



January 8, 2026

A Prayer to Enter the New Year

God of all time,
help us enter the new year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps make an impact
and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.
May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,
help us enter the new year reverently,
aware that you have endowed
every creature and plant, every person and
habitat
with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.
May we honor rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls,
help us enter the new year joyfully,
willing to laugh and dance and dream,
remembering our many gifts with thanks
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.
May we cast off the small, vindictive traits our fears have created.
May the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead.
Amen.

- Vinita Hampton Wright as appears on Jesuitresources.org



Building the Next Chapter at Cabrini High School

The Cabrini High School Board of Trustees, in partnership with the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, has announced the appointment of Mr. Eric L. DesOrmeaux, M.Ed., as the next president-elect of Cabrini High School following a comprehensive, year-long national search.

Eric began his transition into the role this week and is working alongside Deacon Uriel Durr, who continues to serve as head of school. A formal transition of leadership is expected in April, ensuring consistency and stability across the Cabrini community.



With more than twenty years of experience in Catholic education, Eric brings a broad range of leadership expertise. At Holy Cross School in New Orleans, he has served as a classroom teacher, coach, principal, chief school officer, and interim president. His professional background includes academic leadership, campus operations, financial stewardship, and institutional advancement. A member of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Eric is recognized for a leadership approach grounded in faith, collaboration, and service.

In reflecting on his appointment, Eric expressed appreciation for the welcome extended by the Cabrini community and affirmed his commitment to advancing the school's Catholic mission. He emphasized the importance of the missionary spirit modeled by Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini and the responsibility to form young women whose faith is expressed through leadership, service, and action.

The entire Cabrini High School community extends sincere gratitude to Deacon Uriel Durr for his dedicated leadership and continued partnership during this transition period.

As Cabrini High School continues strategic action planning, campus investment, and academic growth, the school remains focused on strengthening its mission and positioning the community for sustained excellence.

~ submitted by Anne Argus DiPaola '96, Director of Communications

Bright New Beginnings



Photo above: College intern Joely Caro presented a Paint and Sip program at CIS-Dobbs Ferry, NY.

Photo below: Journaling and painting - time for reflection and creativity!



Cabrini Immigrant Services – Dobbs Ferry (CIS-DF), held a Paint and Sip for Women on January 6, 2026. The program was presented by Joely Caro, an intern from Westchester Community College.

The program began with reflections about 2025. Everyone received a journal/notebook to write their personal reflections down. Following, they reflected on their goals for 2026. After sharing with one another, the painting and sipping, (coffee and orange juice) began.

The picture chosen was a beautiful sunset. It was chosen to symbolize a new beginning. With the setting of the sun, a new day begins anew.

The clients were so grateful to have some time to stop and reflect after the hecticness of the holidays. Everyone was so proud of their 'works of art.'

~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS-DF



NEWS from the VATICAN

Pope Leo XIV closed the Holy Door on January 6th, marking the end of the Jubilee Year of Hope. He has set forth an ambitious schedule of meetings and engagements to begin 2026. To learn more and access recent articles on the Pope and the Vatican please click [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#)

Prayer Requests

Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC

Please keep Sr. Christine Marie in your prayers as she continues to recover from a respiratory infection. She would be grateful for our prayerful accompaniment.

Cabrini University Staff Member

A former staff member at Cabrini University requests our prayers as he undergoes some medical testing.

Family members of Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC

Sr. Christine Marie requests prayers for her cousin and her husband, who are each facing medical challenges. They are the parents of three little girls. Pray that all may be well.

Family of Dr. Candi Sicoli

Dr. Candi Sicoli, Cabrini University Professor Emerita, requests prayers for members of her family at this time. One cousin is battling liver illness and another is struggling with cardiac issues. Please keep these people in your prayers

Prayers for Peace and Stability in Our World

We pray for peace in our world and respect for the sovereignty and safety of all nations.

