



October 30, 2025

## A Rallying Call for Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

On **November 13, 2025**, on the Feast Day of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Patroness of Immigrants, Catholics and people of faith across the United States are being invited to join in **One Church, One Family: Catholic Public Witness for Immigrants**, a nationwide day of prayer, public witness and solidarity for migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers suffering under current U.S. immigration policies.

**You can participate!**

**Here are suggested way to get involved:**

- **Pray** for immigrants, migrants and refugees
- **Find** a local parish, school, religious community or Catholic organization that is hosting a vigil or prayer event on Nov. 13 (or plan one yourself).
- **Gather** at a visible site: perhaps outside an immigration or detention facility, a parish known for immigrant ministry, or a public square.
- **Bring** signs, rosaries, candles, banners, a short program of prayer, scripture reading (e.g., Luke 4:16-30), hymns.
- **Invite** immigrant and refugee-led voices, share testimonies, allow silent prayer and reflection.
- **Spread the word** about the event in your parish bulletin, social media, neighborhood networks. **Avail yourself of resources at the official website. [1family.us](http://1family.us)**
- **Commemorate** the Feast of St. Cabrini by reminding the community of the long history of migration and the Church's call to accompaniment. *ChatGPT*



# So Happy Together!



The Missionary Sisters in Wayne, PA invited the Cabrini Lay Missionaries to their community for a day of reflection, friendship and fun! The sunny crisp fall day provided the perfect backdrop for their gathering.

**Seated front:** Susan Pierson, PhD, CLM and Sr. Eileen Currie, MSC

**Back row from left:** Angela Campbell, PhD, CLM; Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC; Sr. Roselle Santivasi, MSC; Adela Jarquin Soza, CLM; Marianne McGowan, CLM.

On Saturday, October 25, several Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs) and Missionary Sisters came together to share an afternoon of sunshine, conversation, fun and games and prayer. Sisters Christine Marie Baltas, Eileen Currie and Roselle Santivasi opened their lovely home in Radnor to CLMs Angela Campbell, Susan Pierson, Lorraine Campanelli, Marianne McGowan

and Adela Jarquin Soza where they were warmly welcomed with a delicious lunch of pizza and salad.

Sister Christine read a beautiful reflection in which she shared the love she and the other Sisters have for us. I know I speak for all the CLMs in saying that love is returned in huge measure. We are so grateful to have the opportunity to walk in solidarity with the



Having time for meaningful conversation over lunch was another highlight of the day. Here Adela Jarquin Soza (l.) and Susan Pierson exchange thoughts.



Missionary Sisters as we try to live the Cabrinian charism in the work we do every day, bearing the love of Christ to the world.

Sisters Christine, Roselle and Eileen spoke of some of their experiences in Rome, where they met as a group of 95 for a special Assembly. While speaking of challenges navigating the airport and streets of Rome, they also talked about how wonderful it was to have Sisters who spoke 4 different languages together, not only in spirit, but in the same meeting room! Each of the CLMs had an opportunity to talk about some of the work they are doing and what it means to be part of the Cabrini family.



CLMs Marianne McGowan (l.) and Angela Campbell are taking aim at...

We had so much fun together, especially outside on the patio, playing silly games Lorraine brought with her from New York. Sister Christine, like the good sport she is, agreed to wear the “Cabrini pants” for a funny game of ball toss. Everyone tried ring toss too.

Later, we were joined by Karol Brewer, of the Cabrini Formation Office, who was just in time for our prayer service at 3 pm. Those CLMs who were unable to join us in

Pennsylvania, came to a ZOOM meeting where we shared thoughts about the power of community along with prayers of gratitude for our time together. Despite some technical issues (as always) we were able to use two phones to enable those online and those seated in the Sisters’ living room to hear and see each other.



After a dessert of coffee, cookies and chocolate, the CLMs departed with wonderful memories of the day. Thank you so much to Sisters Christine, Eileen and Roselle for making it possible for all of us to be together. We hope to be back sometime in the future. ~ submitted by Susan Pierson, PhD, CLM



... Sr. Christine Marie Baltas who is determined to catch that beach ball.



Lorraine Campanelli is the Director of the CLMs.

# Jubilee Family Day of Hope at St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine



**Photo above:** People of all ages arrive at the St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine in NYC for the Family Day of Hope.

**Photo below:** Youngsters engaged in making special crafts.



On Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, an exuberant group of kids and parents gathered at St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York to celebrate a Jubilee Family Day of Hope. Designed as a close-to-home pilgrimage families could take together, the day included talks about hope, Mass, activities (writing postcards to refugee children, making a prayer bracelet, a color-your-own holy card, and creating a saints candle), and finished up with putting together packages for the homeless with the help of the Sant'Egidio Community.

What fun! The 50-voice children's choir from Good Shepherd School sang beautifully and lifted everyone's hearts. This is an event we will definitely repeat, so Catholic families have the opportunity to gather and spend time together.

*~ submitted by Julia Attaway, Executive Director, St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine, NYC*



The Good Shepherd School choir raised their voices in song which was a musical treat for everyone present.



# A Fitting Tribute for a Departed Friend

We are deeply saddened over the loss of our friend, Brigid K. Sullivan. It has been two months since she passed, and to honor her life and care, we have dedicated our community room at CIS-NYC in her name: the Brigid K. Sullivan Community Room. For thirteen years, Brigid gave her time, energy, and heart to our community. Now, this space will carry on her work, and we will continue to pour love into our community as she always did.

This week, we gathered to remember her. We shared a blessing and read a passage from the Book of Ecclesiastes: *"He has made everything beautiful in its time... I know that nothing is better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live."*



Brigid's generosity and spirit will always be part of this space and part of all of us who had the privilege to know her. ~ submitted by Amelia Scdoris, Cabrini Immigrant Services - NYC



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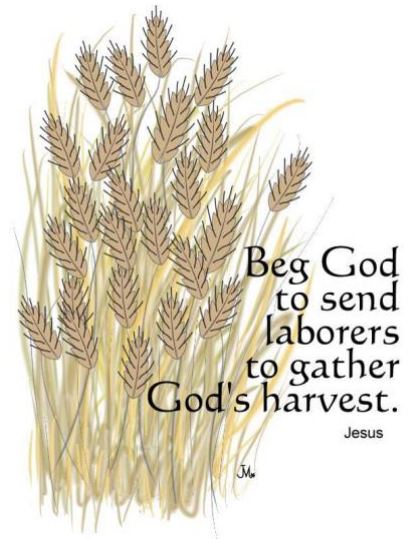
## National Vocation Awareness Week November 2 - 8

National Vocation Awareness Week 2025 will be held from Sunday, November 2 to Saturday, November 8, 2025. This annual Catholic observance is dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education. It is also a time to support and encourage those who are discerning a call to these vocations.

To learn more and to access resources:

Please visit: USCCB [website](#)

National Religious Vocations Conference [website](#)



# A Prayer for Peace:

## An Interfaith Gathering During Pastoral Care Week

In recognition of Pastoral Care Week, which took place from **October 19–25, 2025**, **Cabrini of Westchester** hosted an Interfaith Prayer Service centered on a shared theme of peace. Held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Cabrini Chapel, the service brought together residents, staff, family members, and guests for a time of reflection and collective prayer.

Representatives from various faith traditions offered prayers, readings, songs and blessings, each expressing the common wish for harmony, compassion, and understanding. Organized by Fr. Ron Galt, Cabrini of Westchester's Vice President for Pastoral Care and Mission, the service provided an opportunity for the Cabrini community to celebrate the shared values of hope, kindness, and respect that guide daily life within the home.



Presenters at the Interfaith Prayer Service included (from left:) Fr. Ron Galt, Vice President of Pastoral Care and Mission; Donald Klein, Cabrini of Westchester resident; Sr. Indra Lal, Brahma Kumaris Spiritual Organization; Carol Mackey, Pastoral Care Coordinator; Wendy Mages, Ed.D., Story Teller, Mercy University; Kristin Wuerffel, Pastor, Dobbs Ferry Lutheran Church; Lorraine Campanelli, Director of Cabrini Immigrant Services of Dobbs Ferry; and Brother Miguel Ramirez, OFM., Cap.

Participants expressed gratitude for the chance to come together in mutual support and understanding, not only honoring the diverse spiritual needs of all residents and staff, but reminding us that peace is not only a prayer, but also a daily practice of kindness and respect toward one another.

*~ submitted by Susan Herceg, Director of Development and Public Relations, Cabrini of Westchester*





# Día de los Muertos

As November approaches, we begin to think about our deceased family, friends and loved ones in a special way. On October 29<sup>th</sup>, some of the clients from Cabrini



Immigrant

Services, (CIS) Dobbs Ferry, NY, shared their celebration of Día de los Muertos, (the Day of the Dead), with the residents at St. Cabrini Nursing Home.



Multi-generations joined in the celebration.

A beautiful altar was created with love and reverence in the lobby of the nursing home. Each element had great significance. In Mexico and Latin America, it is customary to build an altar to remember the dead. Our CIS clients are from Mexico, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Peru and Venezuela. Many of our clients cannot go to their countries to celebrate with their own families therefore they are appreciative to celebrate with the 'Cabrini Family.'

Our clients prayed and spoke in Spanish and English about what Día de los Muertos means to them. Two beautiful songs were performed. One song, *La Llorona*, is about a mother who is crying for her children who drowned. The other, *Remember Me*, from the movie *Coco*, reminds us that if even if a person is no longer with us, they are always in our hearts.

A CIS client carrying the Book of the Dead led a procession with luminaria bags lighting the way. People shared the meaning of the items gracing the altar. It was an emotional time of remembering deceased family and friends by writing their names on cards and placing them on the altar to be remembered in our prayers.

A special thank you to Bonnie Burke, CEO/Nursing Home Administrator at St. Cabrini Nursing Home and Fr. Ron Galt, Vice President for Mission Integration and Pastoral Care, for inviting us to celebrate such a meaningful time at the nursing home. ~submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS-DF

For more photos of this celebration, please click [here](#)

# Domestic *Violence* – *What Can We Do?*

*On Monday evening, October 27<sup>th</sup>, in the seventh of a continuing series of Cabrini University CAVS Social Justice Ambassadors webinars, the topic was Domestic Violence, which was presented by Colleen Lelli, Ed.D., former Professor of Education at Cabrini University, and a national expert on domestic violence and child trauma. Here are some highlights from her presentation:*

## **What can we do to assist families suffering from domestic violence?**

One in three women and one in four men in the U.S. have faced intimate partner violence in their lifetime. When someone escapes from domestic violence, they often turn to government assistance in the form of Medicaid and SNAP food benefits. Over the summer, these two forms of assistance received drastic cuts, and now, beginning Nov. 1, all SNAP food benefits will be suspended.

CAVS Social Justice Discussion

**Transforming Awareness Into Action During Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**HOW TO SUPPORT DV INITIATIVES DURING GOV'T SHUTDOWN**

As a well-known trauma and domestic violence advocate and an educator with over 30 years of experience, Dr. Colleen Lelli will share how the national government shutdown and delayed PA state budget approval are causing delays to DV funding. We'll explore ways we can respond through advocacy, engagement and direct service.

**Day** Mon, Oct 27, 2025

**Time** 7:00-8:00 P.M.

**Zoom** Link in bio or caption

**Who** Colleen Lelli, Ed.D. '95  
Former Cabrini Education Professor/Director of Jordan Center for Children of Trauma and Domestic Violence

These were some of the less-known effects of the U.S. government's current budget cuts affecting vulnerable Americans.

Colleen gave an overview of the extent of domestic violence, its manifestations, and the complex dynamics of power and control. By discussing scenarios, participants explored how to know the signs [of domestic violence], the importance of listening [to the accounts of others], the need to ensure the victim's safety, and the importance of supplying good information.

**Dr. Lelli provided participants with a copy of her presentation and helpful resources. Readers may access them here. <http://bit.ly/4quJcBP>**

Following her presentation, participants wrote emails to President Trump and Congress to free up emergency money so survivors of domestic violence will not lose SNAP benefits on November 1st. **In addition, participants advocated to restore Medicaid benefits. Here is a link to advocate: <http://bit.ly/49bZWYr>**

**You may view a video of Dr. Lelli's presentation here. <http://bit.ly/4nNY4J3>**

**For webinar takeaways and additional information, please click [here](#)**



## LHSAA Honors Cabrini Athletes for Academic Excellence

The Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) has recognized several of our outstanding student-athletes for their excellence both in the classroom and in competition. We are proud to announce that Raimee Collins, Mia Crotwell, and Makayla Richoux have been named to the All-Academic Volleyball Team; Logan Dempsey and Jenna Trabeaux have earned recognition for Cross Country; and Dylan Moisant has been honored in both Swimming and Volleyball.



The LHSAA All-Academic Program celebrates senior student-athletes who have demonstrated an exceptional balance of academic achievement and athletic dedication. To qualify, students must have participated in their sport for at least two

years, including their senior season, and maintained a six-semester unweighted grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

This distinction highlights the commitment, discipline, and determination of these students, who exemplify what it means to be leaders both on and off the field. Balancing academics and athletics is no small feat, and these honorees have set an outstanding example for their peers by striving for excellence in every arena. We congratulate Raimee, Mia, Logan, Dylan, Makayla, and Jenna for their remarkable accomplishments and for representing our school community with pride and integrity.

**Please be sure to see the photos of these outstanding student athletes by clicking [here](#)**

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## Happy Halloween!

Tomorrow, on **October 31<sup>st</sup>** we celebrate **Halloween** which evolved from the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, that marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. The Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the living and the dead blurred, so they lit bonfires and wore costumes to ward off spirits. When the Catholic Church established [All Saints' Day](#) on November 1st, the evening before became known as [All Hallows' Eve](#), which eventually was shortened to Halloween.

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# All Saints Day and All Souls Day



All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church. All Saints' Day is celebrated on November 1<sup>st</sup> to remember all saints and martyrs during Christian history. It is followed by All Souls' Day on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to commemorate those who have passed within the faith. On this day, many people attend a special Mass for their deceased loved ones. It is also a common practice to visit the gravesites of those dearly departed. Lighting candles is a tradition, believed by some to provide warmth and light for departed souls.

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## Mother Cabrini's Feast Day is November 13<sup>th</sup>

As we prepare to celebrate Mother Cabrini's Feast Day on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, we invite you to join with the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrini Community in offering a novena to pray for peace among nations and for the many needs of immigrants, migrants and refugees at this time in our world. To access the novena please click [here](#)

Mother Cabrini's quotes are featured on the homepage of [www.mothercabrini.org](http://www.mothercabrini.org)



## Prayer Requests

### ***A Friend***

A member of the Cabrinian Community has requested prayers for her mental health and the lessening of the ongoing anxiety she is experiencing.

### ***Erin Cannizzaro***

Kindly keep Erin Cannizzaro, Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia's cousin, in your prayers. Erin is 46 years of age and has experienced a recurrence of cancer. She is the mother of two youngsters age 7 and 3. Please pray that she will be restored to full health.



### ***Phyllis Cohen***

Your prayers are requested for Cabrini College alumna, Phyllis Cohen '98, who will be having surgery on November 14<sup>th</sup> and is requesting prayers for a successful outcome and quick recovery.

### ***Sr. Amada Liboro, MSC***

Sr. Amada continues to make progress in her recovery following her recent hospitalization.

### ***October, the month of the Holy Rosary***

As we end the month of October, we remain mindful of the words of St. Lucia of Fatima: *"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."*

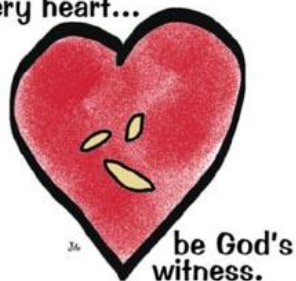
### ***Sr. Ilaria Povero, MSC***

Sr. Ilaria remains in hospice care and is stable. Your prayerful accompaniment would be a comfort and blessing for her.

### ***Prayer for Vocations***

During this National Vocation Awareness Week, we pray for more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life:

God has planted  
kingdom seeds in  
every heart...



*God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.* ~ USCCB website

### ***Sr. Arlene Primus, MSC***

Please continue to remember Sr. Arlene Primus in your prayers. She continues in hospice care and her condition remains stable.

### ***Barbara Noone Rader '89***

We ask for prayers for Cabrini College/University alumna Barbara Noone Rader, '89 who was diagnosed with breast cancer in April and recently underwent surgery and treatment. We pray for continued healing and strength for Barb and her family including husband Jay '88 and son Jake '24.

***Dr. Candi Sicoli***

Please pray for Dr. Sicoli, Professor Emerita, Cabrini University, who is experiencing a recurrence of a serious infection. May she soon be restored to full health.

***Sr. Grace Waters, MSC***

Please remember Sr. Grace in your prayers. Sr. Grace remains in hospice care, is comfortable, and is slowly continuing on her journey home to God. Please pray for her peace and serenity at this time.

## Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

Good and gracious God,

We pray for all people who are migrating, particularly those who are forced from their homes or separated from their families because of threats of violence and persecution. We ask that you protect and keep them safe.

Although we come from different countries, and have our origins in different cultures, we were created by you, and are made in your image and therefore, we all share an inalienable dignity that is deserving of respect.

Lord, we ask that you give us the strength to defend those who are marginalized, to give aid to those in need, to come to the defense of those who are poor or vulnerable, and to welcome those who are on the move into our homes and into our hearts.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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