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Cabrini Student Organizing Summit Focuses on Migration Justice

~ excerpts from an article by Ignatian Solidarity Network Staff

Students from Catholic campuses throughout the US gathered in Chicago from October 2 - 4th for the Cabrini Student Organizing Summit on Migration, a weekend hosted by the Ignatian Solidarity Network (IHN). The summit was named in honor of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, and the objective of the summit was to equip students to organize for migration justice.

A framework of five stages guided each session: Encounter, Disruption, Reimagining, Prophetic Action and Reflection. Students were asked to name an issue they wanted to address on their campus and to identify which stage felt most clear and which was most challenging.

As representatives of their schools and communities, each participant brought differing reasons for their interest in migration justice.

Sr. Evarlyne Ndeti, MSC, currently, a student at Loyola University in Chicago,

attended the conference. Loyola University Chicago has two efforts underway. One team will organize two students from each graduate school to identify needs in their communities, particularly among immigrant, international and multilingual students and will bring a collective proposal to graduate councils and university departments.



Students at Loyola University Chicago, including Sr. Evarlyne Ndeti, MSC (r.), participated in the Cabrini Summit on Migration.



Over forty participants from nine institutions participated in the summit.

The next step comes soon. ISN's [Cabrini Week of Action for Migration Justice](#) runs November 8-16, 2026, in celebration of St. Frances Cabrini's feast day, inviting Catholic high schools and colleges to pray,

learn, and act on behalf of immigrants and refugees. Suggested activities include vigils and Circles of Silence, educational events, postcard writing to elected officials, and resource drives for migrant-serving organizations. The week culminates on Monday, November 16, when students attending the [Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice](#) in Washington, D.C., gather on Capitol Hill for Advocacy Day.

~ with thanks to Sr. Bernadette Anello, MSC for sharing this account.

Sustainability Award Bearing Pope Leo's Name Highlights Pontiff's Environmental Record

The biennial award, [created by Villanova University, the first U.S.-born pope's alma mater](#), recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions in advancing sustainability and ecological responsibility in service of God's creation. The first award honors [Cardinal Michael Czerny](#). Due to his surgery, Pope Leo was unable to be present. The award was presented by Fr. Peter Donohue, OSA, PhD, Villanova University president. To read the entire account, please click [here](#)

Pope Leo XIV Continues His Recovery

As the global community holds him in their prayers, Pope Leo is reported to be "recovering as expected" following his surgery earlier this week. He is ambulatory, eating a normal diet, and concelebrated Mass in the hospital chapel, according to news reports. To learn more please click [here](#) and [here](#)

Establishing Mother Cabrini Day in the City of Angels

On Tuesday of this week, Sister Regina Palamara, MSC helped celebrate the establishment of October 13 as Mother Cabrini Day in the city of Los Angeles. She was welcomed to Los Angeles City Hall by members of the Little Italy Association and Councilmembers John Lee and Tim McOsker, who spent three years moving the project through to completion.

Moving through the crowd chatting in English and Italian, Sister left waves of laughter and smiles in her wake. The Italian Consul General, Raffaella Valentini, enjoyed chatting with Sister Regina about the history of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and their journey to the United States.



Sr. Regina Palamara, MSC, attends the ceremony in Los Angeles City Hall designating October 13th as Mother Cabrini Day in LA.



Photo above: Sr. Regina (l.) joins the members of the Little Italy Association and various dignitaries for the official ceremonies.

Photo right: Sr. Regina and her good friend, Cherie Sprosty, enjoy the Mother Cabrini Day festivities.

As the dignitaries gathered for final photos, Sister quieted them for a moment and shared a quick prayer to Saint Cabrini, blessing their leadership and the people they were called to serve. Happy Cabrini Day! ~ submitted by

Cherie Sprosty, former NY Cabrini Shrine staff member



Immigration in the News



The following are links to articles/podcasts regarding immigration that have recently appeared in Catholic publications and on websites:

['Amoris' participants agree that one major issue is affecting families: Migration](#)

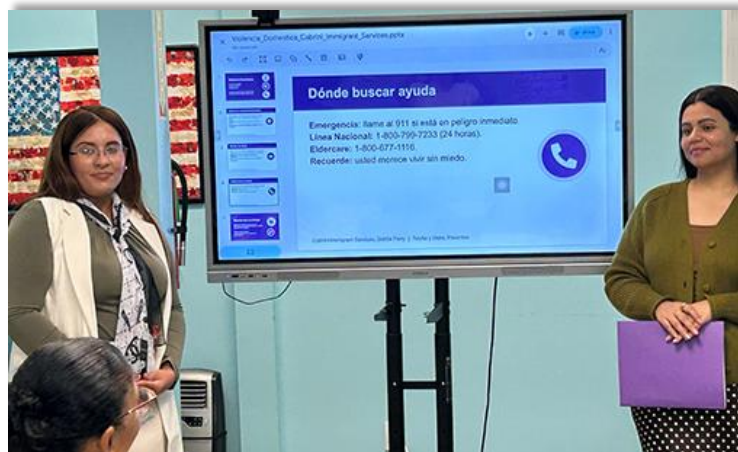
[My ancestors came through Ellis Island. Today's migrants have no such option.](#)

[Traveling Crosses Remember Those Who Died In Immigration Custody, ICE Operations](#)

National Domestic Violence Month

A workshop on Domestic Violence was presented at Cabrini Immigrant Services-Dobbs Ferry (CIS-DF) in honor of Domestic Violence month in the US. The workshop was presented by Talytta Silvestre-Deoliveira and Delia Polanco Jimenez, both social work interns at CIS-DF.

The workshop presented information about the different types of domestic violence that can occur. It addressed some of the causes and warning signs leading to the abuse. The discussion helped those attending to understand that abuse is about power and control and that no one deserves to be mistreated. The



The social work interns at CIS-DF recently presented a workshop on domestic violence.

group also spoke about the effects of domestic violence on the individual, on children, families and communities. Also covered were the concerns and challenges that may prevent someone from reporting abuse because of immigration status.

The participants were very grateful to receive a folder filled with information about domestic violence that they can share with others. By increasing awareness, we can help to prevent the violence. ~ submitted by: Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS, Dobbs Ferry

Angels Watching Over You

The Knitting/Support Group at Cabrini Immigrant Services – Dobbs Ferry (CIS-DF), has completed another project. The group decided to try a new craft, working with plastic canvas. Despite this being something new, they created 130 ‘angel wings’ which will be given to parents who lost their child either during pregnancy or at birth. The angel wings will be a reminder to them of their little angel who is with God. The group said a special prayer and blessed the angel wings before they were donated to a health organization in Westchester County.



With hands extended in a blessing the Knitting/Support Group at CIS-DF offers a prayer for all God’s littlest ones who have returned to heaven.



Each angel wing was made with love and prayers. We pray that these angel wings will help the parents feel comfort in knowing that someone prayed for them and their child.

~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, Director - CIS-DF

One Minute Meditation

Care for Those Most Vulnerable

While the common good embraces all - those who are weak, vulnerable, and most in need - deserve preferential concern. A basic moral test for our society is how we treat the most vulnerable in our midst. In a society marred by deepening disparities between rich and poor, the Church has taught that “love for widows and orphans, prisoners and the sick, and needy of every kind, is as essential as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel” (Deus Caritas Est, 22). This preferential option for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized - unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and the terminally ill and victims of injustice and oppression. ~ U. S. Bishops, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*

Prayer Requests

A Friend

Prayers are requested for a friend who will be undergoing medical tests. Pray that all will be well.

A Friend of the Cabrinian Community

Please pray for a longtime friend of the Cabrinian community who will be undergoing medical tests today. Pray that the outcomes will be normal.

Tim Feeney

Prayers are requested for Tim Feeney, Cabrini College Class of 1982. Tim has been undergoing treatment, and at this time, he is in need of our prayers. He and his family would be so grateful for our prayerful accompaniment.

Pope Leo XIV

The Cabrinian community unites our prayers with those of people throughout the world for the swift recovery of Pope Leo XIV following his surgery.

Heavenly Father, source of all healing and grace, we bring Pope Leo before You as he recovers from cancer surgery. Grant Your divine touch to guide him toward complete healing and restore his strength day by day. Fill him with Your peace and comfort during this period of recovery. And, we pray, that he may live a long life in his service of Your people. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Provincial Assembly of the Guadalupe Province

The Guadalupe Province of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be holding its Assembly from Sunday, October 25th - Friday, October 30th.



Please pray for the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit during the proceedings. May this will be time of grace and fellowship for all. Please pray, too, for safe travels to and from the Assembly for all participants.

