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THE UPDATE

July 7, 2016

## Today We Celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Frances X. Cabrini July 7, 2016

Following the exhaustive Vatican processes of beatification and canonization, Mother Cabrini was declared Blessed on November 13, 1938, and on July 7, 1946, she became the first United States citizen to be canonized a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.

In the book, *"Immigrant Saint" The Life of Mother Cabrini* by Pietro Di Donato, he writes of the canonization day, "On July 7, 1946, St. Peter's wore a holiday appearance. It's 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





unfaltering 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"*

**Time Magazine, this week, features Mother Cabrini's canonization anniversary:**

<http://time.com/4380994/frances-cabrini-first-american-saint>

**On July 15, 2016, we will celebrate  
Mother Cabrini's 166<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

In her book, Sr. Mary Louise Sullivan observed, "Frances Cabrini was very much a woman alone. Unlike the majority of religious foundresses, she had not been selected by a bishop or priest to establish a Roman Catholic sisterhood in accord with clerically modelled plans. The plan was her own. The inspiration and initiative were hers and she bore the responsibility for conceiving and carrying out new ventures. She was not beholden to anyone in particular. This gave her freedom of action and enabled her to accomplish deeds suggested by her clarity and ardor of spirit." ~Sr. Mary Louise Sullivan, MSC, Ph.D., *Mother Cabrini, "Italian Immigrant of the Century"*

Today and on her birthday, we give great thanks for her life and for Mother Cabrini's vision, tenacity and missionary zeal.

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## **St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Issuance of a Commemorative Stamp**

Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC, General Superior, writes to tell us that in Italy, in honor of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the canonization of Mother Cabrini, a commemorative stamp has been issued. Six hundred thousand stamps have been printed with the portrait of St. Cabrini and the words:

**70 Anniversary of the Canonization  
SANTA Frances Xavier Cabrini  
1946 - 2016  
ITALY  
€ 0.95**



The Post Office of Codogno will use on the day of issue, a special cancellation made by the Italian Post Philately. The stamp can be purchased at post offices throughout Italy, the "Spazio Filatelia" in Rome, Milan, Venice, Naples, Trieste, Turin, Genoa and [poste.it](http://poste.it) site.



# Cabrini College is now officially **Cabrini University**

*A message from Cabrini University President Dr. Donald B. Taylor....*

**It's official! Cabrini College is now Cabrini University.**

This change to Cabrini University marks a proud moment in history for the entire Cabrini community, one that reflects years of hard work and achievement. We've expanded our academic offerings, adding bachelor's and master's degree programs and, for the first time ever, doctoral degrees. In an increasingly global world, we've committed to investing in diversity and increasing our global recruitment efforts. We've also broadened our outreach and bolstered our commitment to providing an *Education of the Heart*.

[As of July 1, 2016], we launch our identity as Cabrini University—complete with a [new website](#), a new tagline (*Live with Purpose*), a new look, and new signage throughout campus.

As we launch Cabrini University, we remain committed to universal human rights and dignity in our teaching and in our work with the community. We also remain dedicated to providing a supportive community that encourages students to discover who they are, what they love, and how they can make a difference in their world and in the world around them.

[Watch our new video](#) to discover why students come to Cabrini.

I want to thank you, again, for your support and guidance through this transition.

I look forward to celebrating with you, and to discovering all that we can accomplish as Cabrini University. We have a bright future ahead of us!





# Cabrini Mission Foundation Bowling FUNdraiser

A great night was had by all on June 22nd at the Cabrini Mission Foundation's second Bowling FUNdraiser held at Chelsea Piers NYC. Approximately 100 bowlers and supporters were in attendance. Over \$27,000 was raised for Cabrini Mission Foundation as a result of the incredible generosity of our friends and sponsors.



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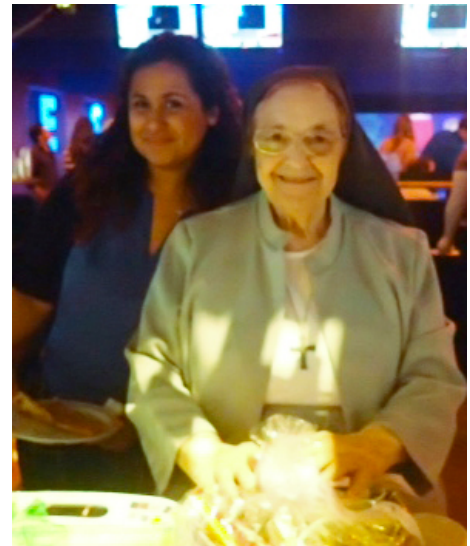
Vincent Iannelli (5)

Michael LeFante (1)

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Taking a momentary pause from the bowling lanes are the members of the Sacred Heart Convent team "Jets" from left: Mary Ann Algerio; Angela Nunez; Geraldine Flaherty; Khaliq Holmes and Flavia Rodriguez.



Maria Diaz (receptionist at Sacred Heart Convent) and Sr. Joan Marie Sariti, MSC keep track of the strikes and spares.

[See more photos of this lively event on the following page.](#)





Photo above: The Cabrini Eldercare team gears up for a great night of competition. From left: Delia De Los Santos; Doris Mendez; Leah Lee; Ingrid Alexander; Philip Deans, Cabrini Senior Housing; Mary Santana, Laron Wilson and Jatawn Rodriquez.



Photo right: Of course, the MSCs were an integral part of the **FUN**draiser, too! From left: Sr. Marisel Mora; Sr. Suany DeOliveria (standing); Sr. Martha Lopez; Ms. Brenda Barsallo of CIS, NYC; Sr. Juana Coxaj; Sr. Lucy Panettieri and Sr. Sonnia Osorio get right into the spirit of the bowling and Cabrinian camaraderie.



## Celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Cabrini High School's Class of 1991 celebrated its 25-year reunion in the on the school's campus.



A reception for the Class of 1991 was held in Alumnae Hall located in Cabrini's historic Esplanade building. There the classmates renewed acquaintances, passed around yearbooks and pictures, and reminiscing about the good times shared while attending Cabrini.

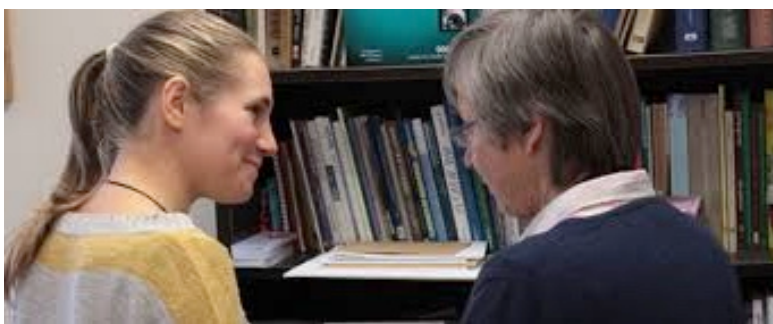
The class honored Katrina Kileen Luty and Courtney Gagnon Denley, two classmates who have since passed, with a memorial during the reunion. ~ *submitted by Nall Gearheard*



## *From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...*

Last week we explored the history of consecrated life when there was a steady flow of women and men who were seeking religious life. Religious congregations did not have to “do” vocation promotion. Candidates having had an on-going relationship with a certain order would simply show up at the Motherhouse of a particular congregation and begin the process of discernment. This week, we will explore how today that reality is vastly changed. Vocation ministry involves going out to the people to tell the story of the charism and mission. This week we will explore how vocation ministers go about their work of promoting religious life.

### **Honest invitations**



The first requirement of vocation work is honest invitation. Invitations extended to men and women where they are, in language they understand, into communities where their vocation can be shared and nurtured. Those joining us will often be more realistic than we are about the

diminishment that we are experiencing. It is a fact of life. They will not face the same issues regarding this reality that many of us face. They don't have the lifetime of memories of the motherhouse and of various ministries. They don't have to imbibe all our history before they can become members. They need enough of this to get them started, to measure their vocation against the yardstick of our history and our stories. And they need the freedom to begin write their own history, and to begin to write the next phase in our common story.

### **Create formative communities**

A second requirement for vocation work is formative communities, ready and willing to make time and space for candidates to get to know our brothers and sisters, and to experience religious life first hand. A community that has lived together for decades will have difficulty welcoming a new member fully into the group, especially one significantly younger in age and religious life. It can be done and requires very intentional efforts. Symbolic actions of renewal are helpful. In one community, everyone moved out of their room and into a new room when the new person moved in. In another community all the pictures came off the walls and we re-decorated, incorporating elements from the new person's culture. In yet another community another brother moved in at the same time as the candidate. These communities were saying by their actions: “We are a new community, we





are ready to build new relationships.” By contrast, some communities speak by their actions: take the guest bedroom, you can put your pictures there; keep your coffee cup in your room because there is no space in the kitchen for it; this is our schedule, you will have to work around it. Our communities must be able to welcome the stranger, and continue to integrate them until they are no longer strangers, but sisters and brothers.

### Have a supportive wider community



These formative communities are built in a wider community.

Do we all have to be ready for this radical invitation and openness? No, not everyone. However, we do need the support of the wider community in building formative communities. We have to be ready for communities that look different from those we have now. They may speak different languages, they may eat different foods, they may recreate differently, they may pray differently. The support of the wider community means that these differences are not seen as negatives but as positives.

“What are those young people doing in the living room, laughing it up after 9 o’clock in the evening?” queried one member suspiciously. They are re-creating the community, they are living their vocations, they are living, loving, hoping.

They are living justly. They are loving tenderly. They are walking humbly with our God. They are doing honor to the rich heritage of religious life as religious women and men of the 21st century.

We have to be careful of characterizing a mono-generational community of 70-year-olds who live with one new member in his/her 40s as an intergenerational community. A truly intergenerational community is one with members evenly spread between age 20 and 80; it is a gift. Each person, each generation, has a unique way of living religious life, and a unique gift to offer to the community. It takes work, but we should do what we can to build and support these communities.

*~ excerpts from “Vocation Ministry on the Precipice” by Amy Hereford, CSH, in HORIZON Journal of the NRV/C*

In our July 21<sup>st</sup> edition: Seeing new members as co-creators of community

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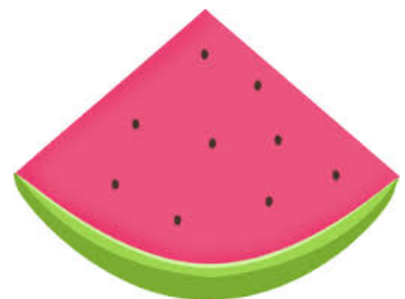
## The Update Summer Schedule

The Update will be published on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> and will be on vacation during the month of August.

We will resume publication on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Prayer requests are always welcome and will be published on Thursdays as they are received throughout the summer.

Please check [www.mothercabrini.org](http://www.mothercabrini.org) for news postings and the daily meditation on the homepage.





**Mother Cabrini Shrine  
Summer Feast & Bazaar  
This Saturday & Sunday  
July 9 & 10**



**Saturday 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

**Games, Bingo, Pickles, Bake Sale,  
Food Booths  
Handmade Market Place, Country Store**

**Saturday Anticipatory Mass at 4 p.m.**

**Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Games, Bingo, Pickles, Bake Sale,  
Food Booths  
Handmade Market Place, Country Store  
Rosary Processions, Spanish Dancers  
Raffle Drawing at 4 p.m.**

**Sunday Masses at 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
2 p.m. in Spanish**



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## YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE 2016 CABRINI BIRTHDAY BENEFIT!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016

5pm

Mass at the Shrine

6:30pm

Celebration at the

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

2430 N. Cannon Dr.

Chicago, IL 60614

Benefit tickets are \$175 per person.

Business attire is required.

Tickets are not required for the Mass.



Benefit includes a cocktail hour, silent and live auctions, dinner and  
50/50 raffle. 50/50 raffle tickets are \$20 per chance.

**Raffle and Benefit tickets are on sale now!**

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# SAVE THE DATE!

**Birthday Celebration for Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini**

***Celebración del cumpleaños de Santa Francisca Javier Cabrini***

**Saturday, July 23**  
**10 am – 4 pm**

**Sábado 23 de Julio**  
**10 am – 4 pm**



**11:00 am**  
**English Mass**

Celebrant: Bishop Gerald Walsh

**2:00 pm**  
**Misa en**  
**Español**

Following the family friendly masses there will be a full barbeque - rain or shine - on our beautiful campus. Live music, children's activities and more! Raffle tickets!



*Después de las misa en Familia habrá una barbacoa completa - en nuestro hermoso patio. Música en vivo, actividades para los niños y mucho más!*

Francesca Cabrini was born on July 15, 1850, in the village of Sant'Angelo. Villagers and members of her family recalled later that just before her birth a flock of white doves circled around high above the house.

*Francesca Cabrini nació el 15 de julio de 1850 en el pueblo de Sant'Angelo. Los habitantes del pueblo y sus familiares recordaron posteriormente que justo antes de su nacimiento, una bandada de palomas blancas volaba en círculo sobre la casa.*

**ST. FRANCES CABRINI SHRINE**

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# Prayer Requests

## ***Theresa Liu Avitabile***

Kindly continue to pray for Theresa, the wife of Alex Avitabile and sister-in-law of Sr. Antonina Avitabile, MSC. Theresa is now under hospice care.

## ***Emmalyn Maumus***

Please pray for 5-year-old Emmalyn Maumus, the granddaughter of Cabrini University staff member Anita Catalanotto, who will be undergoing medical tests on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Pray that all will be well.

# In Loving Memory

## ***Catherine Arnesen***

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine, who was called home to God yesterday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Catherine was a retired staff member at Cabrini (College) University. She loved the Cabrini community, and her family had just assured her of the love of the Cabrinian community in return, moments before she died. Funeral arrangements are still pending.

## ***Lena Tague***

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Lena Tague, the aunt of Cabrini College alumnae Jackie Tague Murray '69 and Judy Tague '74, who passed away on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. May she rest in God's eternal peace.

