



Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus UPDATE



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Tender Loving Care for a Cabrini Masterpiece

**An extensive and historic mural restoration is underway
at the St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine in NYC**



Skilled artisans are working to clean and repair the mural.

spiritual and artisan importance of the mural. For our many immigrant visitors and pilgrims whose native language is not English, the narrative of the mosaic tells the story of Mother Cabrini and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with no words necessary.

Tiles from the original work are being
utilized in the restoration.

The St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York City is seeing a transformation! Our priceless mosaic -- 123' long and 23' tall -- is being refurbished. First, the mural is being cleaned, and then, using the original tiles from the 1957-59 creation, this irreplaceable work is being restored to its original splendor.

Although the restoration requires scaffolding and noise for our visitors, the “before and afters” are already apparent, and we all, visitors, staff and Sisters, are grateful. Much credit goes to Sr. Mary Ann Hawes, MSC for her indefatigable awareness building and fundraising for this unparalleled piece of artwork, as well as the Provincial Office’s awareness of the



Much additional activity at the Shrine...

Do plan to spend some time with us!

1. A ConEd and federal grant programs are allowing us to replace all incandescent lighting -- the facility and the convent -- with low-cost and long-term LED lights at no cost. Convent and all external lighting is included.
2. With a cooperative agreement with the parish within which the Shrine resides, the Shrine is hosting a **Human Trafficking ecumenical prayer service** and workshops on **Sunday, February 8th** (St Bahkita's feast), an Immigration mass and workshop on **Saturday, February 21st**, and a TBD social issues day in August.

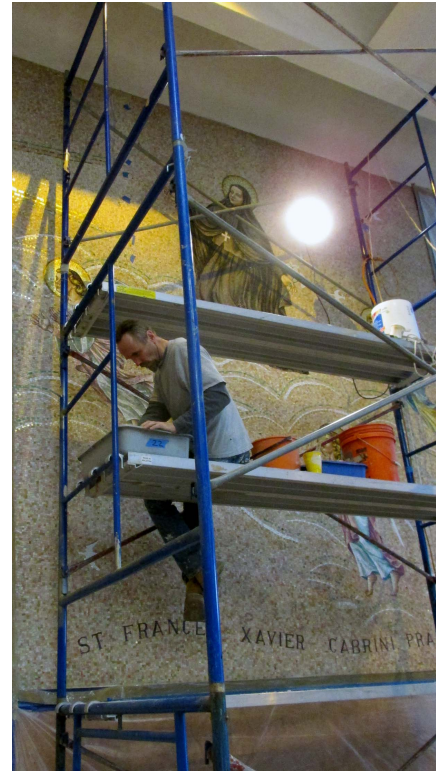


The tools of the trade are seen throughout the Shrine as the restoration unfolds.

3. Starting in Lent, we will be testing mid-day Masses at the Shrine on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If the idea "takes", we will continue with mid-day Masses during the week.

4. Every month, there will be a celebratory Feast day Mass as a special addition.

5. The popular Spanish masses have been doubled from the 4th Saturday of every month to twice a month. For the first, hardly promoted Mass last week, we had more than 50 people. ~ *submitted by Kristine Reed, Director*



The restoration work requires skill and patience. ~ photo credits: Miriam King



The altar at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine, New York City, in which the sacred remains of St. Cabrini are enshrined. The mural depicting her life serves as a majestic backdrop for the sanctuary.

Cabrini College's Wolfington Center, Radnor, PA Hosts fundraiser for Cabrini Mission Corps



CMC missionaries from left: Matt Kaehler, Martin Garcia and Connor White welcomed the many members of the Cabrini College community who turned out to support the “wear your jeans” fundraiser and to enjoy a continental breakfast.

As part of its fundraiser anyone who donated \$5 or more was welcome to wear jeans for the day and to enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast in the Wolfington Center.

The missionaries’ message continued, “In addition to the three of us ministering to the college, this year Cabrini Missioners are also working with immigration and anti-human trafficking advocacy in New York City. Cabrini Mission Corps holds such a special place in each of our hearts.

Any support through donations, big or small, helps to make these opportunities possible for future missionaries.”

The missionaries encouraged everyone to show off their favorite jeans, enjoy good food, good company, and help support the Cabrini Mission Corps and the impact it can have in our communities.

Given the large turnout, it was evident the missionaries’ invitation was received with enthusiasm.

~ with thanks to Martin Garcia, Matt Kaehler and Connor White

On Friday, January 16th, the Wolfington Center at Cabrini College hosted a fundraising gathering to benefit Cabrini Mission Corps. Three of this year’s missionaries – Martin Garcia, Matt Kaehler and Connor White - are missioned at Cabrini College. In anticipation of this event in a message to the campus community, the missionaries wrote, “Each of us has chosen to offer the beginnings of our post-graduate lives to volunteering with the Cabrini Mission Corps here at [Cabrini] College, and we couldn't be more blessed for the experience so far.

“Our service with CMC lasts for a little over 9 months - something close to 270 days. We are nearing the halfway point of our time in community and at the College. The days are flying by. The three of us are hoping you'll join us to celebrate a wonderful first half - and to look ahead to an even better second half.”



Cabrini College staffers from left: Megan Norris, Julie Cruikshank, Claire Clute, Tracey Kemery and Dr. Mary Harris enjoy the camaraderie and the goodies while supporting CMC.



Cabrini College, Radnor, PA

Lending a hand on the MLK Day of Service

"Sometimes socks can be more important than people bringing food."

~ Kiwi, a homeless person



Cabrini College students lend a hand by sorting the donations of socks into those for men, women and children.

Sponsored by the Cabrini College Office of Diversity, under the leadership of director Stephanie Reed, as one of their Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service projects, Cabrini College students teamed up with Cabrini Mission Corps missionaries in sorting and boxing over 5,804 pairs of men's women's and children's socks that were donated to The Joy of Sox, a 501c3 non-profit that provides new socks for the homeless.

On a daily basis, donations of socks arrive at The Joy of Sox based in Radnor, PA from across the country. Schools, church groups, and corporations hold sock drives and ship all the socks that have been donated to Radnor. The socks, which can number in the thousands at any given time, need to be sorted, counted and boxed for delivery to area homeless shelters. The task is time-consuming and can be daunting without the help of willing volunteers.



Job well done! The banner reads, "5,801 pairs of socks" sorted, packed and boxed for delivery to area shelters.



The boxed socks are loaded onto the vans, a step closer to delivery at area homeless shelters.

Enter the Cabrini students and CMC missionaries who quickly and efficiently processed thousands of socks and packed them neatly for delivery to area shelters where there is a constant demand for new socks. The generous volunteer spirit of the students and missionaries will help to ensure that for a while some of those who are homeless will have the comfort and joy of a new pair of socks.

To learn more, please visit: <http://thejoyofsox.org>



Cabrini College, Radnor, PA
Focusing on Childhood Obesity and Hunger



Cabrini College is proud to present: **Convergence of Childhood Obesity and Hunger: A Forum for Response.** On **Friday, February 20th**, from **9:15 am-4:30 pm**, practitioners, students, researchers, and faculty from across the region are invited to Cabrini's campus in Radnor, PA to discuss the importance of connecting childhood obesity and hunger—two leading public health issues in the nation—in order to solve them.

During this one-day program, attendees will learn about national trends, foster inter-professional collaboration, and identify potential curricular strategies, programming, and opportunities for research, service, and careers that integrate both childhood obesity and hunger.

National speakers include:

Sandra Hassink, M.D., Chair of the Advisory Committee for the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Institute for Healthy Childhood Weight and Director of the Nemours Pediatric Obesity Initiative

Solomon Katz, Ph.D., Director of the W.M. Krogman Center for Childhood Growth and Development

Eric Mitchell, Director of Government Relations, Bread for the World

Mary Pat Raimondi, RD, Vice President, Strategic Policy and Partnership, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics



Additionally, we'll have speakers from the greater Philadelphia area discussing their best practices and programs addressing childhood obesity and hunger.

Registration is only \$40 (with a \$20 discount for students!). More information can be found at

www.cabrini.edu/childhealthforum.

~ from the Wolfington Center at Cabrini College

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Maria Elena Hallion at mehallion@cabrini.edu or 610-902-8388.



From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...

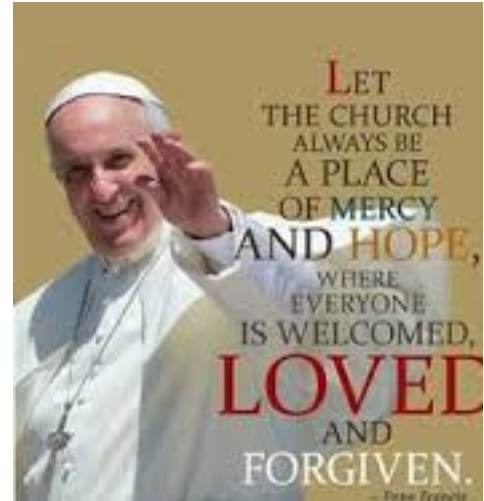
*A New Perspective on the Vows ...
in The Year of Consecrated Life*

Pope Francis has been consistent in calling us to be a poor church for the poor. There is nothing new in this – it has been a call to and within the church for centuries, echoed by many saints, and at the heart of the religious impulse. But here we don't have a charismatic figure like Francis of Assisi, supporting the crumbling church on his fragile shoulders. We still have a religious, but he is the head of the church this time, at the very center of its structures. He is calling the whole church, but in a particular way those members of it whom the Spirit has called to a vow of poverty, to take seriously what they have vowed and live it in a way that makes sense to those who still look to [the religious] to live, for their sake, a life that is full of symbolic resonance and meaning. The invitation, which comes from the first religious pope we have had in over a century, issues from the vibrant heart of religious life itself, which has always, in some sense, been a response to an ecclesial life that has grown dull and complacent. If religious life is to survive and flourish it will do so under the sign of poverty.

For many in the global north the most driving poverty that bites into the daily lives [of religious] and consciousness is that of diminishment. The thought is that if this reality can be lived with hope, then, religious can become true witnesses of the resurrection. Hope is not the same as optimism. Optimism looks at difficulties and draws energy by saying, "things are going to be OK." Hope looks at the same reality and says, "things probably aren't going to be OK, and that's OK, because in the end we place our trust and our entire reliance on God."

That fidelity to the essentials of religious life is precisely what those who witness it hope to see. It is what remains truly convincing to those who think of joining religious life and to those among and alongside those with whom we live and work.

~ excerpts from Signs of Vitality in Religious Life by Sr. Gemma Simmonds, CJ in the NRVJ Horizon Journal



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An important note:

Archbishop Chaput will celebrate Mass for the World Day of Consecrated Life on Sunday, February 1, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. This is the week before it will be observed in the parishes. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. As usual, the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation will be available beginning at 5:30 PM.

Please Join Us!

Prayer Service for Victims of Human Trafficking

Non-Denominational All Are Welcome

Location

St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine
701 Fort Washington Ave
New York, NY 10040

Conveniently located
near the A train 190th
street stop.

Date and Time

February 8, 2015
1 – 2 pm (Service)
2 – 3 pm (Refreshments)

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information



Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition

Prayer Requests

Carolyn Byers

Cabrini Companion John Laudi asks prayers for his daughter Carolyn Byers who underwent surgery on Tuesday, January 20th. Her left leg from the knee down was removed because of infection. Mother Cabrini was the patron saint of John's family. Over the years he had forgotten Mother Cabrini but a prayer to his own mother reminded John of her works. Please keep Carolyn in your prayers. Thank you.

Missionary Sisters

Please continue to pray for Sr. Ilaria Povero, MSC who sustained a fall and Sr. Melba Russo, MSC who is in need of prayer at this time.

Jamie Panetta

Last week we prayed for Jamie who underwent surgery of the colon. His surgery was successful and he and his family give thanks for your prayers. We have learned, however, that last evening Jamie had to be readmitted to the hospital. Please continue your prayers for a full recovery.

Evanglia Papadakis

George Papadakis, a volunteer at St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine in New York City, asks for prayers for his elderly mom, Evanglia, who has just been diagnosed with bone marrow cancer. Please pray for her comfort.

Vince Yevoli

Prayers are requested for Vince Yevoli, a long time volunteer at Mother Cabrini Shrine, Colorado, as he awaits test results.



In Thanksgiving

Thanks from Gina Scarpello

“Thank you to the entire Cabrini Community! My mom [Antoinette Pultorak for whom we prayed last week] is doing great. Her surgery went perfectly according to the surgeon and she is now doing physical and occupational therapy to get her strength back. She is feeling great and is so grateful for everyone's prayers! Thanking God and all of you!”

In Loving Memory

Sr. Maria Christina de Gouvea, MSC

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Maria Christina, who was called home to God on January 20th at the age of 85. Sister was a member of the St. Cabrini Community in San Paolo, Brazil. May perpetual light shine upon her.

Sr. Clementia Raimondi, MSC

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Sr. Clementia Raimondi who passed away at the age of 101. Sister was a member of the Sacred Heart Community Codogno, Italy. May she rest in God's peace.