

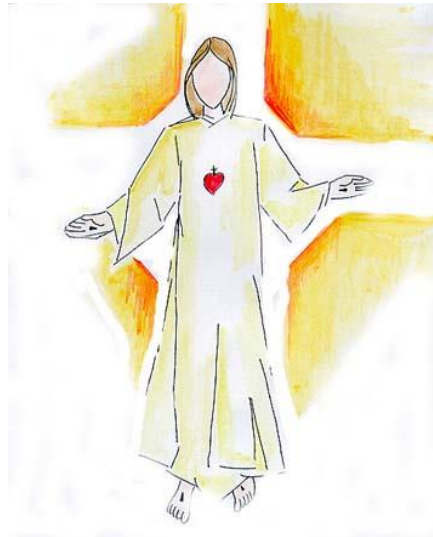


MISSIONARY SISTERS
of the SACRED HEART of JESUS
Bringing Christ's love to the world

THE UPDATE

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The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Friday, June 12, 2026

Joyful intimacy with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, an abundant communion of love, is available to everyone. Those who love Jesus are happy when He is loved by others, and at the same time they desire their own love to grow.

Christ crucified is the revelation of the Father's glory. Understanding this splendid revelation fills our hearts with the unique joy of being love and participating in the salvation of the Kingdom. This was the message entrusted by the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the seventeenth century.

In these revelations, Jesus invited the faithful to contemplate His Heart, wounded by sin yet overflowing with love for all people. He called His followers to respond with trust, repentance, and deeper devotion.

The spirituality of the Sacred Heart centers on encountering the personal love of Christ which encourages prayer, participation in the Eucharist, acts of reparation for sin, and a commitment to imitate Christ's compassion toward others. The Sacred

Heart reminds believers that God's love is not distant or abstract but is revealed in the person of Jesus, who gave His life for the salvation of the world.

As we celebrate this sacred feast, we are called to open our hearts to the love of Christ and to share that love through mercy, forgiveness, and service. The Feast of the Sacred Heart is ultimately a celebration of the boundless love of God, a love that continues to draw all people into a deeper relationship with Him.

The Cabrinian motto, *Ad Majorem Gloriam Sacratissimi Cordi Jesu - For the greater glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*, is characteristic of the Missionary Sisters. In this phrase, we can understand the passion of Mother Cabrini for the Sacred Heart which pervaded her entire missionary life and which overflowed into everything she did and wrote.

Mother Cabrini fully corresponded with the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus which motivated her to translate into action and reparation the mystical experience of loving communion with Jesus. *~excerpts from Frances Cabrini, Remembering the Journey*

**On the Feast of the Sacred Heart, the Missionary Sisters renew their vows, and the Cabrini Lay Missionaries renew their commitments.
Please remember them in your prayers.**



**We wish for them all - gratitude, goodness and grace
- on this special and holy day.**

In anticipation of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus today during their spring plenary assembly in Orlando, Florida. To learn more, please click [here](#)

The relics of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, the French Visitation sister who experienced visions of Jesus revealing his Sacred Heart, will be present with the bishops as they meet. A new movie about the Sacred Heart will soon be released in the US. To learn more, please click [here](#)

Pope Leo XIV's Common Ministry with Mother Cabrini: A Heart for Migrants and Refugees

When Pope Leo XIV goes to **Pavia, Italy**, on June 20 to venerate St. Augustine's remains, he's scheduled to take a half-hour detour to also venerate another saint.

Pavia is near Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, the birthplace of **St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**. It is in the Basilica where a fragment of her heart will be temporarily housed specifically for the pope's visit.

~OSV-News website

To read the entire account, please click [here](#)



Believe in Miracles.

Back by popular request, Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC, returned to Cabrini Immigrant Services-Dobbs Ferry (CIS-DF) to speak with our Knitting Group. She spoke about the miracles that have been attributed to St. Cabrini.



Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC visits CIS-DF and shares stories of Mother Cabrini's miracles.

Sr. Bridget spoke about three miracles attributed to Mother Cabrini. One miracle took place in 1921 when a newborn infant was accidentally given the wrong medication for his eyes and became blind and severely burned. A piece of Mother Cabrini's habit was placed on the child. The baby's mother and the hospital Sisters prayed all night for a miracle. The next morning, the child's sight was restored and the burns on his face were completely healed.

Another miracle involved a Missionary Sister of the Sacred Heart, Sr. Delfina Grazioli, MSC. She had worked at Columbus Hospital in Seattle. She suffered from stomach cancer. According to Sr. Delfina's account, Mother Cabrini appeared to her in a vision. Mother Cabrini told her that she wanted her to work but Sr. Delfina asked how she could since she was so weak. Mother Cabrini told her to eat, which she began to do. Healing took place and Sr. Delfina recovered. She regained her strength, returned to work and lived for many more years.

The third miracle involved a man in Italy who suffered with tumors. His condition was grave. The man and his family prayed for Mother Cabrini's intercession. Shortly afterward, the man recovered and the tumors shrank and many even disappeared. Once again, the recovery could not be explained medically. Truly these are miracles! Everyone was so interested in hearing about the miracles. The ladies were so interested that they asked Sr. Bridget many questions. They were intrigued to learn about how people prayed to Mother Cabrini and how she interceded for them.



There were so many questions that those at CIS-DF had for Sr. Bridget regarding the miracles. People were very eager to learn about this aspect of Mother Cabrini's life.

Sr. Bridget also spoke about Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of our Province. Sister gave everyone a copy of Our Lady to color. They enjoyed coloring the picture and talking about the miracles that they learned about.

Thank you, Sr. Bridget, for your willingness to return to CIS-DF. You continue to inspire us to learn more about St. Cabrini. We look forward to your next visit!

~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS-DF

Each of Us Can Shine!

Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS), Dobbs Ferry, NY held a STARS (StoryTelling, Art, Reading and Socialization) Program for students in grades Kindergarten – 2. Dr. Wendy Mages, our trained storyteller, told the story, *The Way You Shine* by Marielle E. Sabellico. The children loved the story and discussed how they shine in their community. Some children shine by helping at



Dr. Wendy Mages

home, some recycle, some water plants and there were so many other ways.



CIS-DF high school interns assist youngsters in making handprints to illustrate how they shine by helping their community.

CIS-DF has been working on Mission. Using the theme, “Our Mission Finds Life...,” our clients have been showing how they are part of the Mission of St. Cabrini. With that in mind, our children learned more about St. Cabrini and about what mission means. Our two high school interns explained how Mother Cabrini shined throughout her life and how her mission demonstrated how God’s goodness was transcendent through her faithfulness.



The interns explained how each of us is part of the Cabrini Mission. They created two art projects for the children to complete based on the book. Using paint, each child had their handprints put on a paper. Then, they received a star, and they illustrated how they help their community and how they shine brightly.

For the second project, the children learned about the journeys by boat that Mother Cabrini took throughout her life. Each child received a paper boat which they decorated. Inside each boat was a violet (made of purple ribbon). The children were proud that their hands, stars and boats would be included on our mission wall.



The children were so happy to get a copy of the book. They are going to share the story with their families and tell them about how *they* are part of the Cabrini Mission.



~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS-DF



This little girl’s star describes the way in which she is part of the Cabrinian mission about which she is all smiles.

Prayer Requests

Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLM)

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus pour out His graces upon you. As Cabrini Lay Missionaries, you journey with the Missionary Sisters in bringing care and compassion to a world greatly in need of Christ's love and healing. May God bless you always in your mission.

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



As you celebrate this sacred Feast Day, may the love, mercy, and compassion of Christ's Heart deeply renew your spirits and strengthen your mission.

Following in the footsteps of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, may you continue to be the visible hands and feet of Jesus, bearers of the Christ's love, bringing His comforting love to the vulnerable, the immigrant, and those most in need throughout the world.

Perpetual Pilgrims on the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Perpetual pilgrims will make a private retreat at the St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine in NYC during the 3rd week of June. Please keep these people in your prayers.

In Loving Memory

Mary Ryan Zanolotti

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Mary Ryan Zanolotti, Cabrini College Class of 1972. Mary was lighthearted, with a ready smile, and she always had a great love for Mother Cabrini. She deeply appreciated the education she received at Cabrini College and the warm community she found on the Radnor campus. Mary will be deeply missed by her family, friends and classmates. May she rest in God's eternal light.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in thee.

