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THE UPDATE

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A Guadalupean Jubilee Year

Pope Leo XIV has granted through the Apostolic Penitentiary at the request of Cardinal Carlos Aguirre Retes, the Primate Archbishop of Mexico, a Guadalupean Jubilee Year which will run from October 12, 2026 to October 12, 2027.

The Guadalupean Jubilee Year will be a year of spiritual renewal centered on Our Lady of Guadalupe, inviting Catholics to pilgrimage, conversion, prayer, the Eucharist, evangelization and works of charity as the Church prepares for the 500th anniversary of Guadalupe in 2031. The Jubilee will mark two major anniversaries:

50th Anniversary of the New Basilica -

Commemorating the October 12, 1976 dedication of the current Basilica of Santa Maria de Guadalupe and the solemn transfer of the sacred tilma (cloak) bearing the image of our Lady of Guadalupe from the former structure to the modern sanctuary designed by Pedro Ramirez Vazquez.



131st Anniversary of the Pontifical

Coronation - Coinciding with the 1895 canonical coronation of the sacred image authorized by Pope Leo XIII.

A feature of this Jubilee Year is the opportunity for a plenary indulgence. During the jubilee, pilgrims who visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City with a contrite heart and participate in a liturgical celebration or who spend time in prayer at the Basilica - may obtain the indulgence, subject to the Church's usual conditions, including confession, reception of the Eucharist, recitation of the Creed and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father. The Guadalupe Province of the Missionary Sisters is named in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe whose feast day is December 12th. To learn more visit USCCB [website](#)

Cabrini Day in Colorado Affirms Migrants and Refugees

Colorado celebrates Frances Xavier Cabrini Day on the first Monday of October, a state holiday established in 2020 to honor St. Frances Xavier Cabrini and her remarkable legacy of faith and service. Colorado is the first state in the nation to establish a paid state holiday honoring a woman.



The Mother Cabrini Shrine hosted a joyful celebration of Colorado's Cabrini Day on Monday, October 5th. A special guest was newly installed Archbishop James Golka (4th r.). Welcoming him were L-R: Shrine Executive Director JoAnn Seaman; Fr. Bob Fisher; Sr. Alice Zanon, MSC; Bro Jude, OFM, Cap.; Sr. Antonia Plata, MSC; Archbishop Golka; Sr. Eileen Currie, MSC, Fr. John Lager, OFM, Cap.; and Sr. Roselle Santivasi, MSC.

Mother Cabrini Shrine was filled with joy as we celebrated Cabrini Day and welcomed newly installed Archbishop James Golka for his first official visit. During his homily, Archbishop Golka reflected on Mother Cabrini's extraordinary witness, saying that if the world had 100 more Mother Cabrinis, our faith and the Church would grow in ways we could hardly imagine.

He also introduced a joint statement on migration signed by Archbishop Golka, Bishop Jorge Rodríguez and other Christian leaders throughout Colorado. The statement, affirming the dignity of migrants and refugees, was intentionally released on Cabrini Day—a particularly meaningful connection to Mother Cabrini, Patroness of Immigrants.

Following Mass, the celebration continued with the Festival of Nations, filling the Shrine with food, music, dance and traditions representing the many cultures of our community. ~ submitted by JoAnn Seaman, Executive Director, Mother Cabrini Shrine, Golden, Co

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An Outpouring of Gratitude

We are grateful to Sylvia Falzon, the Chair of the Board at Cabrini Health in Australia, who shares the following note on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the Cabrini Outreach-Asylum Seeker and Refugee Health Hub.

Last night we held a celebration to mark the 10th anniversary of this life changing service for many people who come to our shores in search of care, love and support.

The room was full of so many clients, staff, service partners, donors, government dignitaries and board colleagues.



Here is a short video I am sure you will enjoy. We are truly blessed to have so many outstanding people lead this service especially Sharon Sherwood, Professor Suresh Sundram and Tracey Cabrie. ~ Sylvia Falzon, Chair, Cabrini Health, Board of Trustees

To view the tribute video, please click [here](#)

Immigration in the News



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

[Supreme Court term opens with cases on immigration](#)

[Haitian migrants in Florida fear deportation and turn to Catholic sister](#)

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary



Pope Leo XIII officially dedicated the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary in the late 19th century through a series of encyclicals, urging faithful believers to pray the rosary daily for peace and unity. Throughout the month, parishes, families, and individuals around the world participate in special Rosary devotions, public processions, and daily recitations throughout October. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is observed on October 7th.

Prayer Requests

Prayer for the Mental Health Ministry

This month, we pray with Pope Leo XIV for mental health

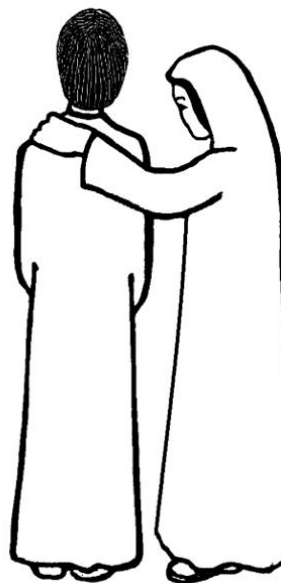
God of Life, you know the innermost depths of our hearts - the light and shadows within us, the silent wounds that sometimes no one sees. Today, we bring before you our brothers and sisters who suffer from mental illness, who struggle in solitude with anxiety, depression or fear.

You call them by name, with tenderness, and in You they find dignity and hope.

Forgive us for the times we have looked the other way, feeding stigma and indifference. May your Church be an open house, a safe space where everyone has a place - a community that accompanies and never excludes, that listens without judging and draws without fear.

We pray to you, Lord, for those who care: professionals, family members, volunteers - men and women who, with patience and love, build bridges of understanding and comfort. Give them strength and compassion to sustain others.

Send your spirit upon us, that we may learn to integrate mental health into our community and pastoral life and so become a sign of your mercy, which never abandons and always restores. Amen.



In Loving Memory

Dr. Jolyon Girard

It is with great sadness that the Cabrini College/University community shares the September 24th passing of Dr. Jolyon Girard. In 1973, Dr. Girard began teaching history at Cabrini College where he taught for the next 48 years. A generation of Cabrini students knew him as "Doc" as he chaired the History and Political Science Department for 18 years, founded the men's athletic program in 1974, and coached men's basketball until 1980. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues and former students. May he rest in peace.

Margaret Reher, PhD

The Cabrini College/University community mourns the loss of beloved former faculty member Dr. Margaret "Marge" Reher who returned home to God on September 27th. Dr. Reher served for many years as the Chair of the Religion Department at Cabrini. A published author, Dr. Reher will be remembered for her wisdom, her dry wit, and her kindness and concern for others. She will remain in our hearts. May she rest in God's eternal light.

