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A Feast Day Message from Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC

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Feast of Mother Cabrini

Dear Sisters, Cabrini Lay Missionaries and Partners in Mission,

Rome, November 13, 2017

Happy Feast Day to all of you. This Centenary year celebrating Mother Cabrini's passage from this life to the next has been one of tremendous grace. Let's unite in thanksgiving for all of the wonderful consolations that the Sacred Heart of Jesus has given to us throughout this year.

May we be worthy of all that God has given to us and have the courage to collaborate with His desire for us, that we truly be Bearers of the Love of God to the World today. Now is the favorable time; we must continue to move towards the future with love, humility and missionary audacity.

It is with great joy that we also announce the founding on this date of the new Santa Francisca Cabrini Province that is comprised of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay. The discernment for the major superior will take place November 25-27. I ask that we all join in praying for this new province, and offer my gratitude for the work that the sisters have done to bring about this new canonical entity. I am sure that our Mother Foundress, for whom the Province is named, will bestow on this province special help at this time of building something new for the good of the Institute and for the good of mission.

In this time of unprecedented human migration and displacement we must continue to look for ways of deepening our response to those who are without home or country. This is our charism. Let us work together with courage and energy to respond to the beginning of two new missionary endeavors: a house for refugees in Rome, and new mission in Uganda on the Sudanese border. It will take all of us together to make these missionary dreams become a reality.

The General Council and myself want to thank all of you for all that you do every day. Be assured of our prayer, support and love as we together move towards the future in this favorable time in our MSC Institute.

United with you in the Heart of Christ,

Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC, General Superior



Feast Day Greetings from Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC

November 13, 2017

Dear Sisters and Cabrini Lay Missionaries and collaborators;



It is with great joy that we celebrate the feast of our foundress during this centenary year. Truly, we have been gifted with a foundress and a charism that is as relevant today as it was in 1880.

Our Holy Father, Francis, takes every opportunity to praise Cabrini for her life of foresight in addressing the needs of migrants saying that she is an example of how to treat people with both charity and justice.

Recently our foundress has been featured in many articles including the Share the Journey campaign website and in many talks given by Pope Francis.

This should inspire us to rededicate ourselves to a life of prayer and action on behalf of justice.

Our world is in need of healing especially after the natural disasters and acts of violence that have been inflicted here in the United States, Mexico and Puerto Rico. Wars continue to force people out of their homelands into refugee camps, risking their lives in boats and through deserts.

What would Jesus do? What would Cabrini do? These are questions we need to reflect on and ask Jesus to give us the courage, energy and strength to respond in a way that we are able to with our time and talents. We are not asked to cure all the ills of the world but we are called to be bearers of the love of Jesus to all we encounter and do our part to spread unity and not division.

Our lives of prayer, sacrifice and service are means by which we can be builders of peace and justice. Let us move out of our comfort zones and give to Jesus our sufferings, prayers and actions in order to be part of the healing process.

Thank you for all that you do for the mission of Jesus. Your sister in the heart of Jesus,

Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC.

St. Frances Cabrini is modern model for handling migration says Pope Francis

by Cindy Wooden Catholic News Service VATICAN CITY (CNS)

St. Frances Cabrini, the missionary to Italian immigrants in the United States in the late 1800s and early 1900s, “teaches us the path to handling the epochal phenomenon of migration by joining charity and justice,” Pope Francis said.

The [religious sister] who died Dec. 22, 1917, in Chicago, “understood that modernity would be marked by these enormous migrations and by human beings who were uprooted, in a crisis of identity, often desperate and lacking the resources needed” to make a new life in a new land, the pope said.

The very concrete, but all-encompassing outreach of St. Frances Cabrini, he said, is why it was “precisely a woman who became the patron of migrants.”

She demonstrated what Pope Francis called “feminine qualities — warmth, welcome, concreteness in meeting the needs of others, gracious care of the weak — along with a holistic vision of the changes that were taking place in the world.”

“She was a woman who knew how to unite great charity with a prophetic spirit that understood modernity in its less positive aspects, those aspects that involved the earth’s poor whom intellectuals and politicians did not want to see,” he said. ~ *Catholic News Service*

To read the entire account: <https://cnstopstories.com/2017/11/08/st-frances-cabrini-is-modern-model-for-handling-migration-pope-says/#noredirect>



Share the Journey #sharejourney

Bishop Joe S. Vasquez of Austin, Texas, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration, told his fellow bishops on November 13 that more than 100 U.S. dioceses have participated in the "Share the Journey" campaign launched by Pope Francis Sept. 27.

The two-year campaign "calls on Catholics and others of goodwill to encounter migrants and refugees, breaking down barriers of fear and suspicion, building bridges of understanding and hospitality," Bishop Vasquez. It is a call to prayer, reflection and action, he said. It calls attention to 65 million people displaced from their homes around the world.

"There has been a great effort and a sincere show of solidarity with our sisters and brothers on the move," many of them fleeing violence, terrorism and disaster, he said.

"Their journey is our journey," the bishop added.

One component of the campaign **is sharing stories about migrants and refugees**, the struggles they face and why they chose to seek a better life elsewhere.

In the upcoming year, the campaign will continue promoting solidarity with migrants and refugees with various events, he said. He urged others to share the message and spirit of the campaign focused on the words: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. He asked the bishops to continue supporting the pope's efforts by "encouraging the spirit of encounter among people of diverse backgrounds in our dioceses, parishes and institutions." ~ *Catholic News Service*



Meet Our Neighbor

Rosario Marin tells her story as a migrant in the United States and the many challenges we all now face in “being welcoming to our brothers and sisters under God”.

She implores us to fight prejudice and racism because now, at this time in the United States, “it is very painful. It is not welcoming.” We must be supportive to the immigrant community – those who are struggling to reach safety and to make a home.

Listen to her story: <https://migrants-refugees.va/2017/03/08/former-treasurer-of-the-united-states-rosario-marin-on-migrants-refugees>

Cabrini of Westchester Celebrates St. Cabrini's Feast Day

The Missionary Sisters, residents and staff of Cabrini of Westchester celebrated St. Cabrini's Feast Day with a moving liturgy followed by a festive luncheon in the Board Room. The chapel was filled with pride, joy and a sense of awe as Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC entered the chapel donning her original MSC habit, identical to that which Mother Cabrini herself wore. All in attendance received a beautiful Cabrini prayer card marking the 100th anniversary of Mother Cabrini entering into eternal life. A joyous Feast Day was had by all.

~submitted by Lorraine Horgan



Photo right: Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC wears her own original MSC habit reminiscent of Mother Cabrini as she gives a reading during the Feast Day liturgy.

Photo left: Sr. Romualda Molon, MSC (l.) and Sr. Julie Toto, MSC present the offertory gifts to Fr. Edwin Robinson.



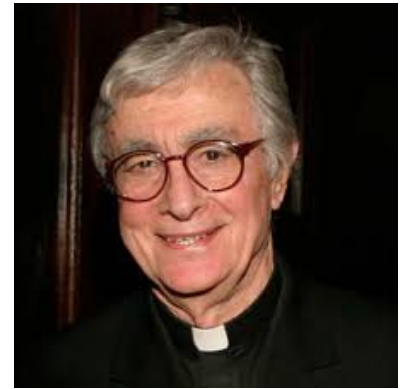
Feast Day Good Wishes from Bishop DeSimone

On the Feast Day, longtime friend of the Missionary Sisters, Bishop Louis DeSimone, called Sr. Grace Waters, MSC, to wish the Missionary Sisters and the extended Cabrinian community greetings and prayers on the Feast Day of Mother Cabrini.

Bishop DeSimone said, “Mother Cabrini is needed more than ever today and will continue to intercede for us. We should remember that Mother Cabrini was a lay person first, as a teacher. Her work was blessed from the very beginning. She always wanted her sisters and laity to work for God.”

We are grateful to Bishop DeSimone for his greetings and for remembering the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian Community on our special day.

~ submitted by Sr. Grace Waters, MSC



Bishop Louis DeSimone

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE:

Sr. Dianne McKenna has a new email address:

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Thank you for making this change.

*Give Thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.*

Psalm 107:1



Kindly Note:

Next week, due to the Thanksgiving holiday in the United States, The Update will be published on Wednesday, November 22nd. Please submit news stories no later than noon on Monday, November 20th.

Thank you.

Frances Xavier Cabrini: The People's Saint

The US Premiere of the documentary by Lucia Mauro

Tuesday, December 5, 7pm

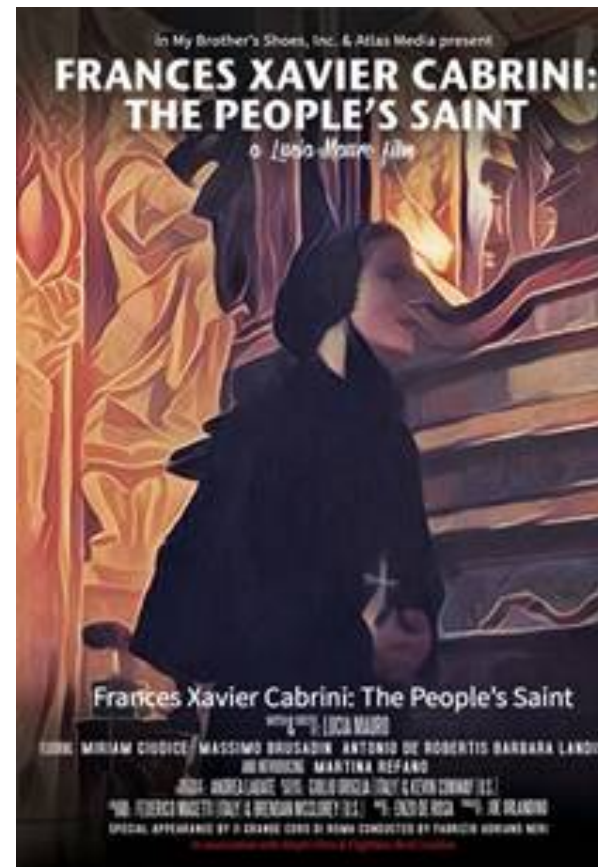
Bryn Mawr Film Institute, Bryn Mawr, PA

Please consider joining us for the premiere of the new documentary film, Frances Xavier Cabrini: The People's Saint. Ticket prices begin at \$20 and include popcorn and soda. This event is likely to draw people from all over the Philadelphia area with a connection to Mother Cabrini and her charisma; come out and enjoy an enlightening evening of good conversation and fine filmmaking.

The director and producer, Lucia Mauro and Joe Orlandini, will join us to introduce the film and for a talkback following the screening. There are also opportunities to join them for more intimate conversation over wine and cheese.

[Click here for more information about tickets](#) or contact the Wolfington Center at 610-902-8431.

The film explores the environment and deep spirituality that shaped Mother Cabrini – the Patron Saint of Immigrants and Hospital Administrators -- in honor of the Centenary of her passing. It reintroduces audiences to the first American citizen saint and addresses her relevance today for refugees and immigrants around the world. Mother Cabrini -- despite frail health and a fear of water - - crossed the ocean many times to administer to the poor, the sick and children and established schools, hospitals, and safe havens across Europe and the Americas. The film begins in her birthplace of Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Italy and takes viewers through her brave, tireless commitment to serve those in need in the United States, as well as her global reach. The film includes enlightening interviews with author-scholar Achille Mascheroni, Sister Bridget Zanin, Father Richard Fragomeni, artist Meo Carbone, architect Christopher Payne, Sister Maria Regina Canale, Youth Ministers from the Archdiocese of Chicago, and more. ~ submitted by Tom Southard, Cabrini University Wolfington Center



Prayer Requests

Penny Moy

Please unite in prayer on behalf of Penny Moy, the mother of Beth Moy, the Executive Director of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education (SEPCHE). Mrs. Moy is not at all well and she and her family would be appreciative of our prayerful support at this time. May she be comforted and peace-filled.

Lechia Taylor

Your prayers are asked for Lechia Taylor, the wife of Dr. Donald Taylor, President of Cabrini University, who will be undergoing shoulder surgery on Monday, November 20th. May her procedure go smoothly and may her recovery be swift and uneventful. Thank you for your prayers for Lechia for her eye procedures last week. Her eyes are healing well.

In Loving Memory

Denise "Little D" Canaris McAloon

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Cabrini (College) University alumna Denise Canaris McAloon '97. She was only 42 years of age. Please pray for her husband Matthew, her family and her classmates at this sad time.



As you reflect on all the ways that God has been generous to you and as you give away some of what you cherish and hold dear, may your heart grow in the wisdom that “no one ever becomes poor by giving.”

~joyce rupp