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Rooted in Sisterhood, Bound by Christ's Love

The Cabrini High School Campus Ministry team has spent the fall semester guiding students in faith, service, and community activities.



The Class of 2028 Stars—named for Mother Cabrini's prayers to Our Lady Star of the Sea as she overcame her fear of ocean voyages—gathered for their Freshmen Retreat, led by senior members of the Campus Ministry Retreat Team, at the Louisiana Children's Museum. The retreat's theme was inspired by Mother

Cabrini's words that encourage everyone to "love one another with the holy love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus."

Through prayer, reflection, and heartfelt activities, students explored love in its many forms:



The Class of 2028 STARS let their sisterhood shine at Freshman Retreat.

self-love, love for others, and Christ's boundless love. The day included moving testimonies, small group discussions, and a meaningful Litany of the Sacred Heart shared from the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York. Students left inspired, with rosary bracelets as a tangible reminder of Jesus' love. The retreat concluded with a beautiful Mass in the Sacred Heart chapel.

The Class of 2029 Violets—named for Mother Cabrini's childhood imaginative play of sending paper boats filled with violets downstream as "missionaries" to China—experienced their first Cabrini retreat as a day of faith-filled reflection and bonding. Led by the Senior Retreat Team, the Violets participated in activities designed to celebrate the school's rich history of sisterhood among classes and to



deepen their relationship with Christ. Unique to their retreat were engaging games that strengthened friendships, small group shows of unity, moments of quiet meditation in the Sacred Heart chapel, and the exchange of uplifting notes among peers, adding a personal and heartwarming touch to the day. This retreat

was a joyful introduction to the Cabrini sisterhood, of which they have five more glorious years ahead, and a powerful reminder of the love that unites the Cabrini High School community.

*~ submitted by Anne Argus DiPaola
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Photos above and below: The 2029 Violets deepen their bond as the newest class at Cabrini High School through playful activities at their Pre-Freshman retreat.

One Minute Meditation Moving Toward the Future

Advent bids us to confront the tyranny of the past, chuck it, get over it, put it away, and get on with the future. Christians possess the future because that is where God intends to meet us once again. So, we must always look ahead and not back, trust, and not fear. For the Christian, the imperishable slogan must always be "Our best days are before us!" Christian hope is meant to guide you into the place where you have not yet been, and into becoming the person you have not yet become.

Peter J. Gomes, Strength for the Journey

The Guadalupe Province of the Missionary Sisters sponsors an Immigration Commission. The Commission is revitalizing and re-energizing our work for and with immigrants.

Immigration Commission members are:

- Karol Brewer, Province Formation Office
- Lorraine Campanelli, Cabrini Lay Missionaries, Director & Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY, Director
- Nancy Costello, Province Communication Director
- Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC – Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC
- Susan Pierson, UNANIMA Representative and Cabrini Lay Missionary
- Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, Cabrini Mission Foundation, Chair
- Sr. Roselle Santivasi, MSC
- Amelia Scdoris, Justice for Immigrants – Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC
- Rocio Soria-Morales, Intern with Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY

The Commission has established new goals/action steps and will keep everyone informed via our Province Weekly Update and the www.mothercabrini.org website.

Opportunities will be offered for everyone to be involved so please be sure to check this webpage for ongoing details. To learn more, please click [here](#)

Law Update:

- Parole in Place Ruling

A federal judge struck down the Biden administration's "Keeping Families Together" program that would have allowed approximately 500,000 undocumented spouses of U.S. citizens to gain legal status and a path to citizenship without leaving the United States. The judge, appointed by Trump, said the program violated immigration law, siding with a lawsuit filed by more than 13 Republican-led states. The Department of Justice under President Biden can appeal the ruling, but the new Trump administration could drop the appeal.

- DACA

The 580,000 people currently protected under DACA will be vulnerable to deportation under the Trump administration. Their applications state they are undocumented — proof that they can be deported — and the government has information on where they live same as with other groups that could be targeted are people with humanitarian parole and TPS. ~ submitted by Karol Brewer, Chair, Immigration Commission

Pro-Life Advocacy Assembly



Students heard powerful testimonies about respecting all life and addressing difficult topics through a lens of grace. From left: Speaker Hannah Guilliam; Campus Ministry Team President Hailey Thibodeaux; Speaker Rebekah Hagan; Pro-Life Club President Sophia Felps; and Dr. Angela Parise.

Just last week, Campus Ministry teamed up with the Pro-Life Club to co-host a special assembly featuring nationally and locally renowned pro-life advocates. Rebekah Hagan shared her moving testimony about unplanned pregnancies and grace-centered advocacy for life. Dr. Angela Parise, an OB/GYN from New Orleans, spoke about her work in minimally invasive and robotic surgery and medical care for expectant mothers, while Hannah Guilliam of Louisiana Right to Life inspired students with her passionate plea for the sanctity of all life. Seniors Sophia Felps and Hailey Thibodeaux provided strong leadership in organizing the event, which offered students a meaningful opportunity to engage with critical life issues through the lens of faith and compassion, and Campus Minister Nicole Jouandot and Pro-Life Club Moderator Elizabeth LeBlanc's excellent guidance helped facilitate such a powerful student-led initiative.

Faith and the core value of service to others continue to be cornerstones of the Cabrini High School experience, reminding students of Christ's love and the importance of walking the Cabrinian life together.

~ submitted by Anne Argus DiPaola '96, Communications Director, Cabrini HS

Kindly make a note:

Sr. Beatriz Santos, MSC has a new phone number: 646-372-4676

As we journey through this Advent season, we are pleased to share the reflections of our Cabrini Lay Missionaries. The reflection for the Second Sunday in Advent is by Angela Campbell, PhD, CLM.



As we journey through Advent, we are called to deepen our love for Jesus and extend that love to others, especially those who are marginalized in society and yearn to feel cherished. Inspired by the legacy of Mother Cabrini and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we strive to create gracious spaces that welcome, uplift, empower and protect all. In the following Gospel reading, Jesus teaches, “Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock” (Matthew 7:24). This reminds us to ground our actions in His teachings, fostering environments where His love is evident. His love grounds us and serves as the foundation and motivation for our lives.

Our words and interactions should reflect the light of Christ, embodying truth and compassion. As John the Baptist proclaimed, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths” (Luke 3:4), we are called to align our lives with God’s will, ensuring our thoughts, communication and actions are sincere, truthful, and loving. By doing so, we become beacons of His light, guiding others toward His grace.

Advent also invites us to open our hearts to forgiveness, releasing past grievances. By embracing God’s mercy, we can let go of resentment and pain, allowing His grace to heal and renew us. This transformation enables us to create spaces where love and understanding flourish, reflecting the true spirit of Advent. *~In gratitude, Angela*

Prayer Requests

Barbara Geraci

Please pray for Barbara Geraci, the mother of Josephine Geraci, the Executive Assistant in the Guadalupe Province Office. Barbara was hospitalized this past weekend and will be entering hospice care. Let us pray for Barbara’s comfort and serenity at this time. Barbara had a great devotion to Padre Pio. Let us pray that he will remain by her side.

Nina Campagna Hamlyn

Your prayers are requested for Nina Campagna Hamlyn, Cabrini College Class of 1962, who is currently hospitalized. Nina is the mother of Hillary Hoch Chybinski, Cabrini College Class of 1990 and the grandmother of Ryan Chybinski, Cabrini University Class of 2023. Your prayerful accompaniment for Nina would be appreciated by this Cabrini family.