



The Jubilee Year of Mercy Comes to a Close

On Christ the King Sunday, November 20th, the Jubilee Year of Mercy that Pope Francis announced in January 2015 and inaugurated on December 8th a year ago will come to an end. The Pope offered this special year as an opportunity and a challenge. It was an opportunity to change for the better, to reach out to those estranged from us, to mend our ways where they needed mending. And it was a challenge to open our eyes to see those in need who walk our streets and pass us by, to open our hearts to the stranger, the migrant, the other.



A strong symbol of a jubilee year is the holy door. St. Peter's Basilica has a special door that is closed off except in jubilee years. The Pope opens the door and the year begins. This year, churches around the world—from Bangui in the Central African Republic to a modest tent in Erbil, Iraq—designated a holy door as a reminder that this is a privileged time for reconciliation, for setting things right, for entering a sacred space.

The three Cabrinian Shrines – Chicago, IL, Golden, CO and New York, NY – each have had Holy Doors.

Other doors can open us to mercy—those that close off refugee camps or prisons, those we might open to visit a nursing home or a hospital. And the sacred space we enter does not have to be physical. It includes relationships with those we love. It includes encounter with those we may have closed off. It includes looking into the eyes of those we usually do not see.

This jubilee year included many special events. One Friday of each month Pope Francis carried out some special sign of mercy—visiting a home for needy children or a refuge for prostitutes rescued from the streets. He made mercy a central theme of World Youth Day in Krakow in July. He canonized Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who had spent her life doing works of mercy. On November 5th, 1,000 prisoners from 12 countries along with family members and security staff walked through St. Peter's holy door at the pope's invitation to

attend Mass with him; marginalized and homeless people came to a similar event the following Saturday.

As this jubilee year ends, the need for mercy does not. This year has seen floods of refugees driven from their homes in Syria and elsewhere, risking their lives crossing the Mediterranean Sea, sometimes facing hostility in their new homes. And many in our own society could use a helping hand, another chance. Fighting racism, ending scapegoating, feeding our own hungry would be great acts of mercy, too.

As this year ends, it is crucial that we not shut the door—holy or otherwise—on the needs of those around us. Modern life produces stress in families and other relationships; we need to examine ourselves for how we can make things right.

~excerpts from Doors of Mercy Editorial, AMERICA Magazine



To read the complete article: <http://www.americamagazine.org/issue/doors-mercy>

Please Save the Date

The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
announce
The Opening of the Centenary Year Commemorating

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

7.15.1850/12.22.1917 – 12.22.2017

“To enlarge the space of our hearts, to receive
God’s love and mercy and
to go forth as missionaries of
God’s all-inclusive and prophetic love.”

Bi-lingual Eucharistic Celebration
Saturday, December 17, 2016 ~ 2 pm

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

Main Celebrant ~ Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan



CABRINI LAY MISSIONARIES' ASSEMBLY



“I am the vine...you are the branches.”

The Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs) held their Assembly on November 4th - 6th at the Cabrini Apartments located on 19th Street in New York City. Philip Deans, Cabrini Apartments Manager,

helped to make us all feel welcome and comfortable.

We CLMs came from both far and near: California, Washington State, New Jersey and New York. The CLMs present were: Lorraine Campanelli, Patricia Krasnausky, Vicky Lucio, Marianne McGowan, Melanie Paccillo, Adela Jarquin Soza, and Patricia Stancato.

We gathered to pray, plan for our future and renew friendships. The theme of the Assembly was “I am the vine ... you are the branches.”



Cabrini Lay Missionaries from around the country gathered for their Assembly in New York City. From left: CLMs Lorraine Campanelli; Adela Jarquin Soza; Melanie Paccillo; Pat Krasnausky; Vicky Lucio; Marianne McGowan and Pat Stancato shared prayer, planning, community and fellowship with the MSCs.

Sisters Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC and Catherine Garry, MSC opened our meeting by sharing their experience of the MSC Provincial Assembly that had been held in October. Sister Concepcion Vallecillo, MSC, from Central America, presented a history and overview of the

struggles experienced by people in Guatemala and Nicaragua - Cabrini mission territory. We were also excited to learn that the Central America-Mexico Region and the Stella Maris Province will be forming a new canonical entity and Sisters have been asked to vote on a name for the new Province.

Other topics included: *What is Formation?* by Patricia Krasnausky, *Charism and Ministry* by Sr. Catherine Garry, Sharing of Ministries including a presentation by Philip Deans on the Cabrini Apartments, and a review of the *Cabrini Lay Missionary Booklet*.

Luz Marina Diaz, Ph.D., Director of Religious Education at the Church of St. Francis Xavier in New York City, joined us and shared Ignatian spirituality and discernment. We were even able to actually experience the Examen and Spiritual Conversation.

On Saturday evening, a delicious meal was shared by all. We even had entertainment! Hanna Lucio, daughter of CLM Vicky



Service for others is at the heart of the Cabrinian charism. As a part of their Assembly, Lorraine Campanelli (l.) and Marianne McGowan tap into their creativity and paint vases for the CMF Spirit of Christmas event.

Lucio, performed a Taekwondo black belt routine for us. Mom Vicky acted as an assistant! Hanna was not the only participating artist. We were all asked to showcase our artistic talent by painting glass vases to be sold at the Cabrini Mission Foundation Spirit of Christmas at Rockefeller Plaza on December 9th in New York City. Thank you, CLM Melanie, for facilitating this fun evening.



Vicki Lucio and her daughter Hanna demonstrated a Taekwondo routine for the CLMs.



Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, Provincial (r.), receives the re-commitment of CLM Victoria Lucio, (c.) as CLM Director Pat Krasnausky (l.) shares in the special moment of blessing.

Sunday was special. The liturgy at Sacred Heart Convent with the Sisters became a wonderful culminating event. During Mass, Victoria Lucio renewed her commitment as a CLM and her daughter Hanna became a key photographer. This liturgy was even more meaningful because of the musical accompaniment: CLMs Patricia Stancato on guitar and Lorraine Campanelli on the piano. A delicious lunch with the Sisters' community followed this liturgy.

Hats off to Patricia Krasnausky, CLM Director, for her leadership in planning this meaningful weekend. Thanks to the Sisters at Columbus, Holy Family, Regina Pacis and Sacred Heart communities for their hospitality. The weekend was great and we left feeling renewed and refreshed.

~ submitted by CLMs Lorraine Campanelli, Marianne McGowan and Melanie Paccillo

A MISSIONARY AT HEART



*We are pleased to share this story on Sr. Alice Zanon, MSC. This article first appeared in **The Beat**, the news magazine of Cabrini Health in Australia. This is the second instalment.*

On her return to Melbourne and during her sabbatical year in 1977, Sr. Alice attended Assumption Institute in Rosanna, north-eastern Melbourne, together with Sisters from Australia and south-eastern Asia. "It was a great year during which we all grew spiritually," said Sr. Alice. Her perpetual vows made, Sr. Alice was asked by Sr. Regina Casey MSC, Superior General in 1972 to go to London where St. Francesca Cabrini Catholic Primary School, Honor Oak, was located in the city's south-east. The journey from Australia to England was not an easy one for the young sister. "I was crying on the aeroplane, as I was

leaving my family and country and did not know what would be waiting at the other end,” she said. She undertook further teacher training for three years in London, achieving a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of London. So began her classroom career, which lasted from 1979 until 1993, teaching all subjects to children of all ages.

With the new decade came a new challenge: Sr. Alice was asked to go to Cabrini Missions Swaziland. “It had been my childhood dream to go to Africa and work as a missionary,” said Sr. Alice. And so, she did. Sr. Alice attended a six-week enculturation program, in order to prepare for life in Africa. At this time, she stopped wearing her veil. “It does not matter much about what I wear; all I need is my ring and my cross,” she said. “I have always been treated with respect because of my calling – it is not about the habit you wear but your commitment.” She spent three years teaching English and religion to the high school students at St Mary’s Mission, Lobamba, Swaziland.

After three years in Swaziland, a new mission arose for Sr. Alice: she was invited by Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia MSC (Provincial, Stella Maris Province) to consider taking up a ministry at Cabrini High School in New Orleans, Louisiana. “I didn’t have a clue about New Orleans,” said Sr. Alice. “I spent three days there and I loved it, so I answered yes. It has a casual and friendly atmosphere and a slower place of life. I felt that I could fit in and saw myself being happy living and working here.” She relocated from Swaziland to New Orleans, moved into her on-campus accommodation on the Bayou St John and began teaching religious education in August 1996. ~ *from The Beat, Cabrini Health; with thanks to Christine Elmer and Kate Stivala*
Next week: Sr. Alice reflects on life and ministry in New Orleans.




*Cabrini Immigrant Services
Liberty & Justice Awards Reception
December 8, 2016
Estherwood Mansion
Dobbs Ferry, NY
honoring
Sr. Damien Ciminera, MSC
Dr. Eric and Donna Garfinkel
and
A Special Dedication in Memory of Tom Pettit
Cocktails and Light Fare 6:00 pm
Award Ceremony 7:00 pm
All Missionary Sisters are invited to be our guests at the reception.
Please RSVP at your earliest convenience to Susan Herceg at
914-693-6800 ext. 502 or sherceg@cabrini-eldercare.org*

ON A PILGRIMAGE



Sr. Dianne McKenna, MSC (front r.) led a pilgrimage from St. Augustine's Parish in Highland, NY to the St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine in NYC and Old St. Patrick's Cathedral in Little Italy. Here the pilgrims pose for a group photo outside the walls of the St. Cabrini Shrine.

Our parish in Highland, New York went on a pilgrimage to our [St. Frances X. Cabrini] shrine and Old Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Mulberry Street in Little Italy on October 29th.

Saint Augustine's parish in Highland, New York has a long history with the MSCs. It was one of the missions where Mother Cabrini visited the families - some on farms, some as farm workers, others to help collect funds for the orphanage in West Park. Our sisters lived in Highland and worked in the parish school; one of the most frequently mentioned names is that of Sr. Loretta Palamara, MSC.

Because our shrine is one of the sites with holy doors- we decided to make a pilgrimage to this site for the Jubilee Year and to connect to another mission where Mother had lived. Old St. Patrick's Cathedral was the first cathedral in New York.

During our bus ride we were nourished by a prayer written by Pope Francis on the Year of Mercy and our Legion of Mary led us in the rosary.

We received a VIP welcome from St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine administrators Miriam King and Cherie Sprosty. Our pastor, Fr. Tom Lutz, celebrated Mass at the Shrine and we had a tour given by Cherie.

Of course, there was a visit to the gift shop graciously handled by Miriam and Sr. Maria Loretta Caeti, MSC and other [Shrine] volunteers.

Aside from nourishing our souls - no pilgrimage would be complete without eating in Little Italy. The day was pristine and the parishioners have shared that they still feel a glow. ~ *Sr. Dianne McKenna, MSC*



The St. Augustine pilgrims venerate the body of Mother Cabrini during their visit to the St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine.

“Every [pilgrim] journey stimulates great faith and great joy.”

~ Lailah Gifty Akita



The pilgrimage made a second stop at Old St. Patrick's Cathedral in Little Italy. Accompanying those on the pilgrimage were Sr. Rosa de Silva, MSC kneeling, front l.) and MSC Candidate Claudia Redondo (kneeling, r.)

Cabrini University Named College of the Year by NHI

Cabrini University Named College of the Year by the National Hispanic Institute (NHI) during the organization's annual Celebración event in McAllen, Texas. Cabrini received the award for being one of the organization's strongest partners and for recognizing the importance and impact of NHI's mission on the University's campus.

In 2014, Cabrini established its partnership with NHI when Donald B. Taylor, Ph.D. began his tenure as President of Cabrini.

“The partnership between Cabrini and NHI was a natural fit, built upon a common mission to cultivate leaders and make a college degree more accessible,” said Taylor. “We are honored to receive this award and look forward to our continued work together.”

For the past three years, Cabrini has hosted NHI for its annual Collegiate World Series, a five-day program that provides high-achieving Latino students from across the U.S., Mexico, and the Dominican Republic insight into the college admissions process, financial aid, and strategic planning for personal and professional success.

“As the University continues on its pathway to become a Hispanic Serving Institution, our work with NHI has created a solid foundation to build essential relationships with the Hispanic community,” said Taylor.

As NHI's showcase event, Celebración is a four-day experience for high school and undergraduate students to introduce them to community social entrepreneurship as part of their continued involvement in leadership training. The event culminates with an awards ceremony. ~ from a Cabrini University press release



Brian Eury, University Chief of Staff and VP of Community Partnerships and External Relations, accepted the award on behalf of the University.

St. Cabrini's Work: *Alive in Chicago!*

On Saturday, Nov. 12, the day before St. Cabrini's Feast Day, over 40 legal permanent residents from the Chicagoland area came to the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini to take the first step toward becoming naturalized citizens of the United States.

The Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) held a workshop in the Shrine meeting room. With 28 volunteers from ICIRR, Community Activism Law Alliance (CALA), University of Chicago Law, and the Chicago-

Kent College of Law, participants were able to obtain free legal advice from lawyers and law students, get assistance in preparing their applications for citizenship, and meet with



Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC, Director of the National Shrine of St. Cabrini, welcomes Brendan Magee, Senior Director of the ICIRR.

consultants to determine if they were eligible to apply for citizenship at no cost.

According to the ICIRR, Illinois has more than 370,000 legal permanent residents who are eligible for citizenship.

The Shrine is pleased to have partnered with ICIRR for this wonderful event! The partnership is scheduled to continue into spring 2017 with ICIRR hosting classes for citizenship combined with English as a second language classes at the Shrine on Saturdays, beginning in January.

~ submitted by Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC



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Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC...

Gifting Others Through Your Generosity



For **Thanksgiving** this year we are giving out vouchers to use in grocery stores for the food they would need for their holiday dinner. \$25 can feed a family of four. Whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Christmas is a big event for the children of our clients. We will have a big party and gift giving. We need to start early to buy gifts and plan for the party. We spend \$40 on each child, making sure that they feel special and receive a gift their parents would not otherwise be able to afford. Please help us guarantee a merry Christmas for these children by donating today.



It is with your support and that of other generous individuals that Cabrini Immigrant Services can continue to make a positive impact on thousands of immigrant working class families. Please help us in whatever way is possible for you. Thank you.

<http://cis-nyc.org/donate/>



Please see what your donations make possible.

Prayer Requests

Tom Spitko, Jr.

Please ask the Sisters to pray for my son-in-law requests Anne Marie Del Rossi. He is having some mysterious symptoms that have yet to be diagnosed. He has lost strength and has tingling in his arms and hands...he can barely feed himself and also has weakness in his legs and feet. He is 37 years old and is very athletic. He plays soccer every weekend and lifts weights and has never had this happen to him before. Needless to say we are all very worried. Please keep him in prayer.

John Welding

Your prayers are asked for John Welding, the father of Sr. Mindy Welding, IHM. Mr. Welding is currently hospitalized. He is 78 years old and his heart is growing weaker each day and there is no cure. Pray for his comfort. Please pray also for Mindy and her siblings and they care for their father.

In Loving Memory

David Setley

The Cabrinian Community joins the Cabrini University Community in extending sympathy to Fr. Carl Janicki, Cabrini University Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry on the loss of his brother-in-law, David Setley, father of Alexis Setley '15, who passed away on Saturday, November 12, 2016.

Marian Thomas

The Cabrinian Community joins with the University Community in extending sympathy to Susan Rohanna, Director of Human Resources, on the loss of her mother, Marian Thomas, who passed away Friday, November 4th, 2016. Mass will be offered in Marian's memory on Friday, December 16th 2016, at 12:30 p.m. in the Bruckmann Memorial Chapel of St. Joseph. Please continue to keep Susan and her family in your prayers.

We Give Thanks

Next Thursday, November 24th, in the United States, the nation celebrates the Thanksgiving holiday. Those of in the US join with our Missionary Sisters, CLMs, Cabrini Companions and Cabrinian friends and collaborators throughout the world in thanking God for his mercy and all his blessings.



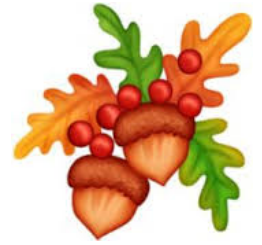
A Prayer of Gratitude

We are grateful for eyes that can see and ponder, for hands that hold and touch and feel, for ears that can delight in music and the voice of a friend, for a nose that can smell the aroma of newly mown grass or delicious food, and can also breathe the air that gives us life.

We are grateful for the treasure of loved ones whose hearts of openness and acceptance have encouraged us to be who we are. We are grateful for their faithfulness, for standing by us and being there when we were most in need and for delighting with us in our good days and our joyful seasons.

We are grateful for the eyes of faith, for believing in the presence of God giving us hope in our darkest days, encouraging us to listen to the spirit and reminding us to trust in the blessings of God's presence.

We are grateful for the ongoing process of becoming who we are, for the seasons within, for the great adventure of life that challenges and comforts us at one and the same time.



We are grateful for the messengers of God – people, events, written or spoken words – that come to us at just the right time and help us to grow.

We are grateful for God calling us to work with our gifts, grateful that we can be of service and use our talents in a responsible and just way.

We are grateful that we have the basic necessities of life, that we have the means and the ability to hear the cries of the poor and to respond with our abundance.

We are grateful for the miracle of life, for the green of our earth, for the amazing grace of our history; we are grateful that we still have the time to decide the fate of the world by our choices and actions, and grateful that we have it within our power to bring a divided world to peace.

Creator God, fill us with a deep sense of thanksgiving as we experience your everlasting love and help us to share your graciousness with all those who need a touch of generous love in this world. This we ask in your name. Amen.

~ Joyce Rupp

