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World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives.



Refugees are among the most vulnerable people in the world. The 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol help protect them. They are the only global legal instruments explicitly covering the most important aspects of a refugee's life. According to their provisions, refugees deserve, as a minimum, the same standards of treatment enjoyed by other foreign nationals in a given

country and, in many cases, the same treatment as nationals.

The 1951 Convention contains a number of rights and also highlights the obligations of refugees towards their host country. The cornerstone of the 1951 Convention is the principle of non-refoulement. According to this principle, a refugee should not be returned to a country where he or she faces serious threats to his or her life or freedom. This protection may not be claimed by refugees who are reasonably regarded as a danger to the security of the country, or having been convicted of a particularly serious crime, are considered a danger to the community.

The rights contained in the 1951 Convention include: The right not to be expelled, except under certain, strictly defined conditions;

- The right not to be punished for illegal entry into the territory of a contracting State;

- The right to work;
- The right to housing;
- The right to education;
- The right to public relief and assistance;
- The right to freedom of religion;
- The right to access the courts;
- The right to freedom of movement within the territory;
- The right to be issued identity and travel documents.

Some basic rights, including the right to be protected from refoulement, apply to all refugees. A refugee becomes entitled to other rights the longer they remain in the host country, which is based on the recognition that the longer they remain as refugees, the more rights they need. ~ *United Nations website*



Rohingya refugees fleeing conflict and persecution walk towards Kutapalong refugee settlement.

Vatican Releases Synod Document

~ by Gerard O'Connell, *AMERICA Magazine*



The secretariat for the synod has published [the working document](#), known by its Latin title *instrumentum laboris*, for the first session of the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on synodality that will be held in the Vatican, October 4 to 29th.

“A synodal church is founded on the recognition of a common dignity deriving from baptism, which makes all who receive it sons and daughters of God, members of the family of God, and therefore brothers and sisters in Christ, inhabited by the one Spirit and sent to fulfil a common mission,” said the document.

However, it said, many Catholics around the world report that too many baptized persons—particularly L.G.B.T. Catholics, the divorced and civilly remarried, the poor, women and people with disabilities—are excluded from active participation in the life of the church and, particularly, from its decision-making structures.

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

Cabrini Health Observes the Feast Day with Joy

The Cabrini Health Mass celebrating the special Feast of the Sacred Heart was a moving testament to the power of the love of God which called the Cabrini Sisters to join Mother Cabrini's Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sr. Therese Cervasio, MSC and Sr. Beatriz Santos, MSC renewed their vows as all



Sr. Beatriz Santos, MSC (l.) and Sr. Therese Cervasio, MSC renew their vows at Cabrini Health on the Sacred Heart Feast Day.

Missionary Sisters around the world do each year on this day, with Sylvia Falzon, Chair of the Board, and Sue Williams, Chief Executive, and staff present.

There was a real sense of community that had been diminished since COVID. In telling the story of our 75 years of building a greater Cabrini, Fr. Terry Kean reminded us of the resilience, faith, and companionship needed to do our work and to grow to meet increasing demand for our services.



The superb Cabrini Choir under the direction of musician Leesa Horrigan created beautiful musical arrangements and staff joined in with joyful full voice.



In the spirit of feasting, staff enjoyed the gift of Chef JoJo's special heart shaped biscuits and chocolate hearts box on the day! ~ submitted by Julie Fleming, Cabrini Health



Bidding a Fond Farewell to a Dear Friend and Valued Colleague

True to the Cabrini charism, Sr. Eileen Currie, MSC has “communicated God’s personal love in ways that touch hearts, inspire deeper relationships with God and foster the authentic human and spiritual development of herself and others” for thirty



Sr. Eileen Currie, MSC holds an icon entitled “St. Mother Cabrini, Missionary of the Sacred Heart” by artist William Hart McNichols, a gift for her thirty years of service at Sacred Heart Jesuit Retreat House.

years at Sacred Heart Jesuit Retreat House in Sedalia, Colorado. We give heartfelt thanks for her loving and faithful service as a spiritual director and retreat leader to countless people longing to deepen their relationship with God.

Eileen first came to Sacred Heart in 1992 to make the Spiritual Exercises as a 30-day retreat. The following year, the Jesuits invited her back to help direct retreatants in the busy summer months, which she did through 2002. In January 2003, she moved to Colorado to work full-time at the Retreat House. Eileen has compassionately accompanied retreatants in individually directed retreats of varying lengths, including the full 30-day Spiritual Exercises. She has also led groups in weekend retreats and days of prayer at the Retreat House, in local parishes and for religious communities in Maine, Massachusetts, New York and Texas. She now heads to New York City to share her many gifts.

~submitted by and with thanks to Paula Sapienza, Sacred Heart Jesuit Retreat House

One Minute Meditation

St. Paul writes, “Now is the day of salvation,” yet we spend much of our lives “out of time,” reminiscing the past and imagining or fearing the future while precious moments slip away. Faith calls us to remember and dream, but also to live in the moment, embrace the present, and make seconds count. It is often in the moment that God is most with us and we can be most present to one another. ~ Jerry Welte, *Words of Grace*



CIS-NYC CELEBRATES Their Mission with Dining, Dancing and Community!



On Saturday, June 10th Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC held our first fundraiser event since 2019. We were overjoyed to see so many familiar faces after almost 4 years, as well as many new faces joining us to learn about and support our work.

We hosted nearly 200 guests on the lawn of the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in Washington Heights, where we shared a delicious meal, enjoyed performances, posed in front of the photobooth, and celebrated our honorees. Our guests enjoyed a performance by Kinding Sindaw (a nonprofit dance theater company working to assert, preserve, reclaim, and re-create the traditions of dance, music, martial arts,



Executive Director Javier Ramirez-Baron addresses the guests sharing CIS-NYC's impact on the community.



From left: Ella Nimmo (Director of Community Programs and Development; Ilze Earner (CIS-NYC Board Chair); Javier Ramirez-Baron (Executive Director), Christina Baal (Board Member); and honorees Sara Valenzuela; Juan Marmol; Felipe Ministro; Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC; Assemblymember Steven Raga who all enjoyed the event.

storytelling, and orature of the indigenous peoples of Mindanao, Southern Philippines) and danced the night away to the music of La Cumbiamba eNeYé.

Our Executive Director, Javier Ramirez-Baron, shared about CIS-NYC's impact over the past year and our staff and board presented the Heart of Cabrini award to our five incredible honorees: Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC, Assemblymember Steven Raga, Sara

Valenzuela, Felipe Ministro, and Juan Marmol (learn more about them here: www.cis-nyc.org/celebrate-honorees).

Not only was it a beautiful and joy-filled evening, but we nearly doubled our fundraising goal! Thank you to all who joined us and to our incredible event sponsors (link to: www.cis-nyc.org/celebrate-sponsors).

You can view more photos from the event here: www.cis-nyc.org/celebrate-photos

~ submitted by Ella Nimmo, CIS-NYC



La Cumbiamba eNeYé! got the crowd on their feet to dance!

Graduation Day!



Congratulations to the Nutrition Workshop Graduates!

On Friday, June 9, Cabrini Immigrant Services-NYC's (CIS-NYC's) nutrition workshop participants celebrated their graduation! Fourteen participants from different countries such as Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, and Mexico completed nine nutrition workshops in collaboration with the Cornell University Cooperative Extension. Participants learned to read nutritional labels and lead healthier lives. Each participant received a diploma and a Trader Joe's gift card for their participation in the group. All the participants prepared a meal and shared a pleasant moment at their graduation. One graduate stated, "The nutrition group changed my diet. I learned to have a healthy diet, eat healthy and mainly to wash vegetables, as well as how to defrost meat properly." ~ submitted by Andrea Larios

Sacred Heart Feast is CLM Commitment Day



The Feast of the Sacred Heart is such a beautiful day especially for those of us who are part of the Cabrini Family. On the Feast Day, many of the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs) of the Guadalupe Province, joined together in different celebrations.

Several of us came together to celebrate Mass at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY. During the liturgy, Digna Merchan and Melanie Paccillo renewed their one-year commitment as a CLM, surrounded by the other CLMs who were present at Mass. Following the Mass, we enjoyed a delicious luncheon at the nursing home.



From left: CLMs Marianne McGowan, Adela Jarquin Soza, Patricia Krasnausky, Digna Merchan, Melanie Paccillo and CLM Director Lorraine Campanelli renew their CLM commitments.

Later in the afternoon, we had a Prayer Service via Zoom where we welcomed 3 new CLMs! Julia Attaway from New York, Dr. Angela Campbell from Pennsylvania and Kaitlyn Franzone from Illinois made their one-year initial commitment as a CLM. It was a beautiful time to be together as we welcomed and blessed our new members.

Some of the Missionary Sisters and those in initial formation joined us as well as some family and friends. It was beautiful to have so much love and support.



CLMs near and far joined in the commitment ceremony via Zoom.

We also had some of our current CLMs renew their commitments during the prayer service. Melissa Pierson from Colorado,

Dr. Susan Pierson from Pennsylvania, Veronica Hernandez, Sheny Hinestroza and Veronica Ortiz from Guatemala all renewed for one year.



As CLMs, we are called to witness to the love of God. As Mother Cabrini said, “Today, love must not be hidden...It must be living, active and true! We pray that as CLMs, we bring the love of God to all those we meet. ~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CLM

Illuminating Mother Cabrini’s Mission and Ministry



Sr. Bernadette Anello, MSC presented informative insights on Mother Cabrini’s life and ministry.

On Wednesday, June 14th, the first in a mini series of presentations that will “Unpack the Mission and Ministry of Mother Cabrini” was given by Sr. Bernadette Anello, MSC, in the chapel at Cabrini of Westchester. The intention of the series is to familiarize more residents and staff with the calling, ministry and journey of our Foundress. Each session in the series is planned to coincide with a particular celebration around Mother Cabrini’s life.

Sr. Bernadette’s presentation coincided with the Solemn Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and was entitled “Mother Cabrini: Patroness of Immigrants & Missionary of the New Evangelization.” While presenting, Sr. Bernadette went into depth regarding Mother Cabrini’s life, her spirituality and her sense of mission and at the conclusion of her talk, a question and answer period took place.

The attendees were then delighted to hear a special song that was performed by four young women who



From left: MSC candidates Abaynesh Lukas, Etagegn Franso, Ababech Darcho and MSC novice Sr. Bezunesh Elias perform a song in their native Ethiopian language.

are in the process of becoming Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The song was sung in their native Ethiopian tongue which was about praising and thanking God for the many blessings he has bestowed on us.

The next presentation in the series will take place on Wednesday, July 12th, when Fr. Ron Galt, Vice President for Mission and Pastoral Care, will offer a second reflection around the 173rd birthday of Mother Cabrini on July 15th. The closing presentation of the mini-series will be on Monday, November 13th to coincide with Mother Cabrini's Feast Day.

~ submitted by Susan Herceg, , Director of Development and PR. Cabrini of Westchester

Time to Play Ball!




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JOIN US!

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and
Cabrini Mission Foundation
invite you to the 2nd annual baseball event at
Staten Island's FerryHawks Stadium.

**SPECIAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO BE SHOWN
AFTER THE GAME**

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Date: Saturday, August 5th, 2023
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Staten Island University Hospital
Community Park,
75 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301
(Easy to get to by ferry, car, train or bus)

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON

Prayer Requests

Hugh Hutchison

Please remember Hugh Hutchison in your prayers as he undergoes surgery tomorrow. Ask God to guide the surgeon's hand. May he recover swiftly and completely. Pray too, for Hugh's wife, Nancy, as she accompanies him through his surgery and recovery.

Special Intention

A friend of the Missionary Sisters has asked our prayers for a special intention.

