



MISSIONARY SISTERS  
of the SACRED HEART of JESUS  
*Bringing Christ's love to the world*

THE UPDATE

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## We Share the Journey with our refugee and migrant sisters and brothers



*"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us  
your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.  
This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing  
in many expressions of thanks to God."*

2 Corinthians 9: 11-12

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us  
and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings you have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal:  
our faith and heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another,  
our family and friends and the global neighbors we do not yet know.

Gracious God, in Your infinite generosity, grant us continued grace  
so that in serving others way may serve you.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

~ adapted from Catholic On-line

## *Thanksgiving Blessings*



**Share the Journey** #sharejourney

A prayer here, a share on social media there, a voice of support in a letter to the editor, even a get-to-know- others potluck dinner. Supporting refugees and migrants can take many forms and Pope Francis is hoping that Catholics around the world will act over the next two years to encounter people on the move.

Share the Journey is an initiative of Caritas Internationalis, the global network of Catholic

charitable agencies. It is meant to urge Catholics to understand and get to know refugees and migrants who have fled poverty, hunger, violence, persecution and the effects of climate change in their homeland.

“The effort will give Catholics the opportunity to learn and explore Catholic Social Teaching on refugees and migrants,” said Joan Rosenhauer, executive vice president of U. S. operations for Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

“Catholic Social Teaching has clear messages of caring for strangers, the importance of hearing their stories and understanding their needs,” she said.

Much of the effort will be focused on sharing stories about migrants and refugees, the struggles they face and why they chose to seek a better life elsewhere, said Kristin Witte, coordinator of domestic Catholic educational engagement at CRS, which is the U.S. bishops’ overseas relief and development agency.

“The hope is that through the stories that are presented, the images presented, that people will be moved from their place of comfort to a place of encounter. That’s what the Church is calling us to. That’s what the Pope is calling us to,” she said. ~ *Catholic News Service*

## Meet Our Neighbor, Zaynab

Every day, families leave their homes in places like Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, driven by conflict, violence or poverty, and desperately seeking safety. Some spend their life savings or take on massive debt to pay for the journey. Many risk their lives for a new start. Since 2014, more than 15,000 refugees and asylum seekers have drowned in the Mediterranean Sea attempting to reach European shores.



One young Syrian woman reached the shores of Greece as she was nine months pregnant. Like thousands of others, Zaynab, her husband and their five children embarked on a perilous journey in search of a better future. They hoped to arrive in Germany or Norway in time for the baby’s birth, but as soon as their train pulled into the station in northern Macedonia, Zaynab knew it was time.

Exhausted, and with the early signs of labor, Zaynab was greeted by the staff of Caritas Macedonia. She soon gave birth to a healthy baby girl. They found shelter in a CRS-supported transit camp. Zaynab and her family plan to continue their journey.

"I am constantly thinking about my children and the people on the border," she says. The more we stay here, the more anxious we get. We have lived through war. We don't need much help – we only want to keep moving."

The compassionate response to the refugee crisis, exemplifies Pope Francis' reminder of our moral obligation to increase assistance to vulnerable people, old and young, who suddenly find themselves without a home or without a room.

To read the full story: <https://www.sharejourney.org/stories/answering-call-provide-room-inn/>

"All of us are called by God, by the Holy Father, by our consciences, to be that inn, to provide that room, to share that journey, that every day millions of innocent people, just like us, are forced to take.  
Refugees know they have a long way to go.  
They know it's going to be a difficulty journey ~  
but, at least they know there's someone on their side now."  
~ Bill O'Keefe, VP of Government Relations and Advocacy, CRS

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## Sr. Catherine Garry's Account Featured in Global Sisters Report



Mother Cabrini is still alive and well in New York City. On October 20, 2017, the corner of 19th Street and 3rd Avenue was co-named "Mother Cabrini Way" through the efforts of City Councilwoman Rosie Mendez and the approval of the City Council and Department of Transportation.

We, her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSCs) are so excited; it has encouraged us to reflect again on the legacy of Mother Cabrini, her mission in the city, and how she really is a saint for our times.

She traveled to America with six companions on the ship *Bourgogne*, arriving in New York harbor on March 31, 1889. Her companion, Sister Umilia, described the experience:

*Finally, after twelve days of sickness and tribulation, we saw the beautiful Statue of Liberty at about 4 o'clock. Oh, how happy Mother Cabrini was. I could read the joy on her face. She called us together to sing the 'Ave Maris Stella.'*

Francesca Cabrini came in response to Pope Leo's mandate to care for the Italian immigrants in America. I can just imagine the trepidation of these seven women, immigrants themselves, as they



entered a foreign country only to find there were no preparations for their arrival. Fortunately, they had each other and an indomitable faith in their God and the mission entrusted to them.

Their experience is reflective of what many, many immigrants faced as they came to our shores.

Some were welcomed, but countless others suffered the hostility and intolerance like that which the

Italians encountered during Mother's time. I am very disheartened by the controversies over immigration in our country today. Our fundamental values are threatened; the very pillars of our democracy shaken.

However, as one of her daughters, I am encouraged by the stance Mother took even though it was not popular. She sowed seeds for ongoing respect and service to immigrants and others of the most vulnerable in our society. She modeled for us the ways and means to open our hearts and minds to others.

On 19th Street — now named for her — was Columbus Hospital founded to serve the needs of Italian immigrants through health care and employment opportunities. Later renamed Cabrini Medical Center, the hospital was instrumental in initiating care of HIV/AIDS patients and in offering hospice care.

The work Mother began in serving the poor and marginalized immigrants goes on. The hungry are fed, families are reunited, the vulnerable are protected. However, the true spirit of Cabrini lies in something far more intangible. As women religious working in the field of immigration at this time, we never fail to see how a little love can go a long way.

Though the faces and countries of origin have changed, we continue to walk a journey of hope and faith with those in search of a better life. It is difficult to see those we serve, especially the young people, living in fear at this time in our nation's history. Our steadfast belief in a loving God for all has kept us going in the joyful times and the hard ones. ~ Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC, *Global Sisters Report*

~ with thanks to Sr. Joan Marie Sariti, MSC

To read more of Sr. Catherine's account: <http://globalsistersreport.org/column/ministry/mother-cabrini-way-street-and-charism-50386>



## A New York Pilgrimage

It was still dark when a group of Cabrini travelers met on campus to begin the drive to the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York. Bundled in winter attire the group consisting of a student, staff, faculty, alumni and friends of Cabrini boarded two vans for a wonderful day trip to celebrate the Feast Day of Mother Cabrini. Saturday November 11, 2017 was a beautiful, crisp fall day and it felt like the weather had been specially ordered for the occasion.



When we arrived at the Shrine there was a festive atmosphere and a feeling that something special was taking place. We were greeted by MSCs, and visitors from all over the world. We would be attending the 10:00 Mass that was to be celebrated in French. After a quick visit with the Sisters and a trip to the gift shop we settled in for Mass. The music was beautiful and the participation from all attending brought tears to our eyes. It was truly a celebration.

After Mass, we walked to Fort Tryon Park to enjoy the beautiful view of the Hudson River and stretch our legs before the next stop. Then, it was off to Sam's Italian Restaurant in Dobbs Ferry, NY for a wonderful lunch. We shared stories about how Mother Cabrini had played a part in each of our lives.



A group of Cabrini University students, staffers, alums and friends celebrated the Feast Day at the St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine in New York City followed by an uplifting visit with the Missionary Sisters at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry.

Next up was a visit with the MSCs at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry. We spent time visiting with each sister and shared more stories. Each of these women is amazing! We were humbled by the works the Sisters had done in their various ministries. They have each accomplished so much and continue to focus on service to others. While there, we also gathered a Christmas Wish List from each sister that will be shared with various departments at Cabrini University. What an amazing day. We left inspired! ~ submitted by Colleen Poole, Cabrini University

## FEAST DAY CELEBRATION AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE



At the National Shrine of St. Frances X. Cabrini in Chicago, the Secular Franciscans celebrated the Cabrini Feast Day on Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Shrine also celebrated on November 12<sup>th</sup> with a special Mass followed by a light reception for all the Shrine visitors.

It was a great celebration enjoyed by all.  
~ submitted by Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC and Mary Kroeck

Beautiful banners were on display at the National Shrine during the visit of the Secular Franciscans.



## Handbag Sale

**Please join us on Tuesday, December 5**

**at Cabrini University in Grace Hall Atrium**

610 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, PA 19087

**10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**(New and Like New Items at Very Low Prices)**



### **Cabrini Action & Advocacy Coalition and Cabrini University's ECG Class 200**

Rescued Trafficked Victims **Need Our On-Going Help**

"Cabrini Closet" efforts to supply rescued victims of  
human trafficking with much needed items.

Part of the proceeds will also benefit

New Day Drop-In Center

**(Cash & Checks Only)**

If you have new or like-new purses that you would like to donate,  
you can deliver or mail them to:

The Cottage at Cabrini University

1260 Upper Gulph Road, Radnor, PA 19087

For further information: Karol Brewer – 610 -902-1038



## *The Spirit of Christmas at Rockefeller Plaza*



**Saturday, December 9, 2017**

**The Terrace Club**

25 W 51st Street  
New York, New York 10019  
(Just off Rockefeller Plaza)

**6:30 pm - 10:30 pm**

**Hors D'Oeuvres \* Open Bar \* Buffet Dinner**  
**Individual Tickets \$150**

**[Click here to reserve your ticket today!](#)**

**Sponsorships Available!**

For more information contact Ellen: 212-228-8608





## Help Us Bring A Smile To A Child This Christmas!



Cabrini Immigrant Services is accepting monetary donations, gift cards & new toys for our annual Christmas celebration & gift distribution!

**If you would like to make a donation contact Zenith Isidor at [zisidor@cis-nyc.org](mailto:zisidor@cis-nyc.org) or 212-791-4590 ext. 104.**  
**You can also purchase gifts from our wishlist at: [bit.ly/CISChristmas](http://bit.ly/CISChristmas) or make a donation here: [bit.ly/donatecis](http://bit.ly/donatecis)**

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### PLEASE MAKE A NOTE:

Sr. Roselle Santivasi, MSC has a new email address:

[rsantivasi@gmail.com](mailto:rsantivasi@gmail.com)

Thank you for making this change.

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### One Minute Meditation

#### Give as Good as You Get

Tomorrow, for those in the United States, will be the observance of Thanksgiving Day, which traditionally opens the holiday season. Most of us are blessed enough to be caught up in cooking and eating, family gatherings and long conversations. We can put so much into our celebration of giving thanks that we may find little time for really contemplating that for which we are grateful. Today's Gospel reminds us that God gives us gifts for the using. Before we move into tomorrow's wonderful busyness, we are invited to review how we've invested our gifts in God's business. The challenge is to give as much good as we get. God promised to make of that an endless cycle. ~ Sr. Mary M. McGlone, CSJ from Words of Grace





# 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**

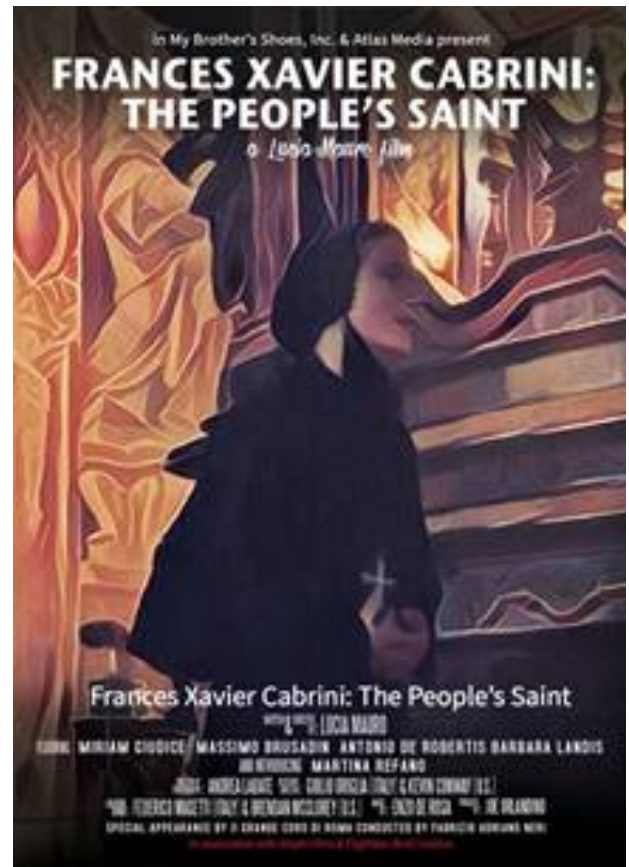
Please consider joining us for the premiere of the new documentary film, Frances Xavier Cabrini: The People's Saint. Ticket prices begin at \$20 and include popcorn and soda. This event is likely to draw people from all over the Philadelphia area with a connection to Mother Cabrini and her charism; come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

## ***Anna Albert***

Your prayers are asked for Anna Albert, the mother of Cabrini University trustee and alumna Anne Marie Borneman '80. Mrs. Albert sustained a nasty fall and is now recovering. Please pray that her recovery will be smooth and uneventful.

## ***Sr. Adelina Di Mare, MSC***

Please continue to hold Sr. Adelina in your thoughts. She is in need of our prayerful support.



“Consider often the graces constantly surrounding us  
through the immense goodness of God.  
Let them arouse in us a holy gratitude.”

~ St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

*Happy Thanksgiving!*