



September 26, 2024

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sunday, September 29, 2024

God Walks with His People

The Catholic Church observes the World Day of Migrants and Refugees on the last Sunday of September each year. Leading up to September 29, the Catholic Church in the United States is celebrating National Migration Week (September 23-29), calling attention to the challenges confronting migrants and refugees, from their country of origin to their destination, and how Church teaching calls on Catholics to respond with compassionate acts of love. Catholic dioceses, schools, charitable organizations,



Pope Francis walks with those who are migrants and refugees.

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and other institutions around the country will commemorate these annual events in various ways, from special Masses and festivals to volunteer opportunities and immigration legal clinics.

For this year's observance, Pope Francis selected the theme "God walks with his people." God not only walks *with* his people, but also *within* them, in the sense that he identifies himself with men and women on their journey through history, particularly with the least, the poor and the marginalized, the Holy Father said in his [annual message](#).

In this message, the Holy Father reminds us that **all of us, God's people, are migrants on this earth**, on our way to the "true homeland", the Kingdom of Heaven. Migrants are a contemporary icon of this people on a journey, of the Church on a journey, and at the same time, it is in them and in all our vulnerable brothers and sisters that we can encounter the Lord who walks with us. ~ USCCB website/Dicastery for Human Development
To learn more, please click [here](#) and [here](#)

Guadalupe Province Ministries Plan for The World Day of Migrants and Refugees



Cabrini Health, Australia

Ahead of World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Cabrini's own Tracey Cabrie, General manager of Refugees and Asylum Seeker Health Service was a panelist at a national forum for the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA).

The theme: *'Journeying together with refugees and people seeking asylum'* reflected our staunch and unwavering commitment to some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

Alongside Tracey were Julie Edwards, CEO Jesuit Social Services and Convenor of CAPSA with panelists:

- David Manne, human rights lawyer and Executive Director, Refugee Legal
- Danijel Malbasa, former Yugoslav refugee, advocate, writer and lawyer
- Ruth Lesmana, Client Services Manager, House of Welcome

Further details for the National Week of Prayer and Action in Australia are here: www.capsa.org.au

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Cabrini Immigrant Services - NYC

We are excited to share our activities for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees with the MSCs and the worldwide Cabrini community. For the upcoming World Migrant and Refugee Day, we will host an activity and discussion centered around the theme "God Walks with His People" with immigrant families, staff, and MSCs.

Cabrini of Westchester/Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY

At Cabrini of Westchester (CIS-Dobbs Ferry), Lorraine Campanelli, Director of CIS-NYC, spoke at the Mass at the nursing home on September 23rd about the World Day regarding some of the works that they do at CIS-Dobbs Ferry. There will be a special intention read each day at Mass leading up to the 29th during the Prayer of Faithful. Also, there is a noon day prayer said at the nursing home throughout the facility. This week, a special prayer will be said each day for the Migrants and Refugees.

Mother Cabrini Shrine, Golden, CO

Our plans are to weave the message of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees into our three liturgies at the Shrine on Sunday, Sept. 29. We have asked our clergy to include the significance of this day in their homilies, Prayers of the Faithful, etc... and include the connection to Mother Cabrini, Patroness of Immigrants. We are also planning to hand out a bilingual prayer card as people leave the chapel and have them available at the grotto as well.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine, New York City

At the Shrine, we will invite our Sunday Mass people to join us in a rosary for migrants and refugees immediately following Mass.

A Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

God of love and compassion: may we always recognize your spirit:

- in the refugee family, seeking safety from violence;
- in the migrant worker, bringing food to our tables;
- in the asylum-seekers, seeking justice for their families;
- in the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world.

Give us hearts that break open whenever our brothers and sisters turn to us.

Give us hearts that no longer turn deaf to their voices in times of need;

Give us eyes to recognize a moment for grace instead of a threat.

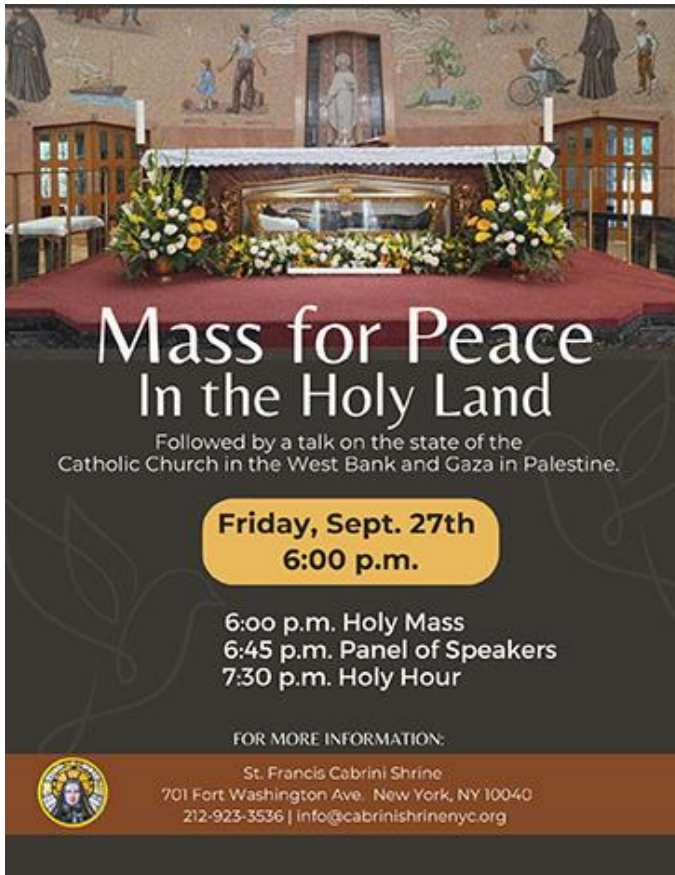
Give us voices that fail to remain silent, but which decide instead to advocate prophetically.

Give us hands that reach out in welcome, but also in work, for a world of justice until all homelands are safe and secure.

Bless us, O Lord...

- Fr. Dan Hartnett S.J., jesuitresource.org

Mass for Peace in the Holy Land




**Mass for Peace
In the Holy Land**

Followed by a talk on the state of the
Catholic Church in the West Bank and Gaza in Palestine.

**Friday, Sept. 27th
6:00 p.m.**

6:00 p.m. Holy Mass
6:45 p.m. Panel of Speakers
7:30 p.m. Holy Hour

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The ongoing war in the Holy Land and its surrounding region has brought immense suffering to people worldwide, including many members of the Catholic Church. What is happening, and how is the Church impacted? We invite you to join us for a Mass for Peace in the Holy Land—and a special time of prayer, discussion, and worship. This gathering will create a space to support Catholics from the countries affected, as well as space for those who grieve and pray on behalf of the region.

The night will feature guest speakers Salem Farmand, a Palestinian Catholic and Campaign Manager for the Archdiocese of New York, and Mother Jesus Doliente, SSVM, whose community serves the sole Catholic

parish in Gaza. Both will share insights into the challenges faced by the Church in the Holy Land from a Catholic, personal, and community perspective. The evening will conclude with Adoration with prayerful music led by Catholic musician artist Brianne Nealon. ~ submitted by Julia Attaway, Executive Director, St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine, NYC

One Minute Meditation - A Time for Everything

Our lives are filled with ordinary moments when the hidden beauty of life breaks into our everyday awareness like an unbidden shaft of light. It is a brush with the sacred, a near occasion of grace. Too often, we are blind to these moments. We are busy with our daily obligations and too occupied with our comings and goings to surround our hearts with the quiet necessary to hear life's softer songs. There is no shame in this. We are only human, and the demands of life make a raucous noise. But we must not let those demands drown out the quieter voices of the spirit. We must take the time to stop and listen, knowing that the voice of the spirit speaks more often in a whisper than in a shout. ~Kent Nerburn, *The Hidden Beauty of Everyday Life*

Cabrini Volunteers: Hearts of gold, hands of help

Cabrini Malvern's Patient Services Volunteer Team shone brightly at the City of Stonnington's 2024 Volunteer Awards, clinching the Community Group Award. The spotlight fell on four exceptional volunteers: Katina Yiannoudes, Isabel Kashyap, Jacquelyn Segal, and June Downes, whose combined service spans an impressive 60 years.

These remarkable women have touched countless lives across Cabrini Malvern, from the Emergency Department to the Cancer Wellness Centre. Their adaptability, warmth, and genuine care have been a constant comfort to patients and staff alike.

Recognised for their kind demeanour and heartfelt interest in others, this quartet embodies the true spirit of volunteering.



Stewart, Cabrini Health, Australia



L-R: Isabel Kashyap, June Downes, Katina Yiannoudes, Jacquelyn Segal

They've mastered the art of putting patients at ease, proving that sometimes, the most powerful medicine is a caring presence.

Cabrini celebrates these unsung heroes who elevate the patient experience, one compassionate gesture at a time.

~ submitted by Margaret

The Update

If you know someone who might like to receive The Update, please send their name and email address to: cabrininews@mothercabrini.org and we will be happy to add them to our distribution list. The Update is a great way to keep up with all the happenings in the MSC Guadalupe Province. Don't forget to check out www.mothercabrini.org

Partnering for a Great School Year!

The National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, located in Chicago, undertook a backpack initiative to benefit underprivileged children in the city of Chicago who are preparing for school. Recently, volunteers who attended Mass at the Shrine joined with Sister Laura Baldini, MSC to assemble the backpacks to be distributed before school started. Over 120 backpacks were filled with school supplies and distributed. This was done with the partnership of the national charity Cradles to Crayons, which helps to provide essentials for daily living to underprivileged children from birth to age 12.



Bags containing 120 backpacks were filled and ready to be distributed by Cabrini Shrine staff at Cradles to Crayons.

This backpack initiative was motivated by Mother Cabrini and her work as an educator and servant of God through helping children. The Shrine presented this initiative to its congregation. The response was nothing short of amazing. The Shrine had a goal of 100 backpacks, with a \$30 donation for each backpack. In two weeks, The National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was able to provide 120 backpacks filled with school supplies donated to Cradles to Crayons.

With the help of several volunteers, we were able to buy the necessary supplies for the backpacks, as well as assemble them and drive them over to Cradles to Crayons Chicago branch.

Cradles to Crayons is a wonderful organization that has a branch here in Chicago. Their [focus] is to provide children with necessities they need for daily living. Their efficient and effective 3 step model helps to provide these items to children free of charge. This model includes new and gently used items that are donated through fundraising, and corporate donations; donations that are packed and distributed by volunteers in their warehouse; as well as packages from the Giving Factory, their warehouse, that are distributed to local children in need.

Our Shrine's goal for 2025 is to partner directly with a Catholic school in an underprivileged area and provide backpacks to multiple grades.

~ submitted by Kim Sorenson, Social Media Specialist, National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Prayer Requests

Cabrini University former faculty member

Prayers are requested for a former Cabrini University faculty member who is undergoing serious medical treatment. Let us keep this member of the Cabrinian community in our prayers.

Emily Gudas

Please continue your prayers for Emily, who remains hospitalized at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Emily underwent extensive surgery this past week. Please pray, too, for her parents, Mark and Sharon, both Cabrini College graduates, who have been at Emily's side throughout her hospitalization.

Caroline Croley Kraye's husband

Kindly pray for Bob, the husband of Cabrini (College) University alumna Caroline Croley Kraye '96, who suffered a stroke this week. Let us pray for his swift and complete recovery.

Special Intention

A member of the Cabrinian community asks our prayers and Mother Cabrini's intercession for a special intention.

With a Grateful Heart

Prayers Answered

A member of the Cabrinian Community offers appreciation for your prayers. The outcome of recent medical tests has been favorable.

