



MISSIONARY SISTERS  
of the SACRED HEART of JESUS  
*Bringing Christ's love to the world*

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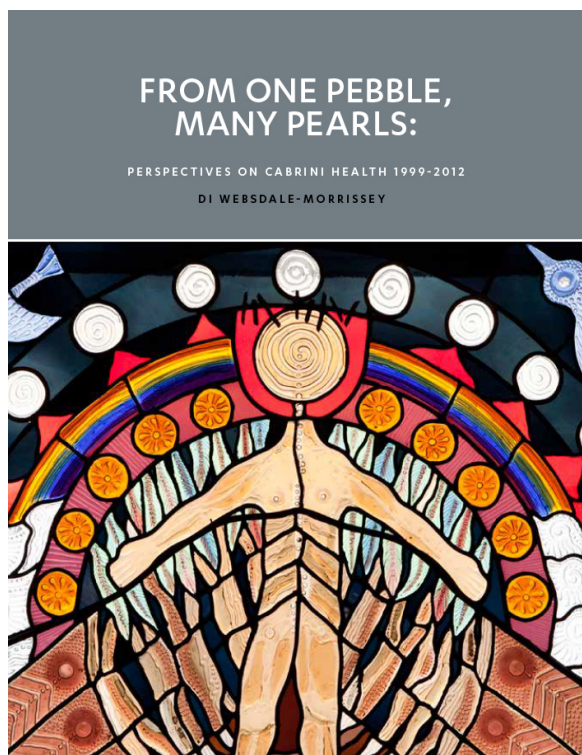
## *Welcome, Pope Francis!*



The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Cabrini Lay Missionaries, Cabrini Mission Corps missionaries, Cabrini Companions and Cabrinian collaborators, volunteers and friends bid you a warm welcome to the United States.

We are grateful for your messages of mercy and compassion. You exhort us to care for our poorest brothers and sisters. You urge us to welcome immigrants and those who are fleeing war and violence. You implore us as global citizens to protect and respect our earthly home. You warn us about unjust economic structures. You encourage us to get to know others and expand the circle of good will. You teach us that our faith is active, not passive. You proclaim that the Church today needs the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful. You are truly a bearer of Christ's love in the world – a real Cabrinian!

# Cabrini Health Launches New Book



In September 2015, Cabrini published the second volume of its history *From One Pebble, Many Pearls: Perspectives on Cabrini Health 1999–2012* by Melbourne based author Di Websdale-Morrissey.

Sister Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, Provincial Superior of the Stella Maris Province, (which includes Cabrini in Australia), officially launched the book at a celebration held at Cabrini Malvern on Tuesday 22 September.

As well as providing accounts of key milestones in the evolution of Cabrini in Australia during the past decade, the book includes a section on the development of the Institute of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart over the past ten years providing a key international perspective.

Cabrini Chief Executive Dr. Michael Walsh says he is pleased to present the book, which is the second volume of the history of Cabrini Health in Australia. It begins where the last book *Cabrini: A Hospital's Journey 1948–1998* by Gwynedd Hunter-Payne finished.

“This book provides perspectives on a period of time in Cabrini’s growth and history from 1999 to 2012. Rather than providing a strictly chronological review, this book focuses on a number of key developments in the evolution of our organization. The stories have been told with the different perspectives of people who were involved at the time, which I think gives a rich account of Cabrini Health over the past decade or so,” said Dr. Walsh.

“It is a tribute to the courage and vision of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (the Cabrini Sisters) who founded our institution and continue to sponsor and guide us today. It honors the Cabrini Health Board of Directors, management, doctors, staff and volunteers – past and present – who worked at Cabrini from 1999 until now. I especially thank our three Board Chairs of this era: the late Jan Bitcon, Professor Peter Phelan and Peter Matthey.”

The book is dedicated to **Sister Irma Lunghi, MSC** (1926-2013) and **Sister Regina Casey, MSC** who both spent many years working tirelessly at Cabrini in Australia and were much loved by all.

In researching and preparing the manuscript for the book, the author Di Websdale-Morrissey conducted approximately 100 interviews. She says the project “quickly became a fascinating and involving” one that drew her into life at Cabrini.

“Before beginning the project, I had no real knowledge of Cabrini. What surprised me most was its size and reach: the number of campuses, the size of its staff and accredited doctors; its specializations; never-ending quest for excellence; and its advances into research and education. It was fascinating to discover that Cabrini is often at the forefront of advances in healthcare within the private sector – the introduction of its palliative care service, which is unique in Victoria and so many other firsts. Chemtronics (a biomedical engineering business, now part of the Cabrini Technology group) and the Cabrini Linen Service also amazed me with their size and scope.”



Book author Di Websdale-Morrissey

Ms. Websdale-Morrissey says she enjoyed the process particularly the many interviews she conducted. “The interviewees sat happily sharing their memories,” she said. “I would often get lost in the stories, laughing, crying, admiring. I hope that the book is overwhelmingly a celebration.” ~ *submitted by Christine Elmer*

View a video conversation with the author:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tgh3BUfRveY&feature=youtu.be>



Families from all over the world waved their native flags, clutched their babies and cheered during Tuesday’s opening ceremonies for the World Meeting of Families.

Tuesday marked the first day of the four day conference whose theme is “Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive.” The conference workshops, which touch upon

various topics, end Friday, just before Saturday’s high anticipated arrival of Pope Francis in Philadelphia.

Most of the families attending the conference will also be at Independence Mall on Saturday for Francis’ speech on immigration and on the Parkway on Sunday for the Papal Mass. Many of the people in attendance wore their country’s flags; some attendees broke out in [native] song and dance.

For many pilgrims attending the meeting, coming to Philadelphia is a chance “to be plugged into the universal church,” said Patrick Arensberg, the director of religious education for the Archdiocese of Mobile, Alabama.

Salesian Sister Theresa Lee, attending from New Jersey said, “families need support morally and spiritually.” She continued, “I see young women searching for a deeper relationship

with Jesus and looking to give themselves to others in a life where sacrifice still has values and meaning.”

“We want to strengthen our faith through seeing united families, show love for the church, for families and for everyone,” said Sinaisiwe Makumure of Zimbabwe.



Anticipating the visit of Pope Francis in Philadelphia has local residents excited, as well. People are finalizing plans to attend seminars at the World Meeting of Families and to travel into Philadelphia for one of the Papal events.

Fr. Carl Janicki, a Philadelphia archdiocesan priest and director of Campus Ministry at Cabrini College, said, “[Pope Francis] presence is going to engage people in conversation about world [issues] and marriage. He brings nothing but positivity to the United States.”

Students, such as Jessica Paradysz, think that the Pope will remind us to be more loving and accepting. She likes Pope Francis because he is very down to earth and people of all faiths can relate to him.

Certainly, there is building excitement in Philadelphia as the World Meeting of Families meeting culminates this Saturday in the visit of the Pontiff.

~ *Excerpts from Claudia Vargas, Sofiya Ballin, Kristin Holmes, Michael Matza, Philadelphia Inquirer; Jessica DiProspero, Loquitor; and Christle Gehman*

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## **National Shrine of St. Frances X. Cabrini, CHICAGO**

### **The Caring Arts Ensemble performs on Sunday, September 27th at 1:30pm**

Cellist Petar Kecenovici has toured worldwide with notable artists such as Andrea Bocelli. Guitarist Bill Syniar has written music for famous groups such as the Doobie Brothers. Members of the Chicago based band, Classical Blast, they also share their talents with the Caring Arts Foundation.

This fun and celebratory inner quest uses live music and visualization techniques to reconnect you with your creative center.

[Click here for more information](#)

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## **Refugee Crisis**

For those who may want to reach out and offer support to suffering brothers and sisters who are fleeing their homes in unsafe countries, you can go on the Catholic Relief Services website: [www.CRS.org](http://www.CRS.org)

On their website you can see options to help with relief services.

Thanks to Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC for this suggestion.



# All Are Welcome

You're invited to learn about the newest generation of Catholic sisters and why we need them now more than ever at three upcoming gatherings. Hear remarkable stories from these modern women who have answered the call, and learn how they perceive their mission.

These unique gatherings, hosted by the National Religious Vocations Conference (NRVC) during the Year of Consecrated Life and made possible due to the generosity of the GHR Foundation, will feature several young sisters, along with the authors of *New Generations of Catholic Sisters: The Challenge of Diversity*.

A Q&A session and raffle will follow the main presentation. Refreshments will be served. This is an excellent chance to generate support for Catholic sisters now and in the future. Please plan on attending—and bring friends!

## Upcoming schedule

Oct. 10, 2015, 1-4 pm, Mass to follow -  
Immaculata University in Immaculata,  
Pennsylvania

Jan. 23, 2016, 9 am-noon - Mount Saint Mary's  
University in Los Angeles, California

## Featured speakers

*New Generations of Catholic Sisters* authors:

Sr. Mary Johnson, S.N.D.deN.; Sr. Patricia Wittberg, S.C.; Dr. Mary Gautier

Questions? Call the NRVC offices at 773-363-5454. Learn more [here](#).



## Livestream of *Today's Catholic Sisters Symposium*, Dominican University, Chicago, September 18

Over 170 people attended the first *Today's Catholic Sisters Symposium* in San Antonio. Many also watched the livestream online. We hope that the symposia at Immaculata University and Mount St. Mary's University will also be live-streamed but have not received final confirmation.



## *Treasures of the Vatican*

**Franklin Institute – September 19, 2015 to February 15, 2016**

The Franklin Institute of Philadelphia has announced plans to host the exclusive East Coast destination of Vatican Splendors beginning on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The exhibit explores the historical and cultural impact of the Vatican over the span of 2,000 years through significantly relevant objects straight from the Vatican. Every object in the exhibition tells its own story, together forming a great historical mosaic of the Vatican. Many of the artifacts have never before been on public view. Highlights include works by Michelangelo, and Bernini and Guercino, some dating back to the first century. For further info: <https://www.fi.edu>

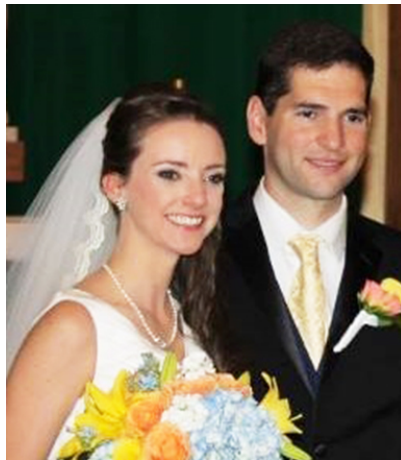


*Love is in the air at the Mother Cabrini Shrine*

*With joy, prayers and best wishes to...*



Shrine Administrator Jeff Lewis married Meghan McCartney on September 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Richard Catholic Church in Swanton, OH. Jeff and Meghan met on Good Friday 2013 in the Shrine's chapel.



Shrine Retreat Coordinator Anna McDonald married Christopher Dodd on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Denver.



Shrine Gift Shop staffer Celestina Reyes married Aubrey Wyatt on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Three Trees Chapel, Littleton, CO.



# Prayer Requests



## ***Alice Cullen***

Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC ask ours prayer for her friend, Alice Cullen, who is recovering from a heart attack.

## ***Lori O’Fria Cellucci***

Please continue your prayers for Lori, a 1987 graduate of Cabrini College, who underwent extensive – successful - surgery last week and is now at home recuperating. Pray that Lori will quickly regain her strength and will soon be back to her usual busy life routine.

## ***Mitch Kline***

Prayers are requested for Mitch Kline, Head Softball Coach at Cabrini College, who recently underwent surgery and is currently doing rehab. Pray for his successful recovery and on-going treatment - that he will be restored to full health.

## ***Justin Mirigliani***

Prayers are requested for Justin, a 2004 graduate of Cabrini College, is undergoing surgery today to remove his colon as part of his ongoing fight with Ulcerative Colitis and Crohn's Disease - a battle he's been waging for 12+ years with strength and courage. After the surgery, Justin's recovery will include adapting his active and athletic lifestyle to having a permanent ileostomy. Please remember Justin, his wife, Amy, and their two young daughters Alex and Rebecca in the days and weeks ahead, with prayers for a successful surgery and a speedy recovery so that this young man can resume his active life with his family with less pain and suffering. In a typical Cabrinian manner of caring, throughout his illness, Justin has been committed to fundraising for a cure for this disease. His "Checkmates Charitable Association" supports the Jefferson Hospital of Philadelphia's department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and their research to end Ulcerative Colitis and Crohn's Disease.

## ***Sr. Julia Toto, MSC***

Please pray for Sr. Julie was hospitalized this past weekend with a stroke. She is in the hospital currently in ICU, but is making progress and would be grateful to receive prayers and good wishes from her Cabrinian friends.

**Greetings can be sent to:**

**Sr. Julie Toto, MSC  
Sacred Heart Convent  
71 Jackson Street  
New York, NY 10002**

# In Loving Memory

## ***Joe Kelly***

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joe Kelly, husband of former Cabrini College staff member Joan Kelly. Pray for the comfort of Joan and her children at this sad time.



### ***Augustine Daniel Feudale***

The Cabrinian Community joins the Cabrini College Community in extending sympathy to Gus Feudale, Cabrini College Facilities Department's Grounds Manager, on the loss of his father, Augustine Daniel Feudale, who passed away suddenly on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### ***Agnes Smiley***

The Cabrinian community joins the Cabrini College community in extending sympathy to Cindy Ross, Cabrini College Library, on the loss of her mother, Agnes Smiley, who passed away on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **With Thanksgiving and Congratulations**

### ***Sr. Martha Lopez, MSC***

Congratulations to Sr. Martha, who became a naturalized citizen on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The ceremony was held at U.S. Citizens and Immigration Services in New York City.

From left: Sr. Dianne McKenna, Sr. Antonia Plata and Sr. Laura Baldini (r.) congratulate Sr. Martha Lopez (holding US flag) as she becomes a naturalized citizen.



With thanks to Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC, Superior General, who shared this photo on her Facebook page of Pope Francis receiving a gift of a painting of the American Saints yesterday at St. Matthew Cathedral.

The painting features Mother Cabrini.

Thanks, too, to CMC missionary Ashley Block who submitted the screenshot to The Update so that we can all share in the excitement.