



July 7, 2022

The General Chapter Proceedings Continue



On Monday, June 27, 2022, the Opening Ritual of the XVI General Chapter of the Missionary Sisters took place. Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC, General Superior, welcomed all the Sisters and laity and officially declared the opening of the Chapter.



Outside the meeting room, message boards displaying greetings to the General Chapter delegates provide a warm and ongoing welcome.

call the Institute to go beyond superficiality and [for each of us to consider] what does the mission ask of me?

Mark Davis, facilitator of the Chapter, invited the table groups to share information about themselves: who they are, our mission, and our desire for this moment in the Institute.

Fr. Mariano Sedano Sierra, a Claretian Missionary, provided spiritual input as he delved into the call of mission. He invited the Sisters and laity to look at things with both eyes and to go to greater depth. The dynamics of mission

Sr. Barbara Staley provided a report on the work, development and state of the Institute over the past eight years which was followed by small group discussion. This was followed on June 29th with a report from the small groups to the larger assembly.



Sister delegates and laity arrive for the day's proceedings.

A financial report was presented by Sr. Stella Maris Elena, General Treasurer and Mr. Greg Lane, Chief Financial Officer.



Sister Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial, Guadalupe Province (upper left) offers remarks on the reality of the Province.
the origin of the Cabrinian mission in healthcare.

Presentations were made on inter-congregational collaboration in service of migrants and refugees as well as those who have been victims of human trafficking. Additionally, a presentation was made by Sr. Albertina Ghislieri Goulart on the mission in Uganda.

On June 30th, Sr. Concepcion Vallecillo, MSC presented on the International Health Commission which recounted Mother Cabrini's dream and

Rounding out the day were presentations of the three Provinces: Mater Gratiae, Guadalupe, and Santa Francisca Cabrini, and the Holy Spirit Region. Each reality accented the advances being made as well as the challenges that must be faced.

On July 1st, the laity were invited to dialogue with each other about the needs surrounding their formation, while the sisters met to dialogue on specific aspects of religious life.



The General Chapter is a multi-national, multi-lingual event. Simultaneous translation in Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, and English is provided ensuring that all in attendance can participate fully in the proceedings.

The Chapter participants highlighted the sharing of life, and the witness of the laity in the experience of the Cabrinian charism, expressed in the various missions.

On July 4th, the Chapter entered the second week of activities which began by praying and reflecting on the topics discussed in the first week.

Individual and collective reflections on discernment were led by Mr. Chris Lowney, who helped the participants to recognize that we live in a volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous world (VUCA) which entails various challenges. The reflection on discernment,

following the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius accented learning to identify our consolations and desolations. He encouraged everyone to move forward like Mother Cabrini unloading our unhealthy baggage, recognizing that we



Chapter delegates in Rome gather round to celebrate the U.S. Independence Day holiday on July 4th.

are all responsible for the mission, regardless of our roles and from whence we might be. ~ excerpted from and with appreciation to Tatiana Paradiso for sending the daily General Chapter summaries

Mother Cabrini Canonized on July 7, 1946

Following the exhaustive Vatican processes of beatification and canonization, Mother Cabrini was declared Blessed on November 13, 1938, and on July 7, 1946, she became the first United States citizen to be canonized a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1950, Pope Pius XII formally proclaimed St. Frances Xavier Cabrini as the “Patroness of Immigrants.”

In his homily, Pope Pius XII said, "She gathered endangered youth in safe houses, and taught them holy and rightful principles. She consoled the spirit of the imprisoned, giving them the comfort of life eternal, and urging them to resume the right path and to remake an honest life. She consoled the sick and the infirm gathered in hospitals, and cared for them assiduously. Especially towards immigrants, who had left their own homes... did she extend a friendly hand, a sheltering refuge, relief and help."

Pope Francis, in a letter to Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC, General Superior of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, writes, "Catholics today cannot forget that [this] is the vocation of every Christian and of every community of the disciples of Jesus."

The late Sr. Mary Louise Sullivan, MSC, PhD, writes in her book, *Mother Cabrini: "Italian Immigrant of the Century"* that “Cabrini was a modern woman. Her interests were extensive. She certainly did not adapt readily to the role expected of late nineteenth and early twentieth-century women religious. She was an entrepreneur and world traveler, keenly aware of the currents of thought in the world of her time. Cabrini foresaw the twentieth century as one of revolution, and tailored her philosophy of education, healthcare, and social service to accentuate the intrinsic value and dignity of each human being touched by her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.”



Mother Cabrini at the opening of Sacred Heart School in Dobbs Ferry, NY on July 4, 1914. Sr. Mary Lou Sullivan MSC notes that this is the last known photo taken of her.

Exploitation of Poor and Migrants is Grave

~ by Rhina Guidos for Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) In a recent homily San Antonio Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller railed on smugglers as well as the injustices toward immigrants, referring to the June 27th deaths of 53 people in a sweltering cargo section of an abandoned semitruck near San Antonio as they were being smuggled into the U.S. He placed blame on the “traders of death who consider lives as merchandise.”



A woman in El Paso, TX, lights candles during a vigil to honor the 53 migrants who died in a cargo truck in San Antonio on June 27. (CNS photo/Jose Luis Gonzales, Reuters)

But he also urged the “lay faithful to create the political incentives for our elected representatives to fulfill their duty to pass comprehensive immigration reform” and cut down on such incidents that take place because there are few viable paths to migrate safely and legally.

The archbishop, who has ministered to migrant workers, visited some of those who survived the deadly trek in the

sweltering semitrailer without water or air to cool down as they traveled in temperatures that topped 100 degrees. It’s still unclear how long they were inside the trailer.

“Anyone who is not outraged is complicit at least to some degree,” said the archbishop, “they are God’s children. We grieve the loss of these immigrant brothers and sisters, because they were members of God’s family.”

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

The Update

You may have noticed that this week’s **Update** has a slightly new look – a larger text font.

Our readers have requested this modification and the Communications Office is pleased to comply. Happy reading!

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Catholic Leaders Say Legislation on Climate is ‘Critical’

~ by Brian Roewe, *EarthBeat*, National Catholic Reporter

The U.S. Supreme Court’s decision last week to curtail the Environmental Protection Agency’s ability to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from power plants was met with disbelief and disappointment by Catholic and other faith groups, calling it “a moral travesty” with serious repercussions for both people and the climate.

The consequential ruling, issued June 30 in one of the final cases of a monumental term for the court, dealt a major blow to one of the federal government’s tools to reduce the heat-trapping gases, which are driving climate change, from one of the nation’s largest emitting sources: coal and gas-fired power plants. It also raised questions about what leeway other federal agencies will have to interpret laws and directives they’ve been tasked to enforce.

In a statement, the Catholic Climate Covenant said it was “deeply disappointed” by the Supreme Court’s decision.

“We know the emission of carbon dioxide through the burning of fossil fuels is one of the largest causes of the climate crisis,” said Catholic Climate Covenant’s executive director, Jose Aguto, pointing to rising global temperatures that are driving more dangerous and frequent droughts, heat waves and extreme weather events.

“We must bring these emissions down. Yet, the Supreme Court chose to limit EPA’s authority to regulate these emissions, rendering less resourced our collective imperative to care for creation and address the climate crisis. We ask: how is this decision upholding the life and dignity of every person?” he said.

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



People in Grant Town, West Virginia, protest the Grant Town Coal Waste Power Plant. (CNS/Reuters/Stephanie Keth)



PLAYBALL!

New York has a new professional baseball team the Staten Island Ferry Hawks of the Atlantic League. The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Cabrini Mission Foundation want you to join us for a day at the ballpark! Get your team together and meet us behind home plate in the stadium's big event suite. Hotdogs, burgers bottomless popcorn, and soft drinks are included.

Date: Thursday, July 21, 2022

Game Time: 11:00 AM

Where: Staten Island University Hospital,
Community Park, 75 Richmond Terrace, Staten
Island, NY 10301

(Easy to get to by car, ferry, train or bus)

Sponsorships Available!

Tickets for the game \$100
Sponsor a Sister \$100
Beverage Sponsor: \$350
Base Hit Sponsor: \$750
Stolen base Sponsor: \$1,000
RBI Sponsor: \$1,500
Double Sponsor \$2,000
Triple Sponsor \$3,000
Homerun Sponsor \$4,500
Grand Slam Sponsor: \$5,000
Team Captain Event Sponsor: \$10,000



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Prayer Requests

Cabrini (College) University alumna

A Cabrini (College) alumna asks your continuing prayers for guidance regarding an upcoming decision as well as for the good health of family member.

Declan Jones

Your prayers are requested for Declan, the great nephew of Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC. Declan, a special needs child, spontaneously lost the ability to walk about seven weeks ago. He is now in the hospital and undergoing numerous tests and examinations. Sr. Arlene asks your prayers for him and for the family during this time.

General Chapter of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



The General Chapter of the Missionary Sisters is underway in Rome. Please unite in prayer that the Holy Spirit will bless and guide the Chapter proceedings.

Matthew, grandson of Lourdes Barretto

Please pray for Lourdes Barretto's grandson, Matthew. Lourdes is a former staff member at Cabrini University. Matthew is having heart surgery tomorrow. Cabrini friends may remember that he was born with heart problems and has received lots of special care for most of his childhood. Also please remember to pray for his parents and Lourdes. What a stressful time for the entire family!



Rose Valente Zaccaria

Your continuing prayers are requested for Rose Valente Zaccaria, the aunt of Cabrini (College) University alumna MariaValente Breaser, Class of 1973. Rose is experiencing some health challenges at this time. Her family would be grateful for your prayers.

XVI General Chapter Prayer

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for all the graces and blessings of our shared journey as followers of Jesus in the Cabrinian charism. May your abiding presence renew our minds and hearts, as we walk towards our General Chapter.

Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Release in us the passion and desire for you that filled the heart of St. Frances Cabrini as she brought your liberating love to the peoples scattered around the world. Free us from all that would prevent our entering fully and generously into this favorable time of discernment and renewal.

Holy Spirit,

Breathe in us once more – that through our listening, conversing and decision-making, we may embrace the future with courage, freedom and faith. Give wings to the desires of our hearts, so that, drawn ever closer to the Heart of Christ, we may enter with joy and abandonment into the horizons of God. **Amen.**

With a Grateful Heart

With thanks from a friend

A member of the Cabrini community wishes to express her thanks for prayers answered and promises to hold the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community in her prayers.

In Loving Memory

Anna Badey

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anna Badey, the mother of George Badey, a trustee of Cabrini University. Mrs. Badey passed away on June 27th at her home at the age of 97. May she rest in God's eternal peace. Please keep the Badey family in your prayers.

Highland Park, IL July 4th victims

It is with great sorrow that we pray for the latest victims of gun violence in the United States. May God bless the souls of those who died as they attended a July 4th parade in the Chicago suburb of Highland Park. May their families be given strength to withstand the senselessness of their loved ones' passing. Pray, too, for all victims of gun violence.

Elizabeth B. King

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth King, the mother of Miriam King, the former executive director of the St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine in Upper Manhattan. Mrs. King passed away on June 30th at St. John's Riverside Hospital.

**Condolences can be sent to: Miriam King 795 Oakland Hills Lane
Kerrville, TX 78028**



**Pray for the Repose
of the Soul**

Elizabeth B. King (nee Black), age 93.
Elizabeth went home to God this past Thursday,
June 30th at St. John's Riverside Hospital.

As many may know, Elizabeth is the mother of Miriam King,
former Executive Director, St. Frances Cabrini Shrine, NYC.

Our prayers are with Miriam and the family at this time of
loss. If you would like to send Miriam a note her address is:

Miriam King
795 Oakland Hills Lane
Kerrville, TX 78028

Eternal Rest Grant unto Elizabeth.
May she now rest
in the Loving Arms
of God.



Anthony “Tony” Marinaro

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Marinaro, the loving husband of Fran Marinaro, the former administrator of the St. Cabrini Residence in Philadelphia for the senior MSC sisters.

Tony passed away on July 2nd. Fran is a dear friend of the Missionary Sisters.

Please pray for Fran, her daughters Jennifer and Lorraine and their families as they mourn Tony’s passing.



**Let us pray for the Repose of the Soul
of**

Anthony Marinaro

We received the sad news today that Anthony passed away over the weekend.

Anthony is the husband of Fran Marinaro, former Administrator of our Senior Sister Residence in Philadelphia. Many sisters knew Tony over the years as he often came to many of the MSC Gatherings.



May God's comfort
be with you, Fran
and the Family
during this
difficult time.

Funeral Arrangements for Tony Marinaro

Viewing and visitation: Monday, July 11th – 6:30 – 8:00 pm
D’Anjolell Memorial Home, 2811 West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA

Funeral Mass: Tuesday, July 12th - 10:30 am
St. John Neumann Church 380 Highland Lane, Bryn Mawr, PA

To send condolences to Fran and her family:
1412 Leedom Road
Havertown, PA 19083

There’s a new email address for
Sr. Damien Ciminera, MSC:

Damiencimineramsc@gmail.com

Kindly make a note of this change.