



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

THE UPDATE

June 25, 2015

## *Celebrating Success!*



Sr. Damien Ciminera, MSC (l.) and Lorraine Campanelli, (seated - c.) Director of Cabrini Immigrant Services, (CIS) Dobbs Ferry, NY, enjoy the fun and festivity of the picnic held for ESL tutors, students and families of CIS. International dishes lovingly prepared and shared by those who attended added to the celebration of the year's successes. ~ photo credit Suzanne DeChillo

An observer might think this was just an ordinary late Wednesday afternoon in June at Waterfront Park in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. That same observer might think that the men, women and children gathered there were just an ordinary group of friends picnicking by the bank of our Hudson River. That observer would soon discover, however, that this was no ordinary gathering, no ordinary day and surely no ordinary group of people. This day was special because once again, our ESL tutors, students and families gathered as colleagues and friends to celebrate our success as a Cabrinian family.



The entire afternoon was filled with a cacophony of sights, sounds and tastes. My ears heard the voices of Spanish speaking dads and Chinese speaking moms. My eyes saw the smiles on the faces of Irish and African American tutors; Peruvian and Guatemalan students. In a flash, Ana's plate of sweet Dominican flan and Michelle's bowl of spicy Chinese chicken disappeared. Jenny's Colombian rice and red kidney bean salad was devoured in an instant. And for dessert, good

old-fashioned American chocolate cake with white butter cream icing was enjoyed by all.

Still, in the midst of all this chatting and eating we took a moment to pause and applaud Cabrini's successful students. Among them were Michelle and Cesar who recently took the oath to become citizens of the United States. Ana who graduated from Westchester Community College with an Associate Degree in Business and Jenny who received straight As in her psychology courses at Mercy College.



Photo above: Cabrini Immigrant Services tutors and their students and family members gather around the picnic table - a true fiesta for all. Photo below right: CIS student Michelle and her son Eric take time for a photo with her teacher James "Jim" Sanders. ~ photo credit Suzanne DeChillo

At Cabrini Immigrant Services, we are thankful for many things, but most of all for the fine relationships, which have developed through the years. It is our belief that fostering and sustaining these relationships is the key to success.

~ submitted by CLM Marianne McGowan



### Website Tip

Did you know that each day a new inspirational thought is posted in the upper right hand corner on the homepage of the [www.mothercabrini.org](http://www.mothercabrini.org) website for your prayer and meditation?

Check it out!



## Cabrini High School, New Orleans, LA *Receives Donation Supporting St. Jude Community Center*



Cabrini High School principal Yvonne Hrapmann '76, Cargill Production Supervisor Peter Langhoff and Cabrini Religion Teachers Maria Bienes '82 and Denise Theriot along with Alumnae Director Amelia Hatheway are present for the donation presentation.

Cabrini High School received a \$3,750.00 donation from Cargill Corporation to help feed the poor at St. Jude's Community Center.

Cabrini students, faculty, parents, and alumnae volunteer at St. Jude's to feed the poor on the third Saturday of each month. The members of the local Cargill committee, based out of Westwego, have partnered with Cabrini on this project since 2011 to provide monetary support for purchasing the food, supplies, and underwrite transportation to for the Cabrini volunteers. Cargill Production Supervisor Peter Langhoff presented a check to Cabrini President Yvonne Hrapmann for their continued support. ~ *submitted by Nall Gearheard*

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## June is the Month of the Sacred Heart

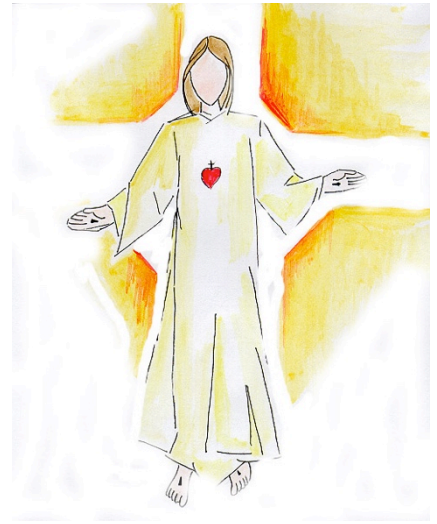


### Have a heart

Over the centuries, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus arose as a way of symbolizing and embodying the great compassion Jesus displayed throughout his ministry. One of the ways this devotion can be practiced is by entrusting your household to the care of the Sacred Heart with an image that has been blessed, a statue or picture of the Sacred Heart for example, serving as a reminder to live compassionately.

The practice is rooted in Pope Pius XII's declaration in 1956 that devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is "the foundation on which to build the kingdom of God in the hearts of individuals, families, and nations." ~ *Take Five for Faith*

## Cabrini of Westchester, Dobbs Ferry, NY *Celebrates the Feast of the Sacred Heart*



Sr. Ruth Tavares, MSC (c.) and Sr. Adeodata Gatti, MSC present the Offertory gifts to Rev. Edwin Robinson, OFM, chaplain of Cabrini of Westchester.

On Friday, June 12, 2015, the Administration and staff Cabrini of Westchester celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart with a beautiful Mass in the Chapel. Several Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus as well as four Cabrini Lay Missionaries donned red corsages and renewed their vows and commitments to Jesus and the work of Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini. A celebratory luncheon followed in the Board Room. ~ submitted by Lorraine Horgan



**Photo above:** The Feast of the Sacred Heart is the day upon which the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus renew their vows. At Cabrini of Westchester, they renewed their vows during the Feast Day Mass.



**Photo left:** On the Feast Day, Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs) also renew their vows - pictured here are CLMs Adela Jarquin Soza (l.) and Marianne McGowan.



## *Treasures of the Vatican*

**Franklin Institute – September 19, 2015 to February 15, 2016**

The Franklin Institute of Philadelphia has announced plans to host the exclusive East Coast destination of Vatican Splendors beginning on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The exhibit explores the historical and cultural impact of the Vatican over the span of 2,000 years through significantly relevant objects straight from the Vatican. Every object in the exhibition tells its own story, together forming a great historical mosaic of the Vatican. Many of the artifacts have never before been on public view. Highlights include works by Michelangelo, and Bernini and Guercino, some dating back to the first century. For further info: <https://www.fi.edu>





# Cabrini Mission Corps



As you have been reading in *The Update* and on the [www.motherscabrini.org](http://www.motherscabrini.org) website in recent weeks, the 2014 – 2015 Cabrini Mission Corps missioners - Ashley, Connor, Jenay, Martin, Matt and Melanie - have just completed their time of service. We thank them for being bearers of Christ's love to and with whom everyone they have encountered during this year.

Now that they are embarking on the next chapter of their lives, you are likely wondering where will their journeys take them next? What did they think about this special year just past? What are their plans, hopes and dreams? Today and in the upcoming editions of *The Update*, we will be visiting with each of them to learn more about their CMC experience and their future endeavors.

## Jenay Smith

**Served:** Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC, Food Pantry Coordinator

**What have you most appreciated about the CMC experience this year?**

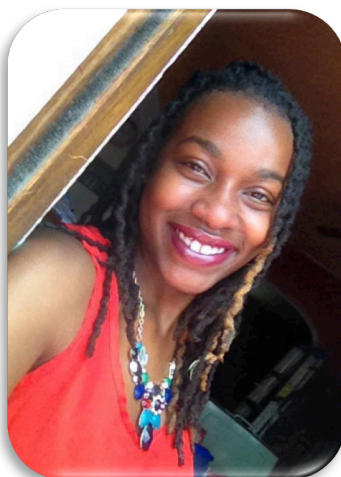
What I appreciate the most is the growth I was able to come into. Many places don't provide a safe place to grow in a deeper manner and Cabrini Mission Corps did that for me. My fellow missioners and I were able to intentionally find deeper relationships with all whom we encountered.

**What are your plans for the future?**

My plans are to go back to school for my Master's in Public Health and Social Work at Bryn Mawr College.

**What would you like to say to the Cabrini Community as your commitment comes to a close?**

I have learned so many lessons that I will take with me for the rest of my life.





Cabrini **Action and Advocacy** Coalition

## Cabrini Closet NYC Hosts First Shopper

The conversation starts like this: a suspicious sounding voice saying, "what's the catch?" and eyes darting between me and Samantha Inesta, executive director of a mentoring organization for women.

"No catch," I say. "I'll take a nice smile or a high five."

At this, Eve (name changed for privacy) skips over to me and slaps my hand. She then proceeds to rummage happily through the shelving units put together by boys from Saint Raymond's High School just over a month ago. Eve pulls out shirts, holds them to her body, throws purses over her shoulder and models them for us. She squeals at the presence of a designer shirt in her size. Running hands over a silky orange blazer, she proclaims that with clothes like these she can start going back to church. Eve doesn't have clothes like these for church or the interview she has the following morning. Eve only has the guts it took to survive human trafficking and the nerve and resolve to start a new life.

Eve looks around the closet and fills a duffle bag with clothing and a Cabrini Closet shopping bag with accessories and hangers. She has become animated, filled with life, chatting on happily about how amazing it is that she can have anything she wants from this selection of beautiful clothes. Eve tells Samantha and me that at other places there is a limit or the clothing isn't professional looking. Though I didn't think it was possible, I'm even more proud of our community's step into direct service.



While she is talking, Eve asks if we know where she can get an emergency bag of toiletries. Neither Samantha or I know.

She needs most toiletries, including body soap, a toothbrush, toothpaste, and shampoo. Moreover, she needs certain products because of a skin condition, and emergency kits will only have whatever is available. This really speaks to the need for gift cards to places like Duane Reed or CVS. This way, survivors can not only get what they *want*, but also what they *need*.

Walking to the subway station Eve turned to us and said, "you guys are the first people in a long time who have talked to me like I'm a person."

Samantha used her metro card to swipe Eve into the subway system so she could go home, waving and shouting thank you one last time. ~submitted by CMC *missioner Melanie Paccillo*

### Cabrini Closet NYC Request List

- Gift Cards, especially to drug stores
- Metro Cards or Metro Card Vouchers
- Fashionable Business Clothing
- Smaller size fashionable shoes

### Donations can be sent to:

222 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
Suite 5E  
New York, NY 10003  
Please indicate that the donation  
is for the NY closet. Thank you.



*You are cordially invited to attend*

**SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI'S  
BIRTHDAY BENEFIT**

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

5:00 PM • FESTIVE MASS

The National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini  
2520 North Lakeview Avenue

6:30 PM COCKTAILS • 7:15 PM DINNER  
AUCTION TO FOLLOW

The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum  
2430 North Cannon Drive

\$150 Per Person

*Business Attire*

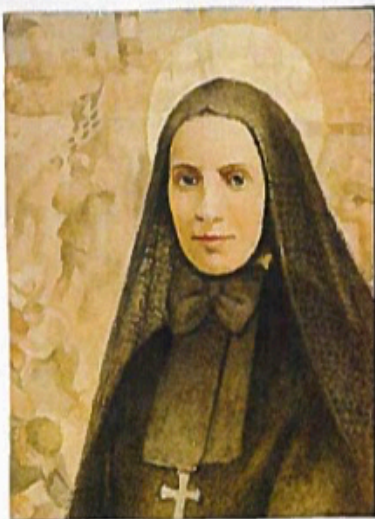
**KINDLY RSVP BY JUNE 19**

*Parking for Mass in 2550 North Lakeview Garage (enter on Deming Place)*

*Valet parking for dinner available at Nature Museum*

*For information, call 773-360-5115*

*Seating is limited*





*From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...*

**Today's Catholic Sisters**

**Who they are. Why we need them.**

**Learn more about the faith and work of these amazing women.**

**Sept. 12, 2015 9 am-noon**  
University of the Incarnate Word San Antonio, TX

**Sept. 20, 2015 1-4 pm**  
Dominican University River Forest, IL

**Oct. 10, 2015 1-4 pm** Mass to follow  
Immaculata University Immaculata, PA

**Jan. 23, 2016 9 am-noon**  
Mount Saint Mary's University Los Angeles, CA

**FEATURED SPEAKERS**  
*New Generations of Catholic Sisters* authors:  
Sr. Mary Johnson, S.N.D.deN.  
Sr. Patricia Wittberg, S.C.  
Dr. Mary Gautier

Questions? 773-363-5454 [NRVC.net](http://NRVC.net)

This symposium is free and open to all those who are interested in learning more about Catholic consecrated women religious. Thinking about religious life? This conference is right for you!



## MSC News

**Sr. Renee Kittelson, MSC:** Please note, Sr. Renee now resides in Chicago. All mail should now be directed to her in Chicago. Thank you.



Please extend a warm Cabrinian welcome to **Sr. Carmen Pantano, MSC**, from the Central America region, arrived in the United States on June 24th. She will be take some initial rest in West Park and then go to Columbus Community in order to take some English classes.

*Welcome Sr. Carmen!*

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## Prayer Requests

### **Allison**

Please add a young woman named Allison to your prayer list. She is just 21 years old and was admitted into a detox facility. She's been struggling with addiction for the last several years and her mother has asked for prayers for her.



### **Martha Carmelino de Baldini**

Please remember Martha, the mother of Sr. Laura Baldini from Argentina, who is having medical issues and undergoing testing at this time.

### **Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, SC**

Sr. Grace Waters, MSC requests prayers for the healing of her friend, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke.

### **Sheila Carroll**

Your prayers are asked for Sheila, as she recovers from a stroke and some misdiagnoses that occurred last week. The family asks for prayers for healing as she begins PT/OT this coming week, along with the hope of restoring the lost functioning of her left side. Sheila is the sister-in-law of Cabrini College

alum Anita Carroll Paquette '85 and the wife of former Cabrini College adjunct instructor Bud Carroll.

***Laura Djevharian***

Your prayers are requested for Laura, who is a patient at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia where she underwent her second surgery in two days to revision her brain shunt. She has hydrocephalus and has had five surgeries to date and she is only four years old.

***Graham Foley***

Please say a prayer for Graham, the nephew of Arlene Sciole, who is in Johns Hopkins Medical Center where the doctors are trying to determine if he has lymphoma or leukemia.

***Sr. Stephanie Kabacinski, MSC***

Please remember Sr. Stephanie, who will be having minor foot surgery tomorrow, in your prayers. We pray for Sr. Stephanie that she may have a fast healing.

***Grace LaMattina***

Please keep Grace in your prayers. She recently had a fall, is experiencing back pain due to a fracture and is now undergoing physical therapy. Pray for her swift recovery.

***Sr. Martha Lopez (novice)***

Sr. Martha is back in New York and wants to express her deep gratitude to all the sisters for their prayers while she has been accompanying her mother and family during her mother's illness. She expressed that she felt the strength of our prayers, which encouraged her during this intense time. Her mother is out of the hospital; however, she remains in serious physical health and Martha asks your continued prayers for her mother and her family. Please hold Martha in prayer as well, as she continues to accompany her family through prayer.



***James McKeown***

Following knee surgery, Mr. McKeown developed a staff infection. Please pray for his complete healing. Mr. McKeown is 85 years of age.

***Sr. Joan Marie Sariti, MSC***

Let us hold in prayer, Sr. Joan Marie as she prepares to transition in early August from Our Lady of Grace Community in Chicago to Sacred Heart Convent in NYC. Sr. Joan Marie has ministered in the Chicago area for over 45+ years and most recently at St. Joseph's Hospital, Cabrini Retreat Center and St. Frances Cabrini National Shrine. We pray for Sr. Joan Marie for these years of service and for her willingness in saying "YES" to this next phase of her life.



### ***Joey Sherman***

Your prayers are requested for Joey Sherman, the 17 year old brother of former CMC missionary Michelle Sherman Rademacher. Joey has been experiencing some health issues. Please pray for his complete healing.

### ***Texas State University Bobcat Awakening Retreat***

The MSCs received a prayer request from a young woman named Veronica Umana who is a student at Texas State University and is on the planning committee for the Bobcat Awakening student retreat developed by college students for college students. As part of their preparation, they reach out to various groups asking that we accompany them in prayer during the time of their retreat, which will be held from July 10 – July 12. Please keep their retreat in your thoughts and prayers.

### ***Continuing prayers for healing for:***

#### ***Sr. Tommasina Lanski, MSC***

Please keep Sr. Tommasina in your prayers today as she is being discharged from St. Cabrini Nursing Home to Sacred Heart Convent in NYC.

#### ***Sr. John Giani, MSC and Sr. Ambrogina Morselli, MSC***

For Sr. John and Sr. Gina, may they be lifted by your prayerful support.

## **With Thanks & Appreciation**

#### ***Sr. Celia Cid, MSC***

Sr. Celia would like to give a special “thanks” to all those who ministered to her during a recent unexpected hospitalization. As Sr. Celia shared: “I felt truly blest by sisters and friends that were so supported of me during this time. Your support, prayers, cards were much appreciated and helped me in the recovery phase of my illness. I am doing much better now, having been back at work and now off for summer vacation. I ask that you continue to support me by your prayers – they are surely powerful.”

#### ***Sr. Martha Lopez, MSC Novice***

Sr. Martha Lopez wishes to thank her Missionary Sisters and members of the Cabrinian Family during the recent illness of her mother. “I ask you to continue praying for the recovery of my mother and for my sister Teresa who has facial skin cancer. Thanks again for everything!”

*Very grateful, Sr. Martha Lopez Novice*



# In Loving Memory

## ***Jerry Gruben***

Please remember Jerry, who passed away suddenly last Friday, in your prayers. Please keep his family in your prayers as they cope with this sudden, unexpected loss of their husband, father and grandfather.

## ***Carmine Labriola and Joanne Zwicker***

Please remember the family of Ronald Labriola in your prayers. Ron is Director of Support Services at Cabrini of Westchester and a long time devoted employee. On Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, Carmine Labriola, Ron's father, passed away. Carmine was a resident of Cabrini of Westchester for a short time. On Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Ron's sister, Joanne Zwicker, passed after a lengthy illness.

## ***Dick Leith***

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dick Leith, the uncle of Jason Scarpello, who passed away yesterday. May he rest in God's peace and may his family be comforted at this time.



Please note that in July, The Update will be on its summer schedule. We will publish on July 2, 16 and 30. The Update goes on vacation in August, but, do check [www.mothercabrini.org](http://www.mothercabrini.org) and Facebook for the latest news.