



MISSIONARY SISTERS  
of the SACRED HEART of JESUS  
*Bringing Christ's love to the world*

THE UPDATE

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## The General Chapter Concludes Tomorrow

The General Chapter of the Missionary Sisters draws to an end tomorrow in Rome. The Chapter has been in session since June 26<sup>th</sup>.

As of this week, the Missionary Sisters have named Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo da Silva, MSC from Brazil and the Santa Francisca Cabrini Province, as the General Superior. The Sisters are grateful to Sr. Maria Eliane for her willingness to serve the Church and the Missionary Sisters.

The Sisters expressed their gratitude to Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC, who has served the Institute as General Superior for the past eight years and wish many blessings upon her.



### New MSC General Superior Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo da Silva, MSC



Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo da Silva, MSC of the Santa Francisca Cabrini Province (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay) has been elected as the new General Superior of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We thank Sr. Maria Eliane for her willingness and disponibilit  to serve at this time. We offer our support and prayers as she begins this new and important service to the Church and the Missionary Sisters.

A special thanks to Sr. Barbara Staley, who has served during these last eight years. She has brought the Institute through some rather difficult times. We thank Sr. Barbara for her commitment to the service of the Institute and pray many blessings upon her.



## Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Elect New General Superior & Council  
during the 16<sup>th</sup> General Chapter  
in Rome, Italy.



*"Let us greatly trust Jesus. Hope multiplies strength a hundredfold, foresees difficulties, but is not frightened, knowing that it can do all with God. Sure, of obtaining divine help, hope repeats: 'I can do all things in Jesus who strengthens me.'"* St. Frances Cabrini

## Congratulations and Blessings



Left to Right

Sr. Patricia Argentina Godoy - Mater Gratia Province  
Sr. Gilda Mercedes Mendoza Argueta - Guadalupe Province  
Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo da Silva - General Superior  
Sr. Stella Maris Elena - Santa Francisca Cabrini Province

## The General Council



The General Chapter brings with it much deliberation, large and small group discussion, discernment, and hard work all centered in prayer. Sr. Diane Dalle Molle, MSC (I.) and Sr. Maureen Bennett, MSC, both of the Holy Spirit Region, talk through some of the forthcoming Chapter mandates and recommendations.

Last week, the Chapter focused on composing mandates and recommendations for Mission, Formation, Vocation and Governance for Mission. Throughout the Chapter the Sisters are seeking common paths for our journey, striving for greater synodality and interconnection between us: MSCs, laity, and the beneficiaries of the Cabrinian mission in the world.

On the birthday of Mother Cabrini, July 15<sup>th</sup>, she was

remembered at the Chapter with morning prayer, followed by a procession with candles, her statue, and a song dedicated to her into the Chapter Room.

Following the time of prayer, the Chapter Assembly focused on discussing and approving some of the Mandates, Recommendations and the Theological Reflection.

Later in the day, the Chapter delegates continued to celebrate Mother's birth and at Mass they asked Mother Cabrini to intercede for all, especially during the Chapter.



Sr. Joan McGlinchey, MSC, (r.) shares a point of discussion with Sr. Asnakech.

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, 32 Sisters visited Orvieto, a small town in Umbria, one of the medieval cities of Italy, more than three thousand years old.

On Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, the Sisters were in St. Peter's Square to attend the prayer of the Angelus with Pope Francis, who extended a special greeting to us on the occasion of the General Chapter. Later in the day, the interviews for the oral history project continued. In the evening, the Sisters enjoyed the interview of former General Superior Sr. Maria Barbagallo, MSC. Each and every one of our Sisters' personal witness is a great gift.

Please keep our new General Superior, the new General Councilors, all Chapter delegates, Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC, General Councilors Sr. Bernadette Anello, MSC and Sr. Maria Regina Canale, MSC in your prayers. May everyone be blessed with safe travel home.



**The closing Mass of the General Chapter will be live-streamed on Friday at 5:00 p.m. Rome time. LINK: <https://youtu.be/AMbw6pQtKgg>**



# Texas Bishops Call for Immigration Reform following Migrant Tragedy

~ by Rhina Guidos, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) – The Texas Catholic bishops urged immigration reform, saying it is necessary to prevent what happened to 53 migrants discovered in a trailer on June 27 from happening again.

Reminding others to reflect on the incident, they focused on defending the sacredness of every life.



Relatives and friends carry the coffin containing the remains of Pascual Guachiac, 13, during his funeral in the small village of Tzucubal in Nahuala, Guatemala on July 16. (CNS photo/Sandra Sebastian, Reuters)

Cardinal DiNardo of Galveston-Houston recalled Pope Francis' lament, the "throwaway culture" the pope warns against, which leads humanity to discard God's creation, including people.

"This senseless loss of life should shock and sadden us as we are all brothers and sisters in Christ," said Cardinal Di Nardo. "We cannot ignore those most vulnerable among us who at times become victims of this throwaway culture and

only seek a better life for themselves and their families."

He commended the souls of the men and women who died near San Antonio after being smuggled into the U.S. in the part of a semitrailer reserved for cargo, not people. They were traveling without air-conditioning or ventilation in temperatures that surpassed 100 degrees. It was not clear how long they had been inside the trailer.

Authorities said the man identified as the truck driver, Homero Zamorano, Jr., fled the scene, leaving the migrants, which included minors, dead and dying. He has been apprehended and charged with alien smuggling resulting in death. Three others also have been arrested in connection with the incident."

“The exploitation of the poor and in particular of migrants who flee dramatic situations in search of opportunities and hope is particularly grave,” said Archbishop Garcia-Siller of San Antonio.

Bishop Olson of Fort Worth said, “our nation’s past unwillingness to address immigration...has brought us to a moment of polarization and crisis that threatens the vulnerable.

“The light of our faith should prompt us to care and to address the causes of these injustices as Christians, as Americans, and as men and women of goodwill,” he added. To read the complete account, please click [here](#)

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## Pope Francis: Digital Media Raises Ethical Issues

~ by Christopher Wells, *Vatican News*

VATICAN: Although modern means of communication can be “a powerful means of fostering communion and dialogue within our human family,” they can also become “places of toxicity, hate speech, and fake news,” warns Pope Francis, in a message to the lay communications network SIGNIS which is holding its annual World Congress in Seoul in August.



Pope Francis notes, “The use of digital media, especially social media, has raised a number of serious ethical issues that call for wise and discerning judgment on the part of all communicators, and all those concerned with authenticity and the quality of human relationships.”



The Holy Father also calls attention to the importance of listening “as the first and indispensable ingredient of dialogue and good communication.”

Listening, he says, is likewise essential to the synodal journey that the whole Church has undertaken in these years. Communication...is a service to dialogue and understanding between individuals and larger communities in the pursuit of a serene and peaceful coexistence.

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# The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

## July 24, 2022

Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the [celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly](#) on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The announcement of this celebration coincided with the celebration of the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family, which began on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, on March 19, 2021, and concluded at the World Meeting of Families in Rome in June of 2022.



The next World Day for Grandparents and Elderly is July 24, 2022. The theme for this year's celebration is "In Old Age They Will Still Bear Fruit" (Ps. 92:15). The theme is meant to emphasize how grandparents are a gift both to society and the Church. For more

information on the theme please see the [Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life's announcement](#).

**Read the Holy Father's message for the [Second World Day for Grandparents and Elderly](#).**

This year, Pope Francis is also extending the opportunity for a [plenary indulgence](#) "to the faithful who devote adequate time to visit, in presence or virtually, through the media, their elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty" on July 24.







## Mother Cabrini!



One day shy of the big day, the Cabrini University community feted Mother Cabrini on her 172<sup>nd</sup> birthday with ice cream, birthday cake, and cookies. Administrators, faculty and staff gathered in Grace Hall for the celebration.

Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC extended a welcome to all and shared her insights about Mother Cabrini's birth and early years.

**Photo above:** Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC (c) welcomes everyone to Mother Cabrini's birthday party.

**Photo above right:** What would a birthday party be without the birthday cake?! Maureen from Sodexo Dining Services makes sure everyone gets a slice.



# Mother Cabrini Shrine Gala



**Friday, September 16**

***Pinnacle Club at the Grand Hyatt***

555 17th St. Denver, CO

Cocktails & Silent Auction\* 5:30 p.m.

Dinner, Program & Celebration 7:00 p.m.

*All proceeds from this gala will be used for the addition of an elevator and for the remodel and renovation of the chapel.*

*For more information about our capital campaign plans and construction phases, please visit our website at [www.mothercabrinishrine.org](http://www.mothercabrinishrine.org).*

***\*Silent Auction and on-line bidding will open on  
Friday, September 9.***



# Prayer Requests

## ***Declan Jones***

Please continue your prayers for Declan Jones, the grandnephew of Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC. Declan, a special needs teen, is currently hospitalized. Please pray for him and his parents at this time.

## ***Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus***

We ask your prayers for and blessings upon Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo da Silva, MSC, the new General Superior, and the General Councilors, Missionary Sisters Stella Maris Elena, Patricia Godoy and Gilda Mendoza. May Mother Cabrini guide them in their ministry for our worldwide Institute. We offer our gratitude to Sr. Barbara Staley who has served as General Superior along with and General Councilors Sr. Bernadette Anello, MSC and Sr. Maria Regina Canale.

## With Grateful Hearts

## ***Matthew Haylett***

The family of Lourdes Barretto, a former staff member at Cabrini (College) University, is grateful for the prayers of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community. Lourdes' grandson, Matthew, was recently released from the hospital and is now at home with his mom and dad and doing well.

## ***Miss Cora Jane Kimpflen***



Rosemary Gehrlein, an employee of Cabrini University, would like to thank everyone for their prayers several weeks ago for her unborn grandniece. Miss Cora Jane Kimpflen was born on July 8, weighing 6 lbs., 12 oz. Mommy and Daddy are thrilled and grateful! Praise be to the Almighty for the gift of this healthy little girl.



## ***The Cabrinian Community***

We give thanks for the prayerful accompaniment of the Cabrinian community before and during the General Chapter of the Missionary Sisters. Your thoughts and prayers supported the Chapter delegates throughout their time in Rome.

# In Loving Memory

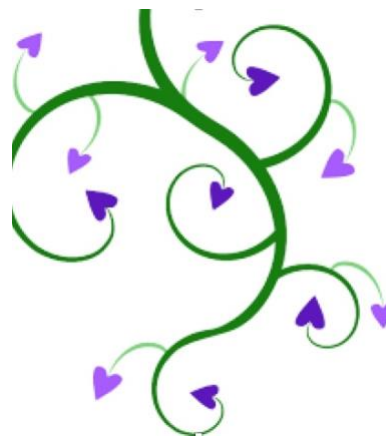
## *Janet Buzbee*

It is with sorrow that the Cabrini University community mourns the passing of Janet “Jan” Buzbee, who worked for many years at Cabrini College in the Institutional Advancement division. Jan passed away on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Her service will be held at Daylesford Abbey in Daylesford, PA on September 8th. Visitation will start at 11:00 and the Memorial Service will begin at 12:00. There will be an announcement in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* approximately two-three weeks from her funeral date. May her soul rest in God’s eternal light. Please pray for Jan’s family at this sad time.

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### Weekly Update - Important Notice

Today's edition of **The Update** is the last Update for the summer.  
The Update will be on vacation and will return on  
September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Prayer requests are welcome at any time at:

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and will be published on Thursdays as they are received.