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Saint Scalabrini: A Vision That Continues Today

It was a joy and privilege to participate in the celebration of the **125th anniversary of St. Giovanni Scalabrini's coming to the United States**, held at Our Lady of Pompeii on September 20, 2026. Christopher LaBianco, representing the Cabrinian family and the Cabrini Mission Foundation, Sr. Antonina Avitabile, MSC, and Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC, were present for this special celebration.



Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC, Provincial, (I.) and.
Sr. Antonina Avitabile, MSC greet Cardinal Pietro
Parolin, Secretary of State of the Holy See.
St. Scalabrini's image is seen in the background.

The principal celebrant was Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State of the Holy See. Concelebrating with him were Father Leonir Mario Chiarello, C.S., Superior General of the Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo, and Father Horacio Carlos Anklan, C.S., Provincial Superior, along with many other prelates.

For us, the celebration held a special meaning because the stories of **St. Giovanni Scalabrini and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini are deeply connected**. In a very real sense, our Cabrinian mission in the United States is part of the fruit of Scalabrini's vision and his deep concern for those who were

leaving their homeland in search of a better future.

As Bishop of Piacenza, Italy, Scalabrini witnessed millions of Italians leaving their homeland. He did not simply see migration as a social reality; he saw people—families carrying their hopes, fears, faith, and dreams to a new land. He understood the importance of offering not only practical assistance, but also spiritual, social, and cultural support.

His concern led to action. In 1887, he founded the Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo, the Scalabrinian Fathers, to accompany those journeying to new countries and help them build a new life.

This same concern led to a beautiful connection with Mother Cabrini. Although she had dreamed of going to China, Scalabrini recognized her missionary spirit and encouraged her to respond to the needs of Italians in the Americas. Mother Cabrini brought this proposal to Pope Leo XIII, who told her: **“Not to the East, but to the West.”**

In 1889, Mother Cabrini and her Sisters came to New York, beginning a mission that would touch the lives of countless people and their families.

Scalabrini recognized a need and responded with vision and compassion. Mother Cabrini heard the call and responded: **“I will go.”**



Sr. Lucy and Sr. Antonina enjoy a conversation with Fr. Leonir Chiarello, C.S. at the celebration.

Their vision continues today in the mission we carry forward: **to see the person, to accompany those who journey to a new land, and to bring hope to their lives.**

~ submitted by Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC, Provincial, Guadalupe Province

Immigration in the News



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

[Third Country Deportations - Supreme Court](#)

[The Children on the Border are Speaking. Are We Listening?](#)

[One Child Facing Immigration Court Alone is Too Many](#)

Celebrating Migrants, Refugees, and Hispanic Culture!



Photo above: A warm greeting is a hallmark of Cabrini Immigrant Services. Here, Javier Ramirez Baron welcomes a guest to the celebration.

Photo below: Everyone is delighted to receive a copy of the CIS-NYC Annual Report.



Last Friday, Cabrini Immigrant Services - New York City (CIS-NYC) held an event in recognition of National Migration Week and World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

We were joined by the families we serve, allies, current and former clients, neighbors, and advocates who support us.

Together we celebrated our culture and contributions and prayed, led by Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC, for vulnerable children who are detained or in transit to new destinations. We enjoyed a variety of foods from Latin America and we danced. Thank you so much to everyone who joined us!"

~submitted by Javier Ramirez Baron and Sofia Cruz, JFI Community Organizer, CIS-NYC



Amidst the beauty and solemnity of candlelight, CIS-NYC staff and guests united in prayer for justice and compassion for all migrants and refugees, especially children.

New Community Initiative: Uptown Open Arms



On Wednesday, September 30, a diverse group of over 50 people who work with immigrants at schools, houses of worship, non-profits, small businesses, and the offices of elected officials gathered at St. Frances Cabrini Shrine for the launch of a new initiative called Uptown Open Arms. The event was coordinated by a team of local leaders, including the Shrine.

Uptown Open Arms is built on the knowledge that everyone helping in the immigration sphere works hard, heads down... and once a month it's crucial to look up and see who is beside us. The focus is on the people in the room and on creating energy, connection and possibility. The program included several focused activities so that each person met 5-10 others they didn't know. The result was a sense of discovery and optimism.



A diverse group of individuals who work with immigrants in different settings gathered at St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine in New York City to discuss future plans and options.

Uptown Open Arms will continue to meet monthly at the Shrine throughout the year. ~ submitted by Julia Attaway, Executive Director, St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine, New York City

A Thought for Today

It is in the simple moments: a kind word, the warmth of the sun, a gentle breeze tickling your face - that God touches our lives.

God shows up. Every day. Take time to recognize his presence.

Academic Stars at CHS!



Distinguished Scholars



The Cabrini community salutes these 28 Cabrini High School students who have distinguished themselves through their performance on College Board Advanced Placement (AP) examinations. They have demonstrated exceptional college-level achievements across multiple academic disciplines. These scholars represent dedication, intellectual curiosity and academic excellence. Congratulations!



Twenty-eight high-achieving Cabrini Crescents have been named AP Scholar Award recipients by the College Board, earning recognition as AP Scholars, AP Scholars with Honor, and AP Scholars with Distinction. These prestigious distinctions recognize students who have demonstrated exceptional college-level achievement across multiple Advanced Placement exams and represent the dedication, intellectual curiosity, and academic excellence we are proud to see in our Crescents.

Congratulations to these outstanding students for rising to the challenge and exemplifying what it means to be **Called to Lead**.



Rising Stars



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~ submitted by Anne Argus DiPaola, '96 Director of Communications, CHS



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Prayer Requests

Sha Vonne Cammack

Prayers are requested by Kathy Mantz for her friend, Sha Vonne, Cammack, who is undergoing treatment for cancer. May all be well.

Ron Corbin

Dr. M.L. Corbin-Sicoli, Cabrini University Faculty Emerita, asks prayers for her brother, Ron, who is facing serious health challenges.

Peter Gallagher

Please pray for Peter Gallagher, the husband of Mary Gallagher. Peter has been hospitalized with pneumonia. Mary is a dear friend of Cabrini Immigrant Services in Dobbs Ferry, NY and would be grateful for our prayerful support.

An Autumn Blessing



Gracious God, we give you thanks for the beauty of this autumn season. Thank you for painting the world in rich hues of gold, amber, and crimson, reminding us of your artistry and design in all of creation.

As the air turns crisp and the leaves fall, we praise you for the changing of seasons and the steady rhythm of your faithfulness. We give thanks for the gift of the harvest, for the abundance of your provision, and for the comfort of home and fellowship.

