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## Prayers for Migrants in San Antonio

~ Catholic News Service

SAN ANTONIO (CNS) – The archbishop of San Antonio offered prayers for dozens of people found dead as well as more than a dozen survivors discovered June 27 in sweltering conditions in a semitruck.

Authorities said on June 28 the death toll rose overnight to 50.

“We pray for the souls of the ...people who died in such a cruel, inhuman manner this evening,” Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller said in a statement soon after first responders made the gruesome discovery about 6 p.m. local time.

Authorities said the victims were migrants. They said the truck appeared to be part of a smuggling operation.

Roberto Velasco Alvarez, head of the Mexican government’s North American mission, said on Twitter that 22 of the victims were Mexican nationals, seven were originally from Guatemala and two were Honduran. The nationality of 19 others has not been determined.



Onlookers at the scene in San Antonio. (AP Photo/Eric Gay)

Officials believe the tragedy is the deadliest smuggling incident of its kind in U.S. history.

Archbishop Garcia-Siller also asked for prayers for the survivors – 12 adults and four children – who were hospitalized, their families and “the first responders who assisted and saved lives and must now carry with them the memories of this scene.”

News of the deaths reached Pope Francis, who tweeted June 28<sup>th</sup> that he was offering prayers for those who died in Texas as well as at least 23 sub-Saharan migrants who died June 24 while attempting to flee Morocco by scaling a border fence to cross into the Spanish enclave of Melilla in North Africa on the Mediterranean coast.

“Let us #PrayTogether for these brothers and sisters who died following their hope of a better life; and for ourselves, may that the Lord might open our hearts so these misfortunes never happen again,” the Pope’s tweet said.

Smuggling operations working within the United States have been known to pack migrants into trucks or cargo trailers after they have already crossed the border in an attempt to sneak them past U.S. Border Patrol highway checkpoints. To read the entire article please click [here](#)

# The MSC General Chapter Opens in Rome

The General Chapter of the Missionary Sisters commenced in Rome on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> with an Opening Mass. Sister delegates and members of the laity were in attendance. Please continue to pray for all present that the Holy Spirit will enlighten and guide the proceedings.



**Photo above:** The members of the General Council led the procession for the Opening Mass of the General Chapter at the Shrine of St. John the Baptist de la Salle.

**Photo above right:** The Mass was concelebrated by Msgr. Salvatore "Rino" Fisichella, Fr. Nilbin Palatty and Fr. Perumay.

**Photo right:** Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial, Guadalupe Province, receives communion from Monsignor Fisichella.

**Photo below:** Signs and symbols of the General Chapter are displayed at the foot of the altar.







## The CLM Corner

### Cabrini Lay Missionaries Joyfully Celebrate the Feast Day and Welcome a New CLM

The Feast of the Sacred Heart, was a very special day for the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs) of the Guadalupe Province. We welcomed a new CLM, Melissa Pierson, who resides in Colorado. After journeying with us for more than a year, Melissa made her initial commitment as a CLM.



Renewing their commitments as Cabrini Lay Missionaries on the Feast of the Sacred Heart are from left: Melanie Paccillo; Lorraine Campanelli, CLM Director; Adela Jarquin Soza; and Marianne McGowan.

The day started with a beautiful Mass at St. Cabrini Nursing Home, Dobbs Ferry, NY. Four of our CLMs were able to attend the Mass. Melanie Paccillo and Lorraine Campanelli, both renewed their commitments during the Liturgy.



Following the Mass, we shared in a delicious lunch at the nursing home with the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

The day continued with a prayer service via Zoom for the CLMs who were not able to attend the liturgy due to distance. It was during this prayer service that

Melissa said, "Yes," to becoming a CLM. She, along with Digna Merchan, Sheny Hinestroza, Susan Pierson, Veronica Hernandez and Victoria Ortiz, all made commitments for 1 year. What a blessing to have so many Cabrini Sisters join us for prayer and support! *Cont'd next page.*

We had people from California, Colorado, Guatemala, New York, Pennsylvania and the State of Washington joining in.

Thank God for technology because we were able to be together to share the love of the Sacred Heart.

~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CLM

CLM Adela Jarquin Soza brings up the gifts during the Mass on the Feast Day



## Feast Day Festivities in Dobbs Ferry, NY



The Feast of the Sacred Heart holds special importance for the Missionary Sisters. It is the day on which they renew their religious vows. Pictured in the Cabrini Chapel at Cabrini of Westchester are from left: Missionary Sisters Catherine Garry, Genet Henok, Alfonsina Gomes, Romualda Molon and Arlene Van Dusen.

Cabrini of Westchester celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 24<sup>th</sup> with a liturgy led by Pastoral Care Director, Fr. Ron Galt, in the Cabrini Chapel. This year, the liturgy was very special as it was the first time in two years that residents were able to gather in the chapel to celebrate this feast day due to the distancing guidelines that were in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC was invited by Fr. Ron to share a reflection after the Gospel in which she said, “As the church celebrates the Feast of the Sacred Heart, remember that we are bound heart to heart with Jesus and His mother Mary. This feast is not so much about Jesus’ heart, but about our own hearts, which Jesus wants to be like His.”

After the reflection, the Missionary Sisters who were present during the Mass renewed their vows and several Cabrini Lay Missionaries renewed their commitments.

The festivities continued into the afternoon as the Missionary Sisters enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared by Director of Food Service, Daryl Foriest and his team. This delicious meal was offered to the residents as well. A joyous Feast Day was had by all. ~ submitted by Susan Herveg, Director of Development and PR, Cabrini of Westchester



**Photo above and below:** During the liturgy Sr. Alfonsina and Sr. Genet presented the offertory gifts to Fr. Ron.





# Inflation, Ukraine War Complicate Aid to Ethiopia's Most Needy

~ by *Laura Ieraci, Catholic News Service*

In Alitena, a remote village in Ethiopia's northern Tigray region, the Daughters of Charity host a traditional coffee ceremony for women in the community. The conversation, however, is unlike the usual spirited conversations at a coffee ceremony.

Here, the women gather to support each other in their grief, mourning and trauma in the wake of the terror and violence that has raged in the region since November 2020, when war broke out between the Tigray People's Liberation Front and the Ethiopian armed forces.

Bringing together the affected families, including the immediate community members, enable them to comfort each other, mourn together and pray to God to enable them to cope with the trauma, said Sr. Lemlem Redda, who heads a spiritual group counseling project.



The Daughters of Charity host a traditional coffee ceremony for mothers traumatized by the war. (CNS/CNEWS/Addis/Ababa)

Trauma and grief are rife in the villages across the region, devastated by a war that has killed between 50,000 and 100,000 an additional 150,000 to 200,000 from starvation and more than 100,000 from lack of medical attention, according to estimates provided by researchers at Ghent University in Belgium.

The entire Tigray region has been facing food scarcity for months, exacerbated by the Ethiopian government's initial refusal to allow humanitarian aid into the region.

But the war in Ukraine, ongoing instability in Tigray and global inflation – peaking at 43% for food items in Ethiopia as of April – have placed additional burdens on humanitarian and pastoral efforts in Ethiopia, where hardships once contained regionally are extending throughout the country.

The war in Ukraine has only worsened the situation, said Argaw Fantu, who directs the work of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, a papal agency, in Ethiopia, citing the rising fuel prices and their impact on the cost of all consumable products and the transport of goods.

Sanctions against Russia and Russia's blockade of Ukraine's seaports have limited exports of wheat, gas and oil, affecting supply worldwide. However, countries already experiencing food scarcity, such as Ethiopia, are hit hardest.

At the end of the general audience on June 1, Pope Francis appealed for an end to the blockade of grain exports from Ukraine, “on which the lives of millions of people depend, especially in the poorest countries.” To read the entire article, please click [here](#)



## **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  
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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

## ***Fr. James Cunningham***

Your continuing prayers are requested for Fr. James Cunningham, the brother of Ellen Cunningham, staff member at the Cabrini Mission Foundation. Fr. Cunningham is expected to undergo further surgery in the near future. Please pray all will be well.

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



The General Chapter of the Missionary Sisters is underway in Rome. 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. Please unite in prayer that the Holy Spirit will bless and guide the Chapter proceedings.



### **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 Cabrinian 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.**

## ***Survivors of tragedy in San Antonio***

Please keep in your prayers those who survived, as well as those first responders who were witness to this act of inhumanity.

## ***Special Intention***

A Cabrini (College) University alumna asks prayers for her family members who are currently in crisis. Please pray that all will resolve and that harmony will abide in their home.

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A Cabrini (College) University alumna asks for prayer and guidance as she and her family face a major life decision. She asks the intercession of the Holy Spirit and Mother Cabrini.

# In Loving Memory

## ***Frances Doyle***

The Cabrini University Community extends sympathy to John Doyle, Video Professor in the Communications Department, and also a Cabrini alum and former Residence Life Director, on the loss of his mother, Frances A. Doyle, who passed away on June 17, 2022.

A Mass will be offered in memory of Frances on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 12:30 in the Bruckmann Memorial Chapel of Saint Joseph. Please continue to keep John and his family in your prayers.

### ***Prayers for those who perished in San Antonio***

We share a prayer request from Fr. Dave Driesch, O. Praem, Cabrini University Chaplain: Today we pray for 50 of our brothers and sisters who perished so cruelly as they crossed the border seeking new lives and refuge in the United States. Their perilous journey came to a tragic end as they were left abandoned in a truck on the side of the road outside San Antonio.

The Missionary Sisters stand firm in supporting the rights and dignity of all refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers, and putting a stop to human trafficking.



Statue of Mother Cabrini and immigrant children  
in Battery Park, NY

*God our Father,  
who called Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini from Italy  
to serve the immigrants of America by her example,  
teach us to have concern for the stranger,  
the sick and all those in need.  
And by her prayers, help us to see Christ  
in all the men and women we meet.  
through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son,  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever.  
Amen.*