



MISSIONARY SISTERS
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THE UPDATE

June 18, 2026

Sacred Heart Feast Day Celebrations

Throughout the Guadalupe Province and the MSC Institute, on Friday, June 12th, the Feast of the Sacred Heart was observed with special Masses and celebrations by the Missionary Sisters, Cabrini Lay Missionaries, lay collaborators, volunteers, alumni, benefactors and friends.

St. Cabrini Nursing Home, Dobbs Ferry, NY



Photo above: The Missionary Sisters at St. Cabrini Nursing Home enjoyed the Feast Day celebrations. From left front: Sr. Veronica Piccone, Sr. Angelina Randazzo, Sr. Arlene Van Dusen and Sr. Candida Encarnacion Soto. From left middle: Sr. Joan McGlinchey, Sr. Xavier Hayden, Sr. Mary Lou Andes, Sr. Amada Liboro, Sr. Benedict O'Donnell, and Sr. Damien Ciminera. From left back row: Sr. Catherine Garry, Sr. Bridget Zanin, and Sr. Romualda Molon all gather in the chapel during the Feast Day. ~ submitted by Sr Arlene Van Dusen, MSC and Fr. Ron Galt



Photo left: At St. Cabrini Nursing Home, a special part of the celebration was the dedication of a banner of the Sacred Heart.

Fr. Ron Galt and Sr. Romualda Molon offer prayers and prepare to bless the banner.

Cabrini Health, Australia



At Cabrini Health Australia, Sr. Theresa Cervasio, MSC (c.) renews her vows in the hospital chapel with Fr. Tony Kerin, the Vicar General of Melbourne and a Cabrini Health Board Member.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart is a profound moment each year where Cabrini Australia feels at one with Cabrini's ministries globally. We are acutely aware that Sr. Theresa Cervasio is the lone Missionary Sister in Australia and we strive to surround her with love overflowing. At our Feast Day Mass Sr. Theresa renewed her vows in front of Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne and Cabrini Board member, Fr. Tony Kerin. Sr. Theresa prayed:

May the Holy Spirit transform this consecration of mine into a commitment of love, an offering of praise, adoration and reparation in the Cabrinian spirit, so that I may bring the love of the heart of Jesus to the world.

Following Sr. Theresa's renewal, Cabrini staff and volunteers affirmed our commitment to carry on our shared mission, celebrate Mother Cabrini's life as our inspiration, and bring God's love to the world by providing exceptional care for our patients, the community and each other.

All of this was summed up by Fr. Tony's beautiful words in his homily: *People come to Cabrini for more than just excellent healthcare.* It reinforced for all of us what is special about Cabrini...we care *about* people not just *for* them.

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



Mother Cabrini Shrine, Golden, CO

Mother Cabrini Shrine welcomed the community for two days of prayer and celebration in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11 and 12.



From left: On the Feast of the Sacred Heart at the Mother Cabrini Shrine, Sr. Meseret Naba, MSC, Sr. Bernadette Anello, MSC and Sr. Alice Zanon, MSC renew their vows with Fr. John Lager, OFM, Cap giving a round of applause.

The celebration began in partnership with the Archdiocese of Denver as Catholics joined others across the nation in the Consecration of the United States to the

Sacred Heart of Jesus. The day included Adoration, confessions, a bilingual Liturgy of the Word, the Consecration Prayer, a procession, and Benediction.

The following evening, the Shrine's annual Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass was celebrated in both English and Spanish, bringing together familiar faces and first-time visitors alike. Seven priests concelebrated the liturgy, and three Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart renewed their vows: Sister Alice Zanon, MSC; Sister Bernadette Anello, MSC; and Sister Meseret Naba, MSC. Music from a combined choir of the Shrine's three Sunday liturgies added to the beauty of the celebration.

Following Mass, guests participated in a procession to the Sacred Heart statue overlooking Denver—a new addition to the Feast Day observance. The evening concluded with Benediction and a reception at the Shrine.

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High atop the mountain, a procession in honor of the Sacred Heart took place for the first time on the Feast Day

Together in prayer, the community honored the Sacred Heart of Jesus and prayed for God's blessings upon their families, communities, and nation. The Shrine looks forward to continuing this special tradition in the years ahead. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us and bless our nation.

~ submitted by JoAnn Seaman, Executive Director and Molly Seaman Johnson, Special Correspondent

Click here to view photos from the celebration:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/141021425@N02/albums/>



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

At the National Shrine, Bishop Daniel Turley, OSA, presided over the Feast Day Mass. Sr. Joaquina Costa, MSC and Sr. Laura Baldini, MSC renewed their vows. A light reception followed the Mass. *~ submitted by Laurie Halaska, Executive Director, National Shrine*



Photo above: Sr. Laura Baldini, MSC (I.) and Sr. Joaquina Costa, MSC renew their vows.



Photo left: Bishop Daniel Turley, OSA, Shrine Rector, presides at the Feast Day Mass.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine, NYC

St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York held a family night in honor of the Sacred Heart. The goal was to bring Catholic families together and teach kids a bit about devotion to the Sacred Heart. Crafts, gentle catechesis, a bit of prayer time and a barbecue were all part of the program.

A huge tent was already set up on the lawn for the Cabrini Immigrant Services fundraiser scheduled for the next day, so we ate fresh-grilled hot dogs and hamburgers beneath it. Then God did something utterly magnificent: He sent a



rainstorm. It was tremendous, stupendous, and utterly irresistible. The 25+ children squealed with glee and, almost as one, darted out onto the grass to dance in the rain. They ran in circles. They raced in and out of the tent, shouted to each other, held their mouths open to the sky to drink in the gift. It was joy, pure joy.

The parents were transfixed by their children's exultation. Moms began to talk to moms, and dads to dads. "They will always remember this," one mother said to another, "the time they were under the big white tent and danced in the rain." Yes,

A vertical event poster for "Family Fun on the Feast of the Sacred Heart". At the top, the title is in white on a dark blue background. Below it, the date "Friday, June 12 at 5:00 p.m." is listed. A list of activities includes "Fun activities", "Intro to Adoration", and "Barbecue on the lawn!". A paragraph invites families to meet, pray, and enjoy food. At the bottom, there is a "TO REGISTER:" section with a QR code, a phone number (212-923-3536), and an email address (info@cabrinishrinenyc.org). The poster features an image of a religious painting of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and three children looking at it. The St. Frances Cabrini Shrine logo and name are at the very bottom.

our programming created connection, but God had a much bigger vision of what was possible.

We do not, alas, have a single photo of the event. All eyes and hearts were so busy relishing the experience that not one parent took a photo.



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

“A Big Moment for American Catholics Is Coming”



On this coming Saturday, Pope Leo XIV plans to [visit](#) the northern Italian village of Sant’Angelo Lodigiano, where he will venerate a saint close to his heart and ours: Mother Frances Cabrini, who was born there in 1850 and died in 1917 in Chicago, the pope’s hometown.

To read the entire guest essay that appeared in the June 17th New York Times written by Dr. Kathleen Sprows Cummings, a Catholic historian and the Board Chair Emeritus of the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in Chicago, please click [here](#)

Carrying the Cross of the Unknown

In May, Ivonne Moreno-Rodriguez, Social Work Supervisor at Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC, joined humanitarian workers, faith leaders, and advocates in the 23rd - Annual Migrant Trail Walk through the Sonoran Desert. The seven-day, 75-mile pilgrimage honors migrants who have lost their lives while seeking safety, reunification with loved ones, and opportunities for a better future in the United States.



Humanitarian workers, faith leaders and advocates undertake the arduous 75-mile Migrant Trail Walk in the Sonoran Desert.

Despite increasingly restrictive immigration policies intended to deter migration, people continue to flee violence, persecution, poverty, and instability in search of safety and hope. Between May 2025 and May 2026, the remains of 109 migrants were recovered in the Sonoran Desert alone. Of those, only 17 have been identified.



Ivonne Moreno-Rodriguez carrying the cross with the word 'descondido' ...unknown.

Ivonne carried a cross bearing the word *Desconocido* (“Unknown”), representing one of the many individuals whose identity remains unknown and whose family members—a spouse, mother, father, children, or siblings—may still be searching for answers.

During the walk, Ivonne became ill and required medical attention. The experience led her to reflect deeply on the migrant whose cross she carried. “When I became sick, there were people around me who cared for me and made sure I received help,” she shared. “I couldn't stop thinking about the migrant I was carrying. He may have also become sick in that same desert,

but there was no one there to help him.”

After being discharged from the hospital, Ivonne was welcomed into the home of a local family who offered her a warm meal, a comfortable bed, and a place to recover.

“I experienced the nurturing power of community,”

Ivonne noted. “I couldn't help but wonder what would happen if we welcomed every migrant with kindness, compassion, and respect for their dignity, rather

than responding with persecution and discrimination.”



As a ministry of faith inspired by Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, the Patron Saint of Immigrants, Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC remains committed to serving immigrant families with compassion while advocating for the humanity, inherent worth, and rights of every person. We honor the lives of those lost and affirm the dignity of those who continue their journey today.

~ submitted by Sofia Cruz, JFI Community Organizer and Ivonne Moreno-Rodriguez, Social Work Supervisor, CIS-NYC

St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine - An Oasis of Rest and Reflection



The Blessed Sacrament is carefully carried into the Shrine.

The perpetual pilgrims of the St. Frances Cabrini Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage arrived bright and early on Tuesday, June 16 for a day of rest and reflection.

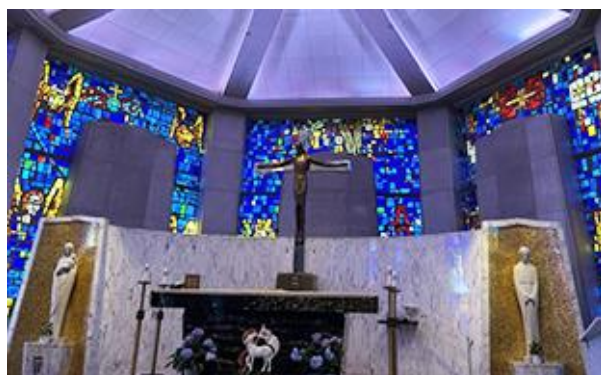
The nine young adults, their chaplain, and a handful of support staff celebrated Mass, had a private Holy Hour, heard a talk about Mother Cabrini, and then were given a retreat by Fr. Pierre Toussaint, CFR. There was time for a visit to Mother Cabrini's bench and for conversation over dinner. Please continue to pray for these good people who are dedicating six weeks of their lives, all day every day, to bring Jesus to the streets of towns and cities along the East coast. Their journey will conclude in Philadelphia on the 4th of July weekend.

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



The Eucharistic Pilgrims and their chaplain travel in this van along the St. Frances Cabrini Route of the Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

From the Guadalupe Province Vocation Team...



Chapel of the Sisters of the Redeemer.

With the theme, "Bearers of Hope," the Delaware Valley Member Area of the National Religious Vocations Conference (NRVC) gathered at the Sisters of the Redeemer in Meadowbrook, PA on Saturday, June 13th to consider three questions: 1) What do you see as growing edges of hope? 2) What do you see happening regarding a culture of

engagement? and 3) What should vocation ministers be tending to at this time?

The day began with Mass celebrated by Fr. Jeremy Hiers, OSA, followed by a panel discussion featuring Bro. Alan, a LaSalle Christian Brother, Sr. Susan Francois, a Sister of St. Joseph of Peace and Sr. Connie Bach, a Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ. They engaged with the vocation ministers via Zoom on the three questions being considered.

All felt that this is a time in which to build a culture of engagement; that religious communities need to collaborate with one another, while at the same time, “lean into their own charisms.”

At this time in our history, the people of God are looking to the religious as witnesses of justice and mercy. All agreed that young people are looking for “truth and meaning” in their lives. They wish to be part of something greater than themselves, something that is honorable and intrinsically good.

Sr. Connie opined that vowed religious can be “catalysts for just transformation as they stand in solidarity.”

Each panelist encouraged vowed religious to “show up” in your local towns and communities. Be present in different situations. To ask ourselves, ‘why am I a religious sister, brother, priest?’ Our focus as religious should be outward to the community at large.

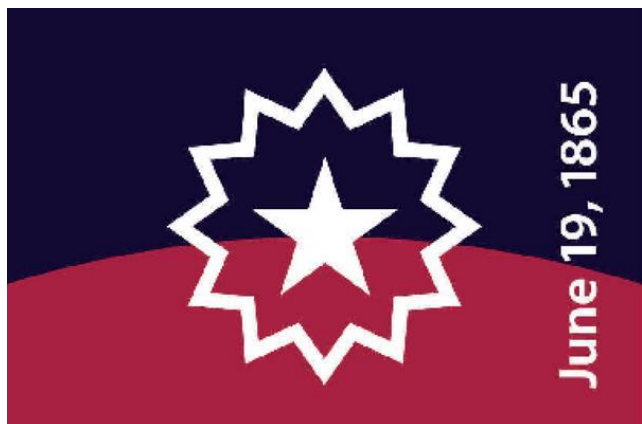
The panel discussion was thoughtful and thought provoking.

The day concluded with a business meeting led by Sr. Debbie Borneman, SSCM, Director of Mission at NRVC. ~ submitted by Nancy Costello, Province Vocation Promotion Office



Panelists joined the NRVC Delaware Member Area via Zoom for a discussion about religious life today.

Juneteenth



Juneteenth, observed annually on **June 19**, commemorates the day in 1865 when the last enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, learned of their freedom—more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation had been issued. It is a day to remember the enduring struggle for freedom, justice, and equality while honoring the resilience, achievements, and rich cultural heritage of African Americans.

Today, Juneteenth is celebrated across the United States with community gatherings, educational programs, music, prayer services, and cultural events that reflect on the nation's history and inspire continued efforts toward unity, dignity, and opportunity for all people.

SAVE THE DATE - JOIN US!

Monday, June 22 - 7:00 - 8:00 pm



CAVS Social Justice Discussion

Bridging Worlds: My Journey Through (In)Justice and Advocacy

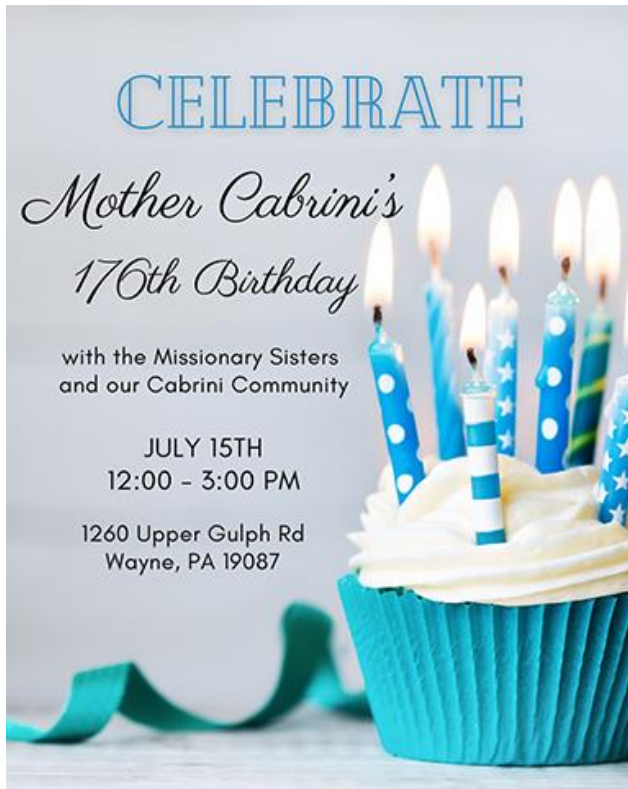
HOW ONE CABRINI ALUMNA BOTH DEFENDS VICTIMS OF CRIME AS WELL AS WORKS TO FREE PEOPLE WRONGLY CONVICTED

Mariel Delacruz '16 is a passionate advocate, scholar, & social justice professional dedicated to supporting individuals and communities impacted by violence, trauma, & systemic inequities. Her work spans victim advocacy, community services, research & policy. Through her professional journey—from engaging issues surrounding incarceration and innocence to standing alongside victims & survivors—she continues to explore the complexities of justice, humanity, & restoration.

Day	Monday, June 22
Time	7:00–8:00 P.M.
ZOOM	Link in bio or caption
Who	Mariel Delacruz Cabrini alumna, Instructor at Cabrini, Temple, & Rutgers. Ph.D. Temple, 2027. Co-founder NJ Innocence Project

To sign up to be on the CAVS Ambassadors email list to get the Zoom link, click [here: https://bit.ly/cavs-ambassadors](https://bit.ly/cavs-ambassadors) If you have signed up already, you will automatically get the link each time.

Ten years after graduating from Cabrini University, Mariel Delacruz '16 is doing work some people might see as a contradiction — defending crime victims and fighting to free the wrongly convicted. Join us Monday, June 22, 7–8 PM on Zoom to hear her story about how she co-founded the NJ Innocence Project. Currently she leads a staff of 50 as director of the Philadelphia District Attorney's Victim Services Unit.



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

The Guadalupe Province
Immigration Commission &
the Cabrini University CAVS
Alumni Association
invite you to
honor Mother Cabrini's birthday
by supporting immigrant children.
Please consider giving a gift card to
Walmart, Target or Giant Foods.
Denominations of \$10, \$15, \$20 or \$25
are welcome and will be donated to the
social workers of local school districts in
Southeast PA who will distribute the gift
cards among families in great need.

Join us for birthday cake and friendship at
the **Cabrini Cottage on July 15th 12 – 3 pm**
Hope to see you there!

Prayer Requests

Mother of Doreen McFarland

Please keep Doreen McFarland's mother in your prayers. Doreen's mother is currently hospitalized. Doreen is a longtime friend of the Missionary Sisters and would be grateful for the prayers for her mom.

In Loving Memory

Dan Jones

Kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Dan Jones, who passed away unexpectedly this week. Dan was a good friend of Cabrini College alumna Sheila Ross Breen '69 and her family.

Margaret Pikunas

Anne Schwelm, former Director of the Holy Spirit Library at Cabrini University, requests prayers for the repose of her mother's soul. Her mother, Margaret Pikunas, was 90 years old when she went home to God on the Feast of the Sacred Heart.