



Catholic Sisters Week



Fifty-two weeks a year women religious stand with the poor and immigrants, teach children, fight injustice, heal the sick, share spirituality, empower women, defend the planet, promote peace, create community, offer hope...

But for one week, March 8-14, we shine the spotlight on women religious and encourage a wide range of campaigns and events that invite all who follow Jesus to

- expand and support their gospel witness
- grow the service networks they have seeded
- share their spirituality, charisms, and community
- encourage young women to consider a vocation to religious life
- support their pastoral, teaching and prophetic works
- and focus on the new world they call into being.

During the week of March 8-14

- Let's light up hope in our communities & highlight women choosing religious life today!
- Let's call attention to the new world that sisters call into being each and every day through service and ministry.
- Let's raise up the world with experiences and legacy stories of women religious.
- Let's recall memories that bring joy to alumni formed by sisters.

Fun February Festivities

at CIS-Dobbs Ferry, NY

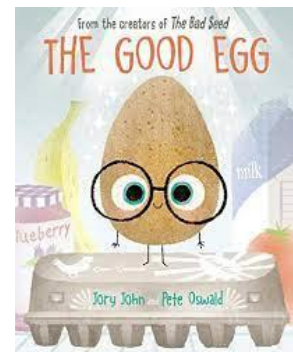


Storyteller Deborah Mosley (l.) entrances the children with the story of *The Good Egg*.

Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, had two special programs for our Cabrini Kids during President's Week. The schools were closed for the mid-winter break, and we thought it would be nice to have our Kids involved in some activities. The children come to CIS for many different programs such as the Afterschool Homework Program.

We held a STARS for Kids program for children in Grades K-2. Deborah Mosley, our trained storyteller, told the story, *The Good Egg* by Jory John and Pete Oswald.

The book was about a dozen eggs that lived together in one egg carton. The moral of the story was that even though each egg was different and unique, they could all get along. Following a discussion of the book, each child created his or her own egg. They shared with everyone what the name of their egg was and a bit about the character.



The children came up with some great names, “Princess Egg,” “Silly Egg,” etc. They were so excited when they received a copy of the book so they could tell the story to their parents and siblings.

We also hosted a President's Day program for our students in Grades 3-5. They answered some questions such as the first thing they would do if they were the president, how they would make the country better, etc.. The students then went up to the podium and gave their “Presidential Address.”

They also had President's trivia questions and a word search. We discussed the importance of voting. In fact, each student had a chance to vote. They voted on



their favorite symbol of America: the Statue of Liberty, the American Flag or the Capitol. They placed their ballot in a box and then they received a sticker which read, “I voted!” After a first round tie, the Statue of Liberty won as the favorite symbol. We discussed the feelings of winning, losing and acceptance.

The day ended with everyone enjoying some pizza and punch. ~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS, Dobbs Ferry, NY



These Cabrini Kids surely got into the spirit of Presidents Day.

Photo left: This young man looks quite presidential as he is about to deliver his remarks.

Photo right: Voting is a privilege. There is no doubt that someone is very pleased and proud that she just voted for her favorite USA symbol.



Fresh veggies make for a healthy diet and bring lots of smiles.

Celebrating a Milestone!

After many years distributing food to our local community in the Lower East Side, CIS-NYC's Food Pantry Program relocated to Inwood in Upper Manhattan to begin a partnership with the Church of the Good Shepherd in the Spring of 2022. Since then, we have been working hard to build trust within our new community and expand our impact.

Last week, we hit a major milestone, registering our 1,000th Food Pantry member in Inwood! This means that 1,000 families in need now consistently have healthy, fresh food on their tables and access to a strong network of support through CIS-NYC. Thank you to our incredible staff, volunteers, and partners at the Church of the Good Shepherd for making this happen!

~ submitted by Ella Nimmo, CIS-NYC



2023 MOTHER URSULA INFANTE MEMORIAL LECTURE

MARGINS AND MISSION:

THE ROAD AHEAD IN CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION



Kerry Alys Robinson
Executive Partner for Global and
National Initiatives, Leadership Roundtable
Executive Director, Opus Prize Foundation.



Rev. Dennis Holtschneider, C.M.
President, Association of Catholic
Colleges and Universities (ACCU)

Cabrini University invites you to an evening of dialogue on the challenges and opportunities facing Catholic Higher Education in America. We are honored to welcome two thought leaders in the tensions and creativity found at the intersection of financial management and educational mission in Catholic colleges and universities today.

MARCH 8, 2023
CABRINI UNIVERSITY
WOODCREST MANSION
Pre-reception 6:00pm
Dialogue 6:30pm



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[TINYURL.COM/MARGINSANDMISSION](https://tinyurl.com/marginsandmission)

QUESTIONS?
Email Ray Ward, Director of
Cabrini's Wolfington Center for Civic
Engagement at rew68@cabrini.edu

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JRS/USA invites you to join us for our annual Advocacy Day!

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

This event will provide you with the opportunity to learn about issues facing refugees and to encourage members of Congress to take action on their behalf.

JRS/USA will schedule meetings with your members of Congress, prepare materials on policy issues to be discussed, and host a webinar a week before Advocacy Day to review the issues in detail, discuss logistics, and answer any questions.

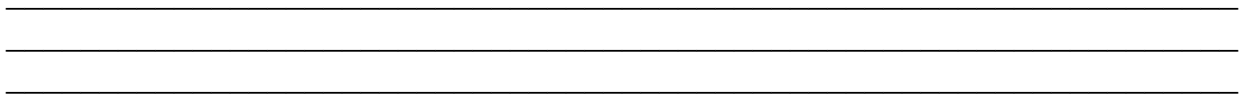
Most congressional meetings will be virtual but participants are welcome to note whether they would like to participate in person in Washington, D.C. JRS/USA staff will follow-up with those interested in attending in-person to determine whether meetings on Capitol Hill are feasible.

[Visit the link to learn more, view the timeline, and register.](#)

We hope to see you there!

JRS/USA

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Each week, as we journey through Lent, one of the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLM) will offer a reflection. For the First Sunday in Lent, the reflection is given by former Cabrini Mission Corps missionary and CLM Melanie Paccillo

Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

During the Cabrini Mission Corps opening retreat we learned about the concept of homeland, wonderland, and newfoundland. Before going on a mission you start at your homeland with your ideas and perceptions. On mission you're in a wonderland - where things are different and you grow through experience. Returning, you're in a newfoundland because you have been changed by mission.

This week's readings are all about answering the call to mission. God knows leaving your comfort zone to somewhere new can be both scary and exciting all at once. We are asked in these times to trust that God has it all in hand. Through faith, with God, we achieve great things.



This week, let's look for God's will for us every day and bravely respond to that call. ~ Melanie Paccillo, CLM

Cabrini Health Shares a Lenten Reflection for the Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you - Psalm 32

Learning to trust in God (*whoever that is for you*) and not worry about the things we can't change, can help us live in a place that is less reactionary, more accepting and compassionate. On our life journey we often encounter situations that are beyond our control, not of our own making. If we learn trust in something beyond, then our attitude changes and others react differently. St. Frances Cabrini had a wonderful trust in her God and was guided by that trust to believe all things were possible.



"By ourselves we shall fall, but with God we shall do all things." - St. Frances Cabrini

Prayer Requests

Maria Valente Breeser

Prayers are requested for Maria Valente Breeser, Cabrini (College) University Class of '73. Maria will be undergoing a dermatological surgical procedure on Monday, March 6. Please pray that all goes well.

Cabrini University Community member

Your prayers are requested for the favorable outcome of medical tests for a member of the Cabrini University community.

Catholic Sisters Week



March 8 – 14th, let us pray for the Missionary Sisters and all vowed religious women as we observe Catholic Sisters Week. Reach out to a sister who was instrumental in your life to say thank you for all they have done for you and all they do through their ministries. Celebrate these giving women!

Rosemarie Hetzel

Prayers are requested for Rosemarie Hetzel, extended family member of Maria Valente Breeser, Cabrini (College) University Class of '73. Roe had lung surgery on March 1 at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. Please pray that the surgery was successful and that Roe will experience a complete recovery.

Missionary Sisters Gathering



From March 12-16, in New Jersey, the Missionary Sisters of the Guadalupe Province will be gathering with MSC General Superior Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo da Silva, MSC and the General Councilors for a very important meeting. It is during this time that the Sisters will pray, discern, and engage in a consultation to determine who will serve as the next Provincial.

Let us invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide all proceedings. May Mother Cabrini walk with them.

With a Grateful Heart

A member of the Cabrinian community wishes to thank Mother Cabrini for her intercession and the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community for your prayers. The outcome of recent medical tests were favorable and a true blessing.



Catholic Sisters Week [online event March 9](#)



Catholic Sisters Week is March 8-14, and as part of this celebration of women religious, the NRVC will co-host with A Nun's Life Ministry a special online conversation on March 9, from 6-7 p.m. Central Time. "Let's talk about it! Asking the questions, living into the answers" will begin with icebreaker questions and move into more serious topics.

Catholic Sisters Week is meant to call attention to the vibrant service and lifestyle of sisters. Find details and resources for your own commemoration [here](#).



We celebrate all of our Missionary Sisters! Pictured here are the MSCs of the Guadalupe Province who minister in Guatemala and Nicaragua.