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Religious-Sponsored Volunteer Programs Face Challenges: Revising, Pausing and Even Ending

~ by Julie Ferraro, *Global Sisters Report*

As summer transitions to autumn once again, full-time volunteers prepare for a year of new experiences. However, their numbers will be smaller this year than years past. The number of available volunteer programs in general, including those sponsored by women's religious communities has decreased over the past decade, according to Jocelyn Sideco, Associate Executive Director of [Catholic Volunteer Network](#).

In fact, while the 60-year-old network once listed up to 230 programs featuring long-term volunteer opportunities on its website, there are now just 115. And programs sponsored by women's religious communities, numbering over 30 in years past, have dropped to under 20, Sideco said.



The reasons for this are twofold, she added: “Religious organizations are either closing their volunteer programs or consolidating them.” She described how the [Jesuit Volunteer Corps](#) previously had separate regional offices around the country that have been merged into one program.

And while Catholic Volunteer Network is nowhere near folding and remains committed to supporting its member organizations, the network has seen the need to seek other viable models that encourage young adult volunteers and volunteer programs that are moving through what Sideco describes as a time of transition.

In a related development, in the most recent edition of the *Augustinian Magazine*, the Augustinian friars announced the closing of their volunteer program after twenty-two years. “Deciding to end our volunteer program was not an easy decision. We know that at times all good things come to an end when the end is the only way to see a new beginning,” said Fr. Joe Mostardi, OSA, an originator of the program.

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

Cabrini University Community bids Sr. Grace a Fond Farewell



Beloved by all on campus, on Thursday, September 8th, faculty, staff and administrators turned out to wish Sr. Grace Waters, MSC a fond farewell as she leaves for her new mission at Sacred Heart Convent in New York.

Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC, hosted a reception for Sr. Grace in the University's

Wolflington Center. Interim President Ms. Helen Drinan joined the festivities as Sr. Grace did the honors of cutting the cake.

For years, Sr. Grace has been a gentle presence, stopping by the various campus buildings to share a pleasant word with staff members, attending sporting events, and encouraging students to keep up with their studies. She and Sr. Christine Marie would take regular strolls through campus and share greetings with all whom they encountered.



Sr. Grace receives well wishes from Fr. Dave Driesch, O. Praem, University Chaplain, and Ms. Helen Drinan, Interim President. Many members of the campus community stopped by to say good-bye.

Sr. Grace would often remark, "how come everyone knows who I am?" We would respond, "because you are famous!"

The campus community will deeply miss her warmth and friendship.

Godspeed, Sr. Grace!

With a thumbs up and a big smile, Sr. Grace is New York bound.



SAVE THE DATE



CABRINI MISSION
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Gala

Education of the Heart **Thursday, October 13, 2022**

Metropolitan Club New York
One East 60th Street, New York, NY 10022

2022 Honoress

Catherine Bullock, Yvonne Hrapmann,
Helena & Francis Ottaviano (posthumously),
Eustace Wolfington and Joel Zazyczny



Please Join Us for our **Mother Cabrini Shrine Annual Gala!**

The 21st Annual Gala is not only a celebration of St. Frances Cabrini herself, but of the people who continue to make the Shrine the unique and special place that it is today. Please join us on [September 16](#) for a joyous evening filled with fun and celebration!

The evening will include a silent and live auction, paddle raise, delicious dinner and an excitement-filled program! In addition to an exclusive sneak peek at the upcoming chapel renovations, we will have some amazing guest appearances you don't want to miss. Gala attendees will be getting a front-row seat preview of a soon-to-be-released movie about Mother Cabrini with the producer himself, Mr. Eustace Wolfington.

All proceeds from the gala will go towards the chapel renovations, which are set to begin very soon.

We hope you can join us for a spectacular evening!

Prayer Requests

Steve Morgan

Your prayers are requested for Steve Morgan, the brother-in-law of Ann Furtado, Sister Lucille Souza's niece by marriage. Mr. Morgan is hospitalized in critical condition. Please hold him and his family in prayer.

Larry Stauffer, Kate Connolly Stauffer, and Mrs. Connolly

Please unite in prayer for the recovery of Larry Stauffer, longtime staff member in the Facilities Department of Cabrini University, his wife Kate, a 1983 graduate of Cabrini University, and Kate's mother, Maureen. They were all involved in a serious car accident this past Sunday and remain hospitalized – Larry is in the ICU. A Mass for Healing was held yesterday in the Bruckmann Memorial Chapel of St. Joseph on the University campus. Please pray for their recovery and for Kate and Larry's adult children, Nick, Liz and Michael, as they accompany their parents and grandmother during this very difficult time.

Mary Tambasco

Kindly pray for Mary Tambasco as she deals with health issues. Mary is the mother of Michael Tambasco, in the Guadalupe Province Office.

In Loving Memory

Mary Alice Long

Kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Alice Long, the mother of Tom Long, Chairperson of the Board for Cabrini High School, New Orleans. Your prayers would be gratefully appreciated.

Queen Elizabeth II

We join with the global community in offering prayers and condolences to the family of Queen Elizabeth and to the people of the United Kingdom upon her passing.

Brother Sean Sammon, FMS

The Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community extend their prayers to the Marist Brothers upon the passing of Brother Seán D. Sammon, FMS, who died on Friday, September 9, at the age of 74. Brother Seán was a recognized international writer and presenter. Eternal rest grant unto his soul, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.