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THE UPDATE

February 20, 2025

In last week's Update, we published Cardinal Cupich's response to Pope Francis' support of U.S. Bishops regarding Migrant Rights. This week, we share the letter of the Cabrini Immigration Commission members to Cardinal Cupich thanking him for his support of immigrant rights.

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Cardinal Blase Cupich
Archdiocese of Chicago
835 N. Rush Street
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Your Eminence,

We are deeply grateful for your unwavering support and encouragement in supporting immigrant rights/all human rights. Your dedication to uplifting those around you has made a profound impact on our community. Each word you share generously helps to build a foundation of resilience and optimism in these challenging times and helps give strength to those of us who are trying to do the same.

Your words in the Chicago Catholic resonated with us – ‘We take up this work, serving people of any race, creed or color, because it is the Gospel. In a word, we serve those coming to us not because they are Catholic, but because we are Catholic, with eyes and ears open to what Jesus reminded us about how we will be judged: “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me” (Matthew 25).’ These are words we should all live by!

Thank you for your ongoing efforts and dedication to bringing about change. Your support to so many does not go unnoticed, and we are honored to have you as an integral part of our journey.

Many blessings to you and those you serve,

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Guadalupe Province Immigration Commission:

Karol Brewer, Lorraine Campanelli, Nancy Costello, Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC, Susan Pierson, PhD
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Paint and Sip

Despite the frigid weather, members of the Knitting Group from Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS) – Dobbs Ferry, NY, went to St. Cabrini Nursing Home to enjoy meeting with some of the residents and to participate in a Paint and Sip Program.



Rocio Soria-Morales, social work intern at CIS-Dobbs Ferry, NY, led members of the CIS Knitting Group and St. Cabrini Nursing Home residents in a creative process of painting snowmen.

The fun began with the van ride over to the nursing home in the St. Cabrini van. Rocio Soria-Morales, a social work intern at CIS-Dobbs Ferry, created the picture that was used for the program. She went step by step on how to create the picture of 2 snowmen. While ‘sipping’ soda, everyone worked on their ‘masterpieces.’ They were so proud of their creations.

At the conclusion of the time together, our artists enjoyed personal pizzas made by the kitchen staff at the nursing home. It was a great day and a fun time to be together!

~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, Director, Director, CIS-Dobbs Ferry, NY

Catholics Worldwide Unite in Prayer for Pope’s Health

~ by Junno Arocho Esteves, OSV News

As Pope Francis continues to recover at Rome’s Gemelli Hospital, Catholics in the Pope’s Diocese of Rome and around the world joined in prayer for his health.

Cardinal Baldassare Reina, vicar general of the Diocese of Rome, said the faithful were following “the health condition of Pope Francis with attention and confidence.” Reina said, “As one big family we ask that the Lord give our bishop [and pontiff] the strength he needs to face this delicate moment.”

Catholics in Pope Francis’ native Argentina offered prayers. “The whole neighborhood is united in prayer; the pope is in our prayers,” said one woman who is a resident of Villa 31, a slum that the Pope would often visit as their Cardinal Bergoglio.

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

Cabrini H.S. Joins the Fight Against Cancer through Pink Games

Honoring Mother Cabrini's mission to serve those in need, Cabrini High School proudly joined other local Catholic high schools in the New Orleans area to raise funds for the Tulane Cancer Center's Patient Relief Fund through a time-honored volleyball tradition known as *The Pink Games*.



Cabrini's volleyball team present a check for the Tulane Cancer Center's Patient Relief Fund.

Recently, Cabrini volleyball team members participated in a check presentation at Tulane University's Yulman Stadium, where it was announced that this year's Pink Games efforts raised \$34,000 for cancer patient relief. The Patient Relief Fund helps patients cover everyday expenses, allowing them to focus on their treatment without additional financial stress.

The Pink Games have become a cherished tradition at Cabrini each October, bringing together our Crescent community in a powerful display of team spirit and generosity. From pink jerseys and volleyballs on the court to pink spirit shirts and pom-poms in the stands, the energy and enthusiasm behind this initiative continue to grow each year.



The Cabrini varsity volleyball team – in pink – huddle before this year's Pink Game.

Cabrini is honored to be part of this mission, carrying forward Mother Cabrini's legacy of care and compassion and making a lasting difference in the world.

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

Dear Partner in Mission,

Recently, President Trump signed a series of actions related to the border on "realigning" the Refugee Admission Program. Part of which will declare a national emergency at the southern border and will end automatic citizenship to children born in the U.S. to parents who don't have legal status — a controversial constitutional question that is likely to face immediate legal challenges.



Many will suffer due to these actions but none more so than innocent children. **The Cabrini Immigration Commission of the Guadalupe Province** knows of the bullying that has been taking place with school children being told by their peers that they will be taken away from their parents; that they may never see their parents again; that they don't belong in this country; and sadly, the list goes on and on.

One of our goals is to supply children's books that may help educate children on immigration and welcoming the stranger among us. We plan on sharing them with agencies that work directly with immigrant children, schools who have larger immigrant populations, etc., and we are asking for your support to help make this happen.

Please see the following Amazon link where you can purchase books, and they will be sent directly to us for distribution. If you do not have an Amazon account, we hope you can purchase an Amazon gift card and send to our office so we, in turn, can purchase more books. **Sincere thanks to everyone who has already donated to this initiative!**

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/OZXQFDNIX71?ref=wl_share

If purchasing a hard copy Amazon gift card, please mail it to our office:

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Wayne, PA 19087

Many blessings for your compassion, love and support!

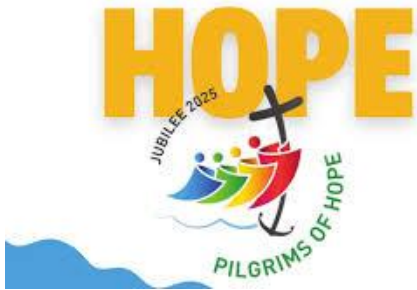
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*In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we have invited the Missionary Sisters of the Guadalupe Province and the Cabrini Lay Missionaries to reflect upon and share **What gives YOU hope?** In the weeks ahead we will be sharing their thoughts with you, along with those of the Cabrinian community. We invite YOU to send your reflections (and a headshot) on **HOPE** to:*

cabrininews@mothercabrini.org

Sr. AnaGilma Argueta, MSC

Me da esperanza poder continuar sirviendo a la Comunidad de Bárcena, como lo hicimos cuando estaba hermana Regina. Gracias.

It gives me hope to be able to continue serving the Community of Bárcena, as we did when Sister Regina was here. Thank you.



Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC

I have found myself trying to strike a balance between burying my head in the sand and keeping aware of the political upheaval that's happening every day. It's all very stress producing to say the least! When I reflect on the current situation, I am reminded of all the good people in the world who are living the Gospel mandate to serve one another. Volunteers continue to offer their time, talents, and resources through charitable not-for-profit organizations. I am inspired by their love, dedication, and joyful spirits. This is something that inspires me and gives me hope.



Sr. Renee Kittelson, MSC

My reasons for hope are based on gratitude. I am grateful for daily Mass, the Eucharist, and the sacraments.



Prayer Requests

Pope Francis

Let us unite in prayer for Pope Francis who remains hospitalized with pneumonia. May our good thoughts and prayers lift his spirits and hasten his recovery.

In Loving Memory

Sr. Maria Regina Ardissonne, MSC

The MSC Generalate shares the following notice: On February 14, 2025, Sr. Maria Regina Ardissonne, MSC, 91 years of age, of the "Betania" Community in Buenos Aires, returned to the Father's House. Let us pray that the Lord will welcome the soul of our dearest Sister into His eternal home to enjoy the joy and peace that never ends.

