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MSC General Superior Sr. Eliane shares 80th Canonization Anniversary Message

We share excerpts from her letter.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

May the Peace of Christ reign in your hearts!

In the celebration of the 80th anniversary of Mother Cabrini's canonization, we thank God for the wonders of His Love for us, as heirs to a legacy that was born with the spirituality of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Thus, the words of Pope Pius XII in the canonization holy on July 7, 1946 are very relevant:
"This wonder, which frequently occurs by the disposition of Divine Providence in the annals of the Church, today especially proves comforting at a time when men are in greater need than even of the splendor and fruit of holiness. Not only the Sisters, but, everyone has reason to observe and imitate the virtues of Frances Xavier Cabrini."

With canonization, everything changes. Mother Cabrini belongs to the Church, to all the faithful and becomes a model of life sanctified by God.

Saint Cabrini, with her heart without borders, is a model of virtue and missionary spirit.

Declared 'Universal Patroness of Immigrants' by Pope Pius XII in 1950 and recognized by him in a pontifical audience as a "heroine of modern times."



On the occasion of the centenary year of St. Cabrini - 2017 - Pope Francis emphasized her prophetic character. She had the intuition, in her time, that the modern era would be marked by enormous migratory flows and by men, women and children fleeing for a better future and for peace.

And, crowning this year 2026, Pope Leo XIV visited the city of Sant' Angelo and in his speech, he expressed his affection and admiration for Mother Cabrini:

“I am here to pay tribute to Mother Cabrini, Patroness of Immigrants, the first Saint of the United States of American, born here in Sant' Angelo Lodigiano and died in Chicago, my hometown.

Brothers and Sisters what is more current than this charism? I say it here, before the relic of Mother Cabrini's heart. I say it while greeting and thanking with affection her spiritual daughters, Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. What is more current than a missionary charism that places itself at the service of migrants?



Pope Leo XIV venerates the relic of Mother Cabrini's heart when he visited Sant' Angelo Lodigiano. ~ Photo used with permission from Vatican Media/www.cabriniworld.org

I take this occasion to launch an appeal, especially to young people: get to know St. Frances Cabrini. Read her writings, full of passion for Jesus and for the mission; her letters, her travel diaries, the notes from her retreats. Whoever knows Mother Cabrini is captivated by her.”

I believe that these words are an encouragement to be faithful to the legacy of Saint Cabrini for humanity in these current times.

And may our whole being and acting be for the Greater Glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as it was for our dear Mother Cabrini.

With love,
Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo da Silva, MSC
General Superior

To view a video of the Pope's visit to Sant' Angelo Lodigiano please click [here](#)

National Shrine of St. Frances X. Cabrini



Yesterday, on the 80th anniversary of Mother Cabrini's canonization, the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in Chicago premiered their new video filled with testimonials of Mother's impact here in Chicago and around the world.

Please click on the link to view the video:

<https://youtu.be/zNKYZM-ftg>

Canonization Celebrations in Golden, CO



The Missionary Sisters and Shrine staff pause for a photo following Mass celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Canonization.

On Tuesday morning, we joyfully began our weeklong celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the canonization of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini with a beautiful Mass celebrated alongside the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our staff, volunteers, and members of Mother Cabrini Shrine community.

Following Mass, we gathered for breakfast in a spirit of gratitude, giving thanks for Mother Cabrini's enduring legacy and the mission that continues through all who serve in her name. With the Shrine grounds beautifully decorated for this historic occasion, we look forward to a week filled with prayer, celebration, and opportunities to deepen our commitment to carrying Mother Cabrini's mission of love, hope, and service into the world.



~submitted by JoAnn Seaman, Executive Director, Mother Cabrini Shrine

**On the Occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the Canonization
A Letter from the Apostolic Nunciature
to His Excellency, The Most Reverend Daniel Turley, OSA
Rector, National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**



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Your Excellency,

I am pleased to forward to you the following Message, transmitted by His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State of the Holy See, on behalf of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, on the occasion of the celebrations marking the 80th anniversary of the canonization of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini.

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV was pleased to be informed of the celebrations taking place at the National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini in Chicago to commemorate the 80th anniversary of her canonization, and he sends cordial greetings to the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to all taking part in the events. As he mentioned in his recent visit to her birthplace, His Holiness encourages the faithful, especially young people, to get to know the saint through "her writings, which are full of passion for Jesus and for the mission; her letters, her travel journals, and the notes from her retreats. Anyone who gets to know Mother Cabrini is captivated by her" (*Address in the Parish of Saint Anthony the Abbot and Saint Frances Cabrini*, 20 June 2026). He hopes that in our day, as in her own, many will be inspired by the authentic testimony of her life to become faithful witnesses to the Gospel, particularly through ministry to immigrants and those on the margins of society. In this way, he is confident that those in need may experience the love of the Sacred Heart of our Lord in a concrete way in their own lives. Entrusting the celebrations at the Shrine to the loving intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, the Holy Father cordially invokes upon those present an abundance of joy and peace in Jesus her divine Son.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State

With prayerful best wishes for the anniversary celebrations, I remain

Yours sincerely,

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Forever Friends

Last week, a mini-Cabrini Mission Corps (CMC) missionary reunion took place in Daylesford, PA.

From left: Former Cabrini Mission Corps Director Gina Pultorak and former missionaries Michelle Sherman and Mary Meleski Del Rossi gathered at Mary's house for a fun and lively conversation to catch up on each other's lives.

The Cabrini mission was surely woven into their reminiscences.

Immigration in the News



The following are links to articles/podcasts regarding immigration that have recently appeared in Catholic publications and on websites:

[For migrant children facing deportation, a Catholic nun shows up](#)

[Pope Leo visits Lampedusa on July 4](#)

[‘Diversity doesn’t diminish us’: A visit to Lady Liberty as the Supreme Court rules on birthright citizenship](#)

Our Mission Finds Life here...

Cabrini Immigrant Services - Dobbs Ferry, NY (CIS-DF) has been focusing on Mission. As we welcome our clients, we want them, both adults and children, to know who St. Cabrini is and why we are called *Cabrini* Immigrant Services. With the theme, 'Our Mission Finds Life...' we wanted to highlight how in our current times, we continue to walk in the footsteps of Mother Cabrini.

In addition to showing the movie, CBRINI, we had Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC speak to our clients about the life of St. Cabrini. Several of our clients have created their own timelines using their personal stories and have shown how they are part of the Cabrini Mission. We had a recent visit with some Carmelite Sisters, as well. Our clients shared with them their personal stories and explained how *they*, too, are part of the Cabrini mission. ~ submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS-DF

We would like to share some pictures of our Mission Project:



Timeline of Mother Cabrini's life and stories of CIS-DF clients.



A Carmelite Sister admires this girl's artwork.



Sr. Bridget Zanin shares Mother's story.

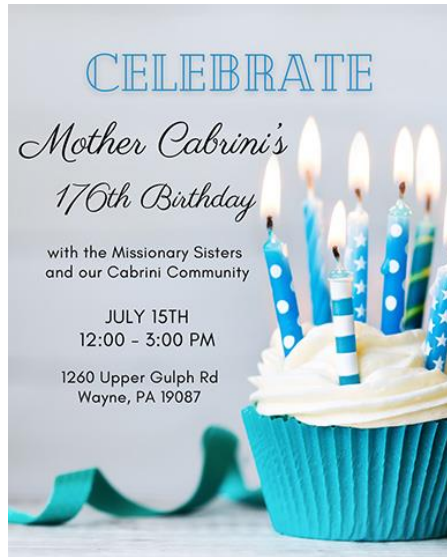


Enjoying Sister's visit to CIS-DF.



CIS-DF kiddos continue the mission journey.





Next Wednesday...

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

Cabrini College alumna

A Cabrini College alumna requests prayers as she undergoes some medical diagnostic tests. Please pray for a good outcome.

Prayers for a family member

A Cabrini alum requests prayers for a family member who suffered a debilitating fall and is now paralyzed. Pray for this person's strength and courage at this very difficult time.

Prayers for Safe Travels

Tomorrow, a group of Cabrini College/University alumni will travel to the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, Colorado for the 80th Anniversary of the Canonization and for Mother Cabrini's Birthday celebration. Pray that their travels to and from will be safe.

In Loving Memory

Katie Doherty

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Katie Doherty, the daughter of Cabrini College alumna Becky Ralston Doherty, Class of 1971. Katie passed away after a long illness. Please remember the Doherty Family in your prayers at this difficult time. May she rest in God's peace.

In Honor of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

LITANY OF AMERICAN SAINTS

by Sister Renee Kittelson, MSC

St. Isaac Jogues and companions, Jesuit martyrs, pray for us.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, pray for us.

St. Junipero Serra, Franciscan missionary to California, pray for us.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, foundress of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, pray for us.

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, spiritual mother to Native Americans, pray for us.

St. Theodore Guerin, foundress of Catholic schools in Illinois and Indiana, pray for us.

St. John Neumann, founder of the first Diocesan Catholic School system, pray for us.

St. Damien of Molokai, who ministered to lepers in Molokai, Hawaii, pray for us.

St. Frances Cabrini, Patroness of Immigrants, pray for us.

St. Marianne Cope, who set up medical facilities for the lepers in Molokai, pray for us.

St. Katharine Drexel, who ministered to African Americans and Native Americans, pray for us.

Let us Pray

Mary Immaculate, Patron of America, may we be one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all.

St. Michael, great warrior of God, intercede for the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of all residents of this great nation. Amen.



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