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## Among Religious of Latin America, LCWR Director Speaks of 'New Beginning'

~ by Rhina Guidos, *Global Sisters Report*

In an early June meeting of women and men religious from Latin America and the Caribbean, the leader of a U.S. group of sisters spoke about church life in the U.S., its brokenness and the country's polarization, and asked them to consider the possibility of a "new beginning" that would include groups of consecrated life from all corners of the Americas.



"No more Canada, U.S., Central America, South America," Sr. [Carol Zinn](#), [executive director](#) of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), said to those gathered June 2 for a board meeting of the [Confederation of Latin American and Caribbean Religious](#) (CLAR) in Lima, Peru. "[Let's] think about consecrated life of the Americas and still celebrate Canada, the United States, Central America, South America."

Those gathered for the CLAR meeting, which included general secretaries and presidents of conferences from Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as consulting theologians, spoke of new structures and systems, customs and practices to champion the mission of the church among the poor and vulnerable. Their vision is one of transformation in the church, where clericalism, personal interests and power-seeking among some church members are set aside.

Sr. Carol asked for prayers for LCWR as it takes a "contemplative time to step back and to ask God: What is ours to do as leaders of consecrated life of women? What is ours to do in a country and a church that is so polarized?" she said.

"Pray for us because we have made a commitment that our work is to be in those uncomfortable situations of polarization. How to listen deeply and then how to discern, how do we go together to God?"

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



## The CLM Corner

*In an occasional feature, we provide news about and from the Cabrini Lay Missionaries of the Guadalupe Province.*

### Putting on Wings as CLMs

The Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs) of the Guadalupe Province, and several members who are in initial formation to become CLMs, are blessed to participate in a three-part presentation given by Sr. Bernadette Anello, MSC. The presentations are based on the book, *Free Yourself and Put on Wings* by Sr. Maria Barbagallo, MSC. To date, we have had two presentations. At the end of each presentation, Sr. Bernadette gives us questions to reflect upon. At the end of the second presentation, Sr. Bernadette asked us to reflect on:

- The Cabrini Lay Missionaries as part of a larger mission footprint: Cabrini World.
- How is Mother Cabrini inviting me/us to be more connected with our global reality?



As we looked at our “Brady Bunch” screen during our Zoom meeting, we heard and saw a wealth of responses to these questions. Through our baptismal promises, we are called to live among

God’s people, to share the Word of God, to proclaim the Good News through word and deed, to serve all people and strive for peace and justice.

As CLMs and those journeying with us, we have responded to our call through prayer, education, social services, and health care. We work with the elderly, the young, college students, immigrants and refugees.

Some of us are administrators, educators, social workers and health care workers. Each of us has been called to be a pray-er. Whether we are called to help our family members, the less fortunate, the homeless, those in nursing homes, the immigrants and refugees, we do it out of God’s love for us. We strive to respond to our baptismal promises.

We are looking forward to Part Three of the presentation later this month.

*~ Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CLM*



# Happy, Happy Birthday, Sr. Catherine and Sr. Romualda!

*Greetings to you all from the Sacred Heart International novitiate community.*



*As we are in the month of the Sacred Heart, we would like to share our joy as we observed the very special birthdays of two of our Missionary Sisters.*

*It is a gift and joy to celebrate: Sr. Romualda Molon, MSC and Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC. Each turned eighty-five years-old. Thank you, Sisters, for being such a good example for all of us. We are grateful to celebrate with you the gift of life.*

*The love you have for each of us supports us in our journey. Also, your passion and love for the mission is so wonderful.*

With love,

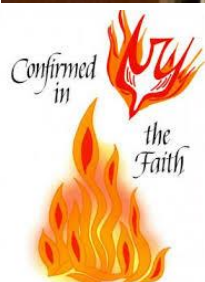
Sr. Catherine & Sr. Romualda

The Sacred Heart International Novitiate Community  
Sr. Genet Henok, MSC





## May the Holy Spirit Light Their Way!



Twice a year St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine is blessed to be the site of Archdiocesan Adult Confirmations. On Wednesday, June 7 we welcomed Bishop Edmund Whalen, a lifelong visitor to the Shrine, to confirm 28 adults. Please pray for these inspiring young people!

*~ submitted by Julia Attaway, St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine.*

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## The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

You can access the novena on the [www.mothercabrini.org](http://www.mothercabrini.org) website by clicking [here](#)

Praying the novena is such a meaningful way to observe this feast so central to the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



For more information and to purchase tickets: [www.cis-nyc.org/celebrate](http://www.cis-nyc.org/celebrate)

# Time to Play Ball!



## 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

**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

### *Roslyn Amato*

Dr. Candi Sicoli, Professor Emerita, of Cabrini University, requests prayers for a Cabrini University alumna, Roslyn Amato, who is undergoing medical testing.

### *Sr. Sharon Casey, MSC*

Sr. Sharon suffered a recent fall that resulted in a fractured ankle. She had surgery yesterday. Please pray that her recovery will be swift.

### *Pope Francis*

Let us unite in prayer for Pope Francis as he recovers from abdominal surgery. May he heal quickly and soon regain his strength and vitality.

### *Sr. Benedict O'Donnell, MSC*

Kindly keep Sr. Benedict in your prayers. She is experiencing some health issues at this time. We know she will appreciate your prayerful accompaniment.

### *Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC*

Please keep Sr. Arlene in prayer. She had knee surgery this week. May she have an uncomplicated recovery and may she soon regain her full mobility.

### *Debbie Walker*

Dr. Candi Sicoli, Professor Emerita, of Cabrini University, requests prayers for her cousin, Debbie Walker, who will undergo cardiac surgery on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Please pray that the procedure will be successful and that she will have an uneventful recovery.

## In Loving Memory

### *Dona Luisa*

Your prayers are asked for Dona Luisa, the mother of Sr. Juana Clarivel Mendoza Coxaj, MSC, who went home to God earlier this week. Please keep Sr. Juana and her family in your prayers.

