



MISSIONARY SISTERS
of the SACRED HEART of JESUS
Bringing Christ's love to the world

THE UPDATE

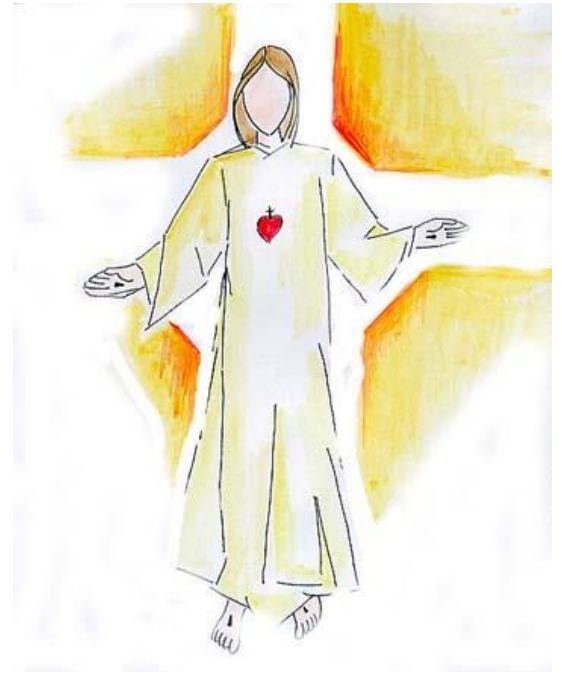
June 27, 2025

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday, June 27, 2025

The Spirit worked in Mother Cabrini to increase her love for Jesus. Mother Cabrini felt herself carried by Him to take upon herself the sufferings of humanity, the injustices and oppression which their hearts endured. God worked within her almost like an ongoing osmosis in which the Spirit gave her life: “Francesca Cabrini was drawn by the Sacred Heart of Jesus who loves all as no one else has ever loved them. She confronted herself yearning to penetrate the depths of his words and attitudes. Led by the Spirit to humble attentiveness and response, Francesca Cabrini sought to comprehend the love of Jesus – His mercy toward sinners, His empathy with the poor, His compassion for sufferings of every kind.

“Docile to the Spirit, Francesca Cabrini allowed him to be active in her so that she might learn to love as Jesus loved. She knew that his loving heart had redeemed the world through perfect correspondence with the Father’s will.” ~ *Frances Cabrini, Remembering the Journey, Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Rome*



**Oh, Jesus, what are you like?
If only all would know you!**

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Journal of a Trusting Heart, September 1897



How good the Sacred Heart is to us.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Travels, New Orleans to Panama, May, 1895

Hope! A Cause for Celebration!



Missionary Sisters, CIS-NYC staff members, friends, and honored guests, enjoyed the evening of HOPE, friendship and community at their fundraiser.

Despite the rain, last Saturday's fundraiser was a beautiful, joy-filled evening that reminded us of the strength and love in our community. We celebrated 26 years of Cabrini Immigrant Service with this year's theme of HOPE. Hope is a word that reflects not just what we feel for the future, but what we actively build together. In a time when many in our community face fear and uncertainty, hope is our refusal to give up. We gathered to celebrate our collective work, honor incredible leaders, raise support for immigrant justice, and commit to hope for a more just future for all.



From left: Missionary Sisters Bernadette Anello, Diane Olmstead, Provincial, Yolanda Flores, Catherine Garry and Antonina Avitabile enjoyed the festivities.

The energy throughout the night was vibrant and warm. Guests shared Mexican and Dominican food prepared by the incredible Street Vendor Project -- "a membership-

based organization of over 2,900 members who champion the rights of street vendors as small businesses to earn a living and contribute to the culture and life of New York City." We danced to live music by La Cumbiamba ENEYE and Foreign Affair and listened to powerful speeches from several members of our staff.



From left: CIS-NYC Executive Director Javier Ramirez Baron, Sr. Antonina Avitabile, MSC, Lorraine Campanelli, CIS-Dobbs Ferry, NY Executive Director and award recipient, Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC, Fr. Scott Leet, OFM, Cap, award recipient, and CIS-NYC paralegal Jasel Rivera.

We were proud to honor Lorraine Campanelli and Father Scott Leet, OFM Cap., two individuals whose service and leadership have left a lasting impact on our community. Their words and work were reminders of what it means to show up every day with love and commitment to building a legacy of hope, just as Mother Cabrini did.

~ submitted by Amelia Scioris, Community Organizer, Justice for Immigrants, Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC

Photos from the night can be found on our website: <https://cis-nyc.org/celebrate-2025-photos>.

The Update

News articles can be submitted by noon on Wednesdays
for publication on Thursdays

Please email:

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Prayer requests can be submitted at anytime.

Transforming *Stress* into Positive Outcomes

Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, held a workshop entitled, “Tu Arma Secreta: Convirtiendo el Estrés en una Fuerza Positiva.” (“Your Secret Weapon: Turning Stress into a Positive Force”). The workshop was presented by Betsy Suarez, a licensed mental health counselor.



Betsy Suarez, a licensed mental health counselor, presents a workshop on dealing with stress.

many therapeutic strategies to help create a more positive relationship with stress. She showed how reframing negative thoughts, journaling, walking, etc. can all help create a more positive attitude. Betsy stated that a positive outlook can transform stress from an obstacle into an opportunity.

It is no secret that everyone is dealing with elevated levels of stress. This workshop left everyone feeling empowered and ready to try the new strategies that they learned.

A special thank you to Betsy Suarez. We look forward to her next workshop.

~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, Director, Cabrini Immigrant Services-Dobbs Ferry, NY

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The 350th Anniversary of the Apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Jesus revealed his Sacred Heart devotion to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in several mystical visions between 1673 and 1675. To commemorate the **350th anniversary** of the Apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St Margaret Mary in Paray-le-Monial, a Jubilee lasting a year and a half has taken place from **December 27th 2023**, the anniversary of the first main apparition, to **June 27th 2025**, the date of the Solemnity of the Feast of the Sacred Heart and the 350th anniversary of the final apparition.



Artist Pompeo Batoni's rendering of the Sacred Heart

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Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and revealed the mysteries of His Sacred Heart, saying, "Behold the heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself, in order to testify its love; and in return, I receive from most men the most grievous ingratitude." This apparition deepened St. Margaret Mary's understanding of Jesus' love and compassion, and it paved the way for the widespread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Catholic Church. It is through the four apparitions from 1673 to 1675 to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that the message of the Sacred Heart was brought to the world.

Reproductions of an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome have been circulating the globe through the efforts of the Knights of Columbus during the past year and half.

The Church of St. Gregory the Great in Hamilton Square, NJ is honored to have one of the icons of the Sacred Heart this coming Friday and will be celebrating a Holy Hour to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

~ with thanks to Cabrini College alumna and St. Gregory the Great parishioner Sharon Shipley Zubricky for sharing this homage to the Sacred Heart.

Prayer Requests

A Friend in the Cabrinian Community

A member of the Cabrinian community has asked our prayers for healing of mental health struggles. We pray that our benevolent God will grant this person peace in body, mind and spirit.

Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs)



Please keep our Cabrini Lay Missionaries in prayer as they make and renew their commitments on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. CLMs share in the concerns of the world-wide Cabrinian community with its emphasis on social justice, solidarity with the poor, and particularly on the needs of women, children, frail elders and immigrants.

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



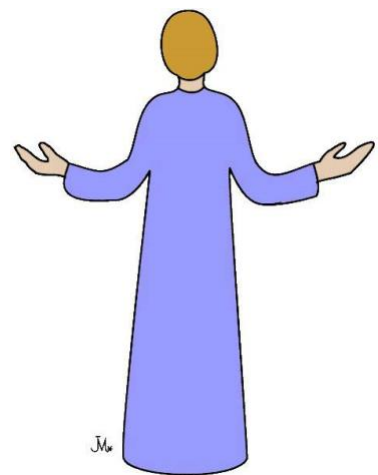
On the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our Missionary Sisters renew their perpetual vows. The Constitutions of the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus state that the Missionary Sister is called to “share the dispositions of the heart of Jesus” (cs.3) “to become one with Jesus” (Cs.4) by participating in the greatness of his divine heart. Let us give great thanks for our Missionary Sisters’ life in Christ and keep them in our prayers.

Prayers for a successful interview

A member of the Cabrinian community has asked for prayers that the outcome of a job interview will be successful.

Dr. M.L. “Candi” Corbin Sicoli

Kindly keep Dr. Sicoli, Professor Emerita at Cabrini College, in your prayers. She is currently contending with various health issues and would be grateful for the prayers of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community.



With Grateful Hearts

Yvonne Hrapmann and Patricia Krasnausky

After decades of dedicated service to Cabrini High School in New Orleans, LA and Cabrini of Westchester/St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY, Yvonne Hrapmann, Principal, and Pat Krasnausky, President and CEO, respectively, will be retiring as of June 30, 2025.

We thank them for their leadership and their steadfast commitment to the Cabrinian mission. It has been an honor and a joy to journey with them as colleagues, and, indeed, friends.

And so, we extend our hands in a blessing:

**Pat and Yvonne,
Blessed are you, the special people
whose lives have made a difference
in big and small ways in our ministries and beyond.
And blessed are we whose lives have been enriched
by your presence among us.**

**Our warmest wishes go with you
as you enter this new chapter of your lives.
May Mother Cabrini guide your paths and
May God bless you with good health, good cheer, and new adventures.**

Our congratulations and love,
Missionary Sisters and Cabrinian Colleagues
Guadalupe Province



