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of the SACRED HEART of JESUS
Bringing Christ's love to the world

THE UPDATE

April 9, 2023

He is Risen. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Already in this life we have within us a participation in the resurrection of Christ. In a certain way, with him we have already risen. Eternal life has already begun in this moment. It begins during our lifetime, which is oriented to the moment of final resurrection. And we are already raised, in fact, through Baptism. We are inserted into the death and resurrection of Christ and we participate in his new life.

Therefore, as we await the last day, we have within us a seed of resurrection, as an anticipation of the full resurrection which we will receive as an inheritance.

This thought gives us hope: we are walking toward our resurrection.

To see Jesus, to encounter Jesus: this is our joy! This is our destiny!

~ Pope Francis

A Special Easter Message



As we approach the sacred triduum I want to wish you all a very blessed Easter. Indeed, the most important gifts we receive are His love, mercy and forgiveness as well as His gift of Life! May we rejoice in these gifts and share them with others through acts of kindness and love.

Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC
Provincial, Guadalupe Province

Resurrection Prayer

O Risen Lord,
the Way, the Truth, and the Life,
Make us faithful followers of the spirit of Your Resurrection.

Grant that we may be inwardly renewed,
dying to ourselves in order that You may live in us.
May our lives serve as signs of the transforming power of Your love.

Use us as Your instruments for the renewal of society,
bringing Your life and love to all,
and leading them to Your Church.

This we ask of You, Lord Jesus,
living and reigning with the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever.

Amen.

Strengthening Our Cabrinian Connections

Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, NY, had a very special trip for some of our adult students on March 29th. We visited the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in NYC. We received such a beautiful and warm welcome from Julia Attaway, the

Director of the Shrine. One of the staff members at the Shrine spoke to us about Mother Cabrini and the beautiful mosaics that tell the story of Mother Cabrini's travels and great works. We were also able to view the many exhibits and enjoy the beautiful grounds.



Adult students from Cabrini Immigrant Services in Dobbs Ferry, NY took a special trip to the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine in Upper Manhattan.

During our break, Javier Ramirez Baron, the Director of CIS - NYC, spoke with our group. He spoke about the different services available in his office. He, too, welcomed everyone as a part of the Cabrini Family.



A CIS-Dobbs client served as a lector at the Mass.

The day ended with a bi-lingual Mass. It was so beautiful to have one of our clients read the Responsorial Psalm at the Mass. She was so honored. Thank you to Fr. Rodriguez for not only celebrating a bi-lingual Mass but for also having a special blessing for the items that were



Fr. Rodriguez confers a blessing.

purchased at the gift shop.

The day was perfect. It was so beautiful to be able to share together as a Cabrini Family. From the welcome to the good-byes, we truly felt like we all were family.

~ submitted by: Lorraine Campanelli, Director, Cabrini Immigrant Services-Dobbs Ferry, NY

Life-long Instruments of God's Grace

Monday, April 3rd was a special day for the resident priests and brothers that call Cabrini of Westchester "home." A Chrism Mass was celebrated and presided over by The Most Reverend John S. Bonnici, Vicar for Westchester County, where both the priests and brothers were able to renew their vows. Five priests and five brothers were in attendance along with the superiors from their congregations.



From left: Br. Salvatore Patriciola, Fr. Michael Greco, Br. Eugene Sheehan, Fr. Michael Banks, Fr. Bill Arlia and Fr. Remo DiSalvatore, all Capuchin Franciscans, gather to celebrate the renewal of vows.

Fr. Ron Galt, Director of Pastoral Care, and his team prepared a beautiful liturgy including selected readings and music fit for the occasion. After the Mass, the resident priests and brothers along with



Fr. John Fanning, a NY archdiocesan priest, visits with Bishop Bonnici.

their guests, gathered in the board room for a delicious luncheon prepared by Cabrini's Food Service Department.



From left: MSCs Sr. Alfonsina Gomes, Sr. Isalia Carvalho, Sr. Patricia Spillane, Sr. Bernadette Casciano and Sr. Veronica Piccone stop for a photo with the Most Reverend John S. Bonnici.

In addressing the congregants in the chapel during the Mass, Bishop Bonnici shared, "As we gather here together during this Holy Week, let us always be persons of hope acknowledging that our ministry is never over, always ongoing as we continue to pray, to come together at the holy sacrifice of

the Mass, to nurture each other, to comfort one another, always being instruments of God's grace." ~ submitted by Susan Herceg, Cabrini of Westchester

From the Guadalupe Province Vocation Promotion Team...

Congregations and Cultures Mix as Novices Learn and Grow Together

~ by Julie A. Ferraro, *Global Sisters Report*

Being able to laugh while trying to learn the steps to an African dance, experience a liturgy at a Ukrainian Church or discuss facets of Black History Month has been an integral part of the past eight months for a group of six novices, who have bonded into a distinct community.



At the conclusion of evening prayer at the Intercongregational Collaborative Novitiate, novices and directors share the Lord's Prayer each in her own native language. Photo: Julie A. Ferraro

The 2022-23 members of the [InterCongregational Collaborative Novitiate](#) cohort have found that, in addition to the program allowing them to continue their personal and vocational discernment, they are also gaining an appreciation of each other's cultural traditions and those of the surrounding neighborhood of Hyde Park in Chicago.

In some cases, the area's diversity means they also can connect with others of their culture. "Home" for the novices for the year they are in the program is on three floors of a multilevel apartment house in Chicago which is near numerous institutions of higher education - Catholic Theological Union, the [University of Chicago](#), the [Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago](#) and the [McCormick Theological Seminary](#), among others – and various religious communities of men and women. While the program emphasizes the intercultural aspects of living together, it continues the novitiate process of learning about the charisms of their respective communities and religious life in general.

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The Intercongregational Collaborative Novitiate was developed after extensive brainstorming among a diverse committee organized by the [Religious Formation Conference](#) as a way to bring novices — who might otherwise go through their religious community's formation program alone — together as an intentional community. The program takes a year in what is usually a two-year novitiate. The

project was funded in part by a grant from the [Conrad N. Hilton Foundation](#), which also funds Global Sisters Report.

The novices [in this particular cohort] are from six congregations, six age groups, six different cultural backgrounds or countries – about as ‘inter’ as you can get. With more than seven months of the program behind them, the novices have formed an intentional community that flows through the days, on a spiritual and practical level, sharing cleaning duties, grocery shopping, cooking and use of the washer and dryer. **To meet these novices and learn more about their experiences, please click [here](#)**

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SR. CATHERINE GARRY, MSC

Thursday
May 25, 2023

Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill Mansion
Tarrytown, New York

6 pm - Cocktail Reception
7 pm - Dinner



Each week, as we have journeyed through Lent, one of the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLM) has offered a reflection. For Easter Sunday, the reflection is given by Melissa Pierson, CLM.

Reflection for Easter Sunday

“Cast away from you all the crimes you have committed and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.”

- Ezekiel 18:31

For the past forty days, we have been encouraged to create for ourselves a new heart and a new spirit. I set out my Lenten plans and was eager for all of the solitude I built into my daily living to spend time with Jesus.



My nephew, suffering from Fentanyl addiction, came to us because he had no other place to go. For weeks, he suffered a great deal while detoxing.

I care for my 88 year-old Mom who offered him much love, tenderness and consolation.

During my time with Jesus, I would get frustrated when my nephew needed me or my Mom would buzz me for assistance. The amount of time I was able to spend alone with Jesus was being constantly interrupted. I would say, “I’m sorry, Lord, I have to go.”

My Mom was in decline until my nephew arrived. He needed her and she was here for him. Praying her daily rosary, fasting, and giving of herself.

My nephew has been drug free for over four months!!! He was dead in a life of darkness. He’s now alive in the Light of Jesus!!!!

Forty days have come and gone and our hope for new life has arrived!!!!!! I have witnessed the action of God’s merciful love, Jesus, our Lord!!!

Thank you, Jesus!!!!

Amen!

~ submitted by: Melissa Pierson, CLM

Prayer Requests

Anna Maria

Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC requests prayers for her friend, Anna Maria, who is dealing with several medical issues. Thank you for remembering Anna Maria in your prayers.

Cabrini University alumna

A Cabrini University alumna requests prayers for her daughter who is experiencing a crisis following her brother's death. Let us hold these members of the Cabrinian community in our hearts and prayers during this very difficult time.

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Cabrinian colleagues, friends, volunteers, and benefactors

As we celebrate this Easter Sunday, we pray for our Missionary Sisters and all members of the Cabrinian community. May you be inspired by the joy, hope and renewal found in this beautiful season.

Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo Da Silva's mother

We ask you to keep the mother of MSC General Superior Sr. Eliane, in your prayers. Her mother has suffered a stroke. Please pray for her mother's healing and the strength and comfort for Sr. Eliane's family at this time.

