



March 23, 2023

## Welcome Visitors to Cabrini of Westchester

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, Sister Maria Eliane Azevedo Da Silva, MSC, General Superior, accompanied by the General Council of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart



The chapel at Cabrini of Westchester was full as Father Ronald Galt began Mass accompanied by Loraine Campanelli (r.) on the organ.

of Jesus: Sister Patricia Argentina Godoy, MSC, Sister Stella Maris Elena, MSC and Sister Gilda Mercedes Mendoza Argueta, MSC paid a special visit to Cabrini of Westchester to visit the Missionary Sisters who are residents of the nursing home. Joining with them and others at a festive Mass for the Feast of St. Patrick, they were



Sister Eliane (3<sup>rd</sup> l.) holds the Values in Action Award as Bonnie Burke, VP for Operations, congratulates the Sisters.

surrounded by “the wearing of the green” as well as music and song selected for the occasion.

Director of Pastoral Care, Father Ron Galt, welcomed the Sisters to Saint Cabrini’s Chapel on behalf of all present. In an inspiring homily based on the

Gospel reading: Mt 12: 28-34 “The First of All the Commandments”, Father noted that Mother Cabrini, like St. Patrick, out of faithfulness to her vocation and the promptings of the Holy Spirit, went on a journey to another land to spread the message of the Gospel. Loving God and loving one’s neighbor were central to the lives of these two humble, faith-filled and inspiring saints.

Before the closing of the liturgy, Sister Eliane and the Council were asked to come forward to receive the Barbara J. Holmes Values in Action Award from Simone Faulkner- Smith, VP for Human Resources, who explained its significance within Cabrini of Westchester’s Mission Integration Program. Given each month to an employee who is nominated for their exemplary demonstration of Cabrini of Westchester’s mission values in the performance of their duties, she announced that Sister Eliane, Sister Patricia, Sister Stella Maris and Sister Gilda had been nominated to receive the Values in Action Award for their leadership and their commitment to their special calling to serve the international Cabrinian community.

The Resident Welcoming Committee, led by Sister Veronica Piccone, MSC then presented the Sisters with a bouquet of flowers and congratulated them on behalf of all of the residents, followed by four staff members who offered their greetings and presented each Sister with a Cabrini tote bag full of souvenirs of their visit.



Sister Veronica Piccone, MSC (r.) President of the Resident Council, presents a bouquets of flowers to Sister Eliane on behalf of all of the residents.

Following the Mass all of the Missionary Sisters gathered for a festive luncheon as well as Brazilian treats provided by Honda, the Chef and Operator of Cabrini’s Riverside Café. ~ submitted by Patricia Krasnausky, President and CEO, Cabrini of Westchester



Sherlyn Baptiste (r.) Certified Nursing Assistant and beloved employee of 42 years presents General Councilor Sr. Stella Maris Elena, MSC with a token of appreciation.

# CIS-NYC Hosts MSC General Council

Following the meeting of the Missionary Sisters last week in New Jersey, the MSC General Council visited ministries of the Guadalupe Province in New York including Cabrini Immigrant Services – NYC (CIS-NYC) and the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine in Upper Manhattan. ~ with thanks to Julia Attaway, St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine for the photos



**Photo above and below:** From left: CIS-NYC Director Javier Ramirez Baron; Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial; MSC General Superior Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo Da Silva, MSC; General Councilors Sr. Stella Maris Elena, MSC, Sr. Gilda Mercedes Mendoza Argueta, MSC, and Sr. Patricia Argentina Godoy, MSC, and Ms. Julia Attaway, Executive Director, St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine, gathered for a tour of the Shrine and CIS-NYC followed by a festive luncheon with staff members and guests.



# Mother Cabrini Inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame

With over 800 people in attendance at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Denver, Mother Cabrini, along with 16 other distinguished women, was inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame.

The Colorado Women's Hall of Fame celebrates women who have shaped the state's history with their talents, skills, struggles, and contributions. Inductees are honored for their grace, grit and strength, and they are models of inspiration. The Dante Alighieri Society of Denver nominated Mother Cabrini for this honor.

*~ submitted by JoAnn Seaman, Mother Cabrini Shrine*

See the induction video [here](#):



The image of Mother Cabrini was displayed during the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame ceremony in Denver.



Attending the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame induction ceremony were from left: M.L. Richardson, a longtime Shrine volunteer and friend of the Missionary Sisters; JoAnn Seaman, Director of Development, Mother Cabrini Shrine; and Sr. Alice Zanon, MSC.

# A Citizenship Collaboration

On March 18, 2023 over a hundred people eligible for U.S. citizenship arrived at St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in NYC where they were helped by pro bono attorneys and volunteers to complete the complicated application. They were also able to apply for fee waivers, sign up for citizenship classes, and enroll in English classes. Many thanks to the good people at Dominicanos USA and CUNY Citizenship Now for their collaboration on this event! ~ submitted by Julia Attaway, St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine



People seeking U.S. citizenship spent time at an event hosted by the St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine in Upper Manhattan. Individuals were able to meet with attorneys pro bono who provided assistance with complex applications. People were also able to avail themselves of classes and other services.



Waiting their turn to discuss their needs, people filled out preliminary paperwork.



## Check Out the New Look for CIS-NYC!

Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC (CIS-NYC) has a new website and logo! We're so excited to finally have a fully updated and translated website, and a new logo that represents our recent growth and our mission. You can check out our website here: [www.cis-nyc.org](http://www.cis-nyc.org)

You may notice the use of shades of violet in our logo and website. When Mother Cabrini was young she would make paper boats, fill them with violets, and float them in a river near her home. She would imagine that the violets were missionaries going to help the poor and vulnerable. Today, violets serve as a special symbol and reminder of the missionary legacy she left to us.



Our new logo also includes a red heart to represent the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and open hands to represent our mission to welcome and support all immigrants. We hope you love it as much as we do!

*~ submitted by Ella Nimmo- CIS-NYC*

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## CLMs Gain Insights on the Sacred Heart



Sr. Eileen Currie, MSC (upper left) presented a reflection on the Sacred Heart of Jesus for CLMs.

The Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs) of the Guadalupe Province were blessed to share in a reflection on the Spirituality of the Sacred Heart presented by Sr. Eileen Currie, MSC. Sr. Eileen shared so many wonderful insights about the Sacred Heart of Jesus. How perfect it was to hear about the love of God on Laetare Sunday.

We are most grateful to Sr. Eileen and her willingness to share her thoughts and insights with us. Our hearts were all touched as we heard about the unconditional love that God has for each of us. *~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, CLM Director*

# Pope Francis: Welcoming Migrants and Refugees The First Step Towards Peace

~ by Carol Glatz, *Vatican News*

VATICAN CITY: Safe, organized, legal and sustainable migration is in the interest of all countries, Pope Francis wrote.

"If this is not recognized, there is a risk that fear will erase people's future and justify those barriers against which lives are shattered," he said in a written address to refugees and to the volunteers and organizations who helped welcome and integrate them in Europe.

Speaking to the refugees and those who have helped them, the pope said, "Thank you for promoting this work of welcoming which is a concrete commitment to peace. Welcoming is the first step toward peace."

The Vatican audience hall March 18 was filled with individuals and families from many countries at war or affected by severe humanitarian emergencies, such as Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, South Sudan, Nigeria, Congo, Libya and Ukraine.

The pope only read a few passages from his prepared text, but spent about 25 minutes making his way, seated in a wheelchair, through the hall greeting guests and exchanging many hugs with enthusiastic children. One small boy insisted the pope accept his gift of a stuffed Spider-Man doll.



On March 18, at the Vatican Pope Francis greets a child during an audience with hundreds of refugees and displaced people and with those who have assisted them.

The migrants and refugees came to Italy and other European countries thanks to an initiative started in 2016 to create "humanitarian corridors" in which volunteers and organizations on the ground in areas of conflict identify people who are especially vulnerable and arrange for their safe and legal passage to communities prepared to take them in. They also help with housing, education and other forms of assistance.

The Rome-based Community of Sant'Egidio established the project together with the Federation of Evangelical Churches, the Waldensian church of Italy, the Italian branch of Caritas and the Italian bishops' conference.

The project was started to help people avoid dangerous journeys across the Mediterranean Sea in unsafe vessels, to prevent exploitation by human traffickers and to give priority to those in especially precarious conditions. More than 6,000 people have been offered legal passage and integration through the project since 2016.

In his spoken remarks, the pope thanked the organizations for their generosity and creativity and the commitment shown by governments for welcoming newcomers.

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

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## Mother Cabrini Archives Go Digital!

Anne Schwelm, the Director of the Holy Spirit Library at Cabrini University, shares the following interesting information:



“I’m very pleased to let you know that the article, “Digitizing America’s First Citizen Saint” has been published in the March/April 2023 issue of *Archival Outlook* a publication of the Society of American Archivists.

“The article features Cabrini University’s efforts to digitize the St. Frances Cabrini Collection and the 3-year grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities which is funding the project. This is most exciting as SAA is North America’s oldest and largest professional association dedicated to archives and archival work.” The digital version is available [here](#)  
~ submitted by Anne Schwelm, Director, Holy Spirit Library, Cabrini U.

*We are grateful to Anne Schwelm and her staff for overseeing this important initiative.*





# Retracing Mother Cabrini's Footsteps



Sr. Bernadette Anello, MSC (I.) and Sr. Romualda Molon, MSC (2<sup>nd</sup> r.) took MSC novice Sr. Bezunesh Elias (2<sup>nd</sup> I.) and MSC candidates Abebech Darcho and Abaynesh Lukas on a tour of sites in Brooklyn, NY near and dear to Mother Cabrini and the MSCs.

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, the President's Holiday in the USA, we visited Sacred Hearts and St. Stephen's Church in Brooklyn. It was initially established for Italian immigrants in the Diocese of Brooklyn and is where Mother Cabrini and our MSC Congregation taught in the school and worked in the parish.

It is so beautiful and has so many statues of saints and Mary. The statues of Mary have many different titles such as Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Mount Carmel... all referring to the same Mary, the Mother of Jesus. It is so spiritual and meaningful. There are also Mother Cabrini images inside the church and outside. The outside statue shows her as Mother of

Immigrants, holding the hands of two children on the right and left, and also showing their traveling luggage.



We were so delighted. Our guide, John Heyer, was very passionate in his telling the story of the church.

After [our tour] we went to an old Sicilian restaurant and enjoyed delicious food.

We are so grateful to Sr. Bernadette who drove us and gave her precious time to us. Coming back home we got some cookies for our community from a special bakery which is well known in the area. It was an enjoyable day. ~ submitted by Sr. Bezunesh Elias, MSC



What would a day of adventure be without taking some selfies?

SAVE  
*the* DATE

CABRINI OF WESTCHESTER

*presents*

AN EVENING

*Under the Stars*

50<sup>th</sup> Gala

ANNIVERSARY

*Honoring*

HIS EMINENCE TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN  
MICHAEL P. HOFFMAN  
SR. ARLENE VAN DUSEN, MSC  
SR. CATHERINE GARRY, MSC

**Thursday**  
**May 25, 2023**

Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill Mansion  
Tarrytown, New York

6 pm - Cocktail Reception  
7 pm - Dinner



JRS/USA invites you to join us for our annual Advocacy Day!

*Tuesday, March 28, 2023*

This event will provide you with the opportunity to learn about issues facing refugees and to encourage members of Congress to take action on their behalf.

JRS/USA will schedule meetings with your members of Congress, prepare materials on policy issues to be discussed, and host a webinar a week before Advocacy Day to review the issues in detail, discuss logistics, and answer any questions.

**Most congressional meetings will be virtual but participants are welcome to note whether they would like to participate in person in Washington, D.C.** JRS/USA staff will follow-up with those interested in attending in-person to determine whether meetings on Capitol Hill are feasible.

[Visit the link to learn more, view the timeline, and register.](#)

We hope to see you there!

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

### Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

I cannot believe that next Sunday is Palm Sunday. For me, Lent has flown by. Around this time of Lent, I begin to get down on myself and tell myself all the things I should have done during these past weeks of Lent. As I allow myself to be guilt-ridden, I realize that that is not what Lent is about nor is it what our Lord would want me to do. In my struggle, I try to convince myself of all the ‘good things’ that I have done during Lent. What is God really asking me to be, to do during Lent?

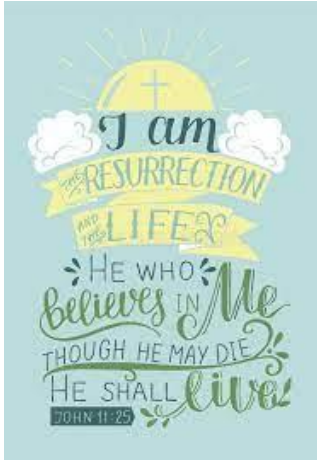
Perhaps this week, we can focus on the words, ‘assurance from God.’ The readings at Mass this coming Sunday give us an assurance from God that who we are is good enough. We’re not good

enough because we are human but rather, we are good enough because the Spirit of God dwells within us. In Ezekial, we hear, “Thus says the Lord God, I will put my Spirit in you that you may live.” We are assured that the Spirit of the



Lord will dwell in us as long as we accept the invitation. In our Responsorial Psalm, we pray, “With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.” God assures us of mercy. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is filled with mercy and compassion, for each of us!

In our Second Reading from Romans, we hear, “Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Once again, we are reminded that we have the Spirit of God. So, my humanness is making me think that I should have done more this Lent but God is saying, it’s not your humanness that can please me. Rather, it is my Spirit dwelling within your humanity. It’s never too late to do something for our Lord. What can I do that will be pleasing to our Lord this week?



The Gospel of John gives me one of the greatest assurances from our Lord, “Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. I am assured that I will not die but live with the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus asked Martha a very important question, “Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God.

As we reflect on the many assurances that God gives us, let us also answer the question asked by our Lord,

***“Do you believe this?”***

*~ Lorraine Campanelli, CLM*

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## **Cabrini Health Shares a Reflection for the Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 26, 2023**

**Out of the depths I cry to you, O lord, Lord hear my voice - Psalm 129**



As we travel towards Easter this psalm calls us again to learn to trust and to ask for help. No matter where life takes you, if you have a sense of the spiritual or a guiding light you are more able to embrace the good and the bad, face the ups and the downs. Knowing that you do not face these alone. St. Frances Cabrini had complete confidence that God would provide. All she had to do was ask.

**“To lose confidence dishonours God since it implies that God will fail us, which is impossible.”**  
**- St. Frances Cabrini**

## Prayer Requests

### *Dorothy Breen*

Please keep Dorothy “Dot” Breen in your prayers. She is the aunt of Jim Breen, the husband of Cabrini (College) University alumna, Sheila Ross Breen, Class of 1969. Dorothy, a very spunky ninety-three year-old, has been experiencing some health issues lately. Please pray for her wellbeing.

### *Jeremy Burke*

Prayers are asked for Jeremy Burke, the son-in-law of Jacque Tague Murray, Cabrini (College) University, Class of 1969. Jeremy is undergoing medical tests at this time. Pray that all will be well.

### *Erin Onstad*

Florence Wingerter, a Cabrini High School alumna and trustee, asks our prayers for Erin Onstad, her sister-in-law. Erin will be having surgery today. Let us pray for a successful procedure and a complete recovery.

### *Anthony Russo*

Thank you for prayers offered for Anthony Russo, brother of Cabrini University employee Rosemary Gehrlein. His surgery was successful and the doctor is optimistic that he will make a full recovery. Please keep Anthony in your prayers for healing as he begins his follow-up treatment.

## With a Grateful Heart

### *Thank you for your prayers*

A member of the Cabrinian community wishes to express his thanks for your prayers. He came through surgery well. He asks that you continue to pray for him as he recovers and undergoes further treatment.



# In Loving Memory

## Loretta Pizzello Gardner

### Rest of the Soul Loretta Gardner (Pizzello)

Our dear friend, Loretta passed away last night, March 21<sup>st</sup> under Hospice Care in Seattle, Washington surrounded by family and friends.

Loretta was formerly a Missionary Sister of the Sacred Heart, known as Sr. Pauline of the Holy Family until 1977. She continued to be a Missionary at Heart and had many contacts with the Sisters in Seattle and throughout the US.

Yesterday, Buena, another wonderful former MSC was with her. As Buena stated: "When I was with Loretta the hymn Ave Maris Stella came to mind and I played it for her. I think the Cabrini Sisters were praying and accompanied her on the Journey at that time."

**Rest in Peace, Loretta and Thank You**



## Top of the Mornin' to You!



Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day!  
MSC General Superior Sr. Eliane (c.) shares a hug and a wee bit of Irish of laughter with Sr. Damien Ciminera, MSC and Sr. Mary Lou Andes, MSC at Cabrini of Westchester.