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THE UPDATE

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JOY! JOY! JOY!



Sr. Laura Baldini, MSC looks jubilant and blessed after making her final profession of vows. Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC (r.) has guided Sr. Laura in her formation.

No other word can sum up what the perpetual profession of Sr. Laura Baldini, MSC was like. Even before the day - May 31st - came, our house was filled with greeting the many guests for the occasion. The guests came from Argentina (Laura's home country), Guatemala, Nicaragua, Mexico, Rome, and the United States. Among the guests from Argentina were Laura's mother and aunt.

The mix and mash of English-Spanish, Spanish-English reverberated everywhere and always with a joyful sound. It gave us here in the U.S. a great opportunity to get to know our Latin American Sisters.

When the time came for the vow ceremony all plugged into the prayer and the solemnity of the occasion. There were three con-celebrants: Fr. Kirk Reynolds, S.J. and the two OFM Caps: Fr. Thomas Faiola and Fr. Michael Ramos. The chapel was full - downstairs and up in the choir loft. The liturgy was bi-lingual and inclusive.



With Sr. Stella Maris Elena, MSC, the Provincial of Argentina, kneeling by her side, Sr. Laura lies prostrate before the altar during her profession of vows.

After liturgy, all were treated to a sumptuous meal where the camaraderie continued with festive joy.

~submitted by Sr. Barbara Leonardo, MSC ~ photo credits Ashley Block



A heartfelt and enthusiastic round of applause for Sr. Laura from left: Missionary Sisters Sr. Veronica Piccone, Sr. Patricia Spillane, Sr. Yolanda Flores, Sr. Bernadette Anello and Sr. Antonina Avitabile.



Big hugs for Sr. Laura from her aunt (r.) and her mom (c.) as Sr. Arlene Van Dusen and Mother Cabrini capture the moment.

Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY

Sharing an Experience of Guatemala



It was the start of the Memorial Day weekend. When so many people were beginning the unofficial start of summer, many of our adult tutors and friends attended an evening presentation on Guatemala. Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC, from Cabrini College in Radnor, PA, presented

her experience while in Guatemala with a college class.

Cabrini Immigrant Services in Dobbs Ferry, NY, serves a large population of people from Guatemala. It was felt that we needed to know more about the people we serve and what better way to learn than by someone who has had the experience of being in their country of origin.



Lorraine Campanelli, (r.) the Director of Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY introduces Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC. ~ photo credit Ashley Block

Throughout Sr. Christine Marie's presentation, we were brought to different areas of Guatemala. We saw how the people of Guatemala live. They experience injustice in so many ways. The people have been deprived of food and water, things that we take for granted. One could understand their fears especially when they arrive in a new country.



Marianne McGowan (foreground) joins other adult tutors and friends of Cabrini Immigrant Services in learning more about the Guatemalan culture.

~ photo credit Ashley Block

Sr. Christine Marie shared some of the student's videos of their experiences on You-Tube. You can tell that each of them were touched in a very deep way through this experience. We, too, were affected very deeply by the presentation. Those who attended have asked that we meet again to share all that we learned. I believe that this

presentation opened our eyes even more to what our clients have dealt with in their lives.

Thank you Sr. Christine Marie for sharing your experience with us!

~submitted by Lorraine Campanelli

One Minute Meditation

How can I infuse my actions for others with more love?
How can I imitate Jesus' attraction to the poor, weak and vulnerable in society?

Welcoming MSCs from Latin America!



Photo above: MSCs throughout Latin America were in New York City for the vows profession of Sr. Laura Baldini, MSC. During their stay, several of the Sisters stopped by the Provincial Offices and the Cabrini Mission Foundation (CMF) for a conversation with Provincial Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC (c), Ms. Ellen Cunningham, Director of Cabrini Mission Foundation (standing left, back) and Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC, left. Raising the CMF banner high are from left: Sr. Norma Beatriz Caal Lopez, MSC from Guatemala, Sr. Martha Nidia Lanzas Navarrete, MSC from Mexico and Sr. Emperatriz de los Angeles Canales Espinoza, MSC from Nicaragua.

Photo below: At The Cottage at Cabrini College this was a week of greetings and farewells. As the CMC missioners' year of mission service is drawing to an end they joined in welcoming Sr. Laura Baldini, MSC, her mom and her aunt, along with Argentina Provincial Sr. Stella Maris Elena, MSC. A festive gathering concluded with a group photo. Front row from left: Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC; Sr. Grace Waters, MSC; Sr. Laura Baldini, MSC; CMC missioners Jenay Smith, Ashley Block and Melanie Paccillo; and Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC. Sending greetings in the back row from left are: CMC Director Gina Scarpello; missioners Matt Kaehler, Martin Garcia and Connor White, joined by Karol Brewer, Formation Office and Cabrini Action and Advocacy Coalition; and Sr. Stella Maris Elena, MSC Provincial of Argentina.

Greetings and Farewells at The Cottage



From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...



The Cape May lighthouse peeks over the roofline of the St. Mary-by-the-Sea Retreat House where the Come and “Sea” discernment retreat took place.

The vocation directors of NRVC Region 3 (Pennsylvania) just completed a wonderfully uplifting Come and Sea discernment retreat weekend hosted by the Sisters of St. Joseph at the St. Mary-by-the-Sea Retreat House in Cape May Point, NJ.

A bouquet of thanks to the Sisters of St. Joseph for welcoming six discerning women and vocation directors from 11 different congregations of women religious for a time of prayer, reflection, conversation and

fellowship. Please keep these women in your prayers as they listen and respond to God’s call in their lives. ~ *submitted by Nancy Costello*

Will Pope Francis Inspire a Bounce in Vocations?

“A miracle of humility in an age of vanity” is singer-songwriter Elton John’s description of Pope Francis. Andrew O’Connell, Communications Director for the Presentation Brothers in Ireland, shares that Elton John’s description of Pope Francis, remains in O’Connell’s book, as the most succinct and perceptive explanation for our Argentine’s pope’s massive, global popularity. O’Connell writing in HORIZON journal of the NRVC goes on to wonder what this hugely popular pope will mean for vocations. Three factors may influence the answer:

Identity Issues

The NRVC’s landmark 2009 survey of new and recent vocations confirmed that many young adults seek out “firm markers” of identity when searching for a religious congregation. Many discerners appear to be particularly comfortable with a distinctly Catholic culture which contrasts with the secular nature of postmodern society. Pope Benedict and Pope St. John Paul encouraged young Catholics to see themselves as countercultural witnesses. Pope Francis has called upon Catholics to focus on mercy and the essentials of the faith. Pope Francis, just like his predecessors, has also encouraged young adults to “swim against the tide,” and to “rebel against this culture that sees everything as temporary.” Could Pope Francis, then, encourage a new and vibrant source of vocations who will find a home in the church’s many congregations concerned with the poor and social justice?



Image of Religious Life

Pope Francis, a former Jesuit provincial, knows religious life inside and out. [In speaking to religious, he places great] importance on the role of joyful religious witness in the life of the church.



In addition, this pope is not impressed with excessive traditionalism or liberalism in religious life. Pope Francis is calling religious life to Christocentricity and away from extremes.

Expectation management

Pope Francis, based largely on media reporting, is feeding an expectation of change in church teaching on several issues. Could young discerners postpone the decision to follow a religious vocation in the expectation that the Church might look very different in five or ten years time?

While some are celebrating this papacy as the long-awaited sequel to “the Spirit of Vatican II,” the key challenge for vocation directors, and indeed all, to watch how young people respond to Pope Francis’ message in the cultural context of our day and accompany them accordingly.

Pope Francis is amplifying the Ignatian and Franciscan charisms of the church. It will be intriguing to see how our young people respond.

~ excerpts from Andrew O’Connell, Vocation Bounce, HORIZON/Spring 2015

Next Friday, June 12th is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Please join with the Missionary Sisters in praying
the novena to the Sacred Heart:

<http://www.mothercabrini.org/spirituality/sacred-heart-feast-day-novena>

Mother Cabrini Shrine



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO ATTEND
THE 14TH ANNUAL
MOTHER CABRINI SHRINE
Gala

Friday, June 19, 2015
Pinnacle Club at the Grand Hyatt
555 17th Street | Denver, CO
Cocktails and Silent Auction 5:30 p.m.
Dinner, Awards and Live Auction 7:30 p.m.

RSVP ENCLOSED
Summer Attire

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for more Gala 2015 Information

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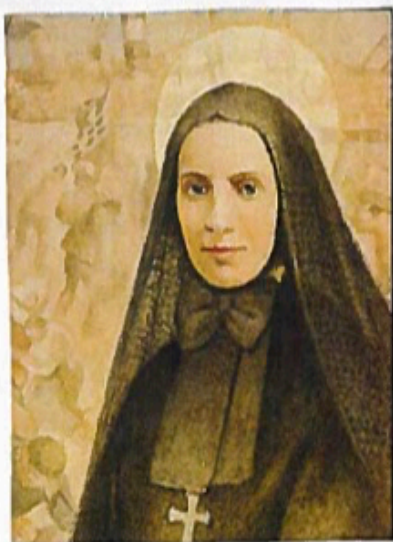
In 1902, Mother Cabrini came to Colorado at the invitation of Bishop Matz to open a school in north Denver. In 1905 the Queen of Heaven Orphanage opened its doors to girls aged two to fifteen. In 1909 Mother Cabrini purchased some land in Mount Vernon Canyon to establish a summer camp for the girls at the orphanage. She acquired the site at a very reasonable price because it did not have a good source of water. When Mother Cabrini accompanied her Missionary Sisters and the orphan girls to the summer camp, Mother Cabrini pointed her cane to a rock and asked one of the Sisters to lift it. The spring of water was discovered. On that same visit they hiked to the summit for a picnic lunch and viewed with delight the majestic, snow-topped mountain peaks piercing the clear, blue sky. Mother Cabrini then sent the Sisters and girls to gather white rocks which they arranged on the ground in the form of a heart surrounded by a cross and crown of thorns. "The heart is a symbol of the great love Jesus has for each of you," Mother Cabrini told them. On July 7, 1946, Frances Cabrini was declared a saint. The summer camp became Mother Cabrini Shrine, a place of prayer and pilgrimage in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini.

Today, the Shrine continues to provide spiritual nourishment to thousands of pilgrims and visitors who come to seek the peace and tranquility found on this holy ground. Daily Mass is offered as well as opportunities for quiet reflection and prayer, recitation of the rosary and the stations of the cross. Retreat facilities are available to parish staffs, youth groups and senior citizens among many others.

Mother Cabrini Shrine is self-supporting and does not have outside sources of revenue. Donations, gift shop sales, our annual gala and other fundraising programs account for the Shrine's income. The funds raised at this year's gala will be used for operations and on-going capital improvements. We are so grateful for your support and with your help we will continue to impart the great legacy of St. Frances Cabrini to future generations at Mother Cabrini Shrine.

MOTHER CABRINI SHRINE

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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

Prayer Requests

Julie Demeter

Your prayers are asked for Julie, the archivist, who has frequently come to Sacred Heart Covent in New York to help Sr. Catherine and Sr. Arlene with the archives. Julie will be having surgery on June 8th in California. Pray that her procedure will go smoothly.

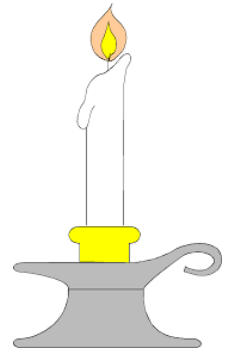
Joe and Janice Lanski

Please pray for the brother and sister-in-law of Sr. Tommasina Lanski, MSC, who are in great need of prayers. Joe has been in and out of the hospital and nursing home since December and Janice will need to have back surgery soon. For their continued recovery and healing, please remember them in your prayers.

With a Grateful Heart

Sr. Regina Palamara, MSC

After several procedures on her eyes, Sr. Regina Palamara shares her abundant thanks – she is now “beginning to see the light” once again. Sr. Regina, after many months of recuperation has now gotten a "GO" sign to continue her normal activities. She wants to thank everyone for their prayers and TLC they have shown her over these months.



In Loving Memory

Mary Anderson

Your prayers are requested for Mary, a woman, who as a child was at the Sacred Heart orphanage in Seattle. Over the years, Mary remained a close friend to many of our sisters in and from Seattle.

Beau Biden

The Missionary Sisters and the Cabrini Community extend their prayers and heartfelt sympathy to U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden, his wife Dr. Jill Biden, their daughter-in-law Hallie and the entire Biden Family on the loss of their son, husband, father and brother, Beau, whom God called home earlier this week. May the Biden Family feel the comfort of our prayers at this very sad time.

Charles “Charlie” Campbell

Please remember Charlie, a close friend to many of the sisters from Seattle, who passed away after a long illness. Our prayers and thoughts go with Katie at this time.

William Dias,

Please pray for the repose of the soul of William, the nephew of Sr. Alfonsina Gomes, MSC who died suddenly in Brazil at the early age of 37. Please pray for his daughter and son as well as the whole family during this time of their loss.