



February 24, 2022

Cabrini Sisters Gather in NYC for Perpetual Vows

More than 50 Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus from around the world gathered at St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York City to witness the perpetual vows of three Sisters from Ethiopia.



We give great thanks to God for the perpetual vows of three Missionary Sisters from Ethiopia from left: Sr. Berhane Ashebo, MSC, Sr. Aynalem Paulos, MSC and Sr. Asnakech Asefa, MSC. May God bless and keep you.

Sr. Asnakech Asefa, MSC, Sr. Aynalem Paulos, MSC, and Sr. Berhane Ashebo, MSC made lifelong vows of chastity, poverty and obedience in the presence of Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC, General Superior. Each asked the Holy Spirit to transform their consecration “into a commitment of love, an offering of praise, adoration and reparation in the Cabrinian spirit, so that I may bring the love of the Heart of Jesus to the World.”

“Religious life and the missionary calling are alive and growing,” said Sr. Barbara following the Mass, “It is a blessing to welcome these Sisters into a vibrant, perpetual relationship with Christ. The world needs them, because it needs Jesus.”



Missionary Sisters applauded, sang and kept time to the music in celebration of the final profession of the three newly professed sisters.

The Missionary Sisters follow in the footsteps of St. Frances Cabrini, the Patron Saint of Immigrants. They seek to respond to the unmet needs of those excluded from basic human rights. Active in 17 countries, their



General Councilor Sr. Maria Regina Canale, MSC (I.) presents the gold crucifix ring to the newly professed sisters while General Superior Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC (2nd I.) looks on with a smile.

missions include schools, hospitals and clinics, spirituality centers, low income housing for the elderly; and community-based immigrant and social services.

Sr. Evarlyn Ndeti, who entered the novitiate earlier this month, found the ceremony deeply moving. “I am so inspired to see these women committing their lives completely to Jesus,” she said.

The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Thomas Faiola, OFM. Cap, with Rev. Ambiorix Rodriguez assisting. Missionary Sisters from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Italy, Nicaragua, Russia, Uganda, and the United States joyfully welcomed their new Sisters with the *pax tecum*, an embrace of welcome. ~ submitted by Julia Attaway, Executive Director, St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine, NYC



United as Bearers of Christ’s Love, the Missionary Sisters of the Guadalupe Province surround the newly professed Missionary Sisters in a joyful celebration of welcome and blessings. For more photos please click [here](#)



The Blessing of Graduate Nurses

A group of 2022 Graduate Nurses were welcomed and blessed as they began their work at Cabrini Health Australia as newly Registered Nurses.

Julie Fleming, Director of Mission and Identity, spoke of Cabrini's ethic of care to ensure that all who come to Cabrini felt loved. The new nurses were told of the vision of Mother Cabrini and the legacy they are entrusted with.

In a moving Blessing of Hands ceremony Sr Beatriz Santos MSC and Anne Zandegu, Director of Nursing anointed the graduate's palms with the words 'May God bless your hands and all you touch.'



In a moving Blessing of Hands ceremony, Sr. Beatriz Santos, MSC (r.) and Ms. Anne Zandegu, Director of Nursing at Cabrini Health (2nd r.) anointed the graduate nurses' hands.



Last year's graduates Julia and Vince shared their nursing experiences with the new graduates.

In the presence of Chief Executive Sue Williams and the clinical nurse educators, last year's graduates Julia and Vince addressed the new nurses with advice on how exciting, rewarding and challenging starting work was. They also encouraged the nurses to take care of themselves and rely on the support of their colleagues.

To the 65 graduates nurses starting work with Cabrini Australia, congratulations and welcome to the Cabrini family! ~ submitted by Julie Fleming, Cabrini Health

Also A lovely note from a happy patient:

I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO THE DOCTORS, NURSES AND THE TEAM. THEY HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB, AND THEIR LOVE, CARE AND SUPPORT HELPED ME RECOVER WELL. I WILL DEFINITELY RECOMMEND CABRINI..... I THANK GOD FOR THE NUNS WHO STARTED THIS MISSION, THEY HAVE BEEN A BLESSING, AND CONTINUE TO DO SO IN AUSTRALIA... ~ Margot Barnabas

Giving Back...to Help Others Heal



Social Work Intern Sarah Flaherty, a senior at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY (r.) orchestrated a Giving Back Program at Cabrini Immigrant Services in Dobbs Ferry, NY. Some of the Cabrini Kids assisted in packaging toiletries and socks to benefit women who are victims of domestic violence.

Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, NY, held a Giving Back Program to help benefit 'First to Heal,' a new organization that assists women who are victims of domestic violence and their minor children.

We are so grateful to the St. Faith's House Foundation for their grant, which allows us to purchase the needed toiletries. We had some of our Cabrini Kids, who are now in high school, return to help with the project as well as some of our current Kids. They were so willing and eager to help fill 100 bags with the different toiletries. We filled the bags with shampoo, conditioner, a comb, a toothbrush and toothpaste, body wash, deodorant and Chap Stick.

A special thank you to Tom Costello, from The Joy of Sox in Pennsylvania. He sent us 100 pairs of socks which we were also able to add to our packets. In addition, a special card was added to the bag which had a positive message such as, "You are beautiful inside and out" "Courage is gorgeous."



A Cabrini Kid makes packs of toiletries, socks and essentials for "First to Heal".

The program was organized by our Social Work Intern, Sarah Flaherty, a senior at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY. We are so grateful to all who gave of their time to help so many people.

~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, Director, Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, NY

Dr. Donald Taylor Resigns as Cabrini University President

~ from the communication from Dr. Taylor to the Missionary Sisters and the campus community

At Friday's winter Board Plenary, I informed the Trustees that I am resigning as President of Cabrini University, effective at the end of the current academic year. This summer I will start my presidency at the University of Detroit Mercy. It has been a tremendous honor and privilege to serve as the eighth president of Cabrini University, since taking office in July 2014.

During my presidency, I have been blessed to have tremendous support from the Board of Trustees and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I especially want to acknowledge my sincere appreciation to Board Chairs Tom Nerney '77, HON'15, John Schanz, HON'18, Frank Emmerich, '92, HON'21, and Amy Lambert. Thanks again for our partnership in leading the University. Your guidance, support and mentorship has meant a great deal to me.

A special thanks to Sisters Christine Marie Baltas and Grace Waters who have blessed our campus with their daily example of what an Education of the Heart means.

Servant leadership of a university requires collaboration, and I would like to thank every Cabinet member I've had the pleasure of working alongside during my time at Cabrini.

I've been blessed to have the best staff in the Office of the President. Thanks for all you do on a daily basis. I would also like to thank the faculty, staff, coaches, alumni, donors, and friends of the University for your support and all you do for our students.

Finally, a huge shout out to Cabrini's amazing students. My wife Lechia and I have been blessed to know you, and we hope you learned as much from us as we learned from you these past eight years.

A transition plan is underway, and details will be announced by Amy Lambert, Board Chair, as soon as they are available. In addition, there will be an opportunity to say goodbye at a farewell event this spring. Details of which will be shared in a future communication.

Also at Friday's Board meeting, Trustees endorsed the Mission 2027 Strategic Plan thereby ensuring that Cabrini is in a strong position with programs and plans to continue to build on its strengths and successes. I will leave Cabrini knowing that the future is bright for the University.

My best wishes to you and Cabrini University in the future.

In the Cabrini Spirit,



Donald B. Taylor, PhD

Supreme Court to Hear Arguments on ‘Remain in Mexico’ Policy

~ by Rhina Guidos, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The justices on the country’s highest court have agreed to hear a case that could decide the fate of a Trump-era immigration policy that Biden administration officials have been trying to end. On February 18, the U.S. Supreme Court said it would hear arguments on whether the Biden administration can put an end to the Migrant Protection Protocols, or MPP, a policy that demands asylum-seekers to the U.S. to stay in Mexico until their cases can be heard in the U.S. immigration courts.

The policy has been a headache for the administration as President Joe Biden promised to end it, but, it proved much more difficult to do so once he took office. As soon as he became president in January 2021, Biden paused the policy, he formally sought to end it a few months later in June. But in August of that year, a judge with the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas told administration officials that they had to continue complying with the policy, saying they had not ended it properly.

The Supreme Court refused a Biden administration request to block that District Court ruling while the government pursued an appeal with the New Orleans-based 5th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. In December, the appeals court upheld the lower court ruling.



Subsequent attempts at ending the policy have failed and it looks as if the high court will be the ultimate arbiter when it hears oral arguments of the case *Biden v. Texas*, in April.

Immigration supporters, including many Catholic organizations, have railed against the Biden administration for not keeping its word on ending the policy, also called “Remain in Mexico.”

In December, just before Biden administration officials restarted the program, a large group of women religious and their supporters demonstrated outside the White House, shouting just a few feet away from the president’s residence to end the policy.

MPP was put in place in earnest in 2019 under the Trump administration. Opponents of the policy say migrants have been put in danger or killed by being forced to stay in dangerous border towns, as well as in unsafe living conditions as they wait for hearing. Biden administration officials said they had made some improvements to MPP, but many advocates for immigrants weren’t convinced.

The head of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ migration committee, Auxiliary Bishop Mario Dorsonville of Washington, said in December that the better way forward was to end it altogether.

The justices could hand down a decision sometime in June or July before summer recess.

To read the entire article please click [here](#)



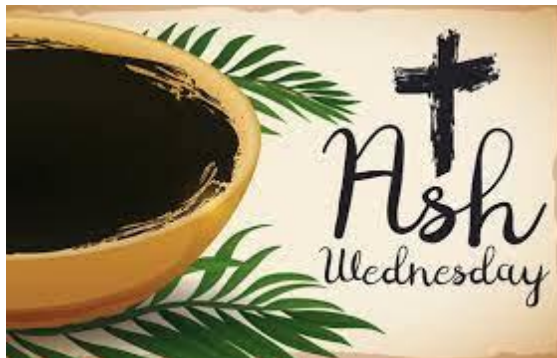
Each week, as we journey through Lent, one of the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLM) will offer a reflection. For Ash Wednesday, the reflection is given by Lorraine Campanelli, CLM Director.

Ash Wednesday

I can't believe Ash Wednesday is here. It's that time when we are asked to fast, pray and give alms. Lord, because of COVID, I feel like we have been living Lent for almost 2 years. Isn't that enough? How much more can we deal with?

Umm, yes Lord, I do understand. You never ask for more than we can handle. We need to try our best and if we can, do a little bit more. Lent isn't about making us feel worse or making us feel like we HAVE to do something. It's simply about walking the road to Calvary with me and realizing how much I love you. Amen.

~ by Lorraine Campanelli, CLM Director



Prayer Requests With Grateful Hearts

Infant Della

Sr. Lisa Valentini, MSC of Reading, PA, wishes to thank the Cabrinian community for our prayers. Her newborn grandniece for whom we have been praying is doing well and is now at home. Praise God.

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

We give thanks to God for the final profession of Sr. Asnakech, Sr. Aynalem and Sr. Berhane. May they live long and fruitful lives in loving service to the people of God.

Weekly Update – Publication Notice

Due to a vocation promotion program for high school juniors and seniors that will be taking place on Thursday, March 3rd, next week's Update will be emailed on Wednesday, March 2nd.

Kindly submit all news articles no later than 5 pm on Tuesday, March 1st.

Thank you for your understanding.