



May 14, 2015

A Duomo Restored...

A Saint Revered and Readorned



NY Times columnist Michael Luongo has written an article which will appear in this Sunday's Times. It tells the story of why Mother Cabrini -- her statue atop one of dozens of saint spires on the Duomo -- was picked for special restoration efforts this year.

For Milan's Duomo, beauty has its price. The city's massive Gothic cathedral on

which construction began in 1386, is undergoing a restoration, and the marble that provides its celebrated luster is a particular challenge.

Monsignor Gianantonio Borgonovo, president of the Veneranda Fabbrica del Duomo di Milano, the organization that has been responsible for the cathedral's construction and maintenance since 1387, said: "Restoration is the main work for the Fabbrica, because this marble from Candoglia is not hard. In 50 years, in maximum one century, you have to change all the stones."



Sr. Mary Ann Hawes, MSC and
NY Times columnist Michael
Luongo.

The marble, which is quarried in Candoglia, near Lake Maggiore, about 65 miles northwest of Milan, "is not so strong as Carrara marble," which is more commonly used in Italy, he said.

Milan's Duomo is among the world's largest churches and took nearly five centuries to complete. It will receive renewed attention throughout Milano Expo which began last week and will run through October 31.

A statue of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, which adorns one of the cathedral's 135 spires, is also about to undergo

restoration. Mother Cabrini was born in Lombardy, the province of which Milan is the capital. She lived and worked in New York beginning in 1889, Pope Leo XIII to help the Italian immigrants. She died in 1917 in Chicago, and in 1946 became the first American citizen to be canonized.

The restoration of Mother Cabrini's statue is the centerpiece of a crowdfunding campaign by the International Patrons of Duomo di Milano, a United States charity created in 2014 that works with the Fabbrica to raise funds for maintenance of the cathedral. Called "Save the Saint", the campaign was launched in conjunction with ForItaly.org, which works to preserve Italian cultural heritage. The group met its \$150,000 target for the Cabrini spire and has a fund-raising goal of \$1 million.

Alessandra Pellegrini, chief development officer for the Patrons, said 23 percent of Duomo visitors are from the United States, which is why the Italian-born American saint was chosen for the campaign. She added that by visiting the cathedral, "Americans can understand how deep and rich is the culture and history around Milano."

To raise awareness of the restoration, the statue of St. Lucia and gargoyles from one of the Duomo's spires are displayed in the Eataly food complex in New York City. Dino Borri, an Eataly partner, said the company donated \$100,000 to the Patrons for the Duomo project.



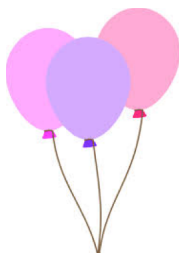
Sr. Mary Ann earlier this year at the Eataly food complex in New York asking for funds to restore the St. Cabrini statue at the Duomo in Milan.

Some of our Update readers may recall the appearance of Sr. MaryAnn Hawes, MSC as our spokesperson at their US kickoff and fundraiser earlier this year.

~ submitted by Kris Reed

To read Michael Luongo's article in its entirety:

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/08/travel/anticipating-a-crowd-milans-cathedral-undergoes-a-restoration.html?_r=0



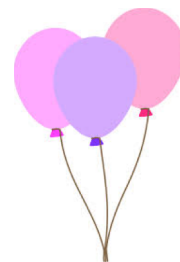
Please Save the Date!

Saturday, July 11, 2015

**Celebration of
Mother Cabrini's 165th Birthday**

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

More details to follow...



Cabrini High School, New Orleans, LA

Honoring the Class of 2015.

At the end of each school year, Cabrini President Ardley Hanemann Jr., hosts a lunch for all graduating seniors. Attended by the seniors, administration, and staff, the luncheon is an informal gathering as the girls prepare for graduation. During the luncheon, each student's achievements and contributions to the school and the class are celebrated and remembered during a slideshow and presentation preceding the meal. Held annually, the luncheon has become a cherished event for the seniors as they share five very significant years of growth and change in one last informal and intimate encounter.

~ submitted by Nall Gearheard



During a special luncheon, Cabrini High School seniors enjoy the commemorative slideshow from their years at CHS.

Congratulations, Graduates!



Celebrating All Kinds of Moms!

From their window in the Gatehouse at Cabrini College, day after day, Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC and Sr. Grace Waters, MSC observed Mr. and Mrs. Goose from their window - Mrs. Goose sitting patiently on her nest, Mr. Goose standing guard. And then, this past Saturday, the eggs began to crack and the peeps started to sound and four little goslings emerged just in time for Mother's Day.

Right away the proud parents took their brand new offspring for a dip in the Cabrini College pond. One, two, three, four fuzzy little birds paddling across the water with Mom in the lead and Dad vigilantly following up in the rear. The Sisters were enthralled.

The wonder and miracle of birth truly transcends all species! ~ with thanks to Srs Christine Marie and Sr. Grace



The newly expanded Goose Family glides across the pond at the entrance to Cabrini College.

~ photo credit: Sr. Grace Waters, MSC

Cabrini High School, New Orleans, LA

Erika Juncker Wins Jose Luis Banos Award



The Sociedad Espanola awarded Cabrini High School junior Erika Juncker the Jose Luis Banos Award for Excellence in Spanish.

Vivian Deschapelles Coutin, Cabrini Assistant Principal, AP Spanish Instructor, and President of the Sociedad Espanola, received the award on Juncker's behalf, who was unable to attend the ceremony. Mr. Christian Vaicius, Chairperson of the Awards Committee and grandson-in-law to Jose Luis Banos, founder of the award, presided over the reception. The guest speaker was Tulane University Professor and well-known author, Christina Vella, who spoke to the students about "Cervantes and his times." ~ *submitted by Nall Gearheard*

CHS junior Erika Juncker (l.) is joined by Vivian Deschapelles Coutin following the awards ceremony.

Today is Ascension Thursday

The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, also known as Ascension Thursday, commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven.

The New Testament records eleven appearances of the resurrected Christ:

- 1) to Mary Magdalene at the tomb.
- 2) To Salome, Joanna and others as they returned from the tomb.
- 3) To Simon Peter on the day of the resurrection.
- 4) To the two disciples on the way to Emmaus on the day of the resurrection.
- 5) To the 10 disciples – Thomas was absent – and others “with them” at Jerusalem on the evening of the resurrection.
- 6) To the 11 disciples – Thomas was present – at Jerusalem.
- 7) To the seven disciples fishing at the Sea of Galilee.
- 8) To the 11 disciples on a mountain in Galilee.
- 9) To more than 500 at an undisclosed place in Galilee.
- 10) To James.
- 11) To the apostles before the Ascension.





Cabrini *Action and Advocacy* Coalition

Cabrini Closet NYC Blessing and Ribbon Cutting

**All members of the Cabrini
Community are invited to
attend a blessing and ribbon
cutting of our newest
ministry in NYC!**

Refreshments will be served!

Wednesday May 20, 2015
7pm
220 E 19th St
New York, NY 10003
Lower Level

For more info: CabriniAandA@aol.com

Give God the chance to speak to your heart...

Do you wonder what it might
be like to be a religious sister,
brother or priest?

Are you hoping to invite God
into choices for your future?

Join with other young women
and men, ages 18-40, who are
exploring these questions.

❖ Come and “Sea” Weekend

May 29th – 31, 2015

7:00PM arrival on Friday until after lunch on Sunday

Saint Mary by-the-Sea Retreat House,
Cape May Point, NJ

Sponsored by the NRVC Region 3 Vocation Directors

Offering for the weekend: \$60.00

Deposit of \$30.00 (Spaces are limited).

Register by May 15. Contact religiouslifenrvc@gmail.com

Questions about the Come and “Sea”? Want more details?

Kindly contact Nancy Costello – mscvocations@mothercabrini.org or 610-902-1039

Deadline for Registration is tomorrow!

Prayer Requests

Amtrak Train Accident

Continuing prayers are asked for those who perished, were injured and for those who responded to the devastating Amtrak train accident in Philadelphia on Tuesday. We pray for the repose of the souls of those who died and offer our prayers for the recovery of those who were injured. God bless all the first responders who came to the aid of so many. Pray for all those impacted by this tragic accident.

Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC requests...

prayers for her brother-in-law Wayne, who is beginning treatment for prostate cancer, and for two friends, Michael and Sal, who have the same need for prayers.

Matt McNamee

Our prayers are requested for Matt McNamee who is in critical condition following an accident last week. Matt is the son of a friend of Gina Scarpello, CMC Director.



Marc Valentini

Marc Valentini, the nephew of Sr. Lisa Valentini, MSC, was in a serious car accident earlier this week and sustained extensive injuries. Please keep him in your prayers.

In Loving Memory

Anna D'Orazio

The Cabrinian Community joins the Cabrini College Community in extending sympathy to Camille Tinney, on the loss of her mother, Anna D'Orazio, who passed away on Friday, May 8th, 2015. Mass will be offered in Anna's memory on Wednesday, July 22nd 2015 at 12:30 p.m. in the Bruckmann Memorial Chapel of St. Joseph. Please continue to keep Camille and her family in your prayers.

Joseph Scutti

The Cabrinian Community joins the Cabrini College Community in extending sympathy to Diane Scutti, Business Office Controller, on the loss of her father, Joseph Scutti, who passed away on Friday, May 8th 2015. Please keep Diane and her family in your prayers.

