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Hurricane Ian Rescue Efforts Continue: Catholic Parishes and Dioceses Respond

~ by Rhina Guidos, *Catholic New Service*



WASHINGTON (CNS) – As authorities in Florida continued rescue efforts, Catholic parishes and dioceses in the U.S. moved rapidly to collect aid in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, and U.S. President Joe Biden said it could take years to rebuild what was destroyed.

The Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida will hold a special collection at its parishes in October to help with the damage, including the neighboring Diocese of Venice and is [asking for others to help](#).

“Our hearts are moved with compassion for all those who have suffered damage and destruction due to Hurricane Ian, especially our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Venice, St. Petersburg’s Bishop Gregory L. Parkes said of the diocese that suffered the brunt of the damage. Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, called on Catholics and all people of goodwill to pray for those who lost their lives in the Caribbean and the southeast United States due to the Hurricane.

“It’s not a crisis for Florida. It’s an American crisis,” Biden said during his recent news conference. He said the situation on the ground was “far more devastating” than initially believed and “is likely to rank among the worst in the nation’s history.”

In the Diocese of Venice, Bishop Frank J. Dewane gave thanks for those who prayed for people in the path of the Hurricane Ian.

“Damage is still being assessed but it is clear that the devastation in the Diocese is widespread,” he wrote. “There are crews already at work throughout the Diocese and Catholic Charities is putting a team into action.” To read the entire account, please click [here](#)

Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking.

National Migration Week for 2022 took place September 19-25, and ended with the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR), on the last Sunday of September. The primary theme for this year's WDMR was "*Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees*".

There has been an influx of migrants being sent to New York City this spring and summer, most fleeing crime and poor economies in Central and South America which has tested New York's reputation as a world sanctuary. And it shows no sign of slowing, thanks in part to Gov. Greg Abbott of Texas, whose decision to send busload after busload to Washington, D.C. and New York hoping to pressure Democrats on border policy.

Not all migrants who reach New York enter shelters; some go to live with friends and family in the region. But a large number of the recent newcomers are Venezuelan, and, unlike previous groups of immigrants from places like Mexico, El Salvador or Ecuador, they are less likely to have already established communities to join when they arrive.

Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC, is starting to work with some of these families and in honor of National Migration Week, the Guadalupe Province Immigration Commission is collecting donations of cash and/or gift cards to places such as: Trader Joe's, Old Navy, Target, and also much needed New York Metro Cards. We are also asking for donations of underwear (in all sizes for both men and women).

If you are able to contribute, please send or drop off your donations to:

Karol Brewer	OR	Sr. Lucille Souza
Cabrini University, The Cottage		Sacred Heart Convent
610 King of Prussia Road		71 Jackson Street
Radnor, PA 19087		New York, NY 10002

We so appreciate your support!

Guadalupe Province Immigration Commission

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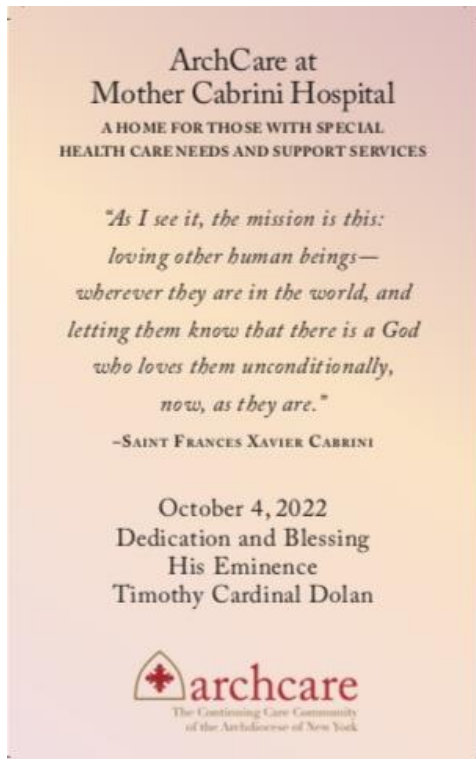
The Blessing of Brand New “Archcare at Mother Cabrini Hospital”

A home for those with Special HealthCare Needs and Support Services

Tuesday, October 4th, 2022, the Feast of St Francis Assisi, dawned grey, dreary, and pouring with rain. Little did we know that our mood would change once we entered the 7th floor of the Terrence Cardinal Cooke Healthcare Center on 5th Avenue at 105th Street. The Missionary Sisters had been invited to the Mass and Blessing for a brand-new unit. (Fr. John Anderson, former Chaplain at Cabrini Medical Center, now working for Archcare was responsible for planning the event.)



We were greeted by the statue of Mother Cabrini depicted with a young girl as we entered. The statue had been in West Park, NY and was donated to the new facility. It was a perfect fit in many ways. (Julia Attaway, the Director of St Frances Cabrini Shrine in NYC had the statue at the Shrine and was happy to see it in such a beautiful setting.)



Archbishop Cardinal Dolan, entered smiling, joyful and greeting everyone. The entrance to the unit was full of people from the facility, construction personnel, Board of Trustees, twenty Missionary Sisters, Carmelites, representatives of the Archdiocese, politicians of the City and State of New York and many others. Two special guests were a young boy and young girl who will be residents in the new unit.

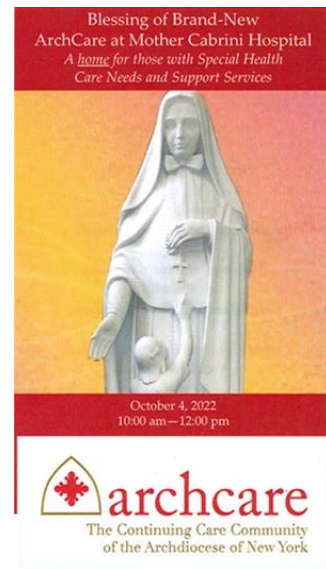
Cardinal Dolan reminded everyone that caring for the neediest was the mission of both Mother Cabrini and St. Francis of Assisi. The Archdiocese of New York through Archcare designed and

constructed this beautiful area for the young people who will spend their entire life being cared for. Archbishop Dolan announced that the 8-year-old special needs child carried into the USA over the shoulder of her father and bussed to New York City will also be cared for in the new facility.

After Mass and dedication, we were invited to tour the new unit and proceeded to the reception. A joyful repast was served to everyone. The late Sr Clelia Giancane, MSC, would have approved. ~ *submitted by Sr. Antonina Avitabile, MSC*

To access a CBS news report about the dedication, please click [here](#)

The front cover of the Mother Cabrini Hospital dedication program book.



Pope Francis: Saints Have Joyful Hearts, Not Long Faces

~ *Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service*

VATICAN CITY – The holiness of saints is reflected not only in how they overcame struggles but by their ability to transmit the joy that comes from being loved by God, Pope Francis said.

The gift of sharing the love and mercy Christians receive from God “enables us to experience an immense joy that is not a fleeting emotion or mere human optimism, but the certainty that we can face every challenge with the grace and the assurance that come from God,” the Pope told participants at a Vatican conference on holiness.

“Without this joy, faith shrinks into an oppressive and dreary thing: the saints are not ‘sourpusses,’ but men and women with joyful hearts, open to hope,” the Pope said today.

“The witness of a virtuous Christian life given daily by so many of the Lord’s disciples represents for all of us an encouragement to respond personally to our own call to be saints,” said Pope Francis.

Saints, he said, “do not come from a ‘parallel universe’, but are believers who belong to God’s faithful people and are firmly grounded in a daily existence of family ties, study and work and social, economic and political life. The lives of holy men and women who have been beatified or canonized are also a reminder that “it is possible, and indeed rewarding to live the Gospel to the fullest.” To read the entire account click [here](#)

Cabrini University Admissions Department Posts a Cabrinian Message of Welcome



Recently posted in the Admissions reception area of Cabrini University are the words of Mother Cabrini which provide a warm welcome to all campus visitors, and prospective students and their families.

Kimberley Lewis (I.) Dean of University Admissions, Financial Assistance and Marketing and Bryn Campbell, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, are enthused about this artful expression of the mission, and trust that Mother's words will encourage many young people to join this Cabrinian community of learners.

Mother's words are a reminder of her educational philosophy of "the education of the heart" which serve as an inspiration for all members of the University community.

The wall art was designed by Kevin Haugh of the University's Marketing Department.

Prayer Requests

Amy-Elizabeth Hagan

Your prayers are invited for Amy-Elizabeth, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Guadalupe Province of the Missionary Sisters. Amy-Elizabeth will be undergoing surgery on October 10th and would be grateful for our prayerful accompaniment.

Hurricane Ian aftermath

We continue to offer prayers for all those impacted by Hurricane Ian. We pray for those who have perished, for those who are missing, for those who have suffered injuries. We pray for first responders and all those who are lending assistance to people who have lost homes, businesses and livelihoods. May all be given strength to cope, and hope to recover and rebuild their lives.

Anna Kirby

Danielle Beken, a Cabrini University alumna, asks for prayers for her 27- year-old cousin, Anna Kirby, who has just been diagnosed with a recurrence of brain cancer.

In Loving Memory

Alice “Ali” King

Miriam King, the former Director of St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine in NYC, requests prayers for the repose of the soul of her sister Ali who passed away yesterday morning, October 5th. Miriam would appreciate the prayers of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community.

