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The Update

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Cabrinian educators from Argentina, Spain and the US met at Cabrini University for an educational institute. With the Cabrinian charism foremost in their minds, new friendships and teaching modalities were formed.

International Cabrini Educator Institute

This week and last, Cabrini University was excited to host the Cabrini Educator Institute. Participating were 47 teachers from schools sponsored by the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Argentina, Spain and New Orleans. This was the first time the University has hosted such a gathering and it will be a significant step in helping the world-wide network of Cabrini educators collaborate and understand their unique roles as Cabrinian educators.

The Institute is designed to gather educators from Cabrini schools across the globe to develop skills on teaching and learning. With a clear emphasis on mission, Cabrinian

educators learned from each other and immersed themselves in university coursework focused on engaging students from pre-school through Grade 12.

The Institute had three primary purposes

 Focuses on mission and the question of "What does it mean to be a Cabrini Educator?



What a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Mother Cabrini's birthday with international Cabrinian education colleagues. So many new friends with whom to blow out those 167 candles!!

Offers and

opportunity for Cabrini educators to gather and learn from one another.

• Provides a forum for learning about and discussing current educational issues that transcend particular locations.

Thanks to Dr. Beverly Bryde, Dr. Martha Ritter and the entire faculty in the School of Education for planning workshops for participants throughout the week.

Most participants will be on campus from July 9th through the 16th. A small group will stay through July 21st to attend a graduate class.



A trip to the St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine in New York City was another highlight of the conference. Sr. Maria Loretta Caeti, MSC (c.) helped to host the group.

The participants attended cultural events in the evenings throughout the week, as well as a went on a bus trip to the St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine in New York City for Mother Cabrini's Birthday Celebration on July 15th.

The Institute is generously funded by the President Antoinette Iadarola Endowed Fund. ~excerpts of a letter to the campus community by Dr. Jeff Gingerich, Cabrini University Provost



Cabrinian educators from Argentina, Spain and the USA form a living representation of the Mother Cabrini's "education of the heart".

The educational philosophy of Mother Cabrini is a strong bond among these teachers as they seek to form their students intellectually, morally, physically and spiritually.



<u>Mother Cabrini</u> Shrine Gala 2017

With spectacular views of the Rocky Mountains and the city of Denver, the 16th Annual Mother Cabrini Shrine Gala took place at the Pinnacle Club at the Grand Hyatt in downtown Denver on Friday, June 23, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The near sold-out crowd enjoyed a wonderful evening that included a silent and live auction, raffle and dinner all in support of Mother Cabrini Shrine. Jeff Lewis, Shrine administrator, introduced the Missionary Sisters in attendance and gave a short presentation of the Shrine's mission statement and ministry and explained that the purpose of the gala was to further support these efforts.



Clyde and June Spero (c/l.r.) are congratulated by from left: Sr. Eileen Currie, MSC, Sr. Roselle Santivasi, MSC and Shrine Administrator Jeff Lewis upon being awarded the Company for Cabrini Award.

The Company for Cabrini Award was given to

Spero Winery. Clyde and June Spero have a long history with the Shrine and the Missionary Sisters. They also host a wine tasting and dinner each November with all proceeds going to the Shrine.



The Dire Family who is joined by Sr. Bernadette Casciano, MSC, (c.) was honored with the Spirit of Cabrini Award.

The Spirit of Cabrini Award was given to The Dire Family, in memory of Mike and Lorraine Dire. For many years, the Dires coordinated a weekly bingo to help the Shrine financially. Lorraine's parents lived in North Denver and met Mother Cabrini when they repaired her shoes at their family business.

The money raised at the gala is used for the operations, maintenance and special projects of the Shrine and it helps us continue our ministry and the great legacy of St. Frances Cabrini. We are so grateful to everyone has supported this event over the years.

~ submitted by JoAnn Seaman



Mother Cabrini Shrine Summer Feast & Bazaar 2017

From left: Missionary Sisters novice Sr. Marisel Mora; Sr. Isalia Carvalho, Sr. Martha Lopez and Sr. Therese Merandi share a light hearted moment with Bishop Jorge Rodriguez.

The Mother Cabrini Shrine Summer Feast and Bazaar took place July 15 & 16 and was a celebration in honor of the birth of St. Frances Cabrini and her canonization. It was a faith and fun-filled weekend with Masses, rosary processions, Spanish Dancers, food booths, games, handmade craft items. Spanish Dancers entertained all with their dancing and beautiful costumes. A dove release in Cabrini Gardens was a special addition to the weekend as we honored Mother Cabrini's life and ministry.

Bishop Jorge Rodriguez, Auxiliary Bishop of Denver, celebrated the 11 a.m. Mass in English and the 2 p.m. Mass in Spanish and both services filled the chapel to capacity and then some. It was a beautiful weekend of celebration. ~ *submitted by JoAnn Seaman*

Please also click on this link to read a story on the Mother Cabrini Shrine which appeared in the Denver Catholic. It is an interesting perspective as we observe the centenary anniversary of Mother Cabrini's death: <u>http://denvercatholic.org/mother-cabrini-shrine-saints-spirit-lives-100-years-death</u>

A Birthday Celebration for Mother Cabrini at the National Shrine



The National Shrine of St. Frances X. Cabrini in Chicago, IL held a grand celebration for Mother Cabrini's 167th birthday.



Photo above: National Shrine Director Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC welcomes Bishop Jerome Listaki to the National Shrine where the Bishop presided over the special liturgy.

Photo right: There was much pomp and ceremony for the birthday celebration.

To view a new video presentation on the National Shrine that was developed for their Gala fundraiser:

https://youtu.be/U-FcUFCqeUY

Bishop Jerome Listaki from Milwaukee Wisconsin was the principle celebrant. His Mass and sermon was uplifting and lighthearted. Following the liturgy the Bishop blessed the Birthday cake, the congregation sang, "Happy Birthday, Mother Cabrini" and everyone enjoyed a great time with coffee, cake, fellowship and more.

~ submitted by Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC





Sr. Regina Casey, MSC

A Very Special Tribute to a Very Special Woman

July 7, 2017 was no ordinary day at Cabrini of Westchester. Anyone who entered the chapel for daily Mass could sense something special was about to happen. The chapel was more crowded than usual, there was noticeably an abundance of MSCs in attendance and there was a palatable sense of excitement in the air. It was the 71st anniversary of the canonization of Mother Cabrini and a day to honor an MSC who followed closely in her footsteps and served as a visionary, a fearless leader and a devoted servant who accomplished much and touched the lives of many: Sr. Regina Casey, MSC.

Known as a leader in higher education, Sr. Regina was appointed the President of Cabrini College at the age of 38. As one of the youngest college presidents in the nation, her leadership aided Cabrini's transition from an all-female school to a co-ed institution. During her tenure, she also implemented Cabrini's

Evening Division and its Career Opportunities Program for adult minority students.

Sr. Regina devoted her life to God and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and went on to become the first American ever elected head of the order – General Superior - after being nominated at the international meeting in Rome in July 1972. Sr. Regina later served in the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus New York headquarters where she helped oversee the order's hospitals and orphanages across North America.

In recognition of her exceptional qualities and many accomplishments, Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC and Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC took to the altar to bestow an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from what is now Cabrini University to Sr. Regina Casey, MSC. Together, Sr. Arlene and Sr. Catherine read the Citation:



Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC (l.) and Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC read the official citation.

"Be it known that Cabrini University lauds and honors the work of Sr. Regina Casey, a fearless leader of faith, a visionary in higher education and a devoted public servant....For these exceptional qualities and accomplishments, for embodying the values and spirits of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, for leading Cabrini College, and for your dedicated services to, and leadership of, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Cabrini University honors you."

Patricia Krasnausky, President and CEO of Cabrini of Westchester, placed the hood on Sr. Regina as her fellow MSCs looked on with pride and admiration. Sr. Catherine Garry presented Sr. Regina Casey, President Emerita, the Degree "Doctorate of Humane Letters"



along with a beautiful photo of the statue of Mother Cabrini that resides on the University's campus. Both of which remain proudly on display in Sr. Regina's room. ~ submitted by Lorraine Horgan, Cabrini of Westchester

Sr. Regina Casey, MSC, (c.) past president of then, Cabrini College, was awarded an honorary degree by Cabrini University at the May Commencement. The honor was presented to Sr. Regina at a special liturgy at Cabrini of Westchester. Joining her in celebration are from left: Sr. Bernadette Casciano, MSC; Cabrini of Westchester President and CEO Patricia Krasnausky; and Cabrini of Westchester chaplain Fr. Edwin Robinson, OFM, Cap.

The Nerney Leadership Institute at Cabrini University

Please SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, October24, 2017 Executive in Residence: Sister Mary Scullion, RSM - Executive Director and President, Project HOME



We are honored and pleased to announce that Sister Mary Scullion, RSM - known as the champion of the marginalized, in particular, people experiencing chronic homelessness - has graciously agreed to serve as the Cabrini University/Nerney Leadership Institute Executive in Residence this Fall.

Having dedicated herself in serving and advocating for the homeless and mentally ill populations, Sr. Mary founded the first Outreach Coordination Center in the nation, was co-founder of Woman of Hope in 1985, co-founder of Project HOME, and continues to provide incalculable efforts to these causes, as well as her commitment to fair housing rights of persons with disabilities.

Sr. Mary received numerous awards for lending her voice and indomitable spirit and strengths to those less fortunate which include, but are not limited to, being named the 2011 Citizen of the Year by the Philadelphia Inquirer and selected by Time Magazine as one of the "World's Most Influential People in 2009.

We are looking forward to having Sister at our campus. 3:15pm, Campus-wide Address, Grace Hall Atrium/7:00pm, Conversation with Sr. Mary Scullion, Mansion Foyer.

Prayer Requests

Sr. Adenech Anne, MSC

Please think of Sr. Adenech Anne with prayer, as she begins her stem- cell transplant treatments this coming week at Mt. Sinai Hospital. She will be in the hospital for the next few weeks in isolation.

A friend

A friend of the Missionary Sisters who wishes to remain anonymous, is having serious health issues and is asking for prayers. Kindly remember this person in your prayers.

Denise Burke

Please pray for Denise Burke, dear friend of Lorraine Horgan, Vice President of External Affairs at Cabrini of Westchester. Denise will be starting inpatient chemotherapy next week for a very rare and aggressive cancer. Following three rounds of chemotherapy, she will be having her leg amputated as it is the source of the cancer. Denise is a single Mother of three children and would really appreciate prayers during this difficult time and for a healthy future.

John Connor

Pray for John Connor, the brother of Mary Connor, who is experiencing health problems as a result of a nasty fall. May he be restored to full health.

Mary and Florence Connor

Please pray for Mary and Florence Connor as they make a decision regarding a move into a retirement community. May the Holy Spirit guide their thoughts and actions as to the next chapter in their lives.

Sr. Eileen Currie, MSC

Please pray for Sr. Eileen Currie's healing as she recovers from foot surgery.

Hudson Galton

Please pray for five-year-old Hudson Galton who has been diagnosed with leukemia. He is currently being treated at Georgetown Hospital. His mother is a part of Hugh Water's treatment team. Hugh is the brother of Sr. Grace Waters, MSC.

Joe Holmes

Our prayers have been requested for Joe Holmes who is experiencing health problems. Please remember him in your thoughts and prayers.

Penny Moy

Your prayers are asked for Penny Moy who is currently hospitalized and is undergoing tests. Please pray for Penny and her family as they look to her care.

Beth McCoy Priest

Please unite in prayer for Beth Priest, a former staff member with Cabrini Mission Corps in the early 1990s. In the past few years, Beth has been undergoing treatment for an aggressive form of cancer. She has now stopped all treatment and is under hospice care. Let us hold Beth, her husband Dana and her daughter Sarah as they accompany her on this final journey.

Gloria & Bob Olmstead

Please keep Gloria and Bob Olmstead, parents of Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, in your prayers. Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead are making a major move from South Carolina to a senior residence to Yonkers, NY this week. Please pray for Sr. Diane and her brother as they get their parents settled in their new home.

Sr. Philippa Provenzano, MSC

Special greetings are in order for Sr. Philippa, who celebrated her 95th Birthday on July 19th. God bless you, Sr. Philippa for your many years of life and faithful service to God's people. Happy belated Birthday from your Missionary Sisters and your Cabrini friends.

Rick Stancato

Kindly unite in prayer for Rick Stancato, the brother of Patricia Stancato, CLM, who is going through a serious medical issues.

With a Grateful Heart



Sr. Grace Waters, MSC and her sister, Theresa De Lawrence, and their brother, Hugh Waters, wish to thank you for all your prayers for Hugh's treatment. Hugh is progressing and feels supported by your prayerful accompaniment. Please continue to keep Hugh in your thoughts.

In Loving Memory

Gretchen Dingee

Prayers are requested for Gretchen, a former Cabrini College staff member and former staff member of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Gretchen was called home to God on Sunday, July 16th following a very long illness. She was the dear friend of many Missionary Sisters and Cabrini College alumni. Please pray for Gretchen's daughter Jenny Dexheimer and her family; her son, Hal, and Gretchen's grandchildren Michael, Erin and AJ Dexheimer and Samantha Dingee.

John Younger

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Younger, the father of JoAnn Seaman, Development Director at the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO. Mr. Younger passed away on Sunday, July 16th. Please pray for JoAnn's mom and her siblings and their families at this very sad time.

Another Peek at Francesca's Garden



The plants are really beginning to bring forth some delicious veggies in Francesca's Garden at The Cottage at Cabrini University.

The peppers have been abundant and the tomatoes are ripening on the vine. We also spotted our first watermelon!

We have already made one delivery of zucchini and peppers to an area food pantry for low-income seniors.



An Update on The Update

This is our last edition of *The Update* for the summer. Publication of The Update will resume in early September.

Please check the <u>www.mothercabrini.org</u> homepage for the latest news.

Prayer requests are always welcome and will be published on Thursdays as they are received. Kindly send prayer requests to:

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Summer blessings.

