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Special News from the National Shrine



Bishop Daniel Turley, OSA, the Rector at the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in Chicago, presents a letter to Pope Leo XIV from the Shrine's Board Chair regarding the 80th Anniversary of Mother Cabrini's canonization.

Bishop Daniel Turley and Pope Leo XIV, both Augustinian priests, worked together for many years in Peru. In fact, at one point, Bishop Turley was the Pope's (Fr. Robert Prevost) supervisor.

On January 2, 2026, Bishop Turley met with Pope Leo XIV, which was the first time the two have seen each other since the Pope's election. In the photo at the Pope's desk, Bishop Turley is handing the Pope a letter from our National Shrine's Board Chair, Kathleen Sprows Cummings, regarding the 80th Anniversary of Mother Cabrini's canonization.

Bishop Turley and Pope Leo XIV had a wonderful visit, catching up with each other as good friends.

~ submitted by Laurie A. Halaska, Executive Director, National Shrine of St. Frances X. Cabrini, Chicago, IL



Fun fact: Pope Leo XIII and Pope Leo XIV are both noted for liking word games.

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Sharing Culture Through Conversation and Cuisine

Cabrini Immigrant Services – Dobbs Ferry, NY (CIS-DF), had a special visit from some high school students who attend The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry. The students are enrolled in a special course entitled: *Bring People Together Through Culture, Communication and Community*.



Students from The Masters School spend time in conversation with members of the Knitting Group of CIS-DF.

The students, along with their teachers, visited with our Knitting Group. The students wanted to meet with our clients to learn about their different cultures, how they arrived in

the US, etc. Some of the countries represented by our clients are Guatemala, Honduras, Chile, Mexico, Dominican Republic, etc.

There was a beautiful exchange between our clients and the students. One student asked, “How do you keep your culture alive in this country?” A perfect answer was by inviting the students to taste some of the delicacies that the clients made. The knitting group always shares different foods from their countries while they knit and crochet. They feel that using recipes from their countries is a perfect way to keep their traditions alive.



Our clients gave the students some advice. They told them that they are the future and that they must work to make the world a better place. The visit was a positive experience for our clients and for the students. We hope that the students will be back for another visit. ~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS-DF

Prayer Requests

A Cabrini College alumna

Prayers are requested by a Cabrini College alumna for the good outcome of medical tests.

A Cabrini friend

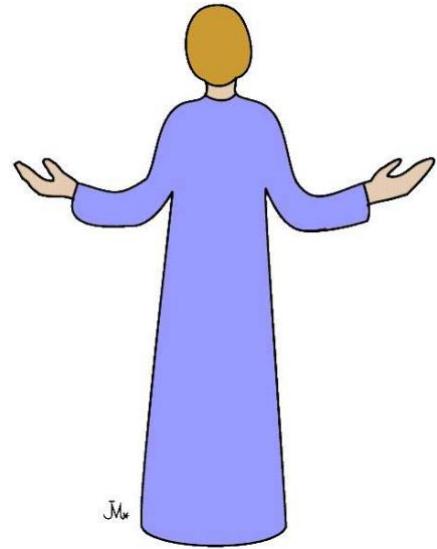
Prayers are requested for a friend of the Cabrini community who is experiencing some health issues at this time and would be grateful for our prayerful accompaniment.

Doreen McFarland's mother

Doreen McFarland, a good friend of the Missionary Sisters has requested prayers for her mother who is currently hospitalized at this time.

Prayers requested

A former instructor at Cabrini University asks for prayers for her grandnephew who has had a reoccurrence of cancer. He has battling cancer for the last few years. Pray that he will soon be restored to full health.



In Loving Memory

Michael Fenza

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Fenza, Cabrini College Class of 1985, who passed away on Monday, January 19th. Family and friends will gather for his funeral on Friday, January 23rd. Please pray for his final peace and for his family, especially his mom, Marie, for whom Mike was the primary caregiver. Mike was a friend who became family for so many he met from Cabrini and from his various other associations. May the memories of those he loved and loved him back provide blessing, comfort and always a smile. He will be missed. Michael's obituary is [here](#)

In Loving Memory

Sr. Grace Waters, MSC

It is with deep sorrow that we share the passing of our dear, Sr. Grace (Mary Patricia) Waters, who entered eternal life on Sunday, January 18th at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY.

Sr. Grace lived a life full of joy, service and compassion for everyone she encountered in Chicago, New York, Pennsylvania, Australia and Swaziland. She brought her gifts as a nurse, midwife, and companion with her in every ministry. She touched so many hearts with her gentleness and kindness. She would often remark, "God has blessed me with a wonderful life." Her Mass of the Resurrection will be on Thursday, January 29 in Dobbs Ferry, NY.



An Irish Blessing

May God hold you in the palm of His hand, Sr. Grace.