



January 27, 2022

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Wednesday, February 2, 2022



In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. The Feast is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world.

So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all people.

The celebration of World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

There are several ways to celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. Invite sisters, brothers, and priests to publicly renew their vows at a Mass in your local parish, send cards of support to newer entrants, ask to visit a motherhouse or monastery to meet and pray with sisters, brothers, and priests. Teachers can invite a vocation director to visit your classroom, invite consecrated religious to a Board meeting, or faith group to learn more about consecrated life. Send flowers, make a donation to a religious community, **or invite someone to discern their vocation to consecrated life!**

[Prayer for Consecrated Life](#)

We pray for those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits.

To learn more and to access resources please click [here](#)

In Wake of Voting Rights Defeat, Calls for Vigilance, Engagement

~ by Chris Herlinger, *Global Sisters Report*

An Illinois-based religious congregation is calling for more citizen engagement and vigilance after the U.S. Senate failed last week to approve legislation to protect voting rights.

A number of states have “passed legislation that, in practice, reduces citizen access to the polls. This week our federal legislature has failed in an attempt to protect voter access and the constitutional rights of every citizen,” the Dominican Sisters of Springfield said in a January 20 statement, the day after the Senate failed to approve two voting rights bills.”

Our partnership with men and women of color has taught us that those on the margins are the first to lose this access when our democracy fails,” the Dominican Sisters said in their statement.

“As members of a religious order founded on the principles of democracy 800 years ago, we Dominican Sisters of Springfield have particular concern for what is transpiring in our nation. We believe once the rights of any citizen are endangered the rights of all citizens are endangered.”

In the face of that, the congregation said, “We appeal to all citizens of this nation to engage in conversation with their state and federal legislators. It is essential that every citizen be vigilant about what is happening at the state level and proactive in demanding the protection of this sacred human right wherever it is endangered.”



Before the heated Senate debate about the legislation, the Leadership Council of the Adrian Dominican Sisters aligned itself behind the bills, the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

In a statement issued January 17th, the national day of commemoration honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King, the congregation said it supports legislation “ensuring that all citizens of voting age are free to exercise their constitutional right to vote.”

“The right to vote is fundamental to our democracy. It should not be dependent on political party, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religious belief, or economic status,” the statement said.

A similar joint statement was issued the day before the national holiday by the [Leadership Conference of Women Religious \(LCWR\)](#), and the [National Black Sisters' Conference](#). That January 16 statement said that the “sacred right to vote” is threatened “by those who seek to make voting more difficult and elected officials less accountable.” The statement said that the legislation would “ensure that voters can safely and freely cast their ballots, protect against election sabotage, stop partisan gerrymandering, and limit the influence of dark money in politics.”

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

CHS Students Attend March for Life



Cabrini High School, New Orleans, had a student delegation attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C. as part of a high school pilgrimage of some 300 students sponsored by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. In addition to the march on Friday, January 21st, the trip included respect life catechesis, prayer opportunities, and vocation stories by religious and seminarians. Cabrini students and chaperones were proud to be witnesses to the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.

~ submitted by Madeline LeBlanc, Cabrini High School

Photographed on the National Mall from left are: Elizabeth LeBlanc, Elizabeth Gerarve '25, Mary Miller '22, Johnny Semstad

Pope Francis Goes to College:

Vatican Announces Virtual Meeting with University Students Across the Americas

~ by Gerard O'Connell, AMERICA

Pope Francis will engage in a dialogue with university students from North, Central and South America on February 24. The historic event will be hosted by Loyola University Chicago in collaboration with Argentinian theologian, Emilce Cuda, the head of the office of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, who convinced the pope to participate.



Pope Francis greets Emilce Cuda, an Argentine theologian and head of office of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, at the Vatican. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

Ms. Cuda, whom Francis appointed on July 26 to be the first woman ever to head this Vatican office, explained that Loyola University invited her to lead a dialogue on the synodal process that is now underway in the Catholic Church worldwide.

Explaining the genesis of the upcoming event with students and the pope, Ms. Cuda said that in June 2021, before Pope Francis had appointed her to the Vatican post, Loyola University invited her to give a lecture on the topic of synodality, in which she would facilitate a conversation on how to interpret what is meant by “the synodal way.” But, she told Loyola that she was not interested merely giving another conference on synodality. Instead, she “proposed to do a synodal action

that involves migrant university students [from the Americas.] Ms. Cuda explained she wanted to focus on migration, not from the humanitarian point of view of “assisting migrants” when they arrive in a new country, but instead “looking at the root causes of migration from the scientific and technological perspectives, and asking what we can do to resolve them.

Ms. Cuda said she wants “to involve our advanced students to seek solutions in each country.” Most migrants from Latin America are economic migrants, not refugees, she noted, and in her view, the root causes of migration are “structural” and, for example, linked to foreign countries taking resources away from countries in the region.

Migrants are portrayed in the media as cleaners or manual workers in the gig economy. Ms. Cuda added, while the media rarely shows migrants working in scientific or technical fields. To correct this she wants to give greater visibility to this second, under-represented group of migrants. She proposed to Loyola a synodal action – which in the spirit of synodality, would involve students’ gathering together to discuss and to listen to one another’s thoughts on the root causes of migration – rather than a conference.

Ms. Cuda sent the pope a letter in which she proposed that Francis join in on the event, and she was surprised and overjoyed when on December 20 he replied, “Yes, I will participate, but you must help me.”

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

World Day of Prayer and Action Against **Human Trafficking**

February 8, 2022

The Catholic Health Association (CHA) is pleased to offer resources for the February 8th World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking which is the liturgical memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita – a slave girl who became a saint and a universal symbol of the Church’s commitment against slavery.



February 2nd Webinar:

Click [here](#)

3 – 4 pm Registration is free

Prayer Service: [Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking](#)

Social Media: [Ready-to-Use Social Media resources](#)

~ with appreciation to Pat Krasnausky, Cabrini Eldercare

Prayer Requests

Dr. Adeline Bethany and her son Paul

Dr. Adeline Bethany, Faculty Emerita at Cabrini University, has asked for prayers for her son Paul. Paul was recovering from a very severe case of COVID and had been doing well until his lung collapsed. Paul is home from the hospital but still not fully recovered. Adeline herself has COVID and needs prayer as COVID may impact the eye care treatments she must have.

Please hold them both in your prayers.

A friend...

A friend of Sr. Christine Marie asks for prayers for her uncle who is in intensive care with a serious infection. Please pray that that the infection will be diagnosed and that it can be treated.

Cabrini University alumna

Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC shares that a Cabrini University alumna has requested the prayers of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community. She is suffering with metastatic breast cancer and would be so grateful for our prayerful accompaniment.

Mark Herren

Prayers are requested for Mark Herren who will be undergoing surgery in the near future. Please pray that his procedure will be successful and that he will have a swift recovery.

Winnie and Urville Josephs

Kindly keep Winnie and Urville Josephs in your prayers. Winnie is the Director of Nursing at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY. Her husband, Urville, has been hospitalized with a medical condition. Please pray for them at this time.

Jamie Kruger

Prayers are requested by Dr. Anne Marie Borneman, Cabrini University trustee and alumna, for Jamie Kruger, her family member who is hospitalized and very ill with COVID. Kindly keep Mr. Kruger in your prayers.

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

As we anticipate the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, please unite in prayer for the Missionary Sisters, their novices, and candidates. Let us give thanks for their lives of service to the people of God and ask for abundant blessings upon them and their Institute.



Arthur and Rita Peterson

Please unite in prayer for Arthur and Rita Peterson, the brother and sister-in-law of Sr. Regina Peterson, who live in Upstate NY and have COVID. Arthur was recently hospitalized but should be returning home in the near future. Please pray for their ongoing strength and recovery.

Krista Potterger

Rosalind Yu, a friend of Sr. Grace Waters, MSC, requests prayers for her niece, Krista Potterger, who was just diagnosed with COVID. Please pray that her case will be mild and that she will soon recover.

Sr. Lucille Souza, MSC

Your continuing prayers are requested for Sr Lucille, who underwent knee surgery last week and who will now be recuperating at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY. Please pray that Sr. Lucille's recovery will be swift.

With Grateful Hearts

Cabrini (College) University alumna

Last week, prayers were requested by a Cabrini (College) University alumna as she anticipated undergoing medical testing. All tests came back favorably. She wishes to thank the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community for their prayers.

Evarlyn Ndeti and Evon Somirla

On February 2nd, two pre-novices – Evon Somirla and Evarlyn Ndeti will be entering the international MSC Novitiate in New York City. Let us give thanks for their vocational call and support them with our loving prayers.



Sr. Asnakech Asefa, MSC, Sr. Aynalem Paulos, MSC and Sr. Berhane Ashebo, MSC

It is with great delight that the Institute of the Missionary Sisters celebrates the perpetual vows of Sisters Asnakech, Aynalem, and Berhane. We rejoice in their profession and ask God's blessing upon them.

In Loving Memory

Donald M. Conlan

We note with sorrow the passing of Donald M. Conlan on January 11th. He is the father of Cabrini University staff member Tracy Conlan, Enrollment Records Specialist in the Enrollment Operations team within the Admissions Division of Cabrini University. A Mass will be offered for Mr. Conlan on Monday, January 31, 2022, at 12:30 pm in the Bruckmann Memorial Chapel of Saint Joseph. Please remember to keep Tracy's family in your prayers.

Sr. Margaret Githae, Solidarity Member of the Sisters of Christian Community

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Solidarity Member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Christian Community. Margaret, a native Kenyan, died on Saturday, January 22nd, from Covid. She was a vibrant Sister, full of life, healthy, 52 years old, doubly vaccinated with no other health problems or condition. She leaves her parents, her 7 siblings of whom she was the eldest, her Congregation and all of us of Solidarity with South Sudan with great sorrow & a real sense of loss. May she rest in peace!



Mary Peterson

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Peterson, the sister-in-law of Sr. Regina Peterson, MSC who went home to God on January 22nd. She is survived by her husband, Albert, of 52 years, nine children and 29 grandchildren. Her Mass of the Resurrection was yesterday in Patchogue, Long Island, NY. Please keep the Peterson Family in your prayers at this sad time.

Fr. Eugene Romano

Longtime friend of the Missionary Sisters, Sherry Morano, shares the passing of Father Eugene Romano who went home to God on August 7, 2021. May he rest in God's eternal light.

