



## National Vocation Awareness Week

November 5 – 11, 2023

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 5-11, 2023, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration. In 2014, after extensive consultation, the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort.

For more information and resources please click [here](#)



### **Bold and Faithful: Meet Today's Religious**

An introduction to our newest Catholic sisters, nuns,  
brothers, and priests and opportunities to learn more

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5d9c569d764141a58d8ccf7e01acdf7>

Click on the link above to listen to the stories of those who are recently professed religious.

# National Vocation Awareness Week

Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated priests, deacons, and consecrated women and men. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation:

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.  
Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—  
for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families  
with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a  
life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament,  
so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and  
peace. Amen.  
— *Pope Francis*

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## Everyone Has a Divine Vocation

“Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is handpicked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit.

~ *Homily by Pope St. John Paul II*

### ***From the Guadalupe Province Vocation Promotion Team***

Our Vocational Ministry Team wishes to celebrate with each of our *Update* readers the Vocational Week that takes place from November 5 to 11, 2023.

Each member of the Vocation Promotion Team of Guadalupe Province has the task in their place of mission, to raise, welcome and accompany the different vocations, emphasizing vocations to consecrated life.

Our objective is to have the ability to provide the person who feels called, the space and time to make their itinerary of search and service to others giving meaning to their own existence. This **Vocational Culture** is a process to live the mission in and from the community to others. It will be a very strong and valuable gesture for the Church and the world, to pray for vocations to **Religious Life**. ~ *Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC*

***“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.  
Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest.”***

# Synod publishes final report and votes: Calls for more discussion on synodality, women deacons

~ by Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- A report summarizing discussions at the assembly of the Synod of Bishops said the church may need more welcoming pastoral approaches, especially to people who feel excluded, but also acknowledged fears of betraying traditional church teachings and practices.

Among the topics addressed in the report were clerical sexual abuse, women's roles in the church, outreach to poor and the concept of "synodality" itself.

After the voting on the synthesis concluded, the pope said he wanted to remind everyone that "the protagonist of the synod is the Holy Spirit." He briefly thanked the synod officers and joined members of the assembly in giving thanks to God.

The assembly's discussions set the stage for a year-long period of reflection that will culminate in the second and final synod assembly in late 2024 on the same topic

[The 41-page synthesis report](#) voted on paragraph-by-paragraph Oct. 28, described its purpose as presenting "convergences, matters for consideration and proposals that emerged from the dialogue" on issues discussed under the headings of synodality, communion, mission and participation.

Within the synod topics, members looked at the role of women in the church, including in decision making, and at the possibility of ordaining women deacons. The report asked for more "theological and pastoral research on the access of women to the diaconate," including a review of the conclusions of commissions Pope Francis set up in 2016 and 2020.

The paragraph was approved 279-67, which was more than the needed two-thirds support but still garnered among the highest negative votes.

Among members of the assembly, the report said, some thought the idea of women deacons would be a break with tradition, while others insisted it would "restore the practice of the Early Church," including at the time of the New Testament, which mentions women deacons.



Pope Francis smiles at a point of discussion during the Synod proceedings.

Assembly members also discussed pastoral approaches to welcoming and including in the life of parishes people who have felt excluded, including the poor, people with disabilities, LGBTQ+ Catholics and Catholics whose marriages are not recognized by the church.

The report emphasized the “listening” that took place on the local, national and continental levels before the assembly and the “conversations in the Spirit” that took place during it, which involved each person speaking in his or her small group, other participants at first commenting only on what struck them, silent reflection and then discussion.

“It is clear that some people are afraid that they will be forced to change; others fear that nothing at all will change or that there will be too little courage to move at the pace of the living Tradition,” the report said.

“Also,” it added, “perplexity and opposition can sometimes conceal a fear of losing power and the privileges that derive from it.”

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

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## **Cabrini Mission Foundation Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at 2023 Annual Gala**



It was a night full of cheers and laughter, as attendees joined Cabrini Mission Foundation in celebrating 25 years of service at its 2023 annual Gala on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Metropolitan Club in Manhattan, NY. The Foundation recognized two

Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial, (l.) and Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, (r.) Cabrini Mission Foundation, Foundation Chair, offer their congratulations to William J. O'Connor and Patricia Krasnausky upon their reception of the Cabrini Legacy Award.

special and deserving honorees for the Cabrini Legacy Award: Patricia Krasnausky and William J. O'Connor



The Cabrini Legacy Award recognizes altruistic, charitable, and generous individuals who embrace the spirit of the charism in every aspect of their life. Their enthusiasm and ability to meet the unmet needs of others parallels the work Mother Cabrini accomplished during her years of service.

Bill O'Connor embarked on his educational journey at Manhattan College in New York, where he pursued his Bachelor's and Master of Science degrees in Civil Engineering. For two decades, O'Connor committed himself to the Building Commission of the Archdiocese of New York. At the Archdiocese, Bill managed and maintained over 2,000 religious buildings spanning across 500 locations. His efforts, not only ensured the structural integrity of these sacred spaces, but also fostered an environment of efficient facilities management. In December 2003, O'Connor founded Parish Property management to offer professional counsel to institutions with large building portfolios, including properties for the Missionary Sisters.

O'Connor was first introduced to the Missionary Sisters in 1985 and was elected to the Cabrini Mission Foundation Board in November of 2014, demonstrating his passion and commitment to Mother Cabrini's legacy through his facility work as well as being an active Board member.

Pat Krasnausky has provided steadfast and proven leadership of Cabrini Eldercare Services in New York since she began her career in 1991. Pat came to work at the Cabrini Medical Center on East 19th Street in Manhattan where the Medical Center was taking over a financially distressed nursing home on 5th Street and she would be in charge of the transition. Krasnausky would be named President and CEO of Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY, as well, just seven years later.

For 14 years, Pat oversaw the operations of both nursing homes – that encompasses 544 patient beds and split her time between the two locations. Krasnausky's embrace of the Cabrini charism goes well beyond eldercare. During her tenure, Pat also served for 12 years as the Director of the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs); a group of women and men who desire to live out their Christian baptismal commitment as a special call from God. A knowledgeable executive and icon in the New York health community, Krasnausky has had an enduring impact on the lives of so many families that have entrusted their care at Cabrini of Westchester.

The Sisters and staff would like to send a sincere thank you to everyone who attended the gathering, and for the continued support of the mission. ~ *submitted by Caitlin Della Rocca*  
Couldn't make the event? Check out the video [here](#) to watch the evening's festivities!

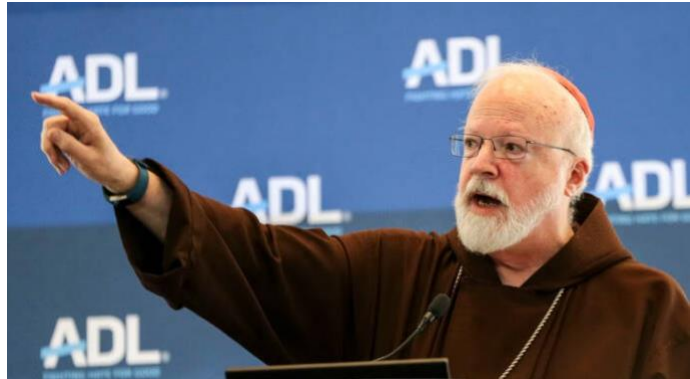
# Cardinal O'Malley Urges Assistance to Newly Arriving Migrants Ahead of Winter

~ by Michael J. O'Loughlin for AMERICA

With the number of migrants arriving in Massachusetts outpacing available emergency supplies and housing, Boston's Cardinal Seán O'Malley is urging local Catholics to contribute resources ahead of the winter season. Describing the situation as “a major humanitarian and societal crisis,” the cardinal asked pastors in [an Oct. 23 letter](#) “to prepare your parishioners to be ready and willing to assist.”

“The challenge is the fate of immigrants arriving daily in Massachusetts, and in need of basic shelter and compassionate care and welcome,” wrote the cardinal.

The number of migrants needing assistance in Massachusetts mirrors situations in other states, with state and local leaders calling on the Biden administration to send more federal funds to help shelter migrants.



Officials in [Illinois](#) and [New York](#) have urged the White House in recent weeks to do more to support the flow of migrants into those states, and in Massachusetts, Gov. Maura Healey declared a state of emergency in August, saying that the state had run out of emergency shelter space for families. Massachusetts is one of just a handful of states that has a “right to shelter” law, and it has seen the number of families being housed in emergency shelters, including in hotels, motels and college dorms, more than double in the past year. More than 7,000 families, or 20,000 people, are currently living in these emergency shelters, and the state says it is running out of money.

“We are not ending the right-to-shelter law,” Gov. Healey said in a press conference last week, [Politico reported](#). “We are being very clear, though, that we are not going to be able to guarantee placement for folks who are sent here after the end of this month.”

Last month, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said in a statement that compassion to migrants seeking refuge in the United States must be coupled with policies that enable people to stay safely in their home nations. Read more [here](#)



CENTER ON IMMIGRATION

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Dear Scholars, Graduates Students, and Advocates,

Please mark your calendars for the final Delaware Valley Migration Scholar Colloquium. This year's colloquium will take place on **Friday, November 17, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, at Grace Hall (Multipurpose Conf Room), Cabrini University.**

Since its inception, the Colloquium has served as a space for sharing knowledge, stimulating conversations, gathering insights, and networking for anyone interested in im/migration studies. Faculty and graduate students are invited to submit their work for presentation. We welcome work that is in progress, as well as work that has been already published.

**Please send us your proposals for presentation at [immigration@cabrini.edu](mailto:immigration@cabrini.edu) by November 5th.**

You do not need to present to join us for a stimulating conversation, good food, dialogue, and networking. Please reach out with any questions. Thank you for the continued support to the Center on Immigration. We are looking forward to seeing you.

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## All Saints Day

November 1, 2023

The Church celebrates all the saints: canonized or beatified, and the multitude of those who are in heaven enjoying the beatific vision that are only known to God.

During the early centuries the saints venerated by the Church were all martyrs. Later the pope set November 1 as the day for commemorating all the saints. We all have this "universal call to holiness." What must we do in order to join the company of the saints in heaven? We "must follow in His footsteps and conform [our]selves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. [We] must devote [our]selves with all [our] being to the glory of God and the service of [our] neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history" (*Lumen Gentium*, 40). ~ *Catholic Culture*



# Cabrini University

## Domestic Violence Symposium Honors Jordan Center

Cabrini's Barbara and John Jordan Center for Children of Trauma and Domestic Violence Education held its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Education Symposium in October on Cabrini's campus. This year's symposium honored the leadership of Barbara (**HON'08**) and John Jordan, the Center's founders, and Director Colleen Lelli, EdD ('95), Professor of Education, as well as the Center's many partners and friends.

Lynn Rosenthal, Director of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence for the US Department of Health and Human Services and longtime friend of the Center, served as keynote speaker and received its Resiliency and Advocacy Award.



Lynn Rosenthal

“Walking into this room this morning, I was so overcome by this feeling,” she said. “It is that education with love, it is that heart of love, it is that common ground, it is that sense of community that Cabrini has given as a gift to the world.”

Rosenthal recalled that when she first met the Jordans in the White House years ago, she was impressed by their clarity of mission: to help children who had experienced the trauma of domestic violence.

“They were perfectly clear that we all had a role to play in ending this violence,” she said.

Before the program concluded, Barbara and John Jordan offered an emotional address.

“To Colleen and your Cabrini team, you are our heroes,” said John Jordan, speaking about the importance of the Center's outreach and noting that 1 in 3 families are touched by domestic violence and 1 in 5 girls are sexually abused (Centers for Disease





From left: Dr. Colleen Lelli, Director, Jordan Center; Barbara and John Jordan, Jordan Center founders; and Dr. Michelle Filling-Brown, Academic Dean, at the recent Symposium on Domestic Violence.

Control and Prevention).  
“All of us involved with the Jordan Center share a common bond with a goal to end domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.”

The symposium ended with words of appreciation from Lelli to the Cabrini community, the Center’s community

partners, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, her students, and the Jordans.

“Thank you to the masterminds behind designing [the Jordan Center] and walking alongside us as a community every step of the way,” she said of the Jordans. “You’re both always in my heart.” ~ submitted by Molly Harty, Cabrini University

To access the complete account, please click [here](#)



With joy & gratitude, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and the staff of Mother Cabrini Shrine invite you to

*Mother Cabrini Shrine*  
for the  
*Chapel Re-dedication Celebration*

Saturday	.....	Reception immediately	.....	4:00pm
NOV.	.....	following Mass	.....	Mass
<b>18</b>	.....			

Gala Registration is Open!

Friday, November 17, 2023

Pinnacle Club at the Grand Hyatt  
5:30 p.m.

Visit our Gala Website for tickets and table sponsorship opportunities.



MOTHER CABRINI SHRINE  
GALA 2023

*Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>* at 5:30 pm

PINNACLE CLUB  
AT THE GRAND HYATT DENVER

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CHAPEL DEDICATION

*Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>* at 4:00 pm

AT MOTHER CABRINI SHRINE

MotherCabriniShrine.org



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2023  
6PM - 9PM

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100 Tickets*

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New York, NY 10011  
(Between W21st ST and W22nd ST)

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# Prayer Requests

## ***Hannah Bailey***

Please continue to pray for Hannah Bailey, the daughter of JoAnn Seaman, the Executive Director of the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO. Hannah will be undergoing surgery today. Let us pray for a successful procedure and a quick recovery.

## ***Sr. Claudia DeMarco, MSC***

Please unite in prayer for Sr. Claudia who is now at St. Cabrini Nursing Home. Sr. Claudia has been placed in hospice care. Please pray for her comfort and serenity at this time. She is very much at peace.

## ***For my friend, Sue, and her granddaughters***

Linda Morano Lower, a former Missionary Sister, requests prayers for her friend, Sue, whose two granddaughters ages 6 1/2 and 8 1/2 died in a house fire. All remaining family members, parents and three children, are in the hospital, but are expected to recover. Please pray for the emotional, physical and spiritual healing of this family.

## ***Prayers for a friend***

Please continue to pray for a dear friend who has been discharged from rehab and is now recuperating at home. May her recovery be complete.

## ***Prayers for Vocations***

During this upcoming National Vocation Awareness Week, please pray that God will continue to call people to religious life and the priesthood. Pray too, that women will be attracted to the Cabrinian charism and choose to discern life as a Missionary Sister.



## ***Bernie Schwab***

Your prayers are asked for Bernie Schwab, the sister of Rita Lambert, the bursar at Cabrini University. Bernie is scheduled to have a major surgery on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. After she recovers from surgery, she will begin follow up treatment. Her family is praying for a successful surgery and an uneventful recovery. Please accompany Bernie with your prayers.

## With Grateful Hearts

### *Alena Jakubowski*

In recent weeks, we have prayed for Alena Jakubowski, the sister of Rita Lambert, the bursar at Cabrini University, who wishes to thank everyone for their prayers for her sister. Alena donated her kidney on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October. Everything went perfectly. She was home the next day and is recovering beautifully. The family is so thankful. Now, they just have to wait for her husband to get the call that they have a kidney for him. Please continue your prayers for this couple.



## In Loving Memory

### *All Souls Day*



Today, November 2nd, is the Commemoration of All of the Faithful Departed or All Souls. On this day, we pray that all those who have died – our loved ones, and also those people around the world whom we will never know – through the mercy of God, will rest in peace. We pray especially for all

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart who have gone before us. We, pray too, for the dearly departed loved ones of all those in the Cabrinian community. May they rest in God's eternal light.

### The Feast Day of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini is November 13<sup>th</sup>

Please join with us in praying the novena to Mother Cabrini.

Please click [here](#) to access the novena.



