

Silent Night, Holy Night



Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: the shining star and angel's song; for the infant's cry in lowly manger.

We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child.
We behold His glory and bathe in His radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas: the incomprehensible, comprehended; the poetry made fact; the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder.

We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wisemen.
Help us to grow more patient, more loving and more kind
In the light of the Christ Child.

CLMs Sharing Advent Prayer and Reflections

Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of the Christ-child. As the pink candle was lit on the Advent wreath, we were reminded to be joyful as the Lord is coming. On Sunday, December 15th, the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs), Guadalupe Province, held an Advent Prayer Service. It was a time to come together and to share in the joy of Gaudete Sunday. The theme of our prayer was two-fold. We reflected on the Third Sunday of Advent and on Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of our Province.

Many of the CLMs and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart (MSCs), joined together via Zoom to pray and reflect. The prayer service was in both Spanish and English. Songs, scripture, prayers and reflections were shared throughout the prayer service.



MSCs and CLMs gather via Zoom for an Advent prayer service.

Sr. Bernadette Anello, MSC, gave a beautiful reflection on Advent. She reminded us that we should not be anxious or worried but instead we should rejoice always

because of Jesus. Sr. Bernadette stated that the real joy for the world is that our Lord is coming. We also had another reflection by Digna Merchan, CLM, who shared her devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. She spoke of how Our Lady touched her heart and called her to share her devotion with others.



May all our hearts be filled with the joy of seeing the Christ-child on Christmas day!

~submitted by: Lorraine Campanelli, CLM Director

Cabrini High School Celebrates the Sounds and Sights of Christmas



The Cabrini Christmas Concert fills the Sacred Heart Chapel with harmony and holiday spirit.

The sounds of the season are echoing throughout Cabrini High School, reminding us of the joy at the heart of Christmastime. On Thursday, December 12, our talented Crescents, under the direction of Ms. Elizabeth Argus, delivered a breathtaking Christmas concert in the Sacred Heart Chapel. From the stirring opener “Dona Nobis Pacem” to audience favorites like “Beautiful December” and an engaging old

English carol sung in the round, the evening was a masterclass in harmony and spirit-filled performance. A major highlight was a powerful rendition of “Carol of the Bells,” which brought the audience to awed silence before erupting into applause. The Sacred Heart Chapel, where Mother Cabrini once prayed and planned, continues to provide a warm and acoustic-friendly home to our Cabrini singers. We eagerly anticipate their next performance.



Additionally, our liturgical choir, led by Ms. Lauren

Bordelon, brought Christmas cheer to the residents of St. Margaret’s at Mercy, a nearby retirement home. Their mix of festive carols and sacred hymns showcased the spirit of the season while spreading light and joy to members of our community who need reminders of the hope that Christmas brings.



The Cabrini Liturgical Choir shares the joy of Christmas through carols at St. Margaret’s at Mercy.



Finally, this year's Christmas on the Bayou was another unforgettable celebration of a cherished Cabrini tradition. Families, alumnae, and friends gathered on the steps of the school along Bayou St. John to enjoy a live nativity and performances by our Crescent singers, dancers, and cheerleaders. The highlight of the evening? Santa's arrival by pirogue, paddling down the bayou to the delight of children, especially the youngest Cabrini legacies proudly sporting their "Legacy" Santa hats. Events like this are made possible through the tireless efforts of our generous parent volunteers and the dedicated Cabrini Dads' Club. This magical evening captured the essence of Christmas and Cabrini High



Cabrini "elves" spread Christmas cheer during Christmas on the Bayou. And who is that jolly fellow in the red suit on the bayou?

School, creating lasting memories for all. ~ submitted by Anne Argus DiPaola '96 Communications Director

For your listening pleasure, here is the link to hear the first ¾ of the Carol of the Bells:

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1719275108926734>

Guadalupe Province Immigration Commission

Updates: (shared by Amelia Scdoris of Cabrini Immigrant Services - NYC)

- We continue to monitor President-elect Trump's cabinet nominations and what these could mean for immigration. The latest is Rodney Scott, former U.S. Border Patrol Chief, is President-elect Donald Trump's choice to head Customs and Border Protection (he was part of the implementation of the "Remain in Mexico" and Title 42 policies).
- President-elect Trump also named Caleb Vitello as the incoming acting director of ICE. He has worked for ICE for 23 years and was chief of staff for Enforcement and Removal Operations.
- New York Mayor Adams' recent comments and support for deporting undocumented immigrants who commit crimes will not receive pushback from Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York. However, Adams is being urged

to be very careful how he implements such a policy so that innocent people do not get caught up in it.

- Please read this press release from NYC office of the Mayor of New York: <https://www.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/919-24/mayor-adams-proposals-protect-longtime-new-yorkers-immigrant-families-repeat->
- Here is an article outlining what ending DACA could mean for thousands of current DACA holders: <https://apnews.com/article/daca-legal-challenge-trump-immigration-23f3b6204bd11d672c67ec60f19c3937>

~ submitted by Karol Brewer, Chair, Guadalupe Province Immigration Commission

Prayer Requests

Emily Gudas

Throughout the Fall, we have been asking your prayers for college student, Emily Gudas, who continues to be hospitalized. Emily is scheduled for another surgery tomorrow which it is hoped will alleviate the many medical issues Emily has been suffering. Please storm heaven for her and her family especially tomorrow. Her parents, Sharon and Mark, are both Cabrini College alums. They are so thankful for our continued prayers, words of support and encouragement.

Melissa Bargo

Please unite in prayer for Melissa Bargo, the sister of Cabrini University alumna Stephanie Miller Corfee '97. Melissa has brain cancer and has undergone two surgeries and 30 sessions of radiation. She is about to enter a clinical trial. Please pray that all will go well for her.

In Loving Memory

Richard Henry Greaker

Your prayers are asked for Richard Henry Greaker who passed away on November 20th. He is the father of Mickey Kranz's cousin, Allison Greaker. May he rest in peace.

Nina Campagna Hamlyn

Your prayers are requested today for the Hamlyn-Chybinski Family as they lay their mother and grandmother, Nina Campagna Hamlyn, a 1962 graduate of Cabrini College, to rest.



“On this day of joy, we are all called to contemplate the Child Jesus, who gives hope once again to every person on the face of the earth. By his grace, let us with our voices and our actions give witness to solidarity and peace.”

~ Pope Francis '2016

On behalf of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus...

*“A blessed and Merry Christmas to
our Cabrini Lay Missionaries,
Lay Collaborators
Benefactors
Volunteers and Friends”*

Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC Provincial

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