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THE UPDATE

October 1, 2020

October 5 is Cabrini Day in Colorado

Kindness. Compassion. Community. CABRINI.

Earlier this year, the Colorado Legislature passed Frances Xavier Cabrini House Bill 20-1031 into law, establishing Frances Xavier Cabrini Day as a Colorado State Holiday. The first paid state holiday in the nation that recognizes a woman, Cabrini Day will be observed in Colorado annually on the first Monday in October. (October 5, 2020)

October 5th 2020 - Cabrini Day

Earlier this year, Colorado Governor Jared Polis signed into law House Bill 1031, which designates a paid state holiday named after St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. Cabrini Day will be the first paid holiday in the state named after a woman. Lawmakers decided there should be a day to honor the first American, citizen saint who has deep ties to Colorado, and they also recognized the enormous good that Mother Cabrini did when she came to Colorado.

As the first annual Cabrini Day approaches on October 5, we appreciate the recognition as a great opportunity for all of Colorado to learn more about Mother Cabrini's life, legacy and the many accomplishments she made in our state. She cared for those who were in most need of being cared for including orphaned children and immigrants working in the mines. Her story is rich with determination, grit, trust in the Lord, belief in herself and a belief in the potential of others. To us at Mother Cabrini Shrine, this designation is about her story, and we are eager for people to learn of it and be inspired by this great female humanitarian.

CABRINI DAY

For more information on Cabrini Day, please visit www.cabriniday.com

Mother Cabrini dedicated her life to helping the poor, the sick, immigrants and those less fortunate. Her story is rich with determination, grit and an unshakable faith in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This day is about her story and we are eager for people to learn of it and be inspired by her life and all she accomplished.

As we celebrate this inaugural Frances Cabrini Day during this time of the COVID pandemic, the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO, is committed to following Jefferson County and the state of Colorado's Safer-At-Home guidelines. The Shrine staff asks that visitors practice safe social distancing and wear a mask when visiting. There is limited capacity within our buildings and chapels and there are sign up requirements for Sunday Masses.

The staff is working hard to keep the Shrine safe and open so that we can continue to welcome all who come to Mother Cabrini Shrine. Due to Covid-

19, there are no formal activities planned at Mother Cabrini Shrine on Cabrini Day 2020.

~ submitted by JoAnn Seaman, Mother Cabrini Shrine, Golden, CO

Please be sure to visit: www.cabriniday.com to take the Cabrini Day Pledge and for other resources. Also, visit the Mother Cabrini Shrine website: www.mothercabrinishrine.org

Colorado Cabrini Day Sparks Curiosity re: Cabrini Shrine, NYC

*Who is Frances Cabrini and
why is she replacing Columbus?*

Julia Attaway, the Executive Director of the St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine in New York City, relates that in late June, Nick Poppy, the video editor from *Inside Edition Digital*, sent a blind email to the Shrine wanting to learn about Mother Cabrini, and wanting to know why the state of Colorado is instituting Cabrini Day. He asked if he could do an interview at the Shrine. And, as Julia Attaway said, “all I had to do was say yes!”

Evidently, Mr. Poppy lives near the Shrine but had never been inside. A week after sending that initial email he and a cameraman paid a visit to the Shrine and filmed for 2.5 hours. The cameraman, whose father grew up in an orphanage in Eastern Europe, was especially moved by Mother Cabrini’s story.



The result is an informative video which aired on September 27, which garnered over 100K views in its first 24 hours. To view the video click [here](#)
~ submitted by Julia Attaway, Executive Director

Julia Attaway, Executive Director of the St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine in New York City, was delighted to welcome an editor from Inside Edition Digital who was curious about the origins of Cabrini Day in Colorado and wanted to learn more about our patroness.



Cabrini U. to Host National Body Image Conference

Cabrini’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences will host the fourth biennial National Undergraduate Conference on Body Image in a virtual format on Thursday, October 1. Cabrini’s Body Image Conference aims to provide a day of discussion and examination of the interdisciplinary field of body studies that ties in with current events and world issues of social justice. The theme of 2020’s conference is “Diversity and the Body” and will feature a keynote presentation from Amber Hikes, Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer, American Civil Liberties Union.



“Thanks to the virtual format of this year’s conference, we have presenters from around the globe, including students from the University of Florence in Italy and Aksaray University in Turkey,” said Michelle Filling-Brown, PhD, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. “The virtual format has provided access to so many more students from around the globe.” ~Cabrini U. website

[Registration](#) is open to the public but space is limited. View the day-long [schedule](#) for the conference, including panelists and speakers.

National Shrine of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

We would like to thank everyone for joining us on September 24th for our very first Virtual Benefit. Despite unanticipated technical difficulties, we are blessed by your participation and donations, monetary, as well as, items for the silent auction. Your support was overwhelming and appreciated in every sense.

Given the amount of time and effort put into this event, you can only imagine our disappointment when our Event Management Company advised us that the technical difficulties you witnessed in watching us live that evening were due to their technical support team in Colorado having no electrical power.

As Mother Cabrini writes in the Journal of A Trusting Heart, ***“I will not permit my heart to be afflicted or saddened, due to some misfortunes of life,”*** and so our hearts remain grateful for our courage in hosting this event and the learning experience. While the virtual world may not always be reliable, what remains steadfast in the hearts of our community is the virtue of Mother Cabrini and the sacredness of the National Shrine. Thank you again for your dedication and support. ~ submitted by Lori Schneider, National Shrine

To view an edited version of the Benefit click [here](#)

Cabrini National Shrine



2020 Virtual Benefit



The CLM Corner

The CLM Corner provides periodic updates on the Cabrini Lay Missionaries of the Guadalupe Province and their ministerial works.

We hope you have been enjoying our new CLM Corner. Perhaps, this was the first time you have heard of the Cabrini Lay Missionaries or maybe you are familiar with us but not exactly sure who we are or what we are about.

- Do you have any questions about us?
- Do you feel God may be calling you to deepen your baptismal call as a CLM?
- Just curious?

We are happy to answer your questions!

Please contact CLM Director Lorraine Campanelli at cabrinilaymissionariesgp@gmail.com

VIRTUAL Volunteer Opportunity!



United in the Mission of Accompaniment

"Walking with youth means meeting them where they are...earlier I mentioned the idea of accompaniment, which implies going to them and being with them. To this, we add listening to them...there is one thing that we must do more, the apostolate of listening."

Pope Francis in Evangelii Gaudium, 169

Learn how **YOU** might get involved...

Exodus World Service's "New Neighbor Youth Program" invites interested adults to provide accompaniment to an elementary or middle school refugee student **via Zoom**. The commitment is a 2 hour training and then, 1 hour per week for 3 months. The ministry is done in coordination with Exodus and the child's parents.

- Refugee youth grow in confidence through this consistent mentoring and guidance.
- Volunteers offer students help with reading, math, spelling and conversation skills.
- No special language or teaching skills are needed.
- Virtual Training is provided and **a background check is required as the work is with minors.**

If you would like to participate – and this would surely be a way in which to walk in Mother Cabrini's footsteps and further her legacy – information for Exodus World Service is provided below. In your application please indicate **"Cabrini Update"** as your "church" – or "how you heard about the program" so that Cabrini participants can be recognized and connected in training.

If you have questions or would like to register a "Cabrini Team":

Email: nancyg@cabrinicenter.org

Exodus Website click [here](#)

Volunteer Application click [here](#)

~ submitted by: Sr. Cathy Fedewa, CSFN, Immigrant Outreach Coordinator at Cabrini Retreat Center and Nancy Golen, Center Director.



A volunteer mentor and her student.

Lights of Hope for a Dark World



Hosted by Dr. Nick Rademacher, on Wednesday, September 23rd, the Religious Studies Department of Cabrini University held a virtual conversation via Zoom with Brother Mickey McGrath on the history and contemporary relevance of Dark Madonnas in the Catholic artistic tradition. Dark Madonnas have been revered and venerated in the Catholic Church for many centuries. Many saints, including Francis of Assisi, Ignatius of Loyola, and Francis deSales made pilgrimages to the shrines of Dark Madonnas where they experienced spiritual healing and transformation. In recent years, there has been newfound interest and devotion to Mary the Dark Madonna in the face of rampant racism,

war and violence, misogyny, the worldwide immigration crisis, and the devastation of creation and the environment.

Br. Mickey McGrath, Oblate of St. Francis deSales is an artist, writer, and speaker who loves to explore the relationship between art and faith. His work and ministry have been featured in the Saint Anthony Messenger, USA Today and many Catholic newspaper articles around the country.

The Zoom conversation was a follow-up to Brother Mickey's exhibit in Cabrini University's Gorevin Gallery held during the Spring 2020 in conjunction with the University's Graphic Design and Fine Arts Department.

~ with thanks to Dr. Nick Rademacher, Chair, Religious Studies



Brother Mickey McGrath

The MSC Province Office has a new fax number.

The new number is: 212-533-4295

Please make a note.

Thank you!

A Symbol of Potential and Promise

Last month, the Cabrini High School Class of 2021 gathered at St. Dominic's Church to celebrate their Ring Mass and Ceremony. This event was the official start to a year full of senior celebrations.

The senior class was safely joined by their families and members of the Cabrini community for this special occasion. President Jack Truxillo and Principal Yvonne Hrapmann distributed the coveted senior rings to the Class of 2021 during the ceremony.



One need only look at the smile on the face of this Cabrini High School senior to know what an exciting moment it is to receive your class ring. Principal Yvonne Hrapmann shares in her joy.

Principal Yvonne Hrapmann '76 reflected on the significance of the evening in her address to the Cabrini High School Class of 2021. "This is a major milestone for you, and it signifies your progress and accomplishments thus far in your Cabrini education. Look at your class ring not as an ending or a culmination of your high school experience, but as symbolic of the potential and promise of your senior year ahead of you." ~ *Cabrini High School website*

Prayer Requests

Gerry Donahue

Your prayers are requested for Gerry Donahue, the Registrar at Cabrini University, as he recuperates from surgery. We pray that his recovery will be uncomplicated and swift.

Mr. Mantz

Dr. Tim Mantz of Cabrini University asks the prayers of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community for his father who is very ill, and for the resolution of a legal matter.

