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THE UPDATE

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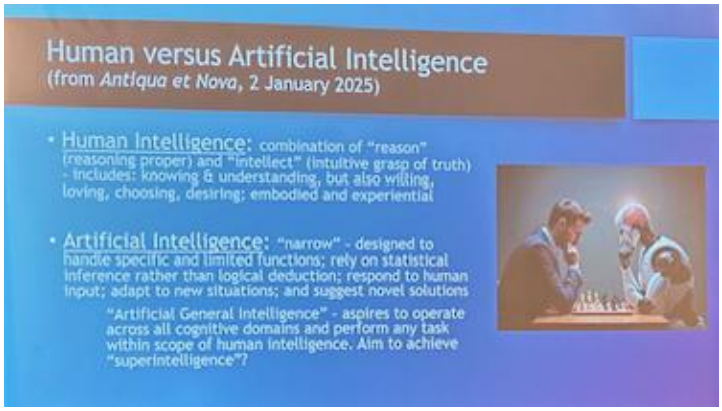
The Guadalupe Province Assembly

The 2026 Guadalupe Province Assembly took place from October 25 to 30 in Newark, New Jersey with Missionary Sisters and their lay collaborators hailing from Australia, Guatemala, Nicaragua and the United States. The Assembly paid honor to the Jubilee Year of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The theme of the Assembly was taken from Pope Leo's encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas" - Magnificent Humanity. The gathering opened with greetings from Provincial Superior Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC. The assembly days included time for daily Mass, prayer, presentations, updates on province ministries, and collaborative discussions.



Provincial Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC (c.) and her Provincial Council members from left: Sr. Emperatriz Espinoza; Sr. Bernadette Anello; Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia and Sr. Sonnia Osorio introduce themselves to the Assembly.

Fr. James Miracky, SJ gave the keynote address exploring *Magnifica Humanitas* on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence (AI). He noted that we are living through the fastest technological changes in human history.



Fr. Miracky focused on the key themes of the encyclical: 1) the human person as the image of God 2) equal dignity of all beings 3) the supreme value of human rights 4)

the common good 5) universal goods destination. He noted that AI cannot replicate moral discernment and that AI has no empathy for the human condition. His presentation was followed by extended conversations at the participants' tables as they considered such questions as: what is being asked of us at this time with regard to AI? In light of the Assembly, what should we, as mission leaders, commit to do regarding AI? How can we ensure our use of AI strengthens our mission, protects human dignity and advances the common good?



Sr. Bernadette Anello at the podium leads the commitment ceremony for the CLMs,.

A highlight during the Assembly was the three-year recommitment of four Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLM).


Receiving the candlelight blessing of the MSCs are Caitlin Della Rocca (l.) and Mariely Martinez of the Cabrini Mission Foundation.

As the time of their departure from the Assembly, the Missionary Sisters bestowed a candlelight blessing upon all their lay collaborators.

During the latter days of the Assembly, the Missionary Sisters spent time considering updates to their Constitutions.

It was a time of prayer, friendship and mission.

To learn more: [Pope Leo XIV Presents "Magnifica Humanitas" on AI]


The Guadalupe Province Assembly 2026
Missionary Sisters and their lay collaborators

Renewing Their Promises

During the Provincial Assembly of the Guadalupe Province, we held a special prayer service for our Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs). We are grateful to and congratulate Julia Attaway, Dr. Angela Campbell, Kaitlyn Franzone and Patricia Krasnausky who renewed their promises as CLMs for 3 years.

It was wonderful to have so many of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and lay collaborators join us in prayer. What a joy to have Sr. Gilda Mendoza Argueta, MSC, General Councilor and Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC, Provincial Superior, be part of the prayer service. After Sr. Gilda read Matthew 5:14-16, Sr. Lucy invited the CLMS to renew their commitment. Angela and Kaitlyn were able to join us via Zoom.



CLM Kaitlyn Franzone (upper left) and Dr. Angela Campbell, CLM, (upper right) renewed their promises via Zoom during the Assembly.



From left: Sr. Bernadette Anello, MSC; Julia Attaway, CLM; Patricia Krasnausky, CLM; Sr. Lucy Panettieri, MSC, Provincial; and CLM Director Lorraine Campanelli listen attentively as Sr. Gilda Mendoza, MSC, General Councilor (c.) reads a passage from scripture.

It was a sacred moment when everyone extended their right hand and prayed for the CLMs. We prayed that they would achieve their efforts in living out the Gospel, bringing God's loving comfort, mercy and compassion to all those with whom they meet. Sr. Lucy then presented each CLM with a special certificate.

~ *submitted by Lorraine Campanelli, CLM Director*

The CABRINI Film Continues to Transform Hearts

The following is a message that Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, Chairperson, and Christopher LaBianco, Executive Director, of the Cabrini Mission Foundation, received from Mr. Eustace Wolfington, the Executive Producer of the CABRINI film and his team:

Dear Sr. Pietrina and Chris,

Following Eustace's conversation with Sister today, we wanted to share an update on our prison ministry, especially given Mother Cabrini's own history of ministering to prisoners.

Our prison ministry began after we received a letter from a remarkable gentleman named Terry, whose criminal life began at just 13 years old when his father started taking him along on armed robberies. At age 18, Terry was arrested for the armed robbery of a bank and sentenced to 27 years in a Texas prison. During his incarceration, he spent eight years in solitary confinement as a gang leader. While in prison, Terry turned his life over to Christ and began ministering to other prisoners. After his release several years ago, he continued that mission.

After watching CABRINI, Terry wrote us a letter explaining the profound impact the movie had on him and how he wanted every incarcerated person in America to have the opportunity to experience Mother Cabrini's story. He made it his personal mission to help bring the movie to every prison in the country.

Since then, we have held more than 50 prison screenings across the country, receiving powerful written and video testimonials from prisoners about the impact CABRINI has had on their lives. I've attached a picture from one of these screenings. Terry is the gentleman in the blue shirt surrounded by prisoners who had just watched the movie.



Terry, (c. in blue shirt) was the catalyst for the CABRINI movie to be shown in over 50 prisons throughout the country. The influence of the CABRINI film continues to unfold.

We also recently learned that CABRINI is now available on the individual tablets used by prisoners in state and federal prisons across the country. Even more encouraging, CABRINI is currently the #1 most-watched film among the Angel Studios titles available to prisoners.

We will continue organizing larger prison screenings until we have reached every prison in the country, giving prisoners the opportunity to experience Mother Cabrini's message of faith, perseverance, and hope.

Please share this update with all the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We are truly blessed that the Sisters continue Mother Cabrini's extraordinary work and that you have allowed us to be a small part of carrying her mission forward.

God bless you both and thank you for all you continue to do.

Warmest regards,
The Cabrini Team



Mother Cabrini's Feast Day is Friday, November 13th



In celebration of the Feast Day please join us in praying the Novena to Mother Cabrini
located here

We Remember *and* We Celebrate

On November 2nd, the Feast of All Souls, some of the clients from Cabrini Immigrant Services, Dobbs Ferry, (CIS-DF) celebrated Día de los Muertos, (the Day of the Dead), with the residents at St. Cabrini Nursing Home.



The beautifully decorated Día de los Muertos altar – the ofrenda – was located in the lobby of the nursing home.

Prior to the start of the prayer service, a beautiful altar, the ofrenda, was created in the lobby of the nursing home. There was such reverence and love that went into creating the altar. Each piece that was added had great meaning. There were marigolds, butterflies, fresh fruits (bananas and oranges), bread, skulls, candles, pictures of some of our deceased loved ones, colorful banners, etc. It is customary in Mexico and many of the countries in South America to build an altar in your home to remember the dead. Our CIS clients were from Mexico, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, and Venezuela. Many of our clients are not able to go to their countries to celebrate with their families so they are so appreciative of being able to celebrate as part of the 'Cabrini Family.'



Fr. Ron Galt, VP for Mission Integration and Pastoral Care, blesses the ofrenda.

The prayer service, which was held in the chapel, was presented in Spanish and English. Some of the clients from CIS-DF spoke about what Día de los Muertos

means to them. A focus on the monarch butterfly and its connection to Dia de los Muertos was presented. As part of the service, several people held paper monarch butterflies while others held butterfly cutouts with special words in English and Spanish such as Hope/Esperanza, Love/Amor, Faith/Fe and Family/Familia. Those holding the monarch butterflies came to the front of the altar to symbolize the arrival of the butterflies. Those holding the cutouts, raised them up to represent the enduring values that connect families across generations.



A close-up photo of the altar reveals the intricate details and symbolism of the display.

The residents were then led out of the chapel to the lobby where there were luminaria bags in the hall that lit the way. One of our clients led the procession as she held the Book of the Dead. The clients spoke about the altar and the meaning of the different items.

Everyone was invited to write the names of their deceased family and friends on a card and then place it on the altar. They will be remembered in our prayers.

A special thank you to Bonnie Burke, CEO/Nursing Home Administrator at St. Cabrini Nursing Home and Fr. Ron Galt, Vice President for Mission Integration and Pastoral Care, for inviting us to celebrate such a meaningful time at the nursing home.

~submitted by: Lorraine Campanelli, Director, CIS-DF

Trick or Treat!

Before the closure of Cabrini University, it was a beloved tradition that the Early Childhood Education majors would take the children attending The Children's School of Cabrini College trick or treating in the offices on campus. Each year, faculty and staff would look forward to the visit of the campus' youngest students. Now, the Education Department of Villanova University has revived this hallowed tradition!



Villanova University students give these trick or treaters some goodies as they visit Bellessini Hall on the Cabrini campus. Villanova faculty and staff were delighted to welcome these little pumpkins, angels, and builders.

All Saints Party!



Photo above and right:
Looking to her dad for a bit a reassurance, this little Mother Cabrini enters the spirit of All Saints Day by coming to greet Mother Cabrini as she lies in repose.

Pier Giorgio Frassati, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, a Guardian Angel, Theresa of Lisieux and several others joined no other than an almost 2 year-old Mother Cabrini at St. Frances Cabrini Shrine's first All Saints Costume Party. We made halos, talked about what a saint is, and lit candles in prayer for help to become saints. Very fun!

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



Cabrini High School Connects Generations of Women Through New Leadership Initiative

This year, Cabrini High School launched **Called to Lead**, a new initiative that brings together three leadership programs designed to develop young women at different stages of their educational journeys, while connecting them with the generations of Cabrini women who came before them.



The initiative builds upon the Cabrini Leadership Summit, which brought 10 student leaders to Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, Colorado, to explore leadership through faith, service, and the example of the school's foundress. It also includes Cabrini's student-led Leadership Academy, which introduces rising seventh-grade girls to leadership development,

and the newly established Cabrini Leadership Series, which brings accomplished alumnae back to campus to share their experiences with current students. This monthly Leadership Series has become an opportunity for students to hear firsthand how the lessons and experiences of their Cabrini years have influenced the lives and careers of women who once walked the same halls.



The series opened in September with FOX 8 news anchor Lucy Bustamante ’98, who shared her journey from Cabrini's speech, debate, and theater programs to an award-winning career in broadcast journalism. Through her “Paving Your Path” exercise, she challenged students to identify their passions, take meaningful steps toward their goals, and embrace the faith-driven leadership exemplified by Mother Cabrini.

News Anchor Lucy Bustamante ’98 encouraged students to follow their passion through faith-centered leadership.



Artist and 504 Funk founder Desiree Buisson Lee challenged students to “Trust the Mess,” embracing life's unexpected turns.

In October, artist and business owner Desiree Buisson Lee ’05 encouraged students to embrace life's unexpected turns. Through her interactive “Trust the Mess” exercise, she demonstrated how imperfections and unexpected challenges can become opportunities for creativity, growth, and discovering new possibilities.

November's featured speaker will be Cabrini's 2026 Alumna of the Year, Paula Peterson Pizzaloto ’73, who will discuss the lasting influence of Mother Cabrini's example and the importance of carrying her values into a career, and in December, students will hear from Jaimme Collins ’96, a former attorney for Liberty Bank and Trust who now serves as a fractional general counsel and business growth strategist through her company, JC Consulting & Strategies LLC.

While each speaker brings a different perspective, their shared Cabrini experience demonstrates how the education, relationships, and values developed at Cabrini continue to influence women long after graduation. Through **Called to Lead**, Cabrini is building upon its tradition of developing women who recognize that leadership takes many forms, and that the example set by Mother Cabrini remains as relevant to their futures as it was to the generations before them.

~ submitted by Anne Argus DiPaola, ’96, Director of Communications

Camino de New York



The set-up team for the "Camino de New York" arrived at St. Frances Cabrini Shrine before sunrise on October 31. Fifteen long miles lay ahead for Bishop Peter Byrne, Fr. Vincent Druding, representative of several religious communities, and the faithful who planned to walk the length of Manhattan in prayer and sacrifice for an increase in vocations. The Shrine was the starting point.



Camino participants gather in the early morning hours ready to undertake their fifteen-mile journey through Manhattan.

The idea for the walk came while Bishop Byrne and Fr. Vincent walked the Camino de Santiago in Spain this past August. They discussed the urgent need of the Church for more priests and religious whose hearts are on fire to bring the Gospel to souls. Why not create a camino in New York? The project quickly took shape.



The pilgrims' day began with Mass at the St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine in Upper Manhattan.

The Shrine offered to provide a light breakfast for the walkers after the bilingual Mass. Since no registration was required for the walkers, we guessed that a 7:30 am Mass on a Saturday might draw 60 participants. We were only off by about 200! Fortunately, we'd just done a Costco run and had several cases of granola bars and other snacks on hand. Equally fortunate, Sr. Laura Baldini, MSC arrived to help with logistics. And

what a way to start the day! The crowd headed out at about 9:15am, leaving us time to set up for our regular 9:30 am Mass and the rest of the day.

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



Religious sisters and a diverse group of young adults began the Camino by attending Mass at the NY Shrine.



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.





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, 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

Cabrini College alumna

A Cabrini College alumna has asked for our prayers as she undergoes medical tests. May the outcomes be favorable.

Jane and Gene

Prayers are requested for Jane and Gene, dear friends of a Cabrini University alumna. Gene is experiencing health issues and Jane is his primary caretaker. Please pray for their wellbeing at this time. They would be strengthened by our prayers.

Pray for Vocations

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life and the diaconate.

Tom W.

Please pray for Tom W., a dear family friend, who has recently been diagnosed with stomach cancer. Tom and his family ask for hope and healing.

With Grateful Hearts

Gracious God, we offer our deep gratitude for the blessing of a safe and fair election in the United States. Thank you for the freedom to share our voices, the dedication of the poll workers and officials who safeguarded the process, and the peace that prevailed in our communities.



As we look to the future, guide us to move forward in unity and mutual respect. May we work together with open hearts to build a nation of justice, compassion, and hope for all. Amen.