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THE UPDATE

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National Vocation Awareness Week

November 1 - 7, 2026

National Vocation Awareness Week, **(NVAW)** celebrated November 1-7, 2026, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.



History

Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration. In 2014, after extensive consultation, the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort.

Vocation Week

There are several ways you can observe NVAW, such as special intercessions at Mass; sharing a personal message of gratitude for the gift of religious life with those in your circle of influence; visits to a nearby Catholic school or campus ministry to share your vocation story, etc. The possibilities are abundant, as are **these resources** on the National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) website.

Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially for vocations to the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Cabrini). Invite young adults to consider their life's vocation as a consecrated religious. Enjoy the week.

To learn more please visit the National Religious Vocation Conference website, click here

To view a video on vocational call, click here

Multiple Visitors = *A Very Busy Day!*

Saturday began bright and early at St. Frances Cabrini Shrine with a visit of 53 midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy. They headed to the retreat room after Mass to learn about Mother Cabrini. En route they passed 65 OCIA candidates from St. Vincent Ferrer, a local parish run by the Dominican Friars, who were heading from the retreat room into the chapel for their first experience of Adoration. The candidates later had a talk about Mother Cabrini and their own Mass.



People arrive for the mariachi Mass and enjoy taking photos of the sanctuary at the St. Cabrini Shrine.

That Mass ran a bit long, which made for some tricky logistics. A private mariachi Mass was scheduled at 1:00 pm in honor of Nuestra Señora del Rosario and people were already arriving. Fortunately, the priest for that Mass was delayed. The OCIA candidates finished their lunch just as the Spanish Mass ended. That meant that with a bit of scurrying by Shrine staff all the trash cans were emptied, leftovers stored, and many trays of Mexican food set out. A brass band arrived at the end of the Mass to lead the attendees in procession through the neighborhood, then they returned to the parking lot to dance joyously.



A brass band led guests in procession through the neighborhood, culminating in dancing in the Shrine courtyard.

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

The Camino de New York!



It's time to pray hard for vocations! Join Bishop Peter Byrne, Fr. Vincent Druding, and the Office of Young Adult Ministry on **Saturday, October 31** for a 15 - mile *Camino* that will go from the northern tip of Manhattan to Battery Park City!

The day begins at St. Frances Cabrini Shrine with Mass at 7:30 am, followed by a light breakfast. The itinerary includes stops at Holy Name of Jesus, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, St. Joseph's Greenwich Village, Old St. Patrick's, and concludes at the Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine.

Wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle and packed lunch. You are welcome to walk any portion of the route you can. And if you can't join us, pray with us!

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

It's Getting Chilly!

ALL ARE WELCOME

to join
Cabrini University alumni
in providing winter essentials for
immigrant, migrant and refugee
children.

Your kindness and generosity will be key in addressing this immediate need while fostering a sense of warmth, security, and welcome in their communities. Thank you!



Cabrini Week in Pennsylvania

Honoring the Legacies of Mother Cabrini and St. Augustine

November 9-13

November 13 is Mother Cabrini's Feast Day and St. Augustine's birthday.

Villanova University was founded by the Augustinians to bring the central values of **St. Augustine** – Truth, Unity and Love – into higher education. It was founded in the midst of anti-immigration riots of Philadelphia in the 1840's. As such, it was a university formed to raise up the hopes and dreams of Irish immigrants marginalized in the society of their time. Almost 50 years later, **Mother Cabrini** came to the United States to raise up the hopes and dignity of Italian immigrants, another marginalized group in American society. She is the first U.S. citizen to be declared a saint and is the Patroness of Immigrants in the Church.

Both Augustine and Mother Cabrini were migrants themselves and understood how people are treated when they are the "others." Pope Leo reminds us that "A litmus test for social justice today is the treatment of migrants, refugees and those forced to move due to poverty, violence, climate change and environmental disasters." (MH 81).

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, November 10 - 7 pm: CABRINI Film - Villanova - Connelly Cinema

Wednesday, November 11 - 6:30 pm: "From Arrival to Belonging". Fr. Art Pucaro, OSA, Speakers Corner, VU Falvey Library, Maggitti Hall

Wednesday, November 11 - 7 pm: Mass for Peace, Sacred Heart Chapel, Cabrini Campus

Friday, November 13 - 9:30 am - Cabrini Feast Day Prayer Service, led by Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, MSC, Sacred Heart Chapel, Cabrini Campus

Friday, November 13 - 12:05 pm - Mass, St. Thomas of Villanova Church

Friday, November 13 - 1:00 pm - Dr. Kathleen Cummings, "Embracing the World, The Legacy of Mother Cabrini" - VU Falvey Library, Maggitti Hall

Saturday, November 14 - Cabrini University Day of Service -The Blessing Shop, Norristown, PA and The Joy of Sox, Phoenixville, PA

Prayer Requests

A friend

Please pray for a very dear friend who will be undergoing medical tests. Pray for a very favorable outcome.

Bernie Currie

Please keep Bernie Currie, the brother of Sr. Eileen Currie, MSC, in your prayers. Bernie is currently hospitalized and is undergoing tests. Our prayers would be a comfort to him and his family.

Gene F.

Your prayers are requested for a Gene F. who is dealing with some serious health issues at this time. He and his wife would be most grateful for the prayers of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community.

Missionary Sisters Guadalupe Province Assembly

Please continue to keep the Province Assembly of the Missionary Sisters in your prayers. MSCs and their lay collaborators from many countries will be attending. Pray that the Holy Spirit will illuminate and guide the proceedings and that all will travel safely to and from the gathering.

With Grateful Hearts

A Friend of the Cabrinian Community

Last week, your prayers were invited for a friend of the Cabrinian community who was undergoing medical tests. With thanks to God and to each of you, the test outcomes were favorable. This Cabrinian friend is most grateful for your prayerful support.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Due to the Provincial Assembly of the Guadalupe Province next week,
The Update *will not* be published on Thursday, October 29th.

The Update will resume publication on Thursday, November 5th.