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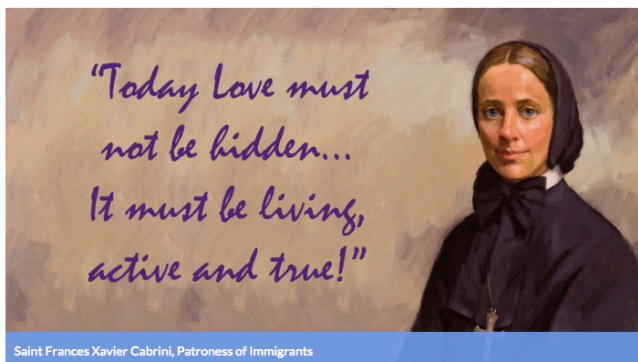


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Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Patroness of Immigrants

Welcome from the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
of the Stella Maris Province: Bearers of Christ's love in the World

Lenten thought: It is only
through the poor that we can
offer anything to God, who also
has need of the poor in order to
ask anything of us.

~ St. Francis of Assisi

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Dear Update readers,

It is with great excitement that the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus announce
the launch of our new website - **www.mothercabrini.org**.

*"The principal mission of the Church is evangelization,
bringing the Good News to everyone."*

~ Pope Francis

For the Missionary Sisters, the website is a means of evangelization. Through it, we share
the Good News of our Charism: *"To be bearers of the Love of Christ in the World"*. We
express this through the stories of our missionary efforts, our corporate stances, the sharing
of our vocational call, and the witness of the many people who labor with us to express
God's love.

We wish to express our gratitude to the team of people who worked tirelessly for over a year to create this new edition of the website. In particular, we want to thank Nancy Costello, Gina Scarpello, and Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC. Of course, they were helped by many others but without their time, dedication and expertise we would not have the website we have today.

We encourage you to take the time to explore the site. We also ask for your feedback and suggestions. Finally, we ask that you send ideas for content and stories to Nancy Costello at cabrini-news@mothercabrini.org. With this new site and the flexibility it offers we can now post stories in a more timely manner. We want this site to be vibrant and alive and we need your help in doing this.

Let us be Good News in the world today!

Sincerely,

The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - Stella Maris Province



Editor's note:

As the Provincial Council stated in their message, the total redesign of a website takes many hearts, hands and minds.

So many individuals offered their guidance, their design expertise, their feedback and encouragement throughout this process.

Gina Scarpello, Sr. Arlene Van Dusen and Nancy Costello wish to thank our valued colleague Karol Brewer; Sr. Grace Waters, MSC who accompanied us with prayer; Matt Holmes, the webmaster of Cabrini College, who guided us through the process of selecting a design firm; Jennarose DiGiacomo, Cabrini College communications intern, who spent many hours uploading text and images; the strategy and design team at ePageCity in Chicago: Cory Davis, Erin Horan, Mari Osten and Jessica Gorst for taking the time to really learn who we are as a Province of Missionary Sisters and laity and help us to capture that essence on our website. We are deeply grateful for their willingness to listen, their creativity, responsiveness, flexibility and on-going support.

We also wish to extend our gratitude to the Stella Maris Provincial Council for encouraging us to embark upon this total redesign. Thanks, particularly, to Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, who spent many hours conferring with us on the desired new "look and feel" for the website. There are myriad decisions that need to be made in creating a new website and Sr. Diane was there with us every step of the way! We are so grateful.

To our valued Update readers: Enjoy perusing the site. Visit often. Submit news stories. Please give us your feedback. We look forward to hearing from you! cabrinineews@mothercabrini.org

A Post Script:

In the near future, we will be redesigning the Update to complement the new website. We will also be delivering the Update to you in a new, more efficient manner. More on this next week!

St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine, New York, NY

Patroness of Immigrants featured on Telemundo!



This week, the American Spanish language channel Telemundo aired a feature on St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the Patroness of Immigrants. The segment was filmed at the St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine in New York City and highlighted the recent restoration of the mural which depicts the life story of Mother Cabrini. The program aired on Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the New York metropolitan area. Thanks to Kris Reed, Director of the Shrine for working with the Telemundo crew to bring this story to life.

The program – which is in Spanish – can be accessed on our website:

<http://www.mothercabrini.org/what-we-do/spiritual-ministries/st-frances-xavier-cabrini-shrine-new-york-ny>

Seeking help for the Duomo di Milano

Sr. Mary Ann Hawes lends a hand...

Many Update readers and those who have a devotion to Mother Cabrini are aware that as a way of funding ministries for those on the margins of society, Mother Cabrini would ask her Missionary Sisters to beg for financial support from the wider community. Many MSCs can remember going from house to house seeking funds for their worthy projects.

Through her friendship with Michael Luongo, the NY Times columnist who wrote the column on St. Cabrini as the Patron Saint of the Green Card and most recently wrote about the restoration of the mural at the St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine in New York City, Sr. Mary Ann Hawes, MSC was invited to a fundraiser for the restoration of the spire dedicated to St. Cabrini at the Duomo di Milano. The overall restoration in Milan has been going on for years.



Sr. Mary Ann Hawes records a fundraising video to help restore the St. Cabrini spire at the Duomo in Milan. NY Times columnist Michael Luongo is at the far right.

While attending the fundraiser, Sr. Mary Ann videotaped a fundraising pitch for this worthy cause. She also made the acquaintance of Ms. Natalia Quintavalle, the Italian Consul General in New York. Being the instinctive networker that she is, Sr. Mary Ann took the opportunity to invite Ms. Quintavalle to visit the Shrine to view the mural, our very own restored art treasure. No doubt when the Consul General comes to visit, Sr. Mary Ann will be her enthusiastic guide!

~thanks to Sr. Mary Ann Hawes, MSC



Lenten cross in the sanctuary at the National Shrine of St. Cabrini.

The National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Chicago, IL

Getting Lent Off to a Meaningful Start

As we begin our Lenten journey this year, we are inspired by the gospel of Saint Mark. In that gospel, the key question from Jesus to His apostles, and therefore also to us is "Who do you say I am?" Jesus is the Son whom God has sent to rescue humanity by serving and by sacrificing His life.

Mark's gospel is the shortest of all New Testament gospels and likely the first to have been written, yet, it often tells of Jesus' ministry in more detail than either Matthew or Luke.

What Is The Meaning Of Lent?

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And, He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards He was hungry." (Mt. 4:12) This is the biblical basis of the period called Lent, given to us to prepare for the Feast of Feasts, the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Just as we need time to prepare for any great event in life, we need to

make ourselves ready to participate in the blessed and wondrous event commemorated by Easter.

LENT gives us the opportunity to:

- o Renew our commitment to God
- o Reflect on our lives and let them be directed to God
- o Respond to Jesus' call for love and mercy toward all of God's children

There were 60 participants for this retreat. Rev. Theodore Ploplis introduced Sr. Wendy who gave a very informative account of The Cleansing of the Leper (Mk.1:40-45), The Syrophenician Woman's Faith (Mk. 7:24-30.), and The Blind Man of Bethsaida (Mk. 8:22-25.).

Small group discussions were followed by a question and answer period with Sr. Wendy. The group had time to reflect on the presentations, walk through the exhibits [on St. Cabrini], enjoy refreshments in the narthex, or go to confession. Mass was celebrated at 4:00 P.M. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon in this holy and sacred place. ~ submitted by Srs. Joan Marie Sariti and Bridget Zanin

Visit the National Shrine website:

<http://cabrinishrinechicago.com>




From left: Fr. Ted Ploplis, Rector of the National Shrine of St. Cabrini; Sr. Wendy Cotter, CSH, Ph.D. and Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC, the Shrine Director.

Sr. Wendy Cotter CSJ, Ph.D. is a Sister of St. Joseph of London, Ontario, Canada, and a Professor of New Testament in the Theology Department of Loyola University in Chicago. She has an interest in the pre-Gospel collection, in particular, the miracle stories not found in the Gospels. While she has published articles on the parables, her two books focus on the interpretation of the miracle stories: The Miracle In Greco-Roman Antiquity and The Christ Of The Miracle Stories Portrait Through Encounter.

Please join the Missionary Sisters in welcoming Mike LeFante...

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart
Welcome Michael Le Fante, CPA



The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart welcome our newest employee, Mike Le Fante, who will be working in the Province Office Finance Department along with Kevin Dolan and Dee Campos.

Although Mike is new to the New York Office, he has been working for the Missionary Sisters these past few years, first as a consultant in West Park, then at Cabrini Immigrant Services in NYC, and most recently at Cabrini Mission Foundation.

Mike comes to this position with extensive experience in insurance, real estate management, professional services and not-for-profit organizations. With the sudden death of Gary Gagliano, Mike has taken on a new position as full-time Controller in the Province Office.

**We welcome Mike to our Team
at 222 East 19th Street**



Cabrini Mission Corps

Posted by Cabrini Mission Corps [?] · February 20 at 10:58am ·

Now is the favorable time! Join us in prayer... Love, Sr. Grace



11 at 11 Friday Lenten Prayer with Sr. Grace, MSC

Join Sr. Grace, Missionary Sister of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for 11 minutes of prayer at 11AM on Fridays during Lent!

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A TIME FOR PRAYER

Announcing a new Lenten opportunity – 11 at 11 Friday Lenten Prayer

No matter where you may be, you can take 11 minutes to join

Sr. Grace Waters, MSC in a Lenten meditation via your smartphone, tablet or desktop.

To access last week's meditation:

<http://www.mothercabrini.org/spirituality/prayers-petitions/a-lenten-prayer/lenten-reflections-with-sr-grace-waters-msc>



This Lenten season, as in past years, the Missionary Sisters will be offering reflections on the gospels of the Sundays of Lent. This week, the reflection is written by Sr. Patricia Spillane, MSC.

**REFLECTION for the
2ND WEEK OF LENT
March 1, 2015**

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10 (26) Pss II

The Season of Lent is a sacred opportunity to deepen our spirituality, to grow in our love and service of the Lord and to ask Him to reveal to each of us what particular “conversion” He wants from each of us in this sacred time. Our readings of this second Sunday of Lent can tell us much about what the Lord is asking of us now in 2015.

The first reading from Genesis tells us the startling story of God putting Abraham to the test—asking him if he was willing to go up the mountain and surrender to the Lord his precious only son, Isaac. Horrific as it sounds, Abraham apparently was willing to make this ultimate sacrifice, but when the Lord saw his willingness to do even this, He stopped him “*I know now how devoted you are to Me, since you did not withhold anything—not even your own beloved son.*”

In the gospel of Mark, we are again going up a mountain—the mountain of the Transfiguration—with Jesus, Peter, James and John. Jesus was transfigured before them—and they were so astonished that they thought they would stay there forever with Him. But instead God the Father spoke to them: “This is My beloved Son—listen to Him.” Jesus told them to keep what had happened a secret—until He had risen from the dead—even though they had no idea of what it meant “to rise from the dead.”

Today, each of us are called to the same thing: to develop a personal relationship with the Lord, to listen to what He asks of us individually, to ask what conversion He wants of each of us this Lenten season and to have the love and the courage to make the changes in our lives that He wants so much of us. ~ *Sr. Patricia Spillane, MSC*



Prayer Requests

Peter Elmer

Please pray for Peter, the father of Christine Elmer, the Director of Marketing and Public Relations at Cabrini Health, Australia. Peter has survived a major stroke. He asks for prayers for the strength and the perseverance he needs to do the hard work of rehabilitation.

Peter Karpinski

Your prayers are asked for Cabrini Companion Peter Karpinski who is experiencing health problems. Please pray for his wife who is also ill. Peter is her care provider. Pray that God will give him strength and comfort.

Jayne Pickett

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in White Plains, NY is closing in June. Former Cabrini Mission Corps missionary and long time friend of the Missionary Sisters Jayne Pickett (along with many of the other staff at the high school) are actively seeking employment. Please pray for Jayne that her efforts to find suitable employment will be blessed.

Mary Ostoich

Mary, a former employee at St. Cabrini Home in Philadelphia, is asking our prayers. The nursing home where she currently is working experienced a flood and closed. They will reopen in five weeks. In the meantime, all employees have been laid off and will have to reapply for their positions. Mary asks that we pray that she will be rehired.

In Loving Memory

Fernando Dell'Arceprelete

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fernando, the husband of Caroline Dell'Arceprelete, who for many years was a staff member at the St. Cabrini Home in Philadelphia. His funeral Mass will be tomorrow morning at St. Donato Church.

Frank Norcini

The Missionary Sisters learned of the passing of a longtime friend and former Cabrini College staff member, Frank Norcini. Frank was called home to God on Wednesday, February 18th. Frank was a groundskeeper at the College for many years and years prior, Frank's father was a groundskeeper for the Dorrance Family on the Woodcrest Estate, the property that the MSCs purchased to establish Cabrini College. As Cabrini College Professor Emerita Candi Sicoli expressed, "We will all miss him and his dedication to his family, friends, animals and to Cabrini." A memorial service will be held in the future. Mass will be offered in Frank's memory at the request of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at 12:30 p.m. in the Bruckmann Memorial Chapel of St. Joseph. As a fitting tribute to Frank's life's work as groundkeeper and a lover of nature, a tree will be planted on the Cabrini College campus in his memory on Arbor Day, April 24th.

Sophia Truffat

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sophia Truffat who was called home to God on February 19th. Sophia was a long time resident at Cabrini Senior Housing in Seattle. May she rest in God's eternal light.

