

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

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"Today love must not be hidden... It must be living, active and true."

~ St. Frances X. Cabrini

In our October 22nd edition of The Update, we reported on the Provincial Assembly of the Missionary Sisters. We indicated that one session of the Assembly focused on the way in which Cabrinian ministries are addressing the pressing issues of immigration, migration, refugees, asylum seekers and human trafficking.

This week we will begin a series of in-depth looks at individual Cabrinian ministries and explore how they are responding to the needs of those who are experiencing upheaval in their lives due to war, poverty, violence or captivity.

Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC

We begin our series with Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC. The mission of CIS-NYC is to empower immigrants, their families and their communities through education, access to essential services, civic participation and community building. They strive to work together with the immigrant community to create a more inclusive society by fostering justice, dignity and respect.

The multi-cultural and multi-lingual CIS-NYC staff members and volunteers provide a wide range of essential services, which include the following:

General Immigration, Legal and Social Services

CIS provides a broad range of culturally and linguistically appropriate services to immigrant, refugees, asylees, and their families through both supportive services and concrete assistance. Family-based immigration services include on-on-one legal consultation (free) and application assistance on issues such as family based petitions, adjustment of status, citizenship and naturalization.

The Food Pantry

The food pantry, which is open every Tuesday, has a client list of approximately 700 families, who are culturally and socio-economically diverse, are low income, and many of whom are immigrants. Some clients are disabled, some are veterans and some are homeless.

English, Citizenship, Literacy and Computer Classes

ESOL classes are taught by volunteers who are recruited through a number of volunteer programs and ESL certification courses throughout New York City. The classes are designed to meet the needs of learners at specific levels. CIS-NYC also offers individual



tutoring to prepare for the citizenship test, as well as computer and literacy classes. Courses are offered in both English and Spanish and are offered free of charge (donations accepted).

The College Readiness and Angel Fund

This entity works with immigrant clients who express a desire to attend college but encounter issues such as lack of documentation, lack of funds, or a simple lack of knowledge about the college application process. **The Angel Fund** is a scholarship program offered by CIS-NYC to assist a small group of undocumented students with school-related costs including tuition, books, etc.

Justice for Immigrants – (JFI)

JFI is a community-led popular education and civic engagement initiative at CIS-NYC that exists to empower, educate and involve immigrant families as active agents of change regardless of their immigration status.

A Place to Learn

CIS-NYC relies heavily on the work of many quality volunteers, interns and missioners. As a ministry of the Missionary Sisters, CIS-NYC partners with the MSCs' lay missioner program, Cabrini Mission Corps, as well as various MSW programs in the city providing a place for hands-on learning for aspiring social workers and community organizers.

~ with thanks to Javier Ramirez-Baron, CIS-NYC Director

Did you know that ...?

Last year, CIS-NYC...

- Distributed 5,387 healthy, balanced, and culturally appropriate food packages to feed 13,400 individuals.
- Served 130 adult students through their free English, literacy, computer and citizenship classes
- Offered immigration legal services to 503 clients on a wide range of issues, and closed 303 cases, helped 12 clients become American citizens and completed 114 applications for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals so that young immigrant students can obtain employment authorization and live without fear of deportation.
- Distributed 480 winter coats and more than 700 Christmas gifts
- Hosted "Know Your Rights" information workshops through the Justice for Immigrants Campaign - 150 people attended.
- Aided 30 immigrant students through the College readiness program in pursuing higher education and awarded 8 students scholarships totalling more than \$8,000.

National Shrine of St. Frances X. Cabrini, Chicago, IL Open House, Chicago

On Saturday, October 17 & Sunday, October 18, the Shrine, once again, participated in Open House Chicago, a free annual event sponsored by the Chicago Architectural Foundation that invites visitors to experience the architecture of Chicago by participating in self-guided tours in over 150 buildings across Chicago. Over the course of the weekend, over 1200 guests were captivated by the Chapel's colorful frescoes, Carrera marble, Florentine stained glass, gold mosaics and Romanesque splendor.

The Shrine was delighted to hear that the Chicago Architectural Foundation has chosen them to participate in a Chicago Church Tour featuring 5 north side churches in September of 2016. The tour will be available to the first 200 guests that sign up. ~ submitted by Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC



Chicago tour goers marvel at the architectural splendors of the National Shrine of St. Frances X. Cabrini.

Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY Happy Halloween!



Amid the darkness of the night and the torrential rains, Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, hosted a Halloween Party for its adult tutors. Behind the door to the office, various eerie Halloween sounds were heard (from a CD player!) to create a scary setting. Donning costumes, we enjoyed a night of fun. Everyone came with either a Trick or a Treat.

A 'magician' kept us entertained with

some very clever tricks. We enjoyed homemade quesadillas, chocolate brownies and cupcakes. Prizes were given for the best costume, the best treat and the best trick. Sr. Damien Ciminera, MSC won for her Kermit the Frog costume. Everyone left with a bag filled with goodies.



Getting into the Halloween spirit are CIS staffers from left: Lorraine Campanelli, a/k/a the giraffe; Sr. Damien Ciminera, MSC, a/k/a Kermit the Frog and Marianne McGowan a/k/a a bookcase. Fun for all.

We all enjoyed being together and having some relaxing time to laugh, talk and reminisce about Halloweens past. We talked about all the fun we had when we were growing up and the different costumes that were popular at the time.

The celebration continued on Halloween. The Village of

Dobbs Ferry sponsored an event for children and 1500!! youngsters stopped by CIS-Dobbs and at each office and store along Main Street to receive a Halloween treat. CIS staffers were there giving out some special treats to the children.

~ submitted by: Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS, Dobbs Ferry, NY



Mother Cabrini Shrine, Golden, CO A National Catholic Register reporter visits the Shrine By Nick Manetto, Register Correspondent



This past summer, a family wedding in Denver brought about an opportunity for me to take our two oldest children out West. In planning a couple of post-wedding days of fun, I discovered the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO.

I was intrigued to learn more about the life of this 20th century saint and how a shrine in her honor came about in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.

On a visit to the region in 1902, Mother Cabrini ventured westward to minister to Italian migrants working in the area's mining operations. While on her excursion, she came upon the site on Lookout Mountain that is now the home of the Shrine – land she would purchase seven years later, in 1909, for use as a summer camp for the residents of the Mary, Queen of Heaven Orphanage that she had established in Denver.

The visual centerpiece of the Shrine is the 22 - foot - tall statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus perched on an 11- foot pedestal. Directly underneath the statue and encased in glass is a heart fashioned in stones that was arranged by Mother Cabrini during her last visit in 1912.

[Another highlight of the Shrine] is the small museum located in one of the original stone buildings. While small in size, it contains a number of the saint's personal effects, making it worth a visit.

I highly recommend the Shrine for any of the faithful traveling to the Denver area. For my sons and me, it was a great way to learn more about an American saint.

~ Nick Manetto writes from Herndon, VA ~ with thanks to JoAnn Seaman for sending us this piece To read the National Catholic Register article in its entirety: <u>http://www.ncregister.com/site/article/finding-st.-frances-cabrini-amid-the-</u> rocky-mountains

Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC Gearing up for the holidays – how you can help.



As the end of the year approaches, we at Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC (CIS-NYC) are gearing up for the holiday season, and for families who are already struggling to put food on the table, participating in the Thanksgiving holiday may seem out of their reach. Through our programs in the coming months, we'll work to give our families a memorable Thanksgiving and a joyous Christmas. And we need your help.

For just \$25 a family, you can help our clients celebrate this essential American tradition. We have 750 families who utilize our

food pantry, so we need as much support as we can get.

When Christmas comes, we want to make sure that the children of our clients can celebrate and have an exciting holiday. Every year we host a large celebration for our families, complete with treats, a visit from Santa Claus, and gifts. 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

If you are able, please go online or stop by the office to make a tax-deductible donation to our programs or send us a check or money order payable to "Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC" at 139 Henry Street, New York, NY 10002. Please, don't forget to give us your name, address, email, and phone number!

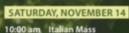
Please give generously today: http://cis-nyc.org/donate/



Feast Day Observances



You are invited to attend the Feast Day Celebration for St. Frances Xavier Cabrini



11:30 am French/Haitian Mass 2:00 pm Spanish Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 11:00 am English Mass 2:00 pm Filipino Mass

> St. Frances Cabrini Shrine 01 Fort Washington Avenue • New York, NY 10040 • (212) 923-3536 CabriniShrineNYC.org



SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, November 13, 2015 4 PM - Festive Mass Celebrant Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago Most Reverend Francis J. Kane

Light refreshments to follow

The National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini 2520 North Lakeview Avenue Chicago, IL 60614 Visit our website www.cabrinishrinechicago.com for driving and free parking information

The Feast Day of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini is Friday, November 13th.

The Missionary Sisters invite you to join them in praying the Mother Cabrini novena. Click here to access the novena on our website: http://www.mothercabrini.org/spirituality/cabrini-novena



Feast Day Observances



Mother Cabrini Shrine, Golden, CO

Feast Day Anticipatory Celebration Sunday, November 8th 8:00 am – Mass and Veneration of the Relic 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Bake Sale and Craft Fair 11:00 am Mass and Veneration of the Relic 2:00 pm Novena in the Chapel Feast Day – November 13th 7:30 am Mass and Veneration of the Relic



Please Save the Date!

Cabrini Immigrant Services Annual Liberty & Justice Awards Reception

Benefitting Cabrini Kids November 19, 2015

Estherwood Mansion Dobbs Ferry, NY

Honoring:

Andrea Stewart-Cousins New York State Senator, 35th District Senate Democratic Leader

Barbara Keckler, Ph.D. Associate Professor The School of Education of Mercy College

Judith Sanseverino Teacher/English Language Learning Specialist Springhurst Elementary School

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 <u>sherceg@cabrini-eldercare.org</u>



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CABRINI MISSION CORPS

This week, CMC missioners Ashley Block (I.) and Rachel Recolcolin (r.) were representing CMC at volunteer fairs at Georgetown and Catholic Universities, and at the University of Maryland.

Whom should they encounter for the first time, at the University of Maryland, but CMC missioner alumna Kimberly Uy (c.) now, Sr. Nativity, who is a novice with the religious congregation of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgins of Matara'. Sr. Nativity was thrilled to meet Ashley and Rachel, fellow CMCers!

Cabrini bonds are timeless!



Cabrini College, Radnor, PA Executive in Residence

Once a semester, Cabrini College hosts an Executive-in-Residence through the Nerney Leadership Institute, located on campus. This semester, our campus had the honor of welcoming Judge Renée Cardwell Hughes. Throughout the day, Judge Hughes held three separate forums, including a presentation about service and the moral imperative that the student population must be aware of in today's society.



Hughes. ~photo credit Cabrini student Emily Rowan

Judge Hughes spoke about her life's work, how her team at the Red Cross helps people everyday and reminded us that making a difference in the world is not an option, it's a must.

Judge Hughes spent several years serving on the bench before she became the CEO of The American Red Cross, Eastern Pennsylvania region.

Her speech was inspiring, especially to the Cabrinian educational community that instills in

its students the awareness that justice should be realized through service, through the Justice Matters curriculum, through student-run events that help to support and raise awareness of worthwhile causes that benefit others.

Judge Hughes' presence on campus was truly appreciated by all who were energized by her kind words and zeal. ~ *submitted by Cabrini College intern Christle Gebman*

One Minute Meditation

November: Thanksgiving day, harvest times, awareness of blessings, gratitude for gifts. It is significant and necessary for us to ponder deeply all that we have been given. If we reflect quietly and honestly, we can almost be overwhelmed by all that is ours. God has been very generous. None of the gifts have been earned. God gives all gifts freely. God is lavish in love, generous in the outpouring of goodness. This great generosity can draw us to look at our own generosity: How generous have we been with others in our own lives? Are we people who give freely of our treasures? Do we yearn to have the heart of our God, the one who lavishes love upon us freely? Do we cherish deeply all that we are and all that we have been given? Do we hold that love with open hands, allowing it to be readily available to others or do we clutch it to ourselves in fear that we might lose it. Think about that this month. ~Joyce Rupp

Prayer Requests

Camila Taveras

Your prayers are asked for Camila Taveras, the granddaughter of Angela Nunez, an aide at Sacred Heart Convent in NYC. Camila was born prematurely on October 16th and is still in the hospital.

With Grateful Hearts *Celebrating our Jubilarians!*

Prayerful good wishes to our Missionary Sisters who have given a lifetime of

loving service to the Church and God's people:

Sr. Xavier Hayden, MSC – 70 years

Sr. Regina Casey, MSC - 65 years

Sr. Melba Russo, MSC – 65 years

Sr. Mary Louise Sullivan, MSC - 60 years



And, we announce with joy the Perpetual Profession of our first Ethiopian Sisters on November 14:

Sr. Addise Agago, MSC

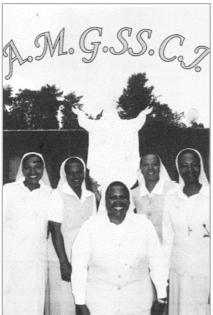
Sr. Alemenesh Otoro, MSC

Sr. Amarech Herego, MSC

Sr. Genet Henok, MSC

Sr. Hanna Dimma, MSC

God bless you, Sisters!



In Loving Memory

Anne (nee' Church) Griffin

Cabrini Companion Lisa Sarafian asks prayers for her husband's aunt, Anne Griffin, who passed away yesterday, November 4th. Anne Church Griffin was a 1952 graduate of Mother Cabrini High School. Her younger sister, Lynn (Church) Sarafian, is a graduate of Mother Cabrini High School, as well. Anne is also the grandmother of Kate Pearson, the women's basketball coach at Cabrini College. Our heartfelt condolences go to the family at this time.

A Further Prayer Request

Don Shipley

Your prayers are asked for Don Shipley, the father of Sharon Zubricky Shipley, Cabrini College Class of 1976. Mr. Shipley recently suffered a stroke. Please pray for his comfort and recovery.

