



April 30, 2026

## A Heartfelt Message from *Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC*

Dear Sisters, CLMs, lay leaders and colleagues, volunteers, benefactors and all who are part of the Cabrini community,

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, I will complete my term as the Provincial of the Guadalupe Province of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Being a Provincial is perhaps one of the most challenging and yet grace-filled times of my life. During these eight years we have experienced so much as a Province and in our world.



It would be hard to mention all that has happened; suffice it to say, we have experienced many crises and many graces and God was and continues to be with us! Throughout it all, we have sought to help one another and to be witnesses of God's Love.

The journey continues and in order to respond with generosity and fidelity we need to walk together and exercise creative intelligence. We also need courage to listen to what God is asking of us and not be afraid of change. Jesus says to us, "Arise, go forth and trust that I will lead you."

Thank you for the privilege to walk the journey with you. Let us pray for each other as we enter this time of transition. May you welcome Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC, the new Provincial, with the same warmth and collaboration as you did with me.

*Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC*

*Thank you, Sr. Diane, for your vision and leadership throughout these eight years. May the next chapter of your life be filled with grace. Blessings.*



# Well-wishes from your lay collaborators...

## Cabrini Health, Malvern, Australia

Cabrini in Australia would like to thank Sr. Diane for your leadership, support, and wise counsel over your years as Provincial Superior. Your visits 'Down Under' have always been busy and intense. However, there's always time to try something new for a bit of fun!

~ *All staff at Cabrini Health*



## Cabrini High School, New Orleans, LA



Cabrini High School New Orleans extends its deepest gratitude to you, Sr. Diane, for your unwavering support and dedication. Over the past two years, especially, marked by significant leadership transitions, growth in our student body, and meaningful campus-wide improvements and capital enhancements, your guidance and presence have been invaluable. Your profound interest in the lives and formation of tomorrow's Cabrinian women has left a lasting impact.

The Cabrini community has cherished the time you have spent not only with faculty and staff, but also with students and alumnae, who remain deeply passionate about Mother Cabrini's enduring legacy. Cabrinian women are truly unmatched: strong, motivated, endlessly curious, and driven by a deep devotion to witnessing God's glory in action. You embody this spirit wholeheartedly, and Cabrini High School is profoundly grateful for your commitment and contributions. As you move into your new role, the Cabrini community offers its prayers and best wishes for your continued success and faithful service.

~ *Administration, Faculty, Staff and Students of Cabrini High School*



## Cabrini Immigrant Services - Dobbs Ferry and NYC

With deep gratitude, Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC and Dobbs Ferry honor you, Sister Diane, as you complete your term as Provincial. We are grateful for your generous support of our mission and genuine solidarity with the immigrant communities we serve. Living out the charism of Mother Cabrini, you have supported us through seasons of growth and through moments of challenge. Your steady encouragement and wise counsel have made our organization stronger. Thank you, Sister, for everything. We wish you every blessing in the chapter ahead.

~ *The Staff of Cabrini Immigrant Services*

## Cabrini Guatemala



On behalf of Cabrini Guatemala, we express our deepest gratitude to Sr. Diane for your eight years of dedicated and inspiring leadership. Your kindness, constant support, and strong sense of mission have left a meaningful mark across our ministries. Even from a distance, your vision of unity among us, your deep faith, and your encouragement, especially toward communicators, have been truly inspiring.

Your leadership has not only guided our work but has also strengthened our sense of purpose and belonging within the Cabrini family, reminding us that even across distances, we are united in one shared mission. We carry forward your example with gratitude and hope, keeping you always in our prayers.

~ *All of us at Cabrini Guatemala*

## Cabrini Mission Foundation

On behalf of the Cabrini Mission Foundation Board of Trustees and staff, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Sr. Diane as you complete your term as Provincial. We thank you for your faithful leadership, wise guidance, and steadfast support throughout your tenure.

In the spirit of Mother Cabrini, you have led with courage, compassion, and deep trust in God's providence. Your dedicated service and thoughtful discernment have strengthened the mission and inspired many to continue the work of healing, teaching and caring. With sincere appreciation, we thank you.

(Everyone will be warmly invited to join the Cabrini Mission Foundation on October 23 for our Annual Gala when we will honor Sr. Diane.)

~ *Christopher LaBianco, Executive Director*

## Guadalupe Province Offices - New York City



Dear Sr. Diane,

You have been a light to those of us who have had the privilege to work with you over the years. You have always made us feel appreciated and supported every step of the way. We wish you abundant blessings as you step into this new chapter of your journey. We pray that your new assignment brings you fulfillment, opportunities to serve others, and continued spiritual growth.

May your faith continue to guide you, your purpose grow stronger, and your work be filled with meaning and grace. May you find strength in every challenge, joy in every success, and peace in knowing you are exactly where you are meant to be. Congratulations, and may God's presence go before you in all that you do.

~ *Josephine Geraci, Dee Campos, Mike Tambasco and James Murphy*

## Guadalupe Province Offices - Pennsylvania



Dear Sr. Diane,

We want to share our deep gratitude for being such a kind, caring, and deeply considerate leader. Collaborating with you these eight years has been a joy and privilege and we're thankful for the trust, support, and compassion you have brought to every moment. You have poured incredible heart and dedication into your role as Provincial, and now, we will look forward journeying together in new ways.

May you find time for rest and renewal as you anticipate your future ministries serving God's people. We wish you love, grace, and every blessing as you continue your selfless service in the world.

~ *Karol Brewer and Nancy Costello*



## Mother Cabrini Shrine, Golden, CO

Dear Sr. Diane,

With deep gratitude and affection, we thank you for your years of faithful leadership as Provincial of the Guadalupe Province. We are especially grateful for the generous support and encouragement you have shown Mother Cabrini Shrine. Please know of our heartfelt prayers for you and our lasting appreciation for all you have given so generously to the province and to us. May the Sacred Heart and St. Frances Cabrini continue to hold you close and bless you in this new season of life.

*Gratefully,*

*JoAnn Seaman and the staff at Mother Cabrini Shrine*

## National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Chicago, IL

Sr Diane,

We want to thank you for your eight years of leading the Guadalupe Province. Your leadership and dedication have left a lasting impact with all of us who have worked with you. We are so grateful for your guidance and unwavering professionalism. Our wish for you is to have a well-earned relaxing time to yourself and we look forward to working with you in your new role, whatever that may be.

~ *Laurie Halaska and National Shrine staff*



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine, New York, NY



# Engaging our Neighbors in **Good Works**

If it's time for spring cleaning, it's time for the Free Store! Each spring, St. Frances Cabrini Shrine, NY, collaborates with a local organization called Uptown Wagon to collect gently used clothing and housewares. Shrine volunteers spend two days sorting the items and then load them onto a moving truck.

The Free Store is a pop-up event that takes place at the Armory, where people in need can come to pick up whatever they need. Most of the "shoppers" are the working poor and immigrants.

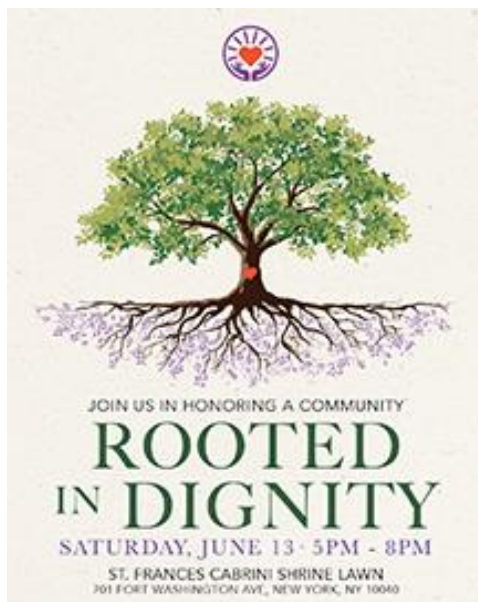


Look at this outpouring of support through donated clothing and houseware items! Shrine volunteers organized all for distribution to immigrants and the working poor.

Wow, did our neighbors come through this time! As did our volunteers.

Thanks to all who participated in this helpful initiative.

*~ submitted by Julia Attaway, Executive Director, St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine, NYC*



## Cabrini Immigrant Services - NYC

Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC invites you to our annual fundraiser on Saturday, June 13th! Join us for evening uplifting the courage of immigrants in our community, celebrating those who walk alongside them, and reaffirming the roots of our mission. We will honor the many contributions of our "Heart of Cabrini" award recipients, Rev. Donald C. Baker and Brigid K. Sullivan (in loving memory), and enjoy live performances by the Ivalas Quartet and La Cumbiamba eNeYe!

Tickets are now available at [www.cis-nyc.org/celebrate-2026](http://www.cis-nyc.org/celebrate-2026)

# Holy Week at St. Cabrini Nursing Home



Sr. Noreen O'Connor, FSP presents the Holy Oil as Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC follows in procession.

During Holy Week a panel discussion was held titled: Unpacking the Richness of the Holy Days. Presenters were: Holy Thursday - Fr. Ron Galt; Good Friday - Patricia Spana, Cabrini Volunteer; Holy Saturday - Christina Tiesi, Pastoral Associate Sr. Christina Dougherty - Cabrini Resident.

Holy Week at Cabrini Nursing Facility was a beautiful and powerful experience. Throughout the week we were given the opportunity to go to confession; to meditate on the seven last words of Jesus; to listen to reflections about Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, culminating with a powerful Good Friday service. For me personally, this brought a

meaningful close to my Lenten journey and prepared me to welcome my Risen Lord with excitement and joy on Easter Sunday. ~ Patricia Spana, Cabrini Volunteer

Holy Week for me was a special spiritual renewal. The liturgies, retreat leader, confessors and the various presenters inspired me to understand better what Christ did for me and how I ought to imitate his spirit of love and forgiveness.

~ Sr. Veronica Piccone, MSC

~ submitted by Fr. Ron Galt



The panel discussion was a highlight of the Holy Week.

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## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

To read Pope Leo XIV's message for the day, please click [here](#)

# New Grads Keep It in the Family

The 2026 Cabrini Australia nurses and midwives graduate cohort is the largest in the Program's history. It also contains more Cabrini DNA than any cohort that's come before it. Forty-one graduates were blessed before a large crowd of family, friends and colleagues in the Chapel on Monday 27 April, taking the total number of 2026 graduates to 90.



Congratulations to the Cabrini Health nurses and midwives graduate cohort!

Among Monday's group were graduate midwife Ashleigh Thomson, daughter of Cabrini Infection Prevention and Control Service Manager Kirsty Thomson, Alana Hadjiloukas, daughter of IT Applications Manager Libby Hadjiloukas, and Joseph Melendres, husband of fellow graduate nurse Andrea Melendres, who started the grad program in February.

Joseph has worked in Medical Imaging at Cabrini Malvern for 12 years, and his wife Andrea has worked here as a PCA and before that in Domestic Services for the past six years, but



Working at Cabrini Health is now an honored family tradition!

both had been nurses overseas early in their careers. It's been a juggle for the new grads, but one they've been happy to do.

“Andrea encouraged me to retrain in nursing at the same time that she decided to re-

train,” Joseph said. “So, the past couple of years have been very busy for us with us both studying and working and raising our two children.

Monday was a full circle moment for Alana, whose two grandmothers were also nurses. When Libby was pregnant with her, Libby's Cabrini boss was Viv Niteros, who would later become Alana's boss when she started work in Cabrini Patient Services five years ago.

Despite loving her Cabrini administration role, Alana realised nursing was for her.

“Working in a clerical role here, I’ve had some amazing mentors who’ve given me a huge bible of Cabrini knowledge,” she said. “So rather than choosing somewhere else to do my grad year, I wanted it to be Cabrini because I really feel like Cabrini is home.”

“Cabrini sold itself,” Ashleigh said. “I hadn’t really considered Cabrini, but Mum spoke so highly about it, about the culture and how welcoming everyone is, and so I came to the open day and that completely changed my perspective on what I wanted.

“And now I’m here, Mum was right and my first impression was right. We’ve felt very nurtured and the graduate program team has really emphasized that Cabrini wants to invest in us – that we’re Cabrini’s future.”

~ submitted by Margaret Stewart, Group Director, Mission and Identity, Cabrini Health



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## Prayer Requests

### ***Maria Valente Breeser***

Please pray for Maria Valente Breeser, Cabrini College Class of 1973, who continues to recover from a nasty bout of pneumonia. May her recuperation be swift and complete.

### ***Shannon Bryant***

Prayers are requested by Dr. Tim Mantz, former Dean at Cabrini University, for Shannon Bryant, the wife of Dr. Mantz’s co-worker, who has Stage 4 cancer. Please pray for her health and well-being.

### ***Jolene Nowry***

Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC requests prayers for her great niece, Jolene Nowry, who was married this past Saturday. We pray for a long and happy marriage.

### ***Juliana Scarpelli***

Please unite in prayer for Juliana Scarpelli, the granddaughter of Colleen Hickey, caregiver of our Sisters at St. Cabrini Nursing Home, who was in a car accident in Upstate New York.

### ***World Day of Prayer for Vocations***

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations was observed on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Prayer to Know My Vocation in Life

O God, in Baptism, you called me by name making me a member of your people - the Church. Bless your people with generous single men and women, loving wives and husbands, with understanding parents, with trusting children, and with dedicated priests, sisters, deacons and brothers.

Father, grant me the grace to know Your will in my own life. Help me to discern my own vocation - my call - and embrace it, freely and generously toward You. Make me a faithful sign in Your presence in our midst. Strengthen me to live in love and service to others after the example of Jesus, Your Son. I make this prayer in your Holy Name. Amen.

*~ the Augustinian friars*

## In Loving Memory

### ***Eva Olivera Charette***

We invite your prayers for Eva Olivera Charette, sister-in-law of Sr. Isalia Carvalho, MSC, who entered eternal life on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please keep her and Sr. Isalia's family in your prayers.

### ***Casey Ebert***

Kindly unite in prayer for the repose of the soul of Casey Ebert, the cousin of Sr. Barbara Staley, MSC, who went home to God on April 25<sup>th</sup>. May she rest in God's eternal light.

### ***Elizabeth Johnson Lennox***

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Johnson Lennox, the sister of Julia Johnson Attaway, the Executive Director of the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine. Julia's sister, Elizabeth, passed into eternal life on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for the Johnson and Lennox Families at this very sad time.

