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THE UPDATE

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The Feast Day of the Patroness of Immigrants

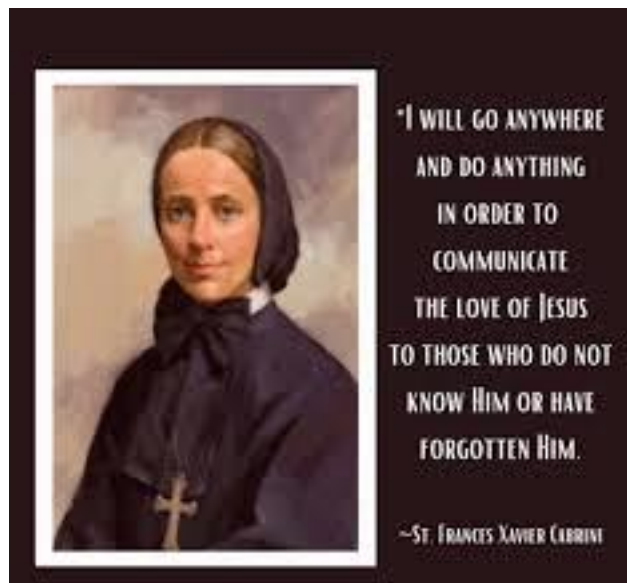
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In the early years, the Missionary Sisters worked in northern Italy. But Mother Cabrini was eager to spread the love of Jesus around the world. She still longed to go to China. Then a different opportunity presented itself.

In 1887, Mother Cabrini was approached by Bishop Giovanni Scalabrini, now Saint Scalabrini. The bishop was deeply concerned about Italians who had emigrated to the Americas. In a single decade, nearly a million had fled poverty in southern Italy. Few had much education, and few possessed skills that allowed them to get good jobs. Instead of finding the better life they envisioned, they faced deep prejudice, poor wages, a *padrone* system of contract labor, and bad housing.

In those days, the U.S. was considered mission territory. There were few priests in the United States who spoke Italian. Bishop Scalabrini asked Mother Cabrini to go to New York to help.

Mother Cabrini prayed deeply about this. Then she obtained an audience with Pope Leo XIII to seek his advice. The Pope told Mother Cabrini to go “not to the East, but to the West” to tend to the immigrants in the United States. So, Mother Cabrini and six of her Missionary Sisters set off for New York City in 1889.



They found a mass of human misery: families crammed into foul tenements, parents working 12-hour days for meager wages, and children who lacked food, supervision, and basic education.

Within days of her arrival, Mother Cabrini organized catechism classes and schooling for the children. She and the Missionary Sisters knocked door to door through rough neighborhoods, facing humiliating insults to gather funds to do their work. Their convent quickly became a haven for children from the notorious Five Points neighborhood in New York City. An orphanage was established, followed by schools and a hospital.

Soon requests for Mother Cabrini's help poured in from other cities in the United States, as well as from Europe and Central and South America. Renowned as a woman of deep faith, Mother Cabrini was also an astute businesswoman. Over the course of 34 years, she established an astonishing 67 hospitals, orphanages, and schools. Her energy was fueled by an intense focus on serving Jesus in whatever was asked of her.

In Seattle in 1909, Mother Cabrini became a citizen of the United States. Following her death at the age of 67 in 1917, she was canonized in 1946 and given the title Patroness of Immigrants four years later.

~excerpts from the St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine website



A new film, entitled **CABRINI**, chronicles the missionary zeal of Mother Cabrini, her work in New York to establish ministries on behalf of immigrants, and is set to debut in March 2024.

To watch a trailer of the movie, please click [here](#)

**As we await the celebration of the
Feast Day of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini,
please join with us in praying the novena to Mother Cabrini.**

Please click [here](#) to access the novena.

CIS-NYC Hosts 1st Legal Clinic



Cabrini Immigrant Services- NYC Executive Director Javier Ramirez Baron, (c) assists two clients during the legal clinic on November 4th.

On Saturday, November 4th, Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC hosted our first legal clinic to assist clients in applying for Temporary Protected Status. In September, the Department of Homeland Security announced the extension and redesignation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Venezuelans for 18

months. This means that eligible Venezuelan nationals who entered the United States before or on July 31st, 2023, can now apply for TPS, which will allow them to reside and work legally in the United States. Upon learning this news, CIS-NYC staff went straight to work to ensure that all of our eligible clients have the opportunity to apply for TPS. At our clinic on November 4th, we were able to successfully complete 43 new TPS applications! All of our staff from our various programs pitched in to make this event a great success.

In addition to planning and running our own legal clinic, CIS-NYC's legal team has been supporting our partners in New York City and upstate to meet the overwhelming need for immigration legal services for newly arrived migrants. Our attorneys and DOJ Accredited Representatives have volunteered their time and skills in person and virtually at clinics to help clients complete applications for both TPS and asylum. We are very proud of the hard work and commitment our team has demonstrated in response to the urgent need for services in New York!



~ submitted by Ella Nimmo, CIS-NYC

All Souls Day Mass

Cabrini University - Carry the Light Ceremony



Photo above: The Mass booklet for All Souls Day.

Photo right: Cabrini University Campus Minister Ms. Antoinette Reaves (r.) reads the names of University loved ones who have passed away in the past year.

On Thursday, November 2nd in the Bruckmann Memorial Chapel of St. Joseph during a special All Souls Day Mass, the campus community was invited to remember Cabrini family and friends who have gone before us this past year in a special Carry the Light ceremony.



Observing Dia de los Muertos in Dobbs Ferry, NY

In the Christian tradition, the month of November is a time when we remember our deceased family, friends and loved ones. There are different ways that we remember those who have gone before us. On November 2nd, some of the clients from Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, NY shared their celebration of Día de los Muertos, (the Day of the Dead), with the residents at St. Cabrini Nursing Home.



Cabrini Immigrant Services Director Lorraine Campanelli (2nd r.) and Fr. Ron Galt, VP of Mission Services (r.) joined with Cabrini Immigrant Services clients in observing Dia de los Muertos during which they constructed this beautiful altar at St. Cabrini Nursing Home.

A beautiful altar was created in the lobby of the nursing home. As our clients built the altar, there was such reverence, love and tears

that went into it. Each piece that was added to the altar had great meaning. It is customary in Mexico and many of the countries in South America to build an altar in your home to remember the dead. Our clients were from Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala.

The program began in the chapel where our clients spoke about the meaning of Día de los Muertos. They sang, La Llorona, a special song that is sung on this day. The residents were led out to the lobby where the altar was displayed. There were luminaria bags in the hall that lit the way to the altar.

The clients spoke about the altar and the meaning of the different items. There were pictures of their loved ones on the altar. Special flowers, fruits, bread, sugar skulls and candles were also placed on the altar. Not only do the items have special meaning, but it is also important to have many colors exhibited.



CIS clients in Dobbs Ferry, NY wore traditional dress for the observances, and shared stories of their deceased loved ones.

Through tears, many described how being able to share in this moment helped them as they prayed and remembered their loved ones. Everyone present was invited to add the names of their loved ones to the altar where they will be remembered in prayer. ~submitted by: Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS-Dobbs Ferry, NY



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Dear Scholars, Graduates, Students, and Advocates,

Please mark your calendars for the final Delaware Valley Migration Scholar Colloquium. This year's colloquium will take place on **Friday, November 17, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, at Grace Hall (Multipurpose Conf Room), Cabrini University.**

Since its inception, the Colloquium has served as a space for sharing knowledge, stimulating conversations, gathering insights, and networking for anyone interested in im/migration studies. Faculty and graduate students are invited to submit their work for presentation. We welcome work that is in progress, as well as work that has been already published.



With joy & gratitude, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and the staff of Mother Cabrini Shrine invite you to

Mother Cabrini Shrine
for the
Chapel Re-dedication Celebration

Saturday
NOV.
18

Reception immediately
following Mass

4:00pm
Mass

Cabrini Immigrant Services – NYC



Help us bring a smile to a child's face!



Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC is currently accepting monetary donations, gift cards & new toys for our annual Christmas gift distribution!



Purchase a gift: bit.ly/cischristmas2023

Or donate: www.cis-nyc.org/donate



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



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2023
6PM - 9PM

*Limited to
100 Tickets*

Merchants NY
190 7th Ave,
New York, NY 10011
(Between W21st ST and W22nd ST)

ENJOY FOOD, DRINKS, DESSERT, OPEN SEATING, AND MORE!



Prayer Requests

Cabrini University community member

A member of the Cabrini University community has requested prayers for her/his mother who is currently hospitalized. Kindly remember this person in your thoughts and prayers.

John Catalanotto

Anita Catalanotto, Assistant Bursar at Cabrini University, requests prayers for her husband, John, who recently had surgery and will be undergoing follow-up treatment. Anita and her family would appreciate everyone's prayers for John.

Missionary Sisters, Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs), Cabrini Companions, and Cabrinian Community members



As we celebrate the Feast Day of Mother Cabrini let us continue to pray for the Missionary Sisters, Cabrini Lay Missionaries, Cabrini Companions, Cabrini collaborators, volunteers, alumni, friends and benefactors who carry forth the charism and legacy of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini with great love, dedication, and zeal.

With Grateful Hearts

Charles Opara

We join with Charles Opara and his family in giving thanks for his recent successful eye surgery. His doctors tell him that he is healing nicely, and he should recover fully.

In Loving Memory

Sr. Claudia DeMarco, MSC

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Claudia DeMarco, MSC, who returned home to God on November 4th after being in hospice care at St. Cabrini Nursing Home. She was very much at peace. May Sr. Claudia rest in God's eternal light. Sr. Claudia's Mass of the Resurrection is today.



Dr. Sarmed Elias

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Dr. Sarmed Elias, who returned home to God on Nov. 1st. He was a longtime

associate of Columbus Hospital in Chicago and a renowned orthopedic surgeon. Please keep his wife, Elizabeth, in your prayers as well. Mrs. Elias would be thankful for our prayerful accompaniment.

Feast Day Prayer

Heart of Jesus, we thank you for this opportunity as a Cabrinian Family to prepare together for the feast of your missionary servant, Francesca Cabrini. We desire, during this time of preparation, to understand those aspects of her charism and mission that are part of your on-going plan for each one of us.

During these days, open our minds, stretch our hearts, fire our imagination and energize our will with the many faces that Francesca presents to the world today. Show us the way her charism can take root in our daily life so that we may arrive at her Feast, converted and empowered in heart, mind and will, ready to begin a year of Cabrinian greatness of heart on behalf of those with whom we live, work and meet.



We ask this in the name of the Father and in the power of the Spirit. AMEN.

Weekly Update Publication Schedule

The Update will publish next **Thursday, November 16th**, however, due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday in the US, The Update will not publish on Thursday, November 23rd.

The Update will resume on Thursday, November 30th.

In December, due to meetings and scheduling in the Communications Office, The Update will be published on Thursday, December 14th only. This will be our Christmas edition.