



October 19, 2023

World Mission Sunday

October 22, 2023

A Message from Pope Francis

VATICAN CITY:

Dear brothers and sisters!

For this year's World Mission Sunday, I have chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 24: 13 -35): "Hearts on fire, feet on the move". Those two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ in the word and in the breaking of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen. In the Gospel account, we perceive this change in the disciples through a few revealing images: *their hearts burned within them* as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, *their eyes were opened* as they recognized him and *ultimately, their feet set out* on the way. By meditating on these three images, which reflect the journey of all missionary disciples, we can renew our zeal for evangelization in today's world.



1. Our hearts burned within us "when he explained the Scriptures to us". In missionary activity, the word of God illumines and transforms hearts.
2. Our eyes were "opened and recognized him" in the breaking of the bread. Jesus in the Eucharist is the source and summit of the mission.
3. Our feet set out on the way with the joy of telling others about the Risen Christ. The eternal youth of a Church that is always going forth.



The urgency of the Church's missionary activity naturally calls for an ever-closer missionary cooperation on the part of all her members and at every level. This is an essential goal of the synodal journey that the Church has undertaken, guided by

the key words: communion, participation, mission. This journey is certainly not a turning of the Church in upon herself; nor is it a referendum about what we ought to believe and practice, nor a matter of human preferences. Rather it is a process of setting out on the way and, like the disciples of Emmaus, listening to the risen Lord. For he always comes among us to explain the meaning of the Scriptures and to break bread for us, so that we can, by the power of the Holy Spirit, carry out his mission in the world. To read the entire message of Pope Francis, please click [here](#)

Embracing the Future in Hope

The Guadalupe Province Assembly 2023

Missionary Sisters, Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs), and lay collaborators hailing from eleven countries gathered this week in New Jersey for the Guadalupe Province Assembly with the theme, "Embracing the Future with Hope".

Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial, opened the Assembly by sharing the greetings of MSC General Superior Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo da Silva, MSC, who offered the image of a mosaic, each person being a vibrant



Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial, welcomes Missionary Sisters, Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs) and lay collaborators to the Province Assembly.

part of the Institute, saying that we express the charism according to the gifts we each have received.

During the Assembly, each session had a distinct focus such as Encounter/Re-Encounter; Sharing Ministry; Co-responsibility; Our Call to Live the Charism. Each session was presented with its own interactive dynamic.



Sr. Beatriz Caal Lopez, MSC, served as one of the lectors at the daily Mass during the Assembly. Fr. Tom Faiola, OFM, Cap. was the president. Mass was offered in English and Spanish on alternating days.

Prior to the sending forth of the lay collaborators, in addressing the Assembly, Sr. Diane said that those present were “attracted by the charism and that our understanding of the charism develops over time.” She went on to say that we have made a choice to respond to the call to be women and men who share love, that we are called to live love which has to do with healing and reconciliation. She said that we are called to be a healing presence in the world.



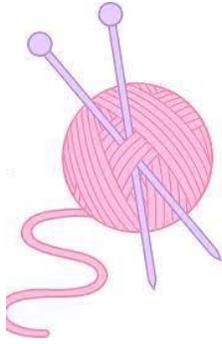
Assembly facilitator Sr. Reyna Gonzalez, RSCJ (I.) conducts an exercise with Assembly participants designed to illuminate the disparity among nations with regard to inherent rights and privileges.

Sr. Diane noted that those of us present at the

Assembly have a sense that ‘I belong [here].’ That I fit. That we complement each other and that we are so much better for the presence of one another; that we should build on that sense of belonging – having a co-responsibility for the charism and mission.

She concluded by saying that we journey together, that we are sent by God and to go forth with courage.

The Cabrinian lay collaborators departed the Assembly midday yesterday. The Sisters will conclude their session tomorrow at noon. Continue to pray for the MSCs.



Knitting with a Purpose

The Knitting Group at Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, NY, completed a very special outreach program. The main purpose of our Knitting Group is to help our clients improve their English. However, they also enjoy helping others. The group crocheted 260 facecloths that will be given to Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child. This program sends special shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies and personal care items to children around the world.

We have teamed up with Youth Mission of Life Church in White Plains, one of the sites that fills the shoeboxes with various items. Our facecloths will be placed in the shoeboxes along with the other items. It was decided that the facecloths would be crocheted in purple and lavender, the Cabrini colors.

Before donating the facecloths, Fr. Ron Galt, Vice President of Mission and Pastoral Care, came to CIS to bless them. He told the group that the love that went into all the crocheting and the prayers that they said while making the facecloths are intertwined and that those who will use the facecloths will feel the prayers, their love and the love of God. Fr. Ron also blessed the members of the group for all their hard work they did through the use of their hands.

~submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS-Dobbs Ferry



Fr. Ron Galt of Cabrini of Westchester blessed the Knitting Group members and their beautiful handiwork.



Dozens of facecloths in purple and lavender, Mother Cabrini's signature colors, were created by the members of the CIS Knitting Group.

Gala Registration is Open!

Friday, November 17, 2023

Pinnacle Club at the Grand Hyatt
5:30 p.m.

Visit our Gala Website for tickets and table sponsorship opportunities.



MOTHER CABRINI SHRINE
GALA 2023

Friday, November 17th at 5:30 pm

PINNACLE CLUB
AT THE GRAND HYATT DENVER

CHAPEL DEDICATION

Saturday, November 18th at 4:00 pm

AT MOTHER CABRINI SHRINE

MotherCabriniShrine.org

Prayer Requests

John Catalanotto

Prayers are requested for John Catalanotto, the husband of Anita Catalanotto, a staff member at Cabrini University. Mr. Catalanotto is having surgery on October 26th. Let us pray for the best outcome of his surgery. Please pray too, for Anita, who is recovering from recent knee surgery.

Alena Jakubowski

Please unite in prayer for Alena Jakubowski, the sister of Rita Lambert, a staff member at Cabrini University. Alena is donating a kidney on Tuesday, October 24th in the unmatched kidney pair program through Jefferson Hospital. Once she donates her kidney to someone, her husband, who is on dialysis, will receive a voucher to receive a kidney from a live donor once a match is found. The family is hoping, praying, for a successful surgery for Alena and a kidney match as soon as possible for her husband.

Missionary Sisters' Provincial Assembly

The Missionary Sisters are still in session for their Provincial Assembly. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to illuminate and guide them in their discussions. Pray too, that all will travel home safely.

Prayers for those in the Middle East

We continue to pray for all those affected by the violence in the Middle East. We unite in our prayer for peace.

Synod on Synodality

The Synod continues in Rome. Let us accompany all participants with our prayers.

