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Uncertainty Lingers as Expected Title 42 Migrant Surge Dissipates

~ by Rhina Guidos, National Catholic Reporter

Fr. Gustavo Meneses said he felt a “tense peace” in El Paso after a pandemic-era health rule expired, opening up the way for migrants to once again apply for asylum at the U.S. border with Mexico – something that has been largely curtailed since the coronavirus pandemic began.

The priest said he was in El Paso to show solidarity with the border diocese and tend to a large group of migrants that had been expected to cross the border as Title 42 ended. Instead, Meneses said he was “thankfully surprised” that predictions of a large-scale disaster didn’t materialize.



Migrants rest and plan their trip at a temporary shelter the Diocese of El Paso set up at Our Lady of Assumption Parish in El Paso. ~ Rhina Guidos photo/NCR

The Trump administration put Title 42 in place in March 2020 and though there were some exceptions, by and large, it allowed Border Patrol agents to rapidly expel those seeking to apply for asylum in the U.S., saying it was a measure taken to keep Covid-19 infections down.

Many Catholic organizations, including women religious, Catholic social justice groups, and some bishops, long had been calling for the policy to end.

Its lifting, however, comes with uncertainty about what’s to come, as those who work with migrants and those who oppose immigration are trying to untangle yet-to-be finalized immigration policies and rules recently unveiled by the Biden administration.

El Paso Bishop Mark Seitz told NCR the concern is for those in detention as well as the released.

The worry for those like Seitz, Meneses and Corbett is the lack of humane treatment toward migrants like Anyibeth Urdaneta, a 37 year-old indigenous Venezuelan, who had arrived at the diocese's shelter on May 13. Urdaneta said she was sold into marriage as a teen and was escaping an abusive husband as well as violence from cartels, not easy to do in the midst of her country's spiraling economy. She said that she was terrified of the idea of crossing into the U.S. but felt she had no choice.

"We're still dealing with the aftermath of the pre-May 12th surge...and we really want to avoid [a situation] where there are hundreds of people dropped in the streets as temperatures rise. Right now, we're trying to gear up for that," Seitz said.



A woman rests at a shelter in El Paso. Migrants arrive there tired, hungry and thirsty after weeks of travel.
~ Rhina Guidos photo/NCR

But first, they're paying attention to the recently released like Urdaneta. To read the entire article, please click [here](#)

Join the Young in Fighting for the Planet and the Poor

~ Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

While older people love to complain about "young people today," they must admit that the younger generations are leading the way in opposing "an economic system that is unfair to the poor and an enemy of the environment," Pope Francis wrote.

"[The youth] are not only asking us; they are doing it," he said, pointing to a trend in choosing to consume less, to buy products "produced following strict rules of environmental and social respect" and to lower their carbon footprints with the means of transportation they use.



The young, Pope Francis said, are asking older people "to change. Change our lifestyle, so predatory toward the environment. Change our relationship with the

Earth's resources, which are not infinite. Change our attitude toward them, the new generations, from whom we are stealing the future.”

Christians cannot remain indifferent when they see people suffering because of drought and other environmental disasters and or who are forced to migrate because of climate change,” he wrote.



Those who stand by and watch or turn the other way, he said, are “accomplices in the destruction of the beauty that God wanted to give us in the creation that surrounds us.”

It is not just about the land, the Pope said. With the destruction of the earth, “that ‘very good’ gift that the Creator forged from water and dust – man and woman – will perish.” To read the entire article please click [here](#)



We would like to invite the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to be our guests at this event.

Please RSVP to Susan Herceg at (914)693.6800 Ext. 502

or sherceg@cabrini-eldercare.org if you plan on attending.

Thank you.

Television Anchor Lucy Bustamante Cabrini University Commencement Speaker

When graduates from the Class of 2023 cross the Commencement stage to complete their Cabrini journeys on Sunday, May 21, their Commencement speaker, Lucy Bustamante, will be completing a full-circle Cabrini journey of her own.

Long before Bustamante delivered Philadelphia’s morning news as an Emmy Award-winning news anchor and journalist for NBC10 and Telemundo62, she was a Cabrini High School student in New Orleans who traveled to Radnor, PA, to volunteer with the retired Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSCs) at the former St. Cabrini Home in Philadelphia.

As the daughter of Cuban refugees who fled Fidel Castro’s regime, Bustamante said she and her family found a home in St. Frances Xavier Cabrini’s story, passion and life’s work as the Patron Saint of Immigrants. Bustamante’s sister who came from Cuba at age 4 was also educated at Cabrini High School in New Orleans.

Bustamante encourages graduates, particularly first and second-generation Americans, to embrace their cultural identity as an asset as they discover their own vocations.

“I don’t think there’s a better character to be in the American story than a first-generation American,” she said. “It is the front row seat for why this country is so special, at least in its ideals. As graduates, they need to really focus on what they have to offer and realize that the duality of being an American and whatever other culture they came from is a humongous benefit—more now than ever.”

Bustamante developed her craft as a broadcast journalist under some of “the first women in broadcast.” Early in her career, she rose to the challenge of covering Hurricane Katrina, which devastated her hometown of New Orleans in 2005.

At Cabrini’s 63rd Commencement Exercises later this month, Bustamante will amplify messages of inspiration to graduates and their families. She said she hopes to impart a lesson learned from her immigrant parents: visualize yourself living the American dream in the form of a vocation based on your passion.

~ *Cabrini University website*



Lucy Bustamante,
Cabrini High School graduate
delivers Cabrini University
Commencement address.



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St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine, NYC

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In case of rain or unseasonably cold weather, these concerts will be held indoors.

Cabrini University Women's Lacrosse Team



Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC (c.) cheers on the Cabrini University women's lacrosse team as they celebrated 13 consecutive conference championships.

GO CAVS!

Prayer Requests

In Loving Memory

Joan Johnson

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Joan Johnson, the mother of Julia Johnson Attaway, the Executive Director of St Frances X Cabrini Shrine in NYC. Mrs. Johnson passed away on Monday evening, May 8 2023. Julia had been with her during the day. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had been in care for a number of years. Joan is now relieved of her suffering. Please also pray for Julia's dad, Stephen, who misses his wife, as well as, Julia and her extended family.

Rosalie Mirenda, Ph.D.

Dr. Chris Domes, President of Neumann University in Aston, PA, shares the sad news of the passing of President Emeritus Dr. Rosalie Mirenda on May 13th. Dr. Mirenda served Neumann University for four decades as a professor, academic leader and twenty-one years as president. Dr. Mirenda was recognized by a number of organizations for her steadfast faith, distinguished character, and numerous accomplishments in education. We will hold her, her family, and the Neumann University community in our prayers.

Today is Ascension Thursday

The Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus Christ, also called Ascension Day, Ascension Thursday, or sometimes Holy Thursday, commemorates the Christian belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into Heaven.

“Jesus ascended and is with God the Father where he intercedes forever in our favor. He is our Advocate. Let us not be afraid to turn to him to ask forgiveness, to ask for a blessing, to ask for mercy. He always pardons us and defends us!”
~ Pope Francis

