



March 9, 2023

Catholic Sisters Week and International Women's Day – *What Can We Learn from Religious Women?*

With the start of Catholic Sisters Week and International Women's Day on March 8th, this is a time of commemorating extraordinary religious women and the many ways they have enriched our lives. Whether it's Sisters, Saints or our fellow practicing Catholics, women of faith never fail to leave us feeling inspired.

At Cabrini Mission Foundation, we have learned life lessons from the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that teach us to put others before ourselves and hold to our hearts the stories of their missionary work which inspire us to never give up. By doing so, we are nurturing our own souls in the process and aligning with the plan Jesus had for us.



Our foundress, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, taught us the importance of dignity, development, and the empowerment of all people that starts within our own communities.

We hope, with our ministry, we embody the resilience of these incredible women, and make meaningful changes that emulate Mother Cabrini's spirit and commitment to helping the most vulnerable. ~ *submitted by Caitlin Della Rocca, Cabrini Mission Foundation*

God Bless You, Missionary Sisters.

Catholic Sisters Week



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.

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](#).



UNANIMA International

From Feb. 23 – 25 the UNANIMA International Board members met in NYC at Cabrini Apartments on E. 19th Street. The representatives from each of the 23 member congregations of religious women form a unique group, spanning 85 countries. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet them plus the administrative staff.



The UNANIMA International Board members gathered at the Cabrini Apartments last month for a meeting.

For the past three years, Sr. Gloria Caixeta, MSC, has been our faithful representative. At this juncture, Sr. Bernadette Anello, MSC, is the interim representative. Committee work, in addition to executive sessions, filled the agenda for this three-day meeting. We also had the opportunity to tour the UN on Friday afternoon, a worthwhile opportunity to reacquaint us with the makeup and activities of this organization.

UNANIMA International continues its advocacy and concern for: women and children in need, especially regarding homelessness, asylum seekers, immigrants and refugees as well as the ongoing efforts against human trafficking. We do this in collaboration with various partners to help influence the policy decisions being made by UN member states.

In recent years, some research projects undertaken by UNANIMA have produced educational tools which have been published: [The Intersection of Family Homelessness and Human Trafficking](#), [The Hidden Faces of Homelessness](#), and [Family Homelessness](#). These resources are attempts to address needs and prepare for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - “Transforming Our World.”

~ submitted by Sr. Bernadette Anello, MSC

Immigrant Advocacy at the Forefront

In recent weeks, Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC (CIS-NYC) staff and Justice for Immigrants members have been busy taking action in New York City and Albany to advocate for the needs of our immigrant community in New York State.



Braving the wintry conditions, representatives of CIS-NYC and Justice for Immigrants demonstrated recently in Albany, NY for #Coverage4All.

unable to access care for her son due to being undocumented and uninsured. On the same day, CIS-NYC's Staff Attorneys, Dalilah and Ariana, went to Albany to support the CARE for Immigrant Families campaign, which is fighting for vital state funding for immigration legal services and the passage of the Access to Representation Act, which would to ensure a right to counsel for all immigrants facing deportation in New York.

Last week, a group of our Justice for Immigrants members also traveled to Albany where they had the opportunity to speak to elected officials about the need to pass #Coverage4All. Members took part in a press conference and a creative action where they delivered messages in pill bottles to the Governor's office.

On February 14th, Justice for Immigrants members gathered for an action outside of Governor Hochul's NYC office to support #Coverage4All, which would create a state-funded health insurance program for ALL low-income New Yorkers regardless of immigration status. One of our members, Barbara, shared her experience of being



An advocate named Barbara speaks at the #Coverage4All action.

Lastly, this week another group of Justice for Immigrants members traveled to Albany as part of the Worker Solidarity Day of Action where they took part in an action and meetings with elected officials to advocate for the passage of the Unemployment



CIS-NYC staff attorneys in Albany, NY.

Bridge Program. This program would create an unemployment benefit program for all excluded workers in New York (including undocumented immigrant workers).

We are so proud of our incredible members and staff who have shown up, braved the early mornings and cold, used their voices, shared their stories, and given their time to ensure that these vital proposals become a reality this year! ~ submitted by Ella Nimmo, CIS-NYC

You can join us in supporting these campaigns by clicking the links below for more information:

- [CARE for Immigrant Families](#) [#Coverage4All](#) [Unemployment Bridge Prog](#)



Oceans Are a Gift from God

~ by Carol Glatz, National Catholic Register

Oceans are a gift from God and they must be used fairly and sustainably, Pope Francis said in message written for him by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, for the Our Ocean Conference.

“All of us depend on oceans,” which all of humanity has “received as a gift from the creator,” the papal message said. Because they belong to all of humanity, “we must use oceans in a just and sustainable way” so they will be “in good shape” when passed on to future generations, the message said.

Some “alarming” problems affecting oceans, the message said, include pollution, acidification, illegal fishing and overfishing. It also expressed concern over deep-sea mining. Other tragedies include the plight of immigrants who travel by sea, human trafficking that takes place at sea, and the very difficult conditions or illegal work people may be subjected to. The Pope proposes three ways humanity could improve its relationship with oceans.

Read the Pope’s proposals [here](#)

Use Your Voice – Take Action

The Biden administration has proposed a new immigration rule that, if implemented, would limit the ability for people to seek asylum in the U.S. The proposal would consider some migrants ineligible for asylum if they fail to first seek protection in another country that they traveled through on their way to the southern border (such as Mexico) if they don't apply through other legal pathways, with some exceptions.

Under the last administration, a public health policy known as Title 42, has been used to expel more than 2 million migrants since Spring of 2022. This policy will end on May 11, 2023.

We are disappointed that the Administration has chosen to move forward with this proposed rule and feel it enforces the false statement that asylum seekers are a threat to our country. One way for your voice to be heard is to join us and "Take Action" with Save the Children below. **Please complete this action before 3/26 – there is a deadline.**

Guadalupe Province Immigration Commission

Yolanda Flores, MSC, Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, Roselle Santivasi, MSC iLucille Souza, MSC, Karol Brewer

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Please See the "Take Action" Information on the following page.



SAVE the CHILDREN ACTION NETWORK

is the political voice for kids

Denying asylum puts children in serious, unthinkable danger. **President Biden MUST do better — and the first step is stopping the asylum ban.**

Take Action

The administration is moving forward with its plans to bring back an asylum ban. **It's devastating, inhumane and downright illegal.**

If you send a message in protest today, your words **WILL** reach the White House — because before President Biden makes his final decision, he wants to know how the public feels.

The government will review comment submitted by March 27th — which means we can change this cruel policy before it goes into effect. Your message must be personalized to be considered, so make sure you edit our pre-drafted suggestion to include your experience.

It's the voices of asylum seekers that we should *truly* be listening to. But they won't get the chance to share their stories — so we can't waste ours.

My hope is that the President will accept us," said Rosa Lila, a single mother of five who set out for the U.S. **"That is my dream, to be there with my children. It's to have a better life."**

We have an opportunity to speak out on behalf of migrants like her — people who are doing everything in their power to build a brighter future.

But our window is closing fast.



So please, will you tell President Biden how this ban will hurt asylum seekers? Kids are counting us!

Traveling South to Serve, Listen and Learn

A new group of Cabrini University students, staff, and alumni visited the [mission of San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala](#) this past week. This is the 14th visit, which we describe as an immersion experience. People often ask what we do. While we do perform work of the kind experienced on



Dr. Jerry Zurek, (L. top row) and Dr. Ray Ward (R. first row) accompanied a group of Cabrini University student on a recent immersion experience in Guatemala. This the 14th time that such a University immersion trip has taken place.

mission trips, such as building homes, the purpose of Cabrini University's week-long trip is to learn from the people of San Lucas Tolimán about their lives, culture, and religion as well as their challenges and successes.

Among the challenges are climate change, persistent poverty, and migration. We could see how drought and unreliable rainfall affect crops, especially maize and coffee, both so vital to their diets and economy. When the economy makes it difficult to support a family, a ripple effect occurs, affecting all aspects of family life and may lead to migration.

However, over the 14 years we have been visiting we see such exceptional progress. We visited the Mission's school, which educates 650 students each year. The hospital serves hundreds of residents without regard to the ability to pay. The coffee cooperative, run by the Mission, produces award-winning beans exported to the States. The farmers growing the coffee are paid above-market prices for their beans so they can live lives of dignity. All the projects run by the mission are now fully staffed and led by members of the community.

Each evening the students and alumni led discussions centered on one of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. The principles helped us all to focus what we

experienced each day. All returned to the States with a renewed commitment to solidarity and the common good. ~ submitted by Dr. Jerry Zurek, Cabrini University

One of the alumni on the trip, Angelina Capozzi, now a professional photographer, documented what we saw with some exceptional photos. <https://angelinacapozzi.pixieset.com/guatemala2023/>

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MICHAEL P. HOFFMAN
SR. ARLENE VAN DUSEN, MSC
SR. CATHERINE GARRY, MSC

**Wednesday
May 25, 2023**

Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill Mansion
Tarrytown, New York

6 pm - Cocktail Reception
7 pm - Dinner



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.

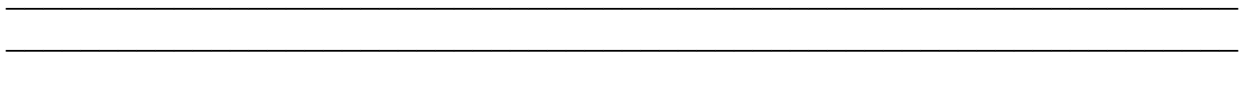
Most congressional meetings will be virtual but participants are welcome to note whether they would like to participate in person in Washington, D.C. JRS/USA staff will follow-up with those interested in attending in-person to determine whether meetings on Capitol Hill are feasible.

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

We hope to see you there!

JRS/USA

[REGISTER NOW](#)



Margins and Mission: The Road Ahead in Catholic Higher Education



Cabrini University hosted an evening of dialogue on the challenges and opportunities facing Catholic Higher Education in America. Cabrini Interim President Mrs. Helen Drinan (r.) offered a welcome and a brief history of Cabrini University, focusing on the vision of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in establishing Cabrini College which opened in 1957 with 43 women under the leadership of Sr. Ursula Infante, MSC.

Distinguished panelists Kerry Alys Robinson (2nd r.), Executive Partner for Global and National Initiatives, and Rev. Dennis Holtschneider, C.M., (l.) President, Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU) engaged in an informative exchange moderated by Dr. Angela Campbell (c.) Vice-President of Mission, Ministry and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) at Cabrini University.

While acknowledging the many challenges present in higher education today, particularly in Catholic Higher Education, many thoughtful and creative proposals were discussed for the future, such as ensuring the distinctive nature of the sponsoring charism in nuancing the delivery of academic offerings; partnering with other universities in course delivery; and offering liberal arts courses to complement training in the vocational trades to grant a college degree.

From the Guadalupe Province Vocation Team...

We would like to share an insightful article on the Holy Spirit's call to religious life in the *National Catholic Reporter* written by Daniel Horan, OFM.

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



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

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

Have you ever heard anyone say, “I need a drink,” after a stressful day?

This week’s readings give us two examples where a good drink is central to the theme. The first is from Exodus where those in the desert long to have their thirst sated. In the Gospel, Jesus asks for a drink from the Samaritan woman. In both cases, this representation of God’s grace flows and satisfies in unexpected ways.



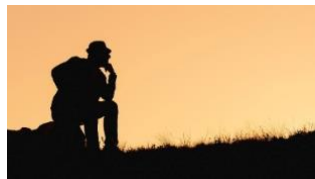
We are so lucky to have the spring at Mother Cabrini Shrine in Colorado as an example. Mother Cabrini asked God for sustaining water and it was given. Fortunately for us, we don’t have to be in a desert or founding a mission in the mountains to tap into God’s grace - it’s all around us, all the time, without fail.

This week let’s pay attention to where God’s love is flowing and drink deeply of those sweet living waters. ~ *Melanie Paccillo, CLM*

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

March 12, 2023

If today you hear God’s voice, harden not your hearts - Psalm 94



To hear God’s voice we need to find space in our heads and our hearts. Our world today is so busy. There are distractions everywhere you turn. The opportunity to listen to *what is really going on* is often lost. But seeking the quiet time - with nature, with music, with reading or prayer, or with just being, can give us the space we need to listen to that inner voice and enable us to move beyond a self-centred approach to life, become more open to others and be grateful for what we have. St. Frances Cabrini always found a way to listen to her inner voice:

“Interior prayer and silence are absolute necessities for a soul who, besides her many concerns, has to speak, see, hear and give herself over to many worthy endeavours. It is that mystical rest which allows her to recuperate from the weariness that cares have laid upon her and to acquire new strength to work in the Spirit.” - St. Frances Cabrini

Prayer Requests

Member of the Cabrinian Community

A member of the Cabrinian community has requested prayers as he undergoes a medical procedure next week. He would be grateful for our prayerful accompaniment for a successful surgery and a swift and uncomplicated recovery.

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!

Missionary Sisters Gathering



From March 12-16, 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.

In Loving Memory

Tyler Lynn

Prayers are requested for the son Anne D'Amico Lynn, Cabrini (College) University Class of 1987. Tyler died unexpectedly on March 6th. Your prayers are asked for the repose of his soul and for the consolation of his family.

Joseph Macijowsky

It is with great sadness that Cabrini University inform us of the passing of Professor Jeanne Komp's father, Joseph Macijowsky, who passed away Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023, at home surrounded by his family.

Thomas V. McLaughlin, Jr.

The Cabrini University community shares with great sadness the passing of Thomas V. McLaughlin, Jr., the father of Associate Dean for the School of Business, Education, and Professional Studies, Dr. Erin McLaughlin. Mr. McLaughlin died unexpectedly on Thursday, March 2, 2023. Please keep the McLaughlin Family in your prayers.

