



June 15, 2023

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday, June 16, 2023



The Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the most widely practiced and well-known devotions in the Roman Catholic Church. It takes the physical heart of Jesus as representation of His Divine love for humanity. The Feast of the Sacred Heart has been in the Roman Catholic Liturgical calendar since 1856, and is always celebrated 19 days after Pentecost Sunday and always falls on a Friday. The devotion especially emphasizes the unmitigated love, compassion, and long-suffering of the heart of Christ towards humanity.

The origin of the devotion to the Most Sacred Heart in the modern form, is derived from a French Roman Catholic Saint, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, whose feast day is October 16th. She learned the devotion from Jesus during a mystical experience. Her revelations were numerous. ~ *Newman Ministry website*

Inspiring a Missionary Passion

The missionary passion that inspired Saint Frances Cabrini was born from a charism strongly rooted in the spirituality of the Sacred Heart that was revived in the late 1800s. This revival took place for several reasons, but it was primarily due to the bicentennial anniversary of the first appearance of the Sacred Heart to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque and the consecration of the world to the Sacred Heart desired by Pope Leo XIII in the encyclical *Annum Sacrum* in 1899. ~ *continued on following page.*

Mother Cabrini grew up in the sacred sphere that is the Heart of Jesus. With extraordinary courage, she felt impelled to transfer her profound missionary world, entrusting her work to the unlimited trust that she was given by God's Heart.

~ Sr. Patricia Spillane, MSC, *Presentation, Free Yourself and Put on Wings*

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini's apostolic mysticism matured in light of two great sources: the spirituality of the Sacred Heart and her missionary life.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart had a profoundly spiritual influence in Mother Cabrini toward acceptance of God's project of love of humanity, and this in turn became the social reparation in her works.

In the spirituality of Mother Cabrini, her source was the Sacred Heart of Jesus and her missionary spirit was the trickle with which she fed her tireless apostolic activity.

~ *Introduction, Free Yourself and Put on Wings*

Today's devotions

There are a number of activities that bring devotion to the Sacred Heart alive in our hearts and lives. The Lord's healing promises flow through our embrace of these aspects of the devotion. Love, of course, is at the center of all these actions—love for Jesus and a desire to have that love grow in our hearts as we receive more and more of his love for us.

Certainly prayer is the place to start with any devotion but especially with devotion to the Sacred Heart. That is because it is a devotion that centers exclusively on our love relationship with our Lord. And just like any relationship, our relationship with Jesus requires communication to keep it strong and vibrant. Prayer is our ongoing conversation with God. ~ *Franciscan Media website.*

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of family and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father.



A Most Sacred and Celebratory Feast



The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a most special and sacred day for the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is on this day that the Missionary Sisters worldwide renew their vows.



For the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs), as well, this is the day on which they renew or make their first commitments.

For our Missionary Sisters and our Cabrini Lay Missionaries, we will hold you in our prayers and hearts on this day and we will ask the Sacred Heart of Jesus to pour down upon you those graces that flow from His love.

Therefore, according to Mother Cabrini, ***“Always and everywhere, the gleaming and glorious MSC motto is: ‘All for the greater glory of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.’”***

~ Travels, London to NY 8.25.1902

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - Guadalupe Province

In a recent letter, Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial, announced that the sisters who will now serve on the Province Council are:

- Sr. Aloysia Morelli, MSC
- Sr. Maria Elena Plata, MSC
- Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC
- Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC

Sr. Diane expressed her sincere thanks to the former Provincial Council: Sr. Antonina Avitabile, MSC, Sr. Xochilt Calero, MSC and Sr. Maria Elena Plata, MSC.

I also want to express my gratitude to each of the sisters who have been willing to assume this responsibility as Provincial Council. I ask your prayers as we seek to listen, discern, promote communion and solidarity; all in service of the Mission entrusted to us and for the greater honor and glory of God.

United in the Heart of Jesus, *Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC*

An Endearing Recollection from Cabrini Health

The staff of Cabrini Health continues to celebrate their 75th anniversary. Julie Fleming shares this heartwarming story of a young patient in the early days of the hospital:



Jo Knoll returned to Cabrini Malvern last month – 75 years after she became one of the first patients at the hospital.

In 1948, at just seven years of age, Jo had her tonsils removed – an experience she remembers well.

“I remember holding my mum’s hand and going through the very high front door of the two-story building for my operation,” Jo said,

“The dark entrance had shiny black floors, and there was a nun dressed in black who seemed kind. I was taken upstairs to a large room with four very high beds, which had two large windows down to the floor and were opened a little way.”

During her stay, Jo was visited by Sr. Bernadina Claudi, MSC, one of Cabrini Health’s original Sisters, who presented her with a keepsake.

“Sr. Bernadina spoke with me for some time. She returned a little later, smiled and gave me a little photo brooch.



Ms. Jo Knolls holds the photo brooch given to her as a youngster when she was a patient at Cabrini Health by Sr. Bernadina Claudi.

“She told me it was of Mother Cabrini, who would look after me if I said prayers to her. She seemed very kind.”

Jo generously donated the brooch to Cabrini last month, where it is proudly presented in the heritage display at the Cabrini Malvern foyer. ~ submitted by Julie Fleming, Cabrini Health

Cabrini News from the Mountaintop



Farewell and Thank You, Sr. Roselle



After 14 years of pastoral ministry to Mother Cabrini Shrine, Sr. Roselle Santivasi, MSC, will be leaving Colorado for New York City. We are so grateful to Sr. Roselle for her gentle guidance and loving presence to our Shrine community.

Please join us for coffee and donuts on Sunday, June 18 following the 8 a.m. Mass until 10:30 a.m. as we celebrate Sr. Roselle and thank her for her years of service and dedication to the Shrine and to all of us.

Executive Director Announcement

The Board of Trustees of Mother Cabrini Shrine is delighted to announce that **JoAnn Seaman** has been selected to be the new Executive Director of Mother Cabrini Shrine, effective August 1, 2023. [Read the full announcement letter here.](#)

Thank you to Sr. Roselle for her dedicated and loving service at the Shrine.

Warm congratulations to JoAnn upon her appointment.



Exciting New Cabrini Shrine Exhibit



In time for Corpus Christi and the parish year of the USCCB's Eucharistic Revival, a new exhibit went on display at St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine in New York.

Developed with the help of Sr. Maria Regina Canale, MSC, the exhibit covers Mother Cabrini's early devotion to the Eucharist, the founding of the Institute, her travels, and devotion.

~ submitted by Julia Attaway, Executive Director, St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine, NYC

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The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is on Friday, June 16th.

You can access the novena on the www.motherscbrini.org website by clicking [here](#)

Praying the novena is such a meaningful way to observe this feast so central to the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Time to Play Ball!



JOIN US!

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and
Cabrini Mission Foundation

invite you to the 2nd annual baseball event at
Staten Island's FerryHawks Stadium.

SPECIAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO BE SHOWN
AFTER THE GAME

Date: Saturday, August 5th, 2023

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Staten Island University Hospital
Community Park,
75 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301
(Easy to get to by ferry, car, train or bus)

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON

Prayer Requests

Hugh Hutchison

Your prayers are invited for Hugh Hutchison, the husband of former Cabrini University staff member, Nancy Hutchison. Hugh will be undergoing major surgery on Friday, June 23rd. Please pray that his surgery will be successful and that his recovery will be complete. Please pray, too, for Nancy as she accompanies Hugh through his surgery and provides care as he recuperates.

Sarah Lehner

Kindly remember Sarah, a high school student, in your prayers. She will be undergoing delicate surgery this week. Pray that all will be well.

Pope Francis

We continue our prayers for Pope Francis as recovers from surgery last week. May he soon regain his strength and vitality.

Anthony R. Russo (Cabrini College, Class of '75)

Please keep Anthony, the brother of Cabrini University staff member, Rosemary Gehrlein, in your prayers as it was recently discovered that his pancreatic cancer has metastasized to his liver. Please pray that the chemotherapy treatments he continues to receive will address this new issue and lead to a remission of his cancer.

With Grateful Hearts



Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



On the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we ask God's grace upon our Missionary Sisters. We give thanks for their lives of faithful and loving service to all, especially those on the margins of society. Bless them as they continue their mission of being bearers of Christ's love in the world.

In Loving Memory

Sr. Amarech LeFamo's Mother

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Amarech's mother who passed away unexpectedly in Ethiopia. May she rest in God's eternal light. Pray too, for Sr. Amarech who has traveled home to be with her family.