

We Count Our Blessings



Loving God,
we turn our hearts to you
during this season of giving thanks,
mindful of your many gifts.

For each one, we are grateful.
For each one, we are blessed.
For each one we are opened to the abundance of your love.
May this Thanksgiving be a time to be as generous
with others as you are to us.

We offer this prayer of thanks mindful that
this year has been difficult and challenging for so many.
Yet, we know in your infinite goodness
you are walking with us each day.
Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows.
Thank you for your comfort and companionship.
Please grant us your mercy and your continued graces
and blessings throughout the coming year.

~ adapted from Catholic.org

*The following commentary was posted on the Catholic News Service website.
The thoughts expressed may resonate with many of us as we await
the upcoming holiday season.*

Anticipating a Very Different Thanksgiving

Together, Apart for the Holidays

~ by Maureen Pratt, Catholic News Service

So, this holiday season will find us celebrating “together, but apart.” It’s not an ideal situation, but, in these uncertain, unprecedented times, we are wise to be realistic and keep the hope that soon, we will be able to visit “as of old.”

No doubt others are reaching the same conclusion: Their visits with loved ones are also not possible this year, whether by traveling or even by gathering with groups of nearby family and friends. Still, the reality that drives our choices to be more-safe-than-potentially-sorry cannot overshadow the “reason for the season.”

Looking past our disappointment at being apart, there are creative ways that we can foster togetherness despite geographic distance - even ways that do not rely on high tech talent!

Meals, baking and cooking – these and other traditions can be “shared” by doing them at the same time as those living elsewhere.

Intentionally synchronizing activities is not the perfect answer to distanced holidays, but there are blessings to be found.



In the absence of physical gatherings, we won’t have to worry about having enough space, chairs, parking spots or dishes. We can widen our circle and, perhaps, reach out to those who would otherwise be entirely isolated from any festivities.

Intentional planning with all family and friends in mind helps us to reorder

our priorities to what really matters to us. So, we might better appreciate each other and foster encouragement and love, rather than the “same old” arguments or patterns of disagreements.

Holiday time is synonymous with togetherness, the fellowship that reflects and fosters the love that God has for us and the precious gift of his son, Jesus, that is the focus of our faith.

Being apart this holiday season will undoubtedly be difficult. But, by planning with care, we can enjoy a new kind of togetherness and continue to nurture our relationships with faith and love. To read the complete article click [here](#)

A Week of Activities and Celebration!

In honor of Mother Cabrini's Feast Day, each year Cabrini High School hosts Mother Cabrini Week. This year Mother Cabrini Week was bigger and better than ever. The following are just some of the activities that took place:

Each morning the school community joined together and said the Mother Cabrini Novena.

- **Monday** – Students took a break from class and played online Mother Cabrini Kahoots games.
- **Tuesday** – Cabrini High School hosted its annual Open House for prospective students, which was very successful.
- **Wednesday** – There was a Mother Cabrini scavenger hunt where students were on a mission to find different Mother Cabrini images around campus. Also, our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive began.
- **Thursday** – There was a Mother Cabrini puzzle available for students to complete.
- **Friday** – Simultaneous Masses were celebrated at Holy Rosary Church next door to Cabrini's campus, as well as in the school's gymnasium in honor of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini's Feast Day. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the entire student body could not be accommodated in one facility.



Cabrini High School Principal Yvonne Hrapmann '76 addresses the student body following Mass on Mother Cabrini's Feast Day.

Photo credit: Tyler Kaufman

At Cabrini High School in New Orleans, Mother Cabrini's presence is felt every day on campus, but during "Mother Cabrini Week" each year it feels a little more special. ~ submitted by Katelyn Ehrhardt, CHS

The Update - Publication Notice

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday in the USA
on Thursday, November 26th
The Update will not be published next week.

The Update will resume publication on Thursday, December 3rd.

Residents and Staff Join in Feast Day Observances

Cabrini of Westchester celebrated the Feast Day of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini on Friday, November 13th and included both staff and residents in the celebration. A Mass, with live music, took place in the St. Cabrini Nursing Home Chapel that was beautifully decorated with vases of purple and white flowers. Sr. Romualda Molon, MSC also included a striking figurine of Mother Cabrini that was hand painted in 1939 and a gorgeous violet plant that she lovingly tends to in the home's convent among the décor for the altar.



Photo above: A hand-painted Mother Cabrini figurine and a violet loving tended by Sr. Romualda Molon, MSC graced the altar for the Feast Day Mass.

Photo left: President and CEO Patricia Krasnausky and Sr. Romualda Molon, MSC give an elbow bump Feast Day greeting.

Later in the day, Sheri Gottlieb and her dedicated Therapeutic Recreation Staff distributed ice cream cones to the residents as a special treat in honor of the Feast.

The staff was included in the celebration with the distribution of \$10.00 gift certificates to Magnolia's Café for each employee.

What a special day to honor such a truly extraordinary woman: our patroness, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini!

~ submitted by Susan Herveg, Cabrini of Westchester



Cabrini of Westchester Resident Elizabeth Hayes celebrates with her Feast Day ice cream cone.



The CLM Corner

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

The Feast of St. Cabrini was truly a day of blessings and celebrations. Three of our Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs), renewed their commitment for three years on the Feast Day.



Three Cabrini Lay Missionaries from several locations in the US gathered – virtually – on the Feast Day to renew their commitments among the Missionary Sisters and their group of CLMs. In the upper left corner in Cabrini purple is Patricia Krasnausky; in the upper right corner is Patricia Stancato-Purkey and in the middle row, far right photo is Vicky Lucio (r.). Lorraine Campanelli (top row, 2nd l.) is the Director of the CLMs.

Thanks to technology, we were able to come together, via Zoom, to celebrate Patricia Krasnausky, Patricia Stancato-Purkey and Vicky Lucio as they prayed their recommitment.

Ordinarily, our commitments are made on the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Due to COVID-19, we could not come together for a prayer service. It was then decided that our three CLMs would make their commitments at the Provincial Assembly. Again, COVID made us change the plans as the Assembly was cancelled. I guess it was like the determination of St. Cabrini that we finally were able to connect and pray together for our CLMs.

What a special time it was as we had several of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart join us in our prayer service. In addition to our CLMs who live in California, Washington State, New Jersey and New York, we had Sr. Bernadette Anello, MSC, General Councilor, who joined us from Rome, Sr. Diane Olmstead, Provincial, from NYC, and several other Sisters from NYC and the Sisters who minister at St. Cabrini Nursing Home.

It was a pleasant surprise to have so many of the Sisters from Sacred Heart Convent join us! It was so nice to see everyone and share some conversation and prayer.

~submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, CLM Director

Congratulations and many blessings, Patricia, Patricia and Vicky.

CLM Director Hosts Virtual Brown Bag Lunch

The year 2020 has been a year of many firsts. On Tuesday, November 17th, we held our first Cabrini CLM Chat via Zoom. Participants were invited to bring along their lunch and join in the conversation.



Lorraine Campanelli, the Director of the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs), spoke to a group of administrators, faculty and staff from Cabrini University, and other invited guests. The lunch time meeting opened with a beautiful prayer given by Sr. Grace Waters, MSC, followed by an introduction of Lorraine by Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC.

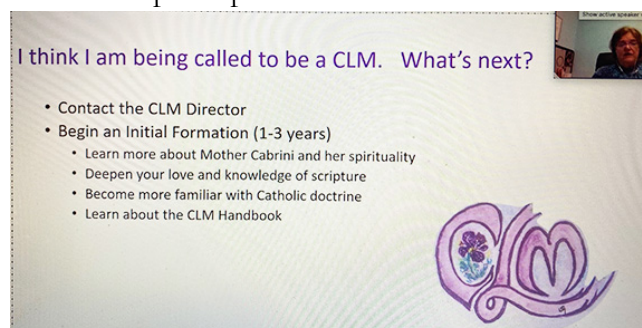


CLM Director Lorraine Campanelli (Top row, 2nd l.) provided an informational presentation on the Cabrini Lay Missionaries during a virtual brown bag luncheon.

Lorraine presented information about the CLMs and how they are integral members of the Cabrini Family. She spoke about their initial formation

period and the journey to making a commitment as a CLM. The participants offered wonderful comments and questions for Lorraine.

In addition to the formal presentation segment of the brown bag lunch meeting, the participants enjoyed seeing each other and having some informal, friendly conversation. There was such a beautiful spirit amongst everyone. Because of COVID, many people had not seen each other, especially in-person, in a long time. It was energizing to reconnect virtually.



One of the slides presented by Lorraine Campanelli (r.)

Thank you to Sr. Grace, Sr. Christine Marie and Nancy Costello for arranging the meeting and inviting us to attend. Thank you, also, to Nancy Golen, the Director of the Cabrini Retreat Center in Chicago, for providing the Zoom technology. And, of course, a big thank you to all those who participated in the discussion. ~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, CLM Director

For those interested in learning more about the CLMs and their ministries, kindly contact: Lorraine Campanelli: Email: cabrinilaymissionariesgp@gmail.com Phone: 914-907-0143



An Exciting New Website Presence!

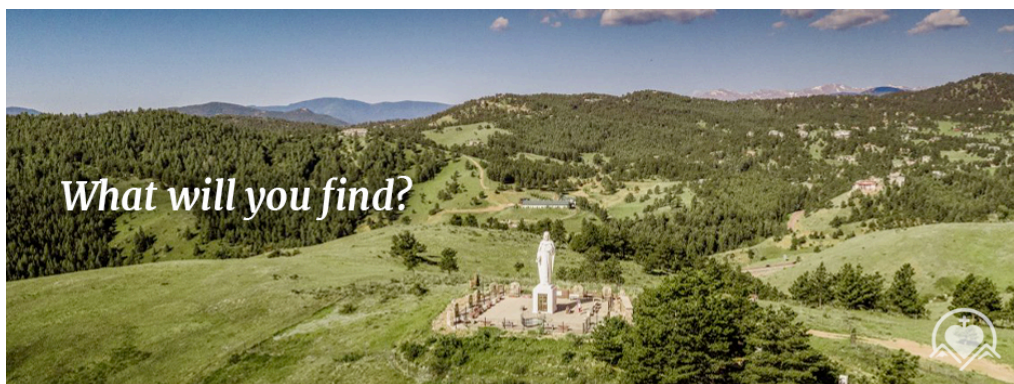
The Missionary Sisters and the Mother Cabrini Shrine staff celebrated the Feast Day of St. Frances Cabrini with morning Mass and breakfast.

We were also very happy to be able to unveil our new website and logo. After many months of planning, creativity, and prayer, our team is excited to share our new brand. Wherever you might be in the world, now Mother Cabrini Shrine can feel as close to you as it ever was before.

Visit the new site here: www.MotherCabriniShrine.org

We also wanted to share an article that was published in the November issue of The St. Anthony Messenger Magazine about the Mother Cabrini Shrine. To view the article click [here](#)

*~ submitted by JoAnn Seaman
Mother Cabrini Shrine*



From the Guadalupe Province Vocation Team...

Four New Videos Featuring Newer Religious

Religious communities, and interested or discerning lay women and men, are invited to make use of four, new, ten-minute videos that feature 19 newer sisters, brothers, and priests. Each person talks about adaptation to communal living, and the joys and challenges of intercultural and intergenerational life.

NRVC produced the videos with the support of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation.

Consider viewing them with your own community, for presentations about religious life, with those who are in discernment and on social media. ~ *HORIZON, Fall 2020*

The videos can be found [here](#)





Christmas & Children will triumph over COVID-19

Sadly, Cabrini Immigrant Services-NYC cannot host our Annual Holiday Celebration this December. Undaunted, we have decided on a scaled-back and socially distanced gift distribution for our immigrant families.

This year the distribution is planned to be on Saturday, December 19th. Sr. Yolanda has set-up a gift registry for the children on Target's website which can be accessed at this link: tgt.gifts/cabrinichristmas

Toys will be sent directly to CIS so there is no need to visit the post office! **The deadline for ordering from Target is Saturday, December 10th.**

We are also grateful for gifts of cash to cover the incidental expenses of the distribution day. Monetary donations can be made at: bit.ly/donatecis

Thank you for helping CIS-NYC care for the immigrant children in our community!

~ submitted by Julia Mucci and Ella Nimmo



Help us bring a smile to a child's face!



Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC is currently accepting monetary donations, gift cards & new toys for our annual Christmas gift distribution!



Donate: bit.ly/donatecis
Purchase a gift:
tgt.gifts/cabrinichristmas

Save the Dates

for a Compelling Webinar Series on Immigration: “Dreaming of a Single Human Family”

Sponsored by:
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The Cabrini Retreat Center, Des Plaines, IL

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021

9:00 am MST/10:00 am CST/11:00 am EST

**“Themes from the Life and Spirituality of Mother Cabrini,
Patroness of Immigrants”**

Presenters:

Nicholas Rademacher, PhD

Dr. Rademacher is professor and chair of Religious Studies at Cabrini University. His teaching and scholarship focus on historical and contemporary expressions of Catholicism in the United States. Dr. Rademacher earned his PhD at the Catholic University of America. A published author of journals and books, he serves as Vice President of the American Catholic Historical Society and recently completed service on the historical commission for cause for canonization of Fr. William Atkinson, OSA. Dr. Rademacher can be reached via nr725@cabrini.edu

Michelle Sherman, MA

Michelle Sherman is the Campus Minister for Retreats at Villanova University. A former Cabrini Mission Corps missionary at Mother Cabrini H.S. in NYC, she is honored to contribute to this important Cabrini series. She holds a BA in Humanistic Studies from St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, IN; a MA in Theology and Certification in Lay Ministry from Villanova University; and Certification in Spiritual Direction from the Cranaleith Spiritual Center. Ms. Sherman can be reached at michelle.sherman@villanova.edu

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

9:00 am MST/10:00 am CST/11:00 am EST

“The Center on Immigration: Challenges in Migration and a Cabrinian Response”

Presenter:

Abel Rodriguez, JD ('01)

Abel Rodriguez is Director of the Center on Immigration and Assistant Professor of Religion, Law and Social Justice at Cabrini University. His scholarship, teaching and advocacy focus on migrant justice. He is an expert and frequent presenter on immigration policy and the intersection of criminal and immigration law. Rodriguez earned a Juris Doctor at U. of Penn, a Masters of Theological Studies at Harvard, and a Master of Arts in Latin American Studies at Stanford, and a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish at Cabrini College.

Mr. Rodriguez can be reached at: ar3269@cabrini.edu

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021

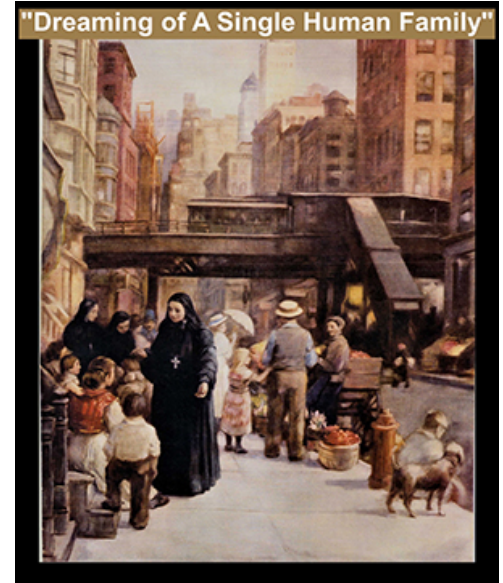
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**“Immigration from the Perspective of the Cabrinian Charism, on a local, national and international level.
Highlighting the focus of Cabrini University Wolfington Center”**

Presenter:

Raymond Ward, PhD

Dr. Ray Ward is the Director of the Wolfington Center at Cabrini University. He earned a PhD in Christian Ethics from Boston College, writing on the concept of collective moral agency and responsibility in the Christian tradition. He serves as an advisor to several student-run organizations and also teaches the Faith, Service and Advocacy and College Success Seminar. Dr. Ward can be reached at: rew68@cabrini.edu



Further details on the series will be provided in the upcoming weeks.
Please be sure to mark your calendars.

Prayer Requests

Jordan Harris

PA State Rep. Jordan Harris, a Master's graduate of Cabrini University and a Luminary Award recipient has contracted the coronavirus. He asks our prayers for his health and for the health of those around him.

Hurricane Victims in Nicaragua

We unite in prayer for all those who are reeling from Hurricane Eta followed shortly thereafter by Hurricane Iota that have pummeled the people of Nicaragua in the past few weeks.

Carolyn Downing Morgan

Please unite in prayer for the successful recovery of Carolyn Downing Morgan, Cabrini College Class of 1969 who underwent major surgery yesterday. Please pray that her recovery will be swift and uneventful. Carolyn has expressed her gratitude for the prayers of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community.

Leonard Norman Primiano, PhD

Dr. Primiano, Professor in the Religious Studies Department of Cabrini University, would be grateful for the prayers of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community as he is currently encountering some health-related challenges. Please pray that he will soon be returned to full health.

With Grateful Hearts

Scientists and the Medical Community

We offer our gratitude to scientists and all those in the medical community who have worked so diligently to research and produce a vaccine that will be efficacious in fighting the COVID-19 virus. We pray that in the near future their efforts will be rewarded and that people around the world will be immunized against this deadly disease.

We continue to be thankful for the courage and stamina of the doctors, nurses, CNAs, technicians, pharmacists and support staff in our hospitals and long-term care facilities in providing care for all their patients, often, at great risk to themselves.

Essential Workers

As the pandemic rages on, we continue to give thanks for print and media journalists who provide the necessary information to keep us well-informed; for farmers who till their soil so that others may eat; for delivery personnel and grocery store workers who keep the supply chains flowing; for transportation workers who keep nations moving via air, land and sea.

For Our Loved Ones

The pandemic has made us realize, once again, how fragile life can be. This Thanksgiving, we give special thanks for our family members and friends and all those who are dear to us and enrich our lives; may we never take their presence for granted. We thank you for the precious gift they are to us.

