



June 15, 2017

Cabrinian Lay Leaders Join MSCs As Together We “Widen the Space of (Y)our Tent”

Traveling from points near and far, lay leaders in the Stella Maris Province gathered June 4-6 in North Jersey to meet and confer with the Missionary Sisters regarding the formation of the new canonical entity with the region of Central America and Mexico (CAMEX) which will become official in December 2017. Missionary Sisters, representative of both the Stella Maris Province and CAMEX, were present for the MSC Leadership Conference.



Facilitated by Arturo Chavez, PhD, the President and CEO of MACC, the Mexican American Catholic College in San Antonio, TX, the goal of the leadership conference was to focus on, discuss and distil the cultural heritages and influences that will be so much a part of this new entity. Dr. Chavez emphasized that we must come to recognize what is conscious and what is un-conscious in our minds and hearts and to be aware that there is the potential for cultural clashes as this new entity comes into being.

How can we create a new space? Using the image of the tent, a space in the desert, those assembled were reminded that there will be real challenges in this process, yet, there will be in this coming together, spaces of true grace.

The conversation about these realities began with a panel discussion headed by Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, Provincial, Stella Maris Province; Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC; and Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC. To provide a context for discussing the new entity, Sr. Pietrina related that currently there are 67 MSCs and 9 Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs) in the Stella Maris Province. In CAMEX, there are 13 MSCs and 2 CLMs. Therefore, the new entity will have 80 MSCs, 11 CLMs and approximately up to 6,000 plus, lay collaborators – employees, boards of trustees and volunteers - in our institutional ministries.

The governance structure will consist of one provincial and three councillors. This proposed structure is now being finalized and will be sent to the General Council for their approval. Additionally, a name for the new entity will be decided upon.



Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, Provincial, and Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC offered their insights on the new entity.

Sr. Diane related that as the new entity is formed, there will be a sharing of resources: people, expertise, property and finances. Already, there have been exchanges of information and communication among the MSCs and laity. This will lead to a growth in solidarity.

Sr. Catherine said that there will be no major changes in institutional structures. She added, that there are three different countries that comprise CAMEX: Nicaragua, Guatemala and Mexico. The MSCs interface with a different governmental structure in each of these countries.

Sr. Pietrina assured all that, “the Spirit has been working.

All of our lives will be transformed by this new entity.”

Following the panelists’ remarks, those assembled were invited to ask questions of the Sisters.

Cabrini Health Trustee Sylvia Falzone inquired, ‘by coming together, what can we do more of?’ The Sisters responded that we look toward a deeper understanding of theology, social justice, and solidarity. Sr. Pietrina commented, “the CAMEX MSCs have moved my soul. They work among the poorest of the poor.”

Affirming Sr. Pietrina’s statement, Sr. Antonina Avitabile, MSC said that in attending recent meetings in Central America that her “horizons have been broadened.”

Sr. Maria Elena Plata, MSC, from Guatemala, noted, “we are about creating new life. We are all part of a larger project, dreams and hopes. Our lived experiences will add more richness.” We will see “more of an internal transformation.”



Sr. Maria Concepcion Vallecillo, MSC offered a theological reflection on the image of the tent and the desert.

Sr. Maria Concepcion Vallecillo, MSC, from Nicaragua, commented, “Integration is not easy. We could each stay in our own place, but we need to improve. This is not about numbers. This is about quality and resolving problems.” Sr. Concepcion went on to say this is also an intergenerational experience of Cabrini, that communion will make us stronger. She offered a theological reflection on the image of the tent and the desert, stating that each institution should expand its own tent. We need to find and trace new roads and invent new ways of being with one another. We need to generate new leadership. We need to share our strengths. We should say “no” to fear and “yes” to the Providence of God and “yes” to hope. Let us walk together.

To broaden horizons and deepen the level of understanding about the various cultural realities that will become one, presentations were given on the historical and geo-political dimensions of Mexico and Central America given by Sr. Concepcion; of Australia given by

Mary Anne Gallagher, Cabrini Health, Executive Director on People and Culture; Cath Garner, Cabrini Health, Executive Director of Mission and Strategy; and Dr. Michael Walsh,

Chief Executive of Cabrini Health; and on the United States, presented by Dr. Jeff Gingerich, Provost and Academic Vice-President, Cabrini University. Each presentation served to “widen the space of our tents” in order to think and act in greater solidarity.

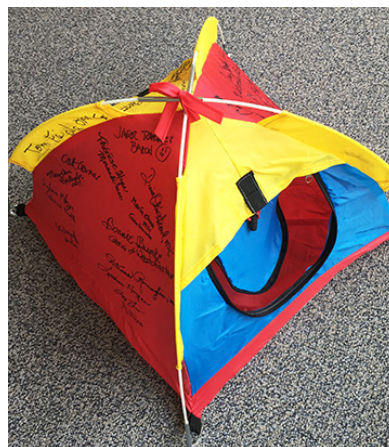
Throughout the conference, Dr. Chavez reminded the Sisters and laity to personally consider, ‘how wide is my tent? Where do we find ourselves with these changes?’ The lay leaders have been entrusted with this Cabrinian mission and we are challenged to see the world where we live as a global society. How do we express who we are today? How will we be formed? What opportunities will be provided for employees so that they can learn and demonstrate the charisma? Together, we are people of hope. We are Cabrini.



Ms. Mary Anne Gallagher, the Executive Director of People and Culture at Cabrini Health, addressed the group on the beginning of the Cabrinian presence in Australia. She detailed the suspicion that the MSCs, as Italian sisters, encountered and had to overcome when they first arrived. With “patience, fortitude, and their customer centric view” the MSCs created a climate of healthcare excellence and loyalty in Malvern, Australia.



Dr. Arturo Chavez served as the facilitator for the MSC Leadership Conference, reminding the Sisters and the lay leaders to open our hearts, to embrace a global community and to “widen the space of our tents.”



Is my tent open?
Will we allow the cords to go long?
What is the axis and what are the lines for this missionary project?
How will we communicate these changes?
What should be the next step?
Let us walk together.

The tent pictured above served as the table centerpieces for the Leadership Conference. At the conclusion of the conference, all those in attendance – MSCs and laity - in graced solidarity, signed their names to the tent, emblematic of our shared commitment to mission and to an on-going spirit of collaboration.

Cabrini High Bids a Fond Farewell to Sr. Alice



After 21 years of – dedicated and loving - service, Cabrini High School honored faculty member Sister Alice Zanon, MSC on her retirement during the End of the Year Faculty/Staff Prayer Service.



Sr. Alice Zanon, MSC, (c.) is presented with honors and loving well wishes by Cabrini High School President Jack Truxillo (l.) and Principal Yvonne Hrapmann upon her retirement and new ministry at Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO.

Sr. Alice began her work at Cabrini High School in New Orleans in August of 1996. During her time at Cabrini, she taught Religion classes, managed the Sacred Heart Chapel on campus, and gave tours of the chapel and Mother Cabrini's bedroom from the Sacred Heart Orphanage, which are located in the Esplanade Building of the school.

Sr. Alice entered the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus when she was 23 years old. Throughout her religious life, she traveled around the world spreading the mission of Mother Cabrini in Australia, England, and Africa. She was then invited by Sister Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, Provincial, to consider moving to New Orleans and continue her work at Cabrini High School. Not knowing anything about New Orleans, Sister Alice visited for three days and knew it was the place for her.

After 21 years at Cabrini High School, Sister Alice is ready to continue the work of Mother Cabrini in a different setting. She will be moving to the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, Colorado. She will be greatly missed by the faculty, staff, and student body, but they are excited to hear stories of her new adventure. ~ submitted by Katelyn Gross

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New Contact Information for Sr. Alice Zanon, MSC:

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Sr. Alice is transitioning from her AOL email. Kindly use the Gmail account.



CIS-NYC Director Javier Ramirez Baron (r.) and Ella Nimmo (3rd r.) let a group of volunteers at the Pop-Up.

CIS-NYC Pop-Up Participation

To kick off Immigrant Heritage Month Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC participated in the #IAmAnImmigrant Pop-Up in New York City on Saturday, June 3rd. The Pop-Up served as an opportunity to celebrate and honor the contributions of immigrants in the United States, to draw attention to immigrant issues, and to expose local organizations (like us!) to the general public.

The event included art, food, performances, service activities, workshops, celebrity panels, and more! Cabrini Immigrant Services staff and volunteers hosted a service activity to benefit our Angel Fund Scholarship Program; a program that provides funding and support for low-income undocumented students who are pursuing higher education. Participants were asked to bring school supplies and gift cards and to write notes of encouragement for our scholarship recipients.



CIS- NYC staff members carrying bags with donated items for Angel Fund students.

Hundreds of people came through the space throughout the day, including passing tourists, local families, activists, and even a contingent from the “March for Truth,” which was happening nearby! We connected with many new partners and allies and were blown away by the number of donations and kind letters we received! You can see a short video of the event here: bit.ly/CISPopUp ~ submitted by Ella Nimmo



Attendees at the #IAmAnImmigrant Pop-Up wrote letters to Angel Fund students.

Sharing Chicago's Cabrinian Legacy and Mission



On Saturday, June 10, the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini held a conference at the Chicago History Museum. The lecture series titled, "St. Frances Xavier Cabrini: Her Life, Legacy, & Mission in Chicago," featured historians and religious, including Sr. Joan McGlinchey, MSC, who spoke on various aspects of Mother Cabrini's life in the United States. The conference was streamed live on Facebook. The two-part series can be viewed by visiting www.facebook.com/CabriniShrineChicago.

The conference was presented as part of the National Shrine's Centenary Celebration in partnership with the Chicago History Museum, Loyola University Chicago, The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, Casa Italia, and Relevant Radio.

The National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini will also host their annual Gala at the Chicago History Museum on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. For more information on the Gala or to purchase tickets, please visit: <https://www.cabrinationalshrine.org/gala>
~ submitted by Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC



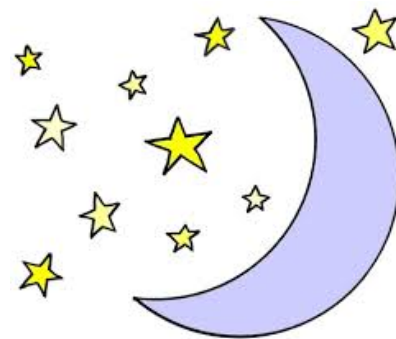
Sr. Joan McGlinchey, MSC (r.) was one of the featured speakers during the lecture series on St. Cabrini, which took place at the Chicago History Museum.

One Minute Meditation

Peace of heart is the mainstay of the inner life. It sustains us as we make our way upward toward joy. Peace and joy are Gospel pearls. They come to fill the chasms of anxiety. Will you welcome each new day as God's today? Will you discover how to bring joy to your humble dwelling by small signs that cheer the heart? **Dare to rejoice in what God is accomplishing through you and around you.** Then all forms of pessimism about yourself and about others, which might have been waging war on your soul, will melt away. With joy comes a sense of wonder. Such a joy needs nothing less than our whole being in order to shine forth.

Brother Roger of Taizé' – No Greater Love

Moonlight Dinner



We are very excited to share a new initiative started at Cabrini of Westchester called “Moonlight Dinner”. We started with a vision to provide a fine restaurant style dining experience for the residents at Cabrini of Westchester. Our first dinner was enjoyed by residents on May

26th 2017.

Joe Bisaccia Food Service Director/ Assistant Administrator, John Hammer Executive Chef developed a wonderful menu that included gourmet style appetizer, choice of main entrée, side course and a decadent spread of dessert. Sheri Gottlieb, Director of Recreation assisted in creating a restaurant style environment with fine music and warm ambience.

Ten residents accompanied by their guests attended the event. The evening concluded with a toast from the resident council president Br. Hildreth Burton thanking all the professionals at

Cabrini for their hard work.

A good time was had by all the residents, their guests and staff.

This fine restaurant style dining experience will be enjoyed every month by our residents and their fellow guests in the comfort of their home at Cabrini.

*~ Submitted by: Niharika Jaiswal MS, RDN, CDN
Chief Clinical Dietitian, Cabrini of Westchester*



Fine dining was the order of the day for Cabrini resident Janice McKirgan and her daughter.



Cabrini of Westchester President and CEO Patricia Krasnausky (c.) and Donald Amoruso, trustee, (l.) welcome Cabrini of Westchester residents from left: Michael Cruise; Bro. Hildreth; Jay Holman and Sr. Eileen Egan to this elegant dinner experience.

View the Opening of Cabrini University's Center on Immigration

Cabrini University is pleased to share the following link to the video recording of the celebration of the launching of the Center on Immigration, which was held at the university in Radnor, Pennsylvania on April 27, 2017:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lJt1nhl3Vxo>

The celebration included a passionate statement of the mission and the vision of the center by Abel Rodríguez, Center Director and Assistant Professor of Religion, Law and Social Justice; a discussion featuring a panel of distinguished authorities on immigrant issues, including Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC, Family Program Coordinator at Cabrini Immigrant Services; a special tribute to the Missionary Sisters of the



Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC (c.) explains the symbolism of the MSC stemma (seal) to Dr. Mark Kiselica (l.) and Abel Rodríguez (r.) during the launch of the Center on Immigration in April.

Sacred Heart of Jesus and the employees and volunteers of Cabrini Immigrant Services by Dr. Mark Kiselica, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences; and a special presentation by Sr. Christine Marie Baltas who gave Mr. Rodríguez a framed Seal of the Institute of the MSCs on behalf of Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, Provincial, and all MSCs as an expression of the Sisters' support for the future work of the Center. ~submitted by Dr. Mark Kiselica and Abel Rodríguez

For more details about this event, see the May 4, 2017 edition of The Update, which can be accessed at: <https://www.motherscbrini.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/5.4.17.pdf>

June 7, 1957 Cabrini College Charter Day

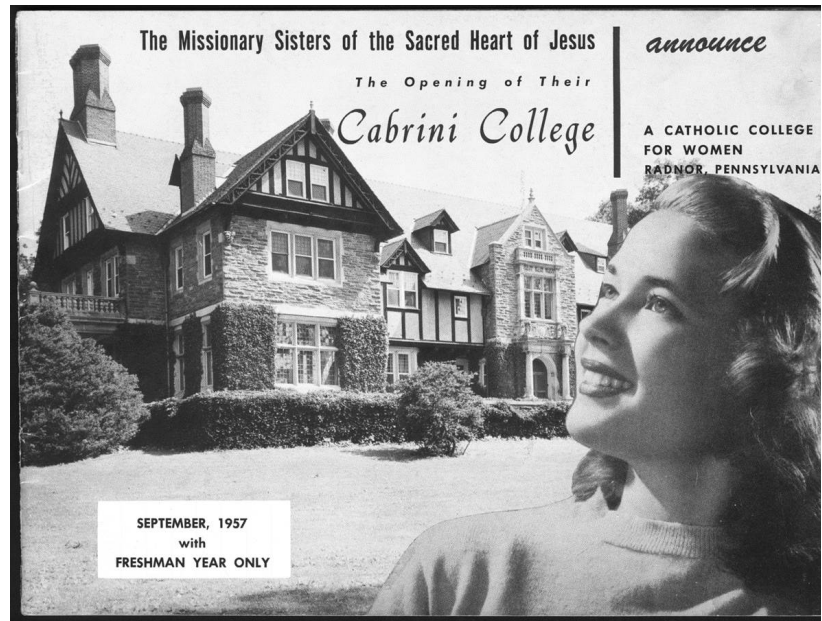
On June 7, 1957—60 years ago—the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County, PA, officially granted a charter to (then) Cabrini College, which was the final step in the long process for Cabrini to become an institution of higher education.



To commemorate this Founding Day—Cabrini's Birthday—Dr. Donald Taylor and the President's Office invited the campus community to an ice cream social, where anecdotal notes on Cabrini's academic history were presented and all in attendance sang Happy Birthday to Cabrini University. Sr. Grace Waters, MSC, did the ceremonial honors of cutting the cake. ~excerpts from *Cabrini University invitation to campus community*

Photo left: Sr. Grace Waters, MSC does the ceremonial cutting of the cake at the Founding Day celebration.

Photo above: Archived photo of the first Cabrini College promotional view book. (With thanks to Christopher Grosso, President's Office, Cabrini University.)



Summer is here!

The Update will soon begin its summer schedule. We will publish on June 22 and 29. In July, we will publish on the 6th and 20th. The Update will go on vacation in August and will return on September 7th. Please make a note.

Thank you.



Experiencing the Early Immigrant Stories



As you can see from the expression on the faces of the children and adults listening to the story of Ellis Island told by Ranger Jenn, people are filled with emotion when they learn of the challenges faced by immigrants – then and now.

While many children were sleeping late on Saturday morning, many of our Kids from Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY were wide-awake and excited about taking a trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. Several of the parents, along with some teachers from Springhurst Elementary School in Dobbs Ferry, also attended the trip. Our families were from China, Mexico, Guatemala, Pakistan and the Ukraine. We boarded the bus at 9:30 AM and headed out to what we hoped would be an exciting day.

Once on the school bus we headed to Battery Park in NY. We ate our lunch on a park bench while we enjoyed the sights and sounds of lower Manhattan. We

then boarded the ferry, which took us to Ellis Island and onto the Statue of Liberty.

Once docked, we watched a movie about Ellis Island and had a guided tour with Ranger Jenn. She was an excellent tour guide. She brought all of us outside to see where the boats ked when they brought the immigrants over from the different countries. She asked all of us to ‘put ourselves into their shoes’ and pretend that we were immigrants in the early 1920’s. We then walked into the Registry Room. The Kids walked up the stairs first and Ranger Jenn told them to watch as the other people walked up the stairs. If anyone coughed, they were told to wait in a different section. If anything seemed out of place, the person would be asked to wait in yet a different section. Once settled in the Registry Room, Ranger Jenn asked us a lot of questions. If the person got the answers right, they were free to leave. If they didn’t get the questions right, they were detained. The Kids loved being able to bang on the desk and yell out, “Detained.” Everyone developed a very good idea of what it was like going to Ellis Island during the early days of immigration.

Then it was on to the Statue of Liberty. Some of our fourth graders had done research on the Statue for school so they were thrilled to be able to actually see the Statue. Thankfully, we were able to take the audio tours on both Islands so everyone was able to learn about the history of Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty in their own language.

It was a wonderful trip and we thank St. Faith’s House Foundation for their generosity in allowing us to participate in such a wonderful experience. I think the children and their parents will remember this trip for a long time!

~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, CIS-Dobbs Ferry, NY



All one body; Forming Intercultural Communities



In the Spring 2017 issue of HORIZON, the journal of the National Religious Vocation Conference, Fr. Anthony J. Gittins, C.S.Sp., a professional social culture anthropologist, offers insights about what time and effort must be expended to have religious communities become truly intercultural. Fr. Gittins' theories have implications for other types of groups and communities, as well. This is the fourth installment of Fr. Gittins' article.

Fr. Anthony Gittins, C.S.Sp.

After last week's Update hiatus, we continue with...

Implications and applications of intercultural living

It is now possible to do two things: first, to note some of the challenges of intercultural living: then to schematize a hoped-for and worked-for outcome as the only viable way for the survival and prospering of culturally divers, international religious communities. The alternative to appropriate mutuality, interdependence, or cohesion (fusion), will be destructive competitiveness, lack of mutual trust, and rupture (fission): those who cannot live as *cor unum et anima una*, one heart and spirit, will fragment into tribal groups becoming counter witnesses to the Gospel.

These remarks leave a great deal to be further explored and applied. But let me attempt to summarize and synthesize the substance of the case presented here.

Intercultural living is qualitatively different from living in an international milieu, because it is based on participants' common faith commitment. But since faith is not theoretical but lived, intercultural living requires an ongoing conversion. Faith can only be expressed existentially and culturally, so legitimate cultural differences must be acknowledged, understood, and respected as constitutive of each person. God created difference, and differences can be mutually enriching.

Intercultural living should be approached as a grace and opportunity rather than a problem or inconvenience: attitude is very important. It is neither easy nor "natural" for culturally diverse people to live together. But, as grace, it is "supernaturally" possible.

In a community of communion rather than domination, no single culture must be allowed to dominate. Therefore, everyone is called to a triple conversion: to (new ideas about) God, to culture, and to each other. True conversion in a community requires compromise, honest dialogue, reconciliation, and common vision.

Although unequivocally faith-based, intercultural living also requires the acquisition of new techniques and habits that can be learned, *at some personal cost*. Good will alone is not enough.

Intercultural living is something new for most people. But if international faith communities fail to commit themselves to this new way of living, international religious life will not survive. Not everyone has the flexibility or mental or physical acuity to be at the forefront of the shift to intercultural living. But every member's commitment, zeal, and mutual encouragement is critical, and can be inspiring and formative. Older members, in particular, have a vital role: like the others, they can endorse and inspire, or oppose and destroy; but their seniority and faithfulness can make a huge difference.

This is not easy, but Jesus did not promise an easy life. Yet, if dedicated people of faith cannot learn to live together in a divided, polarized world, what hope is there for others? We are called (and we aspire) to be examples in a world in need of such signs of hope.

Next week, our final installment: Practical Concerns



Please join us for the 16th Annual

Mother Cabrini Shrine Gala

Celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart

Friday, June 23, 2017

**Pinnacle Club at the Grand Hyatt
555 17th Street, Denver Colorado**

Cocktails and Silent Auction – 5:30 pm
Dinner, Awards and Live Auction – 7:30
Summer/Business Casual Attire

To Purchase Tickets or Sponsor Tables
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If you can donate to our silent or live auction, please contact JoAnn at 303.526.0758 or joann@mothercabrinishrine.org. We are looking for gift cards, sporting event tickets, points for hotels or airfare, wine, vacation excursions, casual and fine dining certificates and gift baskets.

Cabrini Mission Foundation Bowling FUNdraiser!



The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Cabrini Mission Foundation Board of Trustees invite you to the third annual Bowling FUNdraiser!

Events Committee: Sr. Lucille Souza, MSC – Chair; MaryLee Bartolomeo, Mary Ann Michels, William O'Connor, Dr. Lawrence Ottaviano

When: Wednesday June 21, 2017

Arrive At: 6:00 pm Start Time: 6:30 pm End Time: 9:00 pm

Where: BowlMor Lanes Chelsea Piers

Pier 60 – 23rd St and West Side Highway

By Car: Chelsea Piers (Hourly) Parking Available

By Train: A/C/E to 23rd St (8th Ave) and walk to West Side Hwy By Bus: M23 Crosstown

Join us for a casual, fun evening of bowling!

**Lanes, Shoe Rental, Pizza, Dessert,
Wine, Beer, and Soft Drinks included**

Individual Bowler \$100

RSVP by June 8, 2017 For more information on tickets and sponsorship opportunities visit: 212-228-8608 www.cabrinifoundation.org

Prayer Requests

Cabrini University

Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC asks that we please pray that Cabrini University obtains a grant that will enhance its work with immigrants and ESL programs in a neighboring community. The awardees will be announced in August.

John Collins

Please pray for the complete recovery of John Collins. John will be undergoing treatment during the next months. John and his family will be grateful for our prayerful support.

Tommy Deegan

For the past several weeks we have been praying for Tommy Deegan. Kindly continue to hold Tommy and his family in your prayers as he continues with his treatment.

Suzanne Gallagher

Your prayers are requested for Suzanne, the sister of Cabrini University alumna and trustee, Claire Roth. Suzanne has been undergoing medical tests and will be receiving follow up treatment. Please pray that all will go well and she will be restored to full health.

Margaret

Cabrini Lay Missionary Marianne McGowan asks prayers for her friend, Margaret. Margaret, a Mother Cabrini High School graduate, is experiencing health difficulties and will be undergoing medical tests.

Special Intention

Prayers have been requested for a very special intention.

In Loving Memory

Sr. Margaret Dos Santos, MSC

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Margaret, who was recently called home to God. May she rest in God's eternal peace.

Robert "Bob" Gordon

The Cabrini University Community is saddened to learn of the passing of Bob Gordon, the 32 year-old son of Cabrini (College) University alumna Fran MacDonald Gordon '77 on Sunday, June 11th. Kindly hold the MacDonald and Gordon Families in your prayers at this sad time.

George Groves

Please join the Cabrini University community in praying for the repose of the soul of George Groves, the husband of Dr. Laura Groves, Associate Professor of Social

Work at Cabrini University. Mr. Groves passed away on Friday, June 2nd. Please keep Dr. Groves and her daughter, Caroline, in your prayers at this very sad time.

Rita Harrison

Prayers are requested for Rita Harrison, the mother-in-law of Cabrini University alumna Barbara Colantuono Harrison '86, and the mother of Barbara's husband, Ed, who passed away on Sunday, June 11th. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the comfort of her family at this sad time.

Dolores Lallone

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Dolores Lallone, mother of Sr. Marianne Lallone, IHM, who passed away suddenly on Saturday, June 3rd. Please pray for this family as they cope with this unexpected loss.

David Skill

Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Skill who passed away on Sunday, June 4th after a long illness. May he rest in God's eternal peace.

Linda Wramble

Prayers are asked for Linda, the niece of Cabrini University trustee Bob Jara, who passed away today. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the consolation of her family at this time.

June 23rd is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a most sacred day on which the Missionary Sisters renew their vows.

Please join with us in praying the Sacred Heart Novena:
<https://www.mothercabrini.org/spirituality/sacred-heart-feast-day-novena/>

