



October 8, 2020

Frances Cabrini Day Makes its Debut

As many know by now, Monday, October 5 was the inaugural Frances Cabrini Day in the state of Colorado. Earlier this year, Governor Jared Polis signed into law House Bill 1031, which designates a paid state holiday named after St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. Cabrini Day is also the first paid state holiday named for a woman. While the Missionary Sisters and the Shrine were not a part of the legislative development of Cabrini Day, we were eager to celebrate our beloved saint and share her legacy.



Representatives from print and television media flocked to the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, Colorado, on the inaugural Cabrini Day. Here a television cameraman interviews Sr. Roselle Santivasi, MSC (l.) and Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC.

The first Cabrini Day at Mother Cabrini Shrine was a joyous, beautiful Colorado fall day. Even during these challenging days of Covid-19, many first

time and returning visitors alike came to the Shrine wearing their masks, and while social distancing were able to celebrate and honor Mother Cabrini and learn more about her life of love and service and her dedication to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In a touching message on Cabrini Day, Frances Owens, the former First Lady of Colorado, commented:

Mother Cabrini is special in our family not only because she is my namesake, but also that of my granddaughter, Sofia Frances. Coincidentally, Sofia was born on December 22nd - and Mother Cabrini died on December 22nd!



Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC responds to a television reporter's questions about Mother Cabrini's ministries in Colorado and the impact she made.



I am so honored that my parents named me Frances; and that my daughter and son-in-law chose to include it as Sofië's middle name!

Multiple media outlets and social media sites covered this historic day and interviewed some of the Missionary Sisters. We look forward to future Cabrini Day celebrations! ~ submitted by JoAnn Seaman

Frances Owens, former First Lady of Colorado and her granddaughter, Sofia Frances, both named after Mother Cabrini.

To access further Cabrini Day media coverage:

For a TV interview with Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC, click [here](#)

For a TV interview with Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC and Sr. Roselle Santivasi, MSC click [here](#)

For a newspaper interview with Sr. Roselle Santivasi, MSC in The Gazette click [here](#)

For a column in the Denver Post click [here](#)

For a magazine article in Denver Catholic click [here](#)

Mother Cabrini Celebrated and Honored in Colorado

~ an appreciation by Sr. Martha Lopez, MSC on behalf of the MSCs in Colorado

Our hearts were filled with joy when we learned of the decision of the State of Colorado to dedicate an annual holiday on the first Monday in October to Mother Cabrini, the Patron Saint of Immigrants, [especially during] this Hispanic pride month! We felt even more joy when the Hispanic people themselves took the initiative to celebrate Cabrini Day at the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO – in a manner, of course, in compliance with the norms dictated by the pandemic.



Members of the Hispanic community gathered around the altar at the Mother Cabrini Shrine on Cabrini Day.

It was a beautiful and heartfelt celebration in which our Bishop Jorge Rodríguez spoke to us, as Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, of our commitment as daughters of the great Mother Cabrini in today's world. In his remarks he said, we pray in the Eucharist to our

'dreamers' who have DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and to the four of the fifteen countries with TPS (Temporary Protected Status) who are in danger of having to leave our country soon. We also remember the children who have lost their lives trying to reach this country, that one day the doors will be opened to so many.

At the celebration, there was the presence of the Consuls of El Salvador and Peru along with the participation of the Provincial of "Friar Servants of Mary" and the parish priest of "Nuestra Señora Del Monte Carmelo", a parish where Mother Cabrini first arrived in Colorado with our sisters.



Bishop Jorge Rodriguez speaks to some youngsters about Mother Cabrini as the Patroness of Immigrants.



Dance and pageantry were a part of the day's festivities at the Shrine.

The Mexican folklore could not be missing! It was an afternoon full of color, gratitude, and hope in the Patron Saint of Immigrants. There was a beautiful cake with the image of Mother Francesca Cabrini and a toast in honor of our immigrants and refugees from all over the world.

At the Shrine there was also a 'Cabrini Church' - a caravan of cars that let it be known through several streets of nearby towns that we were celebrating this great woman. The school children met us with banners emblazoned with the Patron Saint of Immigrants and shouting full of sincerity and hope: PRAY FOR US!

We do not doubt that if Mother Francesca were alive today, she would be walking with this Hispanic town in the State of Colorado.

May this event be an opportunity for many more to draw closer to the person of Mother Cabrini and for many young women to feel inspired to respond like Mother Cabrini to the Lord, who calls them to follow Him.

~ submitted by Sr. Martha Lopez, MSC on behalf of the Missionary Sisters in Colorado

Denver Catholic Magazine

In conjunction with the inauguration of Cabrini Day in Colorado, the Denver Catholic magazine did a full spread on Mother Cabrini.

To access the article please click [here](#)



Partners in Mission Award Recognizes Sr. Joan McGlinchey, MSC



Sr. Joan McGlinchey, MSC (l.) receives the *Partners in Mission Award* from congregational leader Sr. Sharon Glumb, SLW.

On Sunday, October 4, 2020 Sr. Joan McGlinchey, MSC received the Partners in Mission Award from the Sisters of the Living Word from Sr. Sharon Glumb, SLW, congregational leader.

“We are very happy to present the *Partner in Mission Award* to Sister Joan McGlinchey, MSC. The *Partners in Mission* represent a person or community with significant connections, providing support at crucial moments. Joan embodies the spirit of her congregation (in Chicago known as Cabrini Sisters) in her gentle, firm and unwavering devotion to works of charity and mercy especially through advocacy.

“We, Sisters of the Living Word, have been beneficiaries of that advocacy in her work as

Vicar for Religious in the Archdiocese of Chicago. For nearly 30 years she has served as our link and point person within the Universal Church. She has journeyed with us through many of the milestones of our congregation.”

Joan is also a nationally recognized leader and advocate for Latina Sisters who come to the US from countries across Latin America. Her devotion to enhancing their voices led her to co-found ARHEU, the Association of Hispanic Sisters in the United States, and to build intercultural connections with Sisters in this country.



In a photo taken pre-COVID, Sr. Joan McGlinchey (c. left) joins with the members of the Association of Hispanic Sisters in the United States which she co-founded.

The Sisters of the Living Word are on a firm foundation to move into the future because you have been our partner in ministry.” Sr. Sharon Glumb, SLW, said in presenting the award to Sr. Joan.

The Sisters of the Living Word are a diocesan congregation in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Responding to urgent needs of our times, they devote energy to advocacy for immigrants and refugees, the homeless, victims of human trafficking and the care of the earth.

~ submitted by Nancy Golen, Executive Director, Cabrini Retreat Center

Lending a Cabrinian Helping Hand

Cabrini High School's core values are respect, excellence and service. With service as a core value, the Cabrini community finds ways to serve others every day. And, knowing the way-too-familiar feeling of the devastation a hurricane leaves a community, Cabrini High School in New Orleans jumped at the opportunity to help its Louisiana neighbors.

At the beginning of the school year, the Cabrini High School student body joined together to collect items and donations for the victims of Hurricane Laura in Lake Charles, Louisiana. The High School community collected hundreds of diapers, wipes, baby formula, and more for struggling mothers and families.



From left: Mia Bordlee, Youth Programs Co-Director with Louisiana Right to Life, along with intern Nick Lemoine, collect donation items from Sr. Renee Kittelson, MSC, at Cabrini High School

All donations were picked up by members of the Louisiana Right to Life Office to be distributed in Lake Charles. Our prayers continue to be with the Lake Charles Parish as they rebuild.

~ submitted by Katelyn Ehrhardt, Cabrini High School

As The Update goes to print, the Louisiana/Gulf Coast is anticipating the arrival of Hurricane Delta, with the likely location of coming ashore in Lake Charles, LA, once again. Let us pray for all those in the path of this latest storm. May everyone remain safe and may there not be widespread damage and destruction.

One Minute Meditation Advice for the Ages

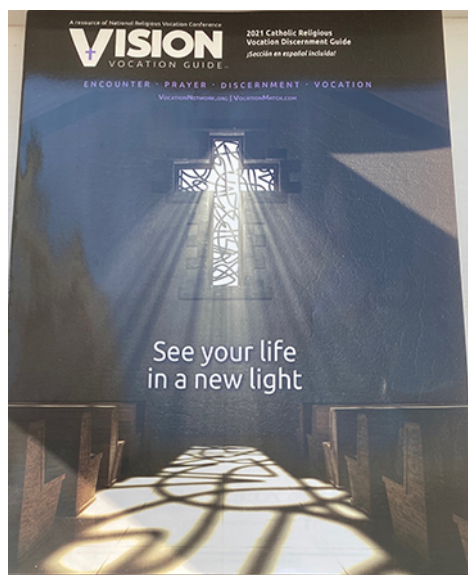
Have no anxiety at all, says Paul. But did he live through a pandemic? In some ways, yes. He spent years in isolation and imprisonment and still he exhorted us to be serene in the face of trials. His checklist for discerning whether something is truly from God while in the midst of these trials is still helpful for today.

Is it true? Check. Is it honorable? Yes. Is it just? Always. Is it pure? Beautifully so. Is it lovely? Your heart is lifted as you think about it. If it is excellent – absolutely! – and worthy of praise – forever and ever! – then think on these things.

When you're trying to sort out truth from the lies of the culture, use this as your testing ground. Then you will surely feel the God of peace.

~ Kathy McGovern, Words of Grace

From the Guadalupe Province Vocation Team...



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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: cabrinilaymissionariesgp@gmail.com

Prayer Requests

Ermina Cola

Please join with Sr. Damien Ciminera, MSC in praying for her sister, Ermina, who has been hospitalized and is currently in the Intensive Care Unit. Pray that she will recover and regain her health.

Sicilia Olivo

Kindly pray for Sicilia Olivo, a former housekeeper at Cabrini University. She has recently been diagnosed with a serious illness and will be undergoing surgery. Please keep Sicilia in your prayers – she would appreciate our prayerful accompaniment.

Sr. Stephanie Kabacinski, MSC

Your prayers are asked for Sr. Stephanie who is fighting an infection. Please pray that she need not be hospitalized. She would welcome your prayers.

Bill Thatcher

Prayers are requested for Gretchen Thatcher's son, Bill, for whom we prayed in previous weeks who is having surgery on Monday, October 12. Please pray for a successful outcome of his surgery.

Gerri Thatcher

Lorraine Campanelli, Director of the Cabrini Lay Missionaries, asks prayers for her dear friend, Gerri Thatcher, who was just diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. Gerri has a strong faith and knows that prayers do get answered and so, she would be grateful for the prayerful accompaniment of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community for herself and her son, Bill, listed above.

In Loving Memory

Kathleen Margaret Enright

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Enright, the mother-in-law of Christopher LaBianco, Executive Director of Cabrini Mission Foundation, who passed away suddenly on October 6th. Let us pray for her husband of 51 years, Richard, and their children and grandchildren during this time of their loss. May she rest in peace.

Sr. Mona Hallock, MSC

It is with great sadness that the Missionary Sisters share that Sr. Mona Hallock went home to God on Monday, October 5th. Sr. Mona underwent cardiac surgery on Friday, October 1st and developed complications over the weekend. Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC and Sr. Lucille Souza, MSC, were with her as the Lord took her home. May Sr. Mona rest in God's eternal light. Due to COVID, funeral arrangements will be private and for the Missionary Sisters only.

