



June 25, 2026

Pope Leo XIV Visits Sant'Angelo Lodigiano

On June 20, 2026, Pope Leo XIV made a pastoral visit to the town of Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, the birthplace of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. During the visit, he prayed in the parish church dedicated to St. Cabrini and led the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, venerated a relic of Mother's heart, and reflected on her example of faith, missionary zeal, and service to immigrants and the poor.



From left: Sr. Maria Barbagallo, MSC, former General Superior, General Councilors Sr. Patricia Godoy, MSC, Sr. Gilda Mercedes Mendoza Argueta, MSC, Sr. Stella Maris Elena, MSC and General Superior Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo da Silva, MSC and many MSCs await the arrival of Pope Leo XIV.

"I am here to pay homage to Mother Cabrini," the Pope told all those gathered in the church for his visit. Pope Leo praised Mother Cabrini as a model for Christians today, especially for her compassion toward migrants and those on the margins of society. He encouraged young people to learn about her life and writings, highlighting her courage, trust in God, and dedication to serving those in need.

Even as a child, Mother Cabrini desired to go to China as a missionary, but, at the urging of Pope Leo XIII, he encouraged her instead to serve her Italian countrymen in the United States where they were living in dire conditions. Pope Leo XIV described this decision to change her lifelong plans as "a profound example of reading the 'signs of the times.'" The

pontiff pointed to the fact that Mother Cabrini realized that her missionary dreams were not to be fulfilled in China, but rather, where the need was the greatest.

The Pope noted that migration remains one of the most pressing realities facing nations and the Church, although much more complex than in Cabrini's time.

"If Mother Frances were living today," he asked, "what would her missionary soul say? What would the Heart of Christ say to *her* heart?"

The answer, he continued, lies in the spiritual source that animated every aspect of Cabrini's life: the love of Christ revealed in His Sacred Heart.

~ excerpts from Vatican News website

The Pope's visit was an auspicious moment for the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. General Superior Maria Eliane Azevedo da Silva, MSC, and General Councilors Sr. Gilda Mercedes Mendoza Argueta, MSC, Sr. Stella Maris Elena, MSC, and Sr. Patricia Godoy, MSC and many more Missionary Sisters were in attendance in the Basilica of Saint Antonio Abate and St. Francesca Xavier Cabrini.

The visit underscored the Pope's continuing emphasis on welcoming migrants and caring for the vulnerable, themes that were central to Cabrini's ministry and remain important in the Church's mission today.

For Catholics, the visit was a reminder of Mother Cabrini's enduring legacy as a missionary saint whose faith and charity continue to inspire the Church around the world.

To learn more and to view videos of the Pope's visit, please click [here](#)



The Basilica of St. Antonio Abate and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in Sant' Angelo Lodigiano.

Future Leaders Find Their Voice at Cabrini Leadership Academy

Inspired by Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, a trailblazer whose faith, determination, and commitment to serving others changed lives around the world, Cabrini High School's inaugural Leadership Academy empowered rising seventh-grade girls to discover their own potential as leaders. Held June 1–5 on Cabrini's campus, the weeklong experience reflected the school's commitment to leadership, encouraging young women to lead with conviction, compassion, and confidence.



Photo above: Cabrini High School's Inaugural Leadership Academy's student leaders and participants.

Photo right: Two Cabrini academic student leaders teach Academy participants how to use the school's state-of-the-art Anatomage table.

Participants stepped outside their comfort zones and discovered that leadership takes many forms. Through hands-on experiences, interactive workshops, and collaborative projects, the girls explored how leaders inspire, serve, and create positive change in their

Designed for girls entering their final year of grammar school, the Cabrini High School Leadership Academy challenged participants to explore what meaningful leadership looks like and how they can put those values into action as they prepare for high school and beyond.

What made the Academy especially remarkable was that, while Cabrini faculty and staff provided guidance and oversight, the program was entirely planned and led by Cabrini students. Student leaders who excel in academics, athletics, clubs, and service designed and facilitated every presentation, small-group discussion, and activity, creating a powerful celebration of young female leadership in action.

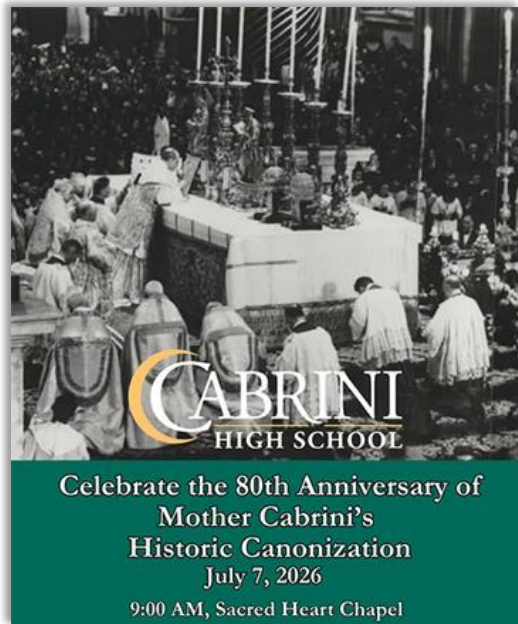


communities. Participants mastered state-of-the-art lab equipment, strengthened study skills, and learned about the academic opportunities available to them through advanced coursework, competitions, and conferences. They developed public speaking and communication skills, explored personal branding and self-confidence, and gained practical tools for becoming effective leaders both inside and outside the classroom. Leadership also came to life through service as the girls organized and prepared 100 lunches for community members in need.



Leaders give back to their community, and in one exercise during the Academy, participants made 100 lunches for the local food pantry.

At the Academy's conclusion, these future Crescents developed a deeper understanding of what it means to lead, serve, and make a difference in their schools and communities. ~ submitted by Anne Argus DiPaola, '96, Director of Communications, Cabrini High School



Cabrini High School

On July 7, 2026, Cabrini High School will commemorate the **80th Anniversary of Mother Cabrini's Canonization** with a special Mass in the Sacred Heart Chapel, with light refreshments to follow.



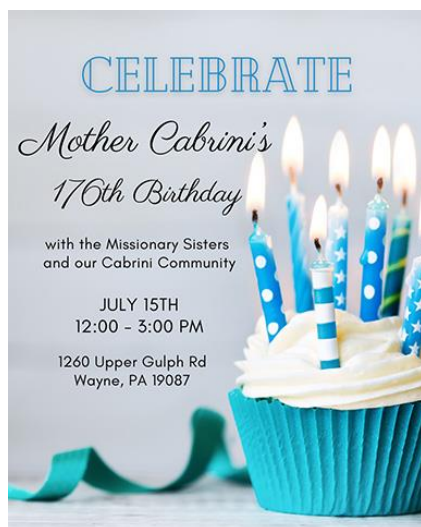
Cabrini University CAVS Social Justice Ambassadors Host Webinar

On Monday evening, June 22nd, the CAVS Social Justice Ambassadors presented a webinar, led by Dr. Jerry Zurek, Professor

Emeritus at Cabrini University, that focused on the US criminal justice system, as explained to us by alumna Mariel Delacruz '16. Mariel, seen in the upper right of the photo, studied sociology, psychology, and criminal justice at Cabrini University. While receiving her master's degree at Rutgers Camden, she co-founded the NJ Innocence Project, doing the painstaking work of fighting to free people who had been wrongly incarcerated.

She is completing her Ph.D. at Temple University. She also directs a staff of 50 in the Victim Services Unit at the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, where she works daily alongside survivors of violence and trauma — people navigating one of the hardest experiences of their lives.

Two chapters, two different angles on the same criminal justice system. And that's exactly what makes her perspective so valuable. She hasn't just read about the failures of criminal justice; she's worked inside the system, trying to improve it from multiple directions. Her talk is called "Bridging Worlds: My Journey Through (In)Justice and Advocacy." Mariel is walking in the footsteps of Mother Cabrini as she advocates for those who may not have a voice to speak for themselves. ~ with thanks to Dr. Jerry Zurek



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!

Celebrating the Many Journeys of America



Many clients from CIS-DF sing a special song which was accompanied by guitar, tambourines and rainsticks.

St. Cabrini Nursing Home and Cabrini Immigrant Services-Dobbs Ferry (CIS-DF) came together for a special prayer service. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops have asked that we all come together and pray in honor of the many journeys that have shaped America. This is in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the USA.

Residents of the nursing home, clients from CIS-DF, family, friends and staff joined together for a bi-lingual service. The opening prayer was about St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the first American Saint. In addition, there was scripture, songs and intercessions. We prayed for our immigrant

brothers and sisters; for those who were victims of slavery; for our government officials and for all those who are fighting to defend our country. In addition, two testimonies were read which told the story of two of our CIS-DF clients.



Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC and Deacon Isaul Tobar offer a reading.



Sr. Joan McGlinchey, MSC, offers a reflection during the prayer service as Fr. Ron Galt listens attentively.

The clients from CIS-DF sang a beautiful song, 'Hasta la Raiz/Right Down to the Root.' The song encourages us to embrace our roots and to find strength in our histories. We also had Dr. Wendy Mages, a trained storyteller, tell the story, 'How

Friendship Began Among Birds.’ The story is a beautiful depiction of how we should support one another and live in peace.

The prayer service ended with a special blessing followed by the song, God Bless America, which was sung in both English and Spanish.

~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS-DF



Gracious God,

As we draw near to the 250th anniversary of our nation’s founding, we pause to look back with gratitude and look forward with hope.

We give thanks for the enduring ideals of liberty, justice, and equality that have guided our journey. We acknowledge both our progress and our shortcomings, asking for the wisdom and humility to learn from our history.

Bless all our communities with a spirit of unity and mutual respect. Strengthen our commitment to look out for one another, to protect our natural wonders, and to ensure that the promise of tomorrow is bright for generations to follow.

May we move into this milestone year with truth and renewed courage to truly lift up the vulnerable, bridge our divisions, and work together to remain true to the moral values and principles that birthed this nation.

Amen.

