughts with the group.

We gathered in small groups at discussion tables, shared with one another and then reported to the entire group. All of

this took place virtually as well, and included participants from all over the United States and Central America. Simultaneous translation was provided.

There was room for creativity as well. Participants were given the opportunity to express how hope lives in them by designing a patch that will become part of a quilt representing this hope.



We wish to thank Lucille Larrivee Naughton for sharing her passion, creativity and expertise with us.

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**In every age, O God, you have been our hope.”** ~ submitted by Marianne McGowan, Cabrini Lay Missionary



Missionary Sisters, CLMs, and friends joined the Day of Reflection on HOPE hosted by the Cabrini Lay Missionaries from various national and international destinations via Zoom with simultaneous translation.

Hope

## Cabrini University Celebrates Founding Day

Sixty-five years ago, Cabrini College, located at 610 King of Prussia Road in Radnor, PA was founded and incorporated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. On Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> the University community came together to commemorate this august occasion.

*“The purpose for which the corporation is formed is to establish, conduct, operate and maintain, at the above address a college for the education, training and spiritual guidance of young women, with power to confer upon students who have successfully completed the required courses, the Degree of Bachelor of Arts and the Degree of Bachelor of Sciences, and such other Degrees as may be approved and authorized by the Department of Public Instruction of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania....The corporation is to exist perpetually.”*



Ms. Helen Drinan (c.) offers remarks to the campus community gathered on the University's Founding Day.

For many members of the faculty and staff, this was their first opportunity to meet and greet Ms. Helen Drinan, the Interim President of the University. Ms. Drinan offered welcoming remarks noting the University's distinguished history and educational traditions which emanate from the educational philosophy of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini – “the education of the heart” - and the charism of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Ms. Drinan said that these guiding principles are central to all we do as a University. She further commented that in the short time she has been on campus, she has found Cabrini University to be a most welcoming place.



As Interim President Drinan and campus community listen, Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC shares a fascinating history of Cabrini College since its inception in 1957 to the present day.

Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC, a Cabrini College alumna and Campus Ministry Associate, offered a lively and entertaining glimpse into the storied journey of the University since its founding as Cabrini College in 1957.

All those gathered appreciated the summertime fellowship while enjoying ice cream treats to celebrate Founding Day. ~ submitted by Nancy Costello, Guadalupe Province Communications Office



## Sharing Precious Cabrinian Artifacts



On June 7<sup>th</sup>, Julia Attaway, Executive Director of the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine, NYC received a document case from Janet Bauman, Scanning Specialist Holy Spirit Library, Cabrini University. The document case contains materials from the St. Frances Cabrini Collection at Cabrini University.

The materials which include Mother Cabrini's business card, checks and promissory notes signed by Mother Cabrini, and a facsimile of the Saint's will are on loan to the Shrine for the upcoming exhibit, "The Everyday Life of Mother Cabrini." The exhibit is set to open in July.

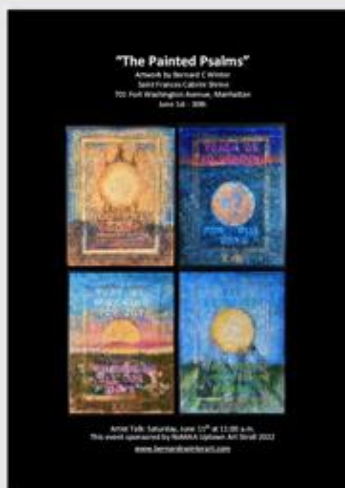
~ submitted by Anne Schwelm, Director, Holy Spirit Library, Cabrini University

Janet Bauman (l.) presents a document case which contains precious articles once used by Mother Cabrini to Julia Attaway, Executive Director, St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine, NYC.

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## St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine, New York

### Art Installation: The Painted Psalms



### New Exhibit Explores the Psalms

During the month of June the Shrine's hallway and retreat room are adorned with the colorful and thoughtful paintings of Bernard C. Winter on the Psalms. Stop by any day except Monday (when we are closed) to enjoy this spectacular exhibit.

**Artist Talk**  
**with Bernard C. Winter**  
Saturday, June 11 at 11am  
*in the Retreat Room*

# Celebrating Juneteenth at Cabrini University



In observance of Juneteenth, also known as “Emancipation Day,” “Freedom Day,” and “Black Independence Day,” Cabrini University will hold its inaugural celebration on Sunday, June 19, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. I am inviting you to join us for this family-friendly occasion that will offer an abundance of education, entertainment, and interactive events. These include a reenactment of the Frederick Douglass’ speech, “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July,” African drumming and dancing performances, poetry, cultural artifacts, face-painting, vendors, lawn games, raffles prizes, and great food.

As a friend of Cabrini University, your participation is essential. This will be an opportunity to tour our beautiful campus, engage with our faculty, staff, and students, learn more about Juneteenth, and have fun with family and friends.

This year’s theme is represented by the Sankofa bird, a West African adinkra symbol, which means, “Reaching Back to Move Forward.” As we celebrate freedom, we realize the resilience and strength of the past. Also, in recognition of Father’s Day, we will honor the legacy of African American fathers who have stood firmly in their commitment to the freedom and liberation of all people. We encourage everyone to bring the men in their families as we celebrate African American history and culture.

To register for this event or for sponsorship opportunities, please click [here](#).

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you at Cabrini!  
~ a campus announcement by Lailah Dunbar, Director of Office of DEI and Belonging

Did you know that on most days, an new inspirational thought or prayer is posted on the homepage of the [www.mothercabrini.org](http://www.mothercabrini.org) website?

Pay our website a visit and see what’s new!



# Cool Jazz at the NY Shrine

## Melting Pot Jazz Returns!



### Wednesdays in June at 6:30pm

Join us on the lawn for music from around the world. Bring your own seating... and a neighbor!

June 8: **Afro-Cuban** music and dance by Max Pollock Group

June 15: **NOLA Gumbo** by the Gotham Kings

June 21: Meg Okura's **Pan Asian Chamber Jazz Ensemble** (6pm start)

June 29: **Brazilian Jazz** by Liz Rosa



## **PLAY BALL!**

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  
Stolen base Sponsor: \$1,000  
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

## *Matthew Duggan*

Prayers are asked for Mathew Duggan, who is going through some medical issues at this time, and for his family.

## *General Chapter of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*



The General Chapter of the Missionary Sisters will commence in Rome on June 26th. This is a sacred and special time in the life of the Institute when the Sisters will discern how the Institute will move forward into the future. It is also a time when new congregational leadership is decided upon.

During the upcoming weeks, please unite in prayer that the Holy Spirit will bless and guide the Chapter proceedings.

In anticipation of the General Chapter, the MSC Generalate prepared four brief videos in the different languages, with the Chapter Prayer and some photos from the different countries and missions:

English: [https://youtu.be/r54aUC4b\\_wY](https://youtu.be/r54aUC4b_wY)

Italian: <https://youtu.be/V2Dn6mEx7L8>

Spanish: <https://youtu.be/S9IRFXEfu0>



## XVI General Chapter Prayer

### Heavenly Father,

We thank you for all the graces and blessings of our shared journey as followers of Jesus in the Cabrini charism. May your abiding presence renew our minds and hearts, as we walk towards our General Chapter.

### Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Release in us the passion and desire for you that filled the heart of St. Frances Cabrini as she brought your liberating love to the peoples scattered around the world. Free us from all that would prevent our entering fully and generously into this favorable time of discernment and renewal.

### Holy Spirit,

Breathe in us once more – that through our listening, conversing and decision-making, we may embrace the future with courage, freedom and faith. Give wings to the desires of our hearts, so that, drawn ever closer to the Heart of Christ, we may enter with joy and abandonment into the horizons of God. **Amen.**

## June is the month of the Sacred Heart

A prayerful way of celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart is to visit the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine in Upper Manhattan for a concert of sacred music.

### Melodies From the Heart: Voice and Guitar Songs for the Sacred Heart



Duo Cantabile: Mariano and Lauri Aguirre

The acclaimed Duo Cantabile present art songs and classical guitar solos ranging from sacred to Latin American in honor of the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Celebrate this important occasion with us!

Includes works of G.F. Handel, Franz Schubert, Manuel M. Ponce and Leo Brouwer

**Friday, June 24**  
**Feast of the Sacred Heart**  
at 7:00 pm



## In Loving Memory

### *Nancy Panganiban*

Kindly say a prayer for Nancy Panganiban, a family member of Nancy Costello in the Province Communications Office. Nancy passed away in December 2019. Because of COVID, this is the first opportunity the extended family has had to gather in Nancy's hometown in Upstate New York to inter her ashes. Please remember her family in your prayers.

### *William Thatcher*

Lorraine Campanelli, Director of Cabrini Immigrant Services in Dobbs Ferry, NY, requests prayers for the repose of the soul of William Thatcher. William is the son of her friend in Georgia. Bill passed away on June 8<sup>th</sup>. His parents, Gerri and Donald would appreciate all the prayers.

## The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is June 24<sup>th</sup>



“ If the Sacred Heart of Jesus would give me the means,  
I would construct a boat called the Christopher (the Bearer of Christ)  
so as to carry the Name of Christ to all people,  
to those who as yet do not know Him  
and also to those who have forgotten him.

~ Frances Cabrini

To access the Sacred Heart novena,  
Please click [here](#)