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THE UPDATE

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CIS-NYC Trying Its Very Best to Serve Those in Need

Following recent federal cuts and delays to SNAP benefits, food pantries across New York City have seen a significant increase in need. An estimated 2.9 million New Yorkers, including 1 million children, did not receive their food benefits on November 1st. While partial SNAP payments have been ordered to resume, it's still unclear when families will get their full benefits. In the meantime, community food pantries, like ours, across the city are trying filling the gap and feed our communities.



At Cabrini Immigrant Services-NYC (CIS-NYC), our pantry already serves around 400 families every Saturday morning, and we expect that number to grow in the weeks ahead. To meet this need, we've extended our distribution hours from 7–9AM to 7–10AM.

This week, our pantry was highlighted in a NYT

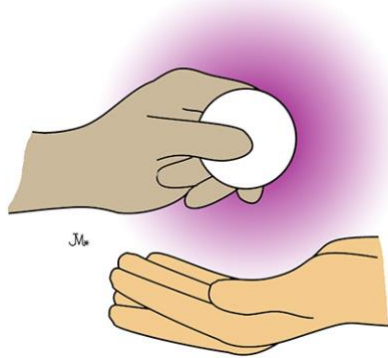
article about how faith-based and community programs are stepping up to meet this moment, often stretching limited resources to continue serving families.

~ submitted by Amelia Scdoris, Justice for Immigrants Coordinator

You can read the article here: https://www.nytimes.com/2025/11/03/nyregion/church-pantries-food-aid.html?unlocked_article_code=1.yU8.SFKW.c50lgOcL8tjM&smid=url-share

ICE Should Allow Pastoral Workers to Bring Communion to Detainees

In remarks made on November 4th, Pope Leo XIV told reporters that he “would certainly invite the authorities to allow pastoral workers to attend to the needs” of detained migrants.



In recent days in the Chicago area, specifically, at the Broadview Processing Center, for the second time in three weeks, ICE agents barred a group of clergy, religious sisters, and lay people from entering the facility to offer Holy Communion to migrants being detained there. ~ with thanks to Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC for forwarding this article.

To read more about Pope Leo’s remarks please click [here](#)

Cabrini University CAVS to Hold First Annual Day of Service

To commemorate the Feast Day of Mother Cabrini which will be observed on Thursday, November 13th, the Cabrini Alumni Volunteers and Supporters (CAVS)



will be hosting their first annual Day of Service on this Saturday, November 8th. No matter where they are located, alumni, faculty, staff, former students, family members and friends are encouraged to do something beneficial in your community inspired by Mother Cabrini’s example of helping immigrants, children, frail elders and the poor.

We, who have been gifted by the “education of the heart”, whether it is volunteering at a soup kitchen, spending time at a senior center or nursing home, or supporting your local school or non-profit, let’s celebrate Mother’s life and ministries by giving back as one Cabrini College/University family.

One day, one volunteer service of your choice, and over 18,000 alumni – we can truly make a difference together! **Wherever you choose to serve, wear your Cabrini gear and take photos of your time of service. Photos along with a blurb can be emailed to cabrininews@mothercabrini.org Photos will be shared in an upcoming edition.**

In Anticipation of Mother Cabrini's Feast Day

- On Saturday November 8th at 8 pm EST time, EWTN will be airing a film entitled Mother Cabrini. (This is not the same as the CABRINI film.) This may viewed on EWTN or on your computer or smart phone at ewtn.com/tv.
- Please join in praying the Mother Cabrini novena, which can be found [here](#)
- Attend One Church, One Family Call to Action webinar To register click [here](#)
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Villanova Public Witness for Immigrants - Vigil and Solidarity Walk

- **November 13, 2025**
2:15 p.m. - Peace Pole near St. Rita's Hall to Law School
- **Pilgrims of Hope: Augustine, Cabrini and the Journey of the Migrant**
Join us to celebrate Augustine's birthday and Mother Cabrini's Feast Day by discussing what the Augustinian tradition and Mother Cabrini can teach us about immigration.
- **November 13, 2025**
3 p.m. - Law School Commons

Panelists:

- Michele R. Pistone Professor of Law, Director of the Mother Cabrini Institute on Immigration, Villanova University
- **Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC Campus Ministry, Cabrini University**
- Joseph Lennon CLAS Associate Dean, Emily C. Riley Director of Irish Studies, Villanova University
- Sean Hannan Assistant Professor in the Humanities Department, MacEwan University
- Moderator: Colleen Mitchell Associate Director of Outreach, Augustinian Institute, Villanova University

Prayer Requests

Continuing prayers for...

...Sr. Ilaria Povero, MSC, Sr. Arlene Primus, MSC and Sr. Grace Waters who are in hospice care at St. Cabrini Nursing Home. Your prayerful accompaniment will bring them comfort.

National Vocation Awareness Week

Please continue your prayers for increasing vocations to the priesthood, consecrated religious life, and the diaconate. Pray that God will grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's mission of love and justice



Sr. Amada Liboro, MSC

Please pray for Sr. Amada who will be undergoing surgery. Pray that all will be well.

Sr. Damien Ciminera, MSC

Your prayers are invited for Sr. Damien who is recovering from surgery. She would be grateful for our prayers.

Andrea Rodgers

Please keep Andrea Rodgers, Cabrini College Class of 1999, in your prayers. She will be undergoing surgery on Monday, November 10th and would be thankful for the prayers of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community that her surgery will be successful and that her recovery will be swift.

With Grateful Hearts

A member of the Cabrinian community thanks the Missionary Sisters and everyone for their prayers. He experienced a good outcome of medical tests.

Program Note of Interest: Pope Leo XIV's first-ever digital visit with America's Catholic youth

To access information about the program please click [here](#)