During the month of July, the Cabrinian Community observes two very special occasions. On July 7th, we mark the anniversary of the canonization of Mother Cabrini who in 1946 became the first American citizen to be declared a saint in the Roman Catholic Church. On July 15th, we celebrate Mother Cabrini’s 167th birthday. She was born in Sant’ Angelo Lodigiano, Italy in 1850.

In the book, “Immigrant Saint The Life of Mother Cabrini” by Pietro Di Donato, he writes of the canonization day, “On July 7, 1946, [the Basilica of] St. Peter’s wore a holiday appearance. Its venerable and imposing pillars were decked with magnificent ancient damask hangings. Countless electric lights and candles were grouped around the pontifical altar…paintings depicting Mother Cabrini hung from the balconies. The activities in the Vatican began just after seven in the morning, when the Cardinals, patriarchs, Archbishops and other dignitaries who were to participate in the canonization began to arrive at the Sistine Chapel. Pope Pius XII entered the Sistine Chapel and intoned the Ave Maris Stella.

“The Pope made the following solemn declaration in Latin: “…we inscribe in the Catalogue of the Saints, the blessed Francesca Xavier Cabrini, ordaining that her memory be celebrated in the universal church on the Day of December 22, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.”

In his homily the Pope said of Mother Cabrini, “Although her constitution was very frail, her spirit was endowed with such singular strength that, knowing the will of God in her regard, she permitted nothing to impede her from accomplishing what seemed to be beyond the strength of a woman.” ~ excerpt from “Immigrant Saint” The Life of Mother Cabrini by Pietro Di Donato

“Religious leader, business administrator and spokesperson for the downtrodden, Mother Cabrini was always a woman of compassion. Despite hardship, poor health and disappointment, Mother Cabrini’s peace of soul enabled her to radiate a joy born of unflagging trust in divine providence. This total and unabashed trust in God was her outstanding personality characteristic and was the source of an inner strength, which propelled her to remarkable accomplishments in a relatively short amount of time. Some saw in Cabrini the embodiment of immigrant aspirations: to get ahead, to excel, to prove one’s self. Others, instead, attributed her achievements to the zeal of a saint.”

~ Sr. Mary Louise Sullivan, MSC, Ph.D., Mother Cabrini, “Italian Immigrant of the Century”
ATTEND THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI’S ANNUAL GALA

Join us on July 19th at the Chicago History Museum for our 2017 Gala. This year, we commemorate the 100th anniversary of Mother Cabrini’s transition into Eternal Life. Your attendance will help keep Mother Cabrini’s ministries flourishing throughout the world!

Reserve your seat and join our celebration at www.cabrininationalshrine.org/gala
Birthday Fiesta!  
for Saint Frances Cabrini

Saturday, July 15  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

MASSES
11:00 am  
English
Celebrant: Bishop Gerald Walsh
Blessing with the relic of St. Frances Cabrini

2:00 pm  
Spanish
Blessing with the relic of St. Frances Cabrini

Celebración del cumpleaños  
de Santa Francisca Cabrini

Sábado, 15 de Julio  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

MISAS
11:00 am  
Inglés
Celebrante: Obispo Gerald Walsh
Bendición con la reliquia de Sta. Frances Cabrini

2:00 pm  
Español
Bendición con la reliquia de Sta. Frances Cabrini

ST. FRANCES CABRINI SHRINE
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Subway: Take the A train to 190th Street and exit the station by elevator. The Shrine is across the street.
Bus: Take the M4 bus, get off at 190th St.
By Car: From midtown Manhattan, take the Henry Hudson Parkway northbound and Riverside Dr. to Fort Washington Ave. Turn left onto Fort Washington Ave.

Tome el tren A hasta la estación 190th St. Para salir de la estación tome el elevador y suba las escaleras. La Iglesia está ubicada al cruzar la calle. Autobús: Tome el Autobús M4 hasta la calle 190.
En Automóvil: Desde el centro de Manhattan, Tome la dirección norte del Hudson River Parkway y Riverside Drive hacia Fort Washington Ave. Gire a la izquierda en Fort Washington Ave.
Prayer Requests

Michael Duigan
Your prayers are asked for Michael, the father-in-law of John Fruscione who is in ICU at this time. John Fruscione is the nephew of Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC.

Rosita Fernandez
Please pray for Rosita who is experiencing cardiac problems. She is the sister of Dr. Fernandez. Pray for her healing and good health.

Suzanne Gallagher
Suzanne, the sister of Cabrini University alumna and trustee Claire Roth, will start a course of medical treatment this week. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Bob King Sr.
Please pray for Bob King, Sr. a friend and colleague of Cabrini University President Dr. Donald Taylor, as he recovers from a recent illness and medical treatments.

Bianca Roberson
Please pray for the repose of the soul of 18 year-old Bianca, who was killed in a senseless act of road rage in the suburban Philadelphia area. Pray for her family who is struggling to cope with her death. She was to have started college in August.

John and Ethel Younger
JoAnn Seaman, staff member at the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO, asks our prayers for her parents. Her dad, John, has been suffering from Alzheimer's for a while and the course of the disease is becoming more difficult. JoAnn’s mom, Ethel, is still taking care of Mr. Younger and they both would be grateful for our prayerful support.

Anthony Yu
Sr. Grace Waters, MSC invites your prayers for Anthony Yu, the brother of Sr. Grace’s friend, Rosalind.

Summer Reminder
The Update will be published again on Thursday, July 20th. The Update will be on vacation in August and will resume publication in September. Prayer requests are always welcome at cabrininews@mothercabrini.org and will be published on Thursdays throughout August as they are received. Thank you.