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## Pentecost Sunday

"The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church. He gives her life,  
he inspires her mission, and he guides her into all truth."

~ St. Augustine

The Feast of Pentecost is one of the most important celebrations in the Catholic Church. Celebrated fifty days after Easter, it commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary, as described in the Acts of the Apostles. Catholics often refer to Pentecost as the "birthday of the Church" because the Apostles were strengthened by the Holy Spirit to go forth and preach the Gospel to all nations.



The symbols of Pentecost include wind, fire, and the dove, representing the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. The feast reminds Catholics that the Holy Spirit continues to guide, strengthen, and inspire the Church and all believers through the gifts of wisdom, understanding, courage, and love.

Pentecost marks the beginning of the "Age of the Spirit." Catholics believe that through Baptism and Confirmation, each believer receives the same Spirit that descended upon the Apostles. This indwelling provides the **Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit** (Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord), which enable the faithful to live a life filled with special graces.

The fact that people from "every nation under heaven" heard the Apostles in their own language underscores the **universal** nature of the Church. The word "Catholic" means universal; Pentecost is the moment the Church's mission officially expanded beyond the confines of Judea to the ends of the earth.

## Cabrini HS Celebrates \$17.7 Million in Scholarships and New Investment in Future Seniors

Cabrini High School is celebrating an extraordinary season of achievement and investment in its students' futures.



The Cabrini High School Class of 2026

The Class of 2026 has earned a record-breaking \$17.7 million in college scholarships and grants, marking the highest scholarship total in school history. Scholarship-earning seniors averaged more than \$361,000 in awards, among the highest scholarship average in the New Orleans area. Six graduates each earned more than \$1 million in scholarships, while standout senior Marcia Quispe received an impressive \$2.2 million in awards to attend Case Western Reserve University, where she plans to study Communication Science and Disorders.



Top Six Graduates in Scholarships: (from bottom) Marcia Quispe, Dylan Moisant, Brea Hines, Vivienne Kish, Meredith Severa, and Na'Khi Myers.

The milestone reflects Cabrini's commitment to academic excellence, leadership development, and preparing young women for success in fields ranging from engineering and medicine to theater and business. Graduates will continue their studies at universities across the country, including Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Coastal Carolina University, the University of Kentucky, and Spelman College.

## Cabrini High School STEP-UP DAY!

Adding to the excitement, Cabrini's annual Step-Up Day celebration (a time-honored tradition when underclassmen "step up" to the next grade level) brought a surprise announcement for the rising senior Class of 2027. Highland Scholars Fund founder Matt Theriot revealed that every member of the upcoming senior class will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to Cabrini High School.

The announcement represents a direct investment in students as they enter one of the most important and financially demanding years of their academic journey. The gift recognizes students' hard work and growth while also helping families prepare for senior year and the transition to college and future careers. The Highland Scholars Fund, based in New Orleans, is dedicated to expanding educational opportunities through scholarships and mentorship programs that help students overcome financial barriers.



Highland Scholar Fund Founder Matt Theriot with Shane Landreaux and the Cabrini Senior Class of 2027.

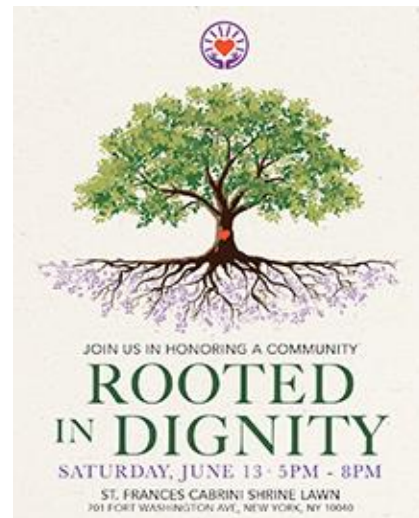
Together, these milestones highlight both the remarkable accomplishments of Cabrini students and the continued community support helping shape the next generation of leaders.

*~ submitted by Anne Argus DiPaola, '96, Director of Communications, Cabrini High School*

## Cabrini Immigrant Service NYC

*Save the Date!*

June 13<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 - 8:00 pm



# United in Prayers for Peace

On Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> residents, staff and volunteers at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY gathered outside



Residents and staff gathered around the Peace Pole at St. Cabrini Nursing Home to unite their voices in prayers for peace.

around our Peace Pole for a prayer service. With wars raging in various parts of the world and antisemitic and anti-Muslim rhetoric increasing in our country, and overseas, we wanted to gather to raise our voices in prayer for a more peaceful, just, respectful and nonviolent world.

*~ submitted by Fr. Ron Galt, St. Cabrini Nursing Home*

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## A Great Cause for Celebration!

St. Mary's Parish in Lower Manhattan is celebrating 200 years as a parish. The parish serves our sisters at the Sacred Heart Convent. The week of celebrations began on May 16<sup>th</sup>, with a beautiful gala. The chapel and the basement parish hall have just been newly renovated. Fr. Tom McNamara, OFM, Cap., the pastor, gave a brief history of the church which was built on the highest hill in the area by Irish immigrants. The evening was filled with great food and a lot of dancing.

*~ submitted by Sr. Renee Kittelson, MSC*



From left: Angela Chung, Fr. Benedict Ayodi, OFM, Cap. and Sr. Renee Kittelson, MSC enjoy the festivities at St. Mary's Parish in NYC.

# A Blessed and Happy Occasion

On Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> our St. Cabrini Nursing Home Chapel was packed as we welcomed Bishop Gerardo Joseph Colacicco to preside and preach at Mass. Bishop Colacicco graciously accepted our invitation to also lead the Renewal of Vows of our resident priests and the Religious Commitments and Promises of our resident religious brothers. This is an annual Mass and rite that is enjoyed by those participating in the renewal of vows and commitments but also by our residents, staff, and volunteers in attendance.



Priests and religious brothers who are residents of St. Cabrini Nursing Home participated in the renewal of vows and religious commitments and promises with Bishop Gerardo Joseph Colacicco.

Normally, this Rite of Renewal takes place during Holy Week at the Mass of Chrism in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, but given it is almost impossible for our resident priests and brothers to get to the Cathedral, we invite the Bishop to Cabrini so that this important liturgy can be celebrated in our own Chapel.



Throughout the year, in fact, we also work closely with the leadership of each of the congregations of women religious who have resident Sisters at Cabrini to choose a date or feast day in the liturgical calendar that's important to each congregation of women religious so that our resident Sisters can renew their vows in the presence of their respective leadership teams and the wider Cabrini family.

These occasions seem to be enjoyed and appreciated, and they have become an annual cause for celebration at Cabrini. *~submitted by Fr. Ron Galt, St. Cabrini Nursing Home*

