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## Heat will drive the Next Wave of Migrants

*Pope Francis thinks it's a grave sin to ignore their plight.*

*~ Kevin Clark for AMERICA*

If you were walking around Midtown New York on Aug. 28, you might have been concerned about rubber soles melting into the sidewalk. The city reached a scorching 94 degrees just before 3 p.m., a temperature that moved tourists and Midtowners alike into whatever air-conditioned refuge they could find.

It has been a dangerously hot summer. Last year, in a likely undercount, more than [2,300 people the United States](#) and [more than 47,000 across Europe](#) died because of heat in 2023, the hottest year on record. Heat-related death tolls in countries without the cooling resources typical of the United States and Europe were unimaginably higher.

Migration has been a defining reality of the human experience; that is not going to change because of 19th-century innovations like national borders. In countries like Iran, Pakistan, China, Myanmar and Bangladesh and in nations across Africa and Latin America, thermal limits will be breached; people will either adapt or, when that is not possible, they will be on the move to escape the heat.



A Zimbabwean man walking through his drought-affected corn field outside Harare. (OSV News photo/Philimon Bulawayo, Reuters)

The contemporary immigration crisis that began in Europe in 2015, like a parallel long-term crisis at the U.S. border, is at least partly driven by people escaping excessive heat. Most are forced from home regions by increasingly arid conditions that accompany rising temperatures and by drought that dooms the subsistence agriculture their forebears may have practiced in the same place for centuries. How are people of goodwill supposed to respond?

Pope Francis, speaking at his general audience on Aug. 28, returned to a familiar theme, his concern for the thousands of migrants [who perish each year](#) in efforts to reach Europe. “The tragedy,” he said, “is that many, the majority of these deaths, could have been prevented. It must be said clearly: there are those who work systematically and with every means possible to repel migrants—to repel migrants. And this, when done with awareness and responsibility, is a grave sin.”

To read the entire article, please click [here](#)

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## Welcome, Julissa!

Julia Attaway, Executive Director, of the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine in New York City shares, “It is with great joy that I introduce you to Julissa Espinal, the Shrine's new Associate Director.”



Julissa Espinal has been appointed the Associate Director of St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine in NYC.

Julia continues, “Julissa is a Dominican-born New Yorker and a graduate of St. John's University. She has been actively involved in pastoral work and ministry since her college days. Following a six-year discernment period as a religious sister, she felt called to Denver, Colorado, where she dedicated herself to Early Childhood Education and served underprivileged families in the community. While there, she was a frequent visitor to Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden and always felt a connection with Mother Cabrini.”

“Returning to her hometown of New York City, she most recently served as a regional coordinator for the Office of Young Adult Outreach for the

Archdiocese of New York. Julissa has fit in seamlessly to the team at St. Frances Cabrini Shrine. She is eager to share her talents, her devotion to Mother Cabrini, and her love for Jesus. Please keep her in prayer and for all of us at the Shrine of St. F.X. Cabrini as we move forward in mission together.”



Stained glass window at St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine.

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

## National Shrine of St Frances Xavier Cabrini Live Broadcast with WGN-TV Chicago

On Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, our National Shrine in Chicago was guest to a live broadcast from national superstation WGN-TV. The program titled Around Town with host Ana Belaval, filmed the Shrine from 9am to 11am.

Each segment focused on a different area of the Shrine, starting in the Museum area where Ana spoke about Mother Cabrini's work in Chicago when she opened Columbus Hospital and the first American-Italian elementary school, which was free.

Showcased was Mother Cabrini's habit, along with Mother's room. Executive Director Laurie A. Halaska shared how Mother Cabrini was working up the day she died and also spoke about how all the intentions received by the Shrine are placed under Mother Cabrini's pillow.



The National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini.

The morning show then headed to the chapel, where Development Director, Barb Willis spoke about the beautiful architecture, stained glass, mosaics and also highlighted our upcoming fundraiser on October 24th.

Sister Laura Baldini, MSC shared the missionary work of the order and the vision of all of the sisters as Mother Cabrini's work continues around the world today.

As the camera panned around the ceiling of the chapel, our Shrine's Music Director, James Kapellas played our Tamburini Pipe Organ which dates back to when the chapel was built in 1955.

*~ submitted by Laurie Halaska, Executive Director, National Shrine*

Please click [here](#) to see segments of the show



## A Very Special Delivery:

### Baby Amelia arrives in Cabrini Malvern's carpark!

In an unexpected turn of events that proves babies have their own timelines, new mother Ashleigh experienced a delivery she'll never forget – in the carpark of Cabrini Malvern. What began as a routine trip to the hospital ended in a heartwarming scene that showcased the quick thinking of our expert medical team.

Originally scheduled for an induction, Ashleigh went into labour naturally and was managing well at home. When her pain began to escalate, she asked to come in to be evaluated for an epidural. However, as they arrived at the emergency entrance, it became clear that her baby wasn't prepared to wait. "I knew we were cutting it close," Ashleigh recalls. "There was no way I was making it out of the car."

The responding team, including Assoc. Nurse Unit Manager Amanda Clark, Midwife Rachel Guerra, Hospital Coordinator Jess Purcell and a cast of others quickly sprang into action. However, baby was not waiting around. Ashleigh delivered little Amelia before most of the support arrived.



Baby Amelia just couldn't wait to meet her mum and dad! The staff at Cabrini Malvern rushed to assist her early delivery in the carpark. Everyone was all smiles upon her safe arrival in the world.

"Baby was pink and in mum's arms. We ensured her safety and immediate care was given to mother and baby on a very cold day," Midwife Rachel explains.

After the excitement, mother and daughter were moved into the hospital for post-natal care. Both are doing well, with Ashleigh expressing gratitude for the team's expertise and compassion.

Despite the unusual circumstances, Amelia was born healthy and strong. "It wasn't the birth we planned, but it's certainly a story we'll be telling Amelia for years to come," Ashleigh says, smiling. ~ submitted by Margaret Stewart, Group Director, Mission and Identity, Cabrini Health

# Prayer Requests

## ***Sr. Ursula Butler, OSB***

Sr. Ursula Butler, OSB, the sister who takes minutes during the Provincial Assemblies of the Missionary Sisters, has asked for our prayers. She had hip surgery in July, and now, the procedure has to be redone due to infection. Let us accompany Sr. Ursula with our prayers. May she experience a successful surgery and a swift recovery.

## ***Christopher Infuso***

Please keep Christopher Infuso in your prayers. Christopher had a stroke at the age of 37 and is now recuperating. He is the cousin of Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC. Let us support Christopher with our prayers for his complete recovery.

## ***Pamela Kuperschmidt***

Our prayers have been requested for Pamela Kuperschmidt who will be entering hospice this week. Please pray for her serenity and comfort. Her family would be most grateful for our prayers.

## ***Prayers for the Apalachee High School shooting victims and families***

As the school year gets underway, the United States has had, yet another, school shooting tragedy. Let us pray for all who perished, their families, and all those who have experienced this trauma firsthand.

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### Just a Reminder

Kindly submit news articles and event notices by noon on Wednesdays for publication on Thursdays.

Please send to: [cabrininews@mothercabrini.org](mailto:cabrininews@mothercabrini.org)

Prayer requests are welcome at all times, and every effort will be made to include prayer requests in the current week's Update edition.

Thank you.

*Editor's note: As the fall season of The Update gets underway, we are starting a new practice of posting event announcements in the closing page(s) of The Update rather than interspersed among the news and feature articles. You'll find everything you need to know about what is taking place in the Guadalupe Province right here!*

## Cabrini Happenings and Events



**IMMIGRATION AND PREJUDICE:**  
What Mother Cabrini and the New York Experience Can Tell Us about Breaking the Cycle

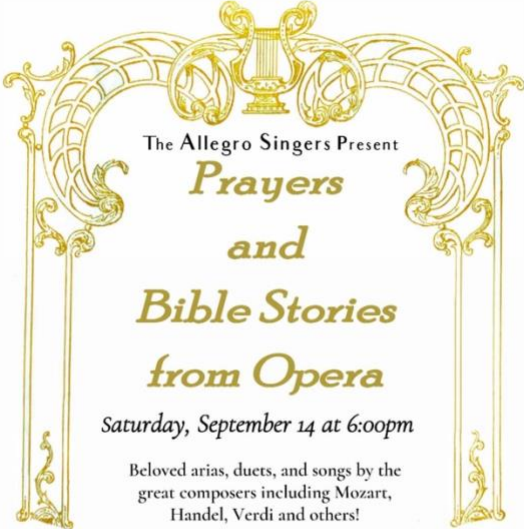
**SUNDAY, SEPT. 15**  
**5:30PM**

Talk and book signing with Paul Moses

author of  
*An Unlikely Union: The Love-Hate Story of New York's Irish and Italians* and *The Italian Squad*

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