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Pope Francis cites Mother Cabrini as Exemplar of Ministry to Immigrants

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VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Although she died 100 years ago, St. Frances Cabrini is a shining example of “love and intelligence” in ministering to the needs of immigrants and helping them become integral members of their new homelands, Pope Francis said.

Responding to “the great migrations underway today” the same way Mother Cabrini did “will enrich all and generate union and dialogue, not separation and hostility,” Pope Francis said in a letter to Sister Barbara Louise Staley, superior of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which the saint founded.



Mother Cabrini arrived in New York in 1889 to work with Italian immigrants, setting up orphanages, schools and hospitals in nine U.S. cities. Naturalized as a U.S. citizen in 1909, she died in Chicago Dec. 22, 1917.

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are holding their general assembly September 17-23 at the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in Chicago.

In her work, particularly among Italian immigrants to the United States, Mother Cabrini “focused attention on situations of greatest poverty and fragility, such as the needs of orphans and miners,” the Pope wrote in his letter, which was released at the Vatican Sept. 19.

Mother Cabrini also demonstrated “a lucid cultural sensitivity” by making sure she was in constant contact with local authorities, the pope said.

“She undertook to conserve and revive in the immigrants the Christian tradition they knew in their country of origin, a religiosity which was sometimes superficial and often imbued

with authentic popular mysticism,” he wrote. “At the same time, she offered ways to fully integrate with the culture of the new countries so that the Missionary Mothers accompanied the Italian immigrants in becoming fully Italian and fully American.”

With dialogue and help integrating, he said, “the human and Christian vitality of the immigrants thus became a gift to the churches and to the peoples who welcomed them.”

While Mother Cabrini and the sisters had a specific mission to assist the immigrants and strengthen their faith, he said, Catholics today cannot forget “that is the vocation of every Christian and of every community of the disciples of Jesus.”

On a more personal note, Pope Francis told the sisters, “I assure you of my remembrance and prayers with deep affection, both because I have always known the figure of Mother Cabrini and because of the special concern I devote to the cause of immigrants.”

~ by Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service and with appreciation to Cherie Sprosty, St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine, NYC



Cabrini Mission Foundation

‘Rocks the Boat!’

“Rock the Boat” Luncheon Yacht Cruise



Photo above: Getting ready to set sail on the Hudson River are from left: Paul Michels, Mary Ann Michels, Marc Kutzin, Susan Kutzin and Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC.

The Cabrini Mission Foundation celebrated its second Luncheon Yacht Cruise on Sunday, September 10, 2017. This year’s theme was “Rock the Boat” and a fun time was had by all.

It was a beautiful day filled with smiling faces aboard the “Majestic Princess.” Guests enjoyed a buffet luncheon including butlered hors d’oeuvres and dessert while cruising north on the Hudson River. After lunch the dance floor was filled with people showing off their best moves and “air guitar” on inflatable instruments.

Photo right: The Missionary Sisters rock on with their “air guitars” as they cruise the Hudson.





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Special thanks are given to those who attended and sponsored this wonderful event. As a result of the generosity of our friends and supporters, over \$39,000.00 was raised so the Cabrini Mission Foundation can continue Mother Cabrini's legacy of healing, teaching, and caring. ~submitted by Melanie Paccillo, Cabrini Mission Foundation



Cabrini of Westchester President and CEO Patricia Krasnauskas (standing) enjoys the cruise with guests from Cabrini of Westchester.

From the Province Vocation Promotion Team...

The National Religious Vocations Conference (NRVC) Welcomes New Executive Director

As of June, the National Religious Vocation Conference has a new executive director: Sr. Sharon Dillon, SSJ – TOSF. Sr. Dillon is a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. She brings a wide array of experience to the position. She was vocation director for her community for ten years and served as the executive director for the Franciscan Federation for six years. In the past 25 years she also co-founded, directed, worked at and served on the board of several non-profits that provide hospitality and support for people with intellectual and medical/physical challenges.

Dillon has a master's in education, is certified in special education and physical education and is a Franciscan spiritual director. Dillon succeeds Brother Paul Bednarczyk, CSC, who became vicar general of his community in September of 2016 after serving at the NRVC for 14 years.



Sr. Sharon Dillon, SSJ-TOSF

"The board was impressed by the depth and breadth of Sr. Sharon's experience," said NRVC board chair Brother Ronald Hingle, SC. We are confident that she will carry on the vision and legacy of inclusion and professional excellence passed on by our prior executive directors and effectively advance the mission of NRVC during her tenure."

~ from HORIZON, Journal of the NRVC

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Cabrini University presents...



THE GOOD THAT MUST BE DONE:

The Life and Legacy of Mother Cabrini

Join us for a five-part event series that considers how Mother Cabrini lived her life, the impact she had on so many people, and how her legacy has changed the world.

Her Spirituality

Ray Ward and Christopher Grosso,
Cabrini University
September 21, 12:30–1:30pm
(lunch will be served)
Grace Hall Multipurpose Room

Her Leadership

Tom Southard,
Cabrini University
October 19, 9:15–10:15am
(breakfast will be served)
Mansion Dining Room

Her Service

Robin Larkins,
Curiositas, Inc.
November 7, 12:30–1:30pm
(lunch will be served)
Grace Hall Multipurpose Room

Her Charism

Sr. Joan McGlinchey, MSC,
Archdiocese of Chicago
November 29, 1:00–2:00pm
(lunch will be served)
Grace Hall Multipurpose Room

Her Educational Philosophy

Maria Williams,
University College London
February 7, 1:00–2:00pm
(lunch will be served)
Grace Hall Multipurpose Room

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Prayer Requests

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Please join in prayer for the Missionary Sisters as they gather in Chicago for their Assembly. Pray that the Holy Spirit will illuminate and guide their discussions and bless their days together.



Victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose, Maria and the earthquakes in Mexico, fires in the western U.S.,

The number of people who have been affected by the recent hurricanes, fires and the earthquakes is staggering. Let us pray for those who have died and for those who mourn. Let us pray that people will be given the strength, courage and hope to rebuild their lives and livelihoods. Remember in a special way the frail elders, the infirm and children who have been impacted. Pray, too, for all those who responded so bravely to rescue others, and for those who are providing for the ongoing support and comfort of those displaced from their homes. We give thanks for all those who are working to restore power; those who are volunteering with emergency aid organizations, and for all our government and military personnel assisting in rescue and restoration operations.

Claire Watterson

Sr. Grace Waters, MSC, requests prayers for Clare Watterson, the sister of Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, SC, who is undergoing diagnostic tests for cancer. Sr. Margaret Ellen – a dear friend of Sr. Grace's - has recently been treated for non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma with successful results. Please keep these dear ladies in your prayers.

In Loving Memory

Sarah Calabra

Sarah Calabra, mother of Vickey Calabra Zavasnik, died suddenly. They had just returned home after evacuating for hurricane Irma. Sarah was 102 years old.



We welcome the arrival of the autumn season...