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10th National Eucharistic Congress Opens in Indianapolis

~ by Brian Fraga for National Catholic Reporter (NCR)

After almost three years of planning and scores of local eucharistic conferences, holy hours, processions and other related events, the U.S. Catholic bishops' plan to revitalize the church in the United States will reach its climactic point this week in Indianapolis.



Hundreds of Catholics processed with the Blessed Sacrament on the bridge leading from Louisville to Jeffersonville, Indiana.

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More than 50,000 people will descend on the Circle City for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, a five-day gathering (July 17-21) that will feature liturgies, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, processions, musical and dramatic performances, panel discussions and individual presentations on various topics related to the Eucharist and its connection to the Catholic Church's evangelizing mission.

Organizers are counting on the National Eucharistic Congress to

be an event that will fan the flames of spiritual revival in the U.S. church. Others are doubtful that the bishops' plan to promote a devotional form of Catholicism will win back Catholics alienated from the church for a variety of reasons.

Dozens of high-profile Catholic personalities are slated to appear as [emcees and keynote speakers](#). In between morning liturgies and evening "revival" sessions in Lucas Oil Stadium, congress-goers will have the opportunity to attend breakout sessions on topics ranging from eucharistic theology and service projects to more controversial topics.

Since May, four groups of young adult Catholics have been walking to Indianapolis from different regions of the country while accompanying the Eucharist. They will converge in the stadium for the opening ceremony.

“I think this is the Lord trying to say to us, ‘Come back to my heart, and then we’re going to go on mission,’ said Tim Glemkowski, Chief Executive Officer of National Eucharistic Congress, Inc., a nonprofit the bishops established in 2022 to organize the July congress.

Massimo Faggioli, a theologian and church historian at Villanova University, told NCR that he believes the bishops’ National Eucharistic Revival speaks to “a certain culture” in the U.S. church and episcopacy, but fails to connect with other Catholic liturgical and theological sensibilities.

“It seems to be disconnected if not an alternative to synodality,” Faggioli said. “There is a rich theological tradition on the Eucharist and synodality, which needs a rooting in the tradition and ecumenism, but also in contemporary theology.”

The suggestion that the U.S. bishops have spearheaded a eucharistic initiative that could be seen as an alternative, if not a competing project, to synodality, which Pope Francis has said is what God expects of the church in the third millennium, rankles organizers who argue that the two initiatives are intimately linked.

"It's hard for me to wrap my head fully around the idea that the two are in conflict somehow," said Glemkowski, who coordinated the synodal process for the Denver Archdiocese during the local consultative phase of the 2021-24 [Synod of Bishops on synodality](#). To read the entire account, please click [here](#)

Cabrini Shrines at the Eucharistic Congress



This week, the three Cabrinian Shrines are on the move at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, where tens of thousands of pilgrims are expected. Representatives from New York, Colorado and Denver are all present to run our booth. Please pray for the Eucharistic Revival -- and for us.



~ Julia Attaway, St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine

Photo left: The Cabrinian Shrines booth at the Eucharistic Congress. **Photo right:** Shrine brochures.

25th Anniversary Celebration of CIS-NYC



Cabrini Immigrant Services – New York City (CIS-NYC) is thrilled to share the highlights of our recent fundraiser held on June 15th, marking the 25th anniversary of Cabrini Immigrant Services of New York City. This event was a celebration of our commitment to immigrant rights and the impact we have made over the years.

We had the honor of highlighting two honorees dear to the CIS-NYC community: Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, and Alex Avitabile, who received the "Heart of Cabrini" award. This award symbolizes the continuation of Mother Cabrini's legacy, a mission that both honorees have embodied through their work and lives. Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, has been a longstanding advocate for immigrants and has upheld CIS-NYC's mission through her founding of our organization. Alex

Avitabile, a champion in housing justice and an advocate for immigrant rights, has been a generous supporter of CIS-NYC and an exemplary recipient of the "Heart of Cabrini" award.



CIS-NYC honored two very special people at their recent 25th Anniversary event: Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC (l.) and Mr. Alex Avitabile (r.). Joining in honoring them are from left: Katie McCaskie, CIS-NYC Board Chair; CIS-NYC Executive Director Javier Ramirez Baron; and Sr. Antonina Avitabile, MSC.



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The celebration continued with food, drinks, and a performance by La Cumbiamba, which had everyone dancing and on their feet. We give thanks to our generous sponsors, dedicated supporters, and the wonderful community that makes our work possible.

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Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC (l.) extends her warm congratulations to Sr. Pietrina upon her special honor and recognition.

We are also excited to share photos from the event taken by Leo Sorel, capturing the joyous moments and highlights of the evening. You can view the photos: <https://cis-nyc.org/celebrate-25-photos>. Additionally, we have a special video created by Darcy Thompson commemorating our 25-year journey and highlighting our work. Watch the video here: <https://cis-nyc.org>.



Honorees Alex Avitabile and Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC

Here's to 25 more years of service and impact!

~ submitted by Amelia Sedoris, Community Organizer, CIS-NYC

A Weekend of Pilgrims (Galore)!

On Sunday, July 7th, the Neocatechumenal Way held its 50th anniversary Eucharist at Barclay Stadium in Brooklyn, NY with over 25,000 people in attendance. In the course of the days leading up to the event, St. Frances Cabrini Shrine hosted over 20 groups of youth – not counting the busloads that arrived unannounced. At one point on Saturday, Fort Washington Avenue was lined with 10 coaches and the Shrine was packed, with groups on the lawn, in the parking lot, and in the chapel.



Pilgrims arriving by the busload come to the St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Shrine in Upper Manhattan to pray and visit with Mother Cabrini.

It was a joy to speak to so many young people eager to grow in love of Jesus, and to tell them about Mother Cabrini's life. *~ submitted by Julia Attaway, Executive Director, St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine, NYC*



Joining Hearts in Prayer for Peace



Fr. Ron Galt, VP for Mission & Pastoral Care at Cabrini of Westchester (r.) joined with Lorraine Campanelli, Director of Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, (l.) and Patricia Krasnausky, President and CEO, (4th l.) and staff and local faith leaders in praying for peace and end to violence in our world.

On Wednesday July 10, residents and staff at Cabrini of Westchester welcomed a number of our local faith leaders and clergy to an Interfaith Prayer Service. Our intention was to gather to raise our voices in prayer in response to the

divisiveness and lack of civility at times in our country and the lack of peace in our world. Various faith leaders offered prayers, meditations and readings as we responded to the call for us to come together and celebrate our wonderful diversity as well as our unity, as people of faith.

Since we gathered, the attempt on the life of former President Trump is another important reminder for us to do all we can to ensure our words, tone and actions emanate from a place of peace, civility and non-violence. We pray for an end to such terrible violence and for those injured or killed at the hands of violence. May our loving God encourage us and help us in our efforts. ~ submitted by Fr. Ron Galt, VP for Mission and Pastoral Care, Cabrini of Westchester



Do you know someone who might enjoy receiving The Update?

If so, please send his/her name and email address to:

Cabrini-news@mothercabrini.org

We'll sign them up!



When I think of "Summer," I think baseball, fireworks, hot dogs, cold beverages, family, friends, and, of course, Mother Cabrini. Why is Mother Cabrini associated with summer? Simple - she was born on July 15, 1850, and canonized on July 7, 1946.

Now, you might be asking yourself, where's the best place to celebrate Mother Cabrini's birthday and canonization? Look no further than the **Cabrini Mission Foundation's Annual Day at the Ballpark** fundraiser!

And guess what? It's also Italian Heritage Night at the ballpark in Staten Island.

Coincidence? I think not!

~Christopher LaBianco, CMF

Date: August 3, 2024

Location: Staten Island University Community Park

Address: 75 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301

Time: Gates open 5:30 / first pitch 6:30 PM

This event promises to be a fantastic opportunity to commemorate Mother Cabrini, enjoy the game with the Missionary Sisters, and contribute to a good cause.

Please use the following link for tickets and sponsorship:

<https://cabrinifoundation.org/events/lets-play-ball-2024/>

Seats are limited and will go fast. To reserve your spot in one of our two luxury suites you can contact Ellen Cunningham. Ellen can be reached: By phone: 212-228-8608 or Email: ecunningham@cabrinifdn.org

Weekly Update Summer Publication Schedule



Here is the publication schedule for the upcoming weeks:

Thursday, July 25th - The Update will be published with an early delivery.

August – **The Update goes on vacation this month.**

Thursday, September 5th - The Update resumes publication.

Prayer requests are always welcome and will be published on Thursdays as they are received.

Changes for the Guadalupe Province Offices in Pennsylvania

Please make a note.

Due to the closure of Cabrini University, the mailing address has changed for the:
Province Communications Office/Province Formation Office/Province Vocations Office

The new mailing address is:

**The Cabrini Cottage
1260 Upper Gulph Road
Wayne, PA 19087**

The phone numbers are changing as well:

Karol Brewer: 484-581-7161/ Nancy Costello: 484-581-7163

As of the end of July, **Nancy Costello's new email address will be:**

ncostello@mothercabrini.org

Prayer Requests

Mary Ann Cantrell

Please pray for Mary Ann Cantrell the sister-in-law of Cabrini University alumnus, Michael Gimpel '84. Mary Ann is seriously ill. Her family would be most grateful for our prayers.

Marion LiMandri

Kindly prayer for Marion LiMandri, the cousin of Sr. Bernadette Anello, MSC. Marion is dealing with cancer. She is under treatment and appreciates all the prayer support we can give her and her family at this time.

Prayer for Peace and Understanding

Following the events that unfolded in Butler, PA this past weekend, the following prayer by Pope Francis was published in AMERICA Magazine in an article written by Greg Kandra:

“Pray to be agents of change -- men and women who rededicate ourselves to building a world where “kindness and truth shall meet...where justice and peace shall kiss. Pray for our country and its leaders.”



“Lord, God ... you created us, and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister...”

“Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation ... Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the words which always brings us together will be ‘brother and sister’ and our way of life will always be that of peace.”

Prayer for a Special Intention

A member of the Cabrinian community has requested our prayers for a special intention for his family. Please pray that God will show them the path forward at this time.

With Grateful Hearts



Cabrinian connections are deep, heartfelt, and span the globe!

Cabrini University alumna, Jill Nawoyski, (l.) has been traveling in Italy this month and she was very mindful of being in Sant' Angelo Lodigiano on Mother Cabrini's birthday – July 15th- to witness the releasing of the doves outside Mother Cabrini's home.

As you can see, indeed, Jill made it to Sant' Angelo where she met Sr. Therese Merandi, MSC.

We are so grateful that Jill was able to fulfill her dream of celebrating Mother's birthday in Sant' Angelo.

In Loving Memory

Mother of Susan Herceg

We have learned that the mother of Susan Herceg, the Director of Development and Public Relations at Cabrini of Westchester, has recently passed away. Kindly keep Susan and her family in your prayers at this sad time.

Sr. Giuliana Troncia, MSC

On July 10th, Sr. Giuliana Troncia, age 85, of the Mater Gratiae Province, returned to the house of the Father. We entrust her to the Lord with affection in our prayers.