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"With your grace, loving Jesus, [...] I want to do this ardently, swiftly."
(St. Frances Xavier Cabrini)

Dear Sisters,
Dear Lay collaborators and co-responsible in the Cabrinian mission,

In these days preceding the anniversary of the birth of St. Frances Cabrini on July 15, 1850, I write to you hopeful that our fraternal communion for the mission will be fruitful.

In Sant'Angelo, Francesca Cabrini's birthplace, a great feast is held annually, witnessing to the charismatic origin of a missionary saint who fought for the dignity of so many emigrants. This year, Sr. Terezinha Merandi MSC is actively participating in the Cabrinian Week activities, keeping the continuity of our mission up-to-date in the world today.

On July 7, celebrating the 77th anniversary of the canonization of St. Frances Cabrini, I had the opportunity to participate in a meeting in the Press Office of the Chamber of Deputies in Rome with the authors of the book "*Italian Women in Chicago*".

It presents Mother Cabrini as an emigrant woman of great importance in working with, and for, Italian emigrants.

It was an immense joy to listen to the narrative of the authors and the artist, Mr. Meo Carbone, expressing public recognition of Mother Cabrini's leadership in American society. You may see the message that I presented with the generous collaboration of Sr. Maria Barbagallo MSC in the attachment to this letter.

Starting from this premise, I wish to highlight some aspects of Mother Cabrini's servant leadership:

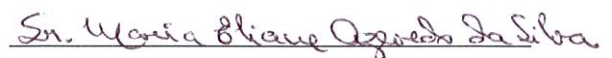
- ✓ A human and humanizing woman,
- ✓ An ecclesial woman with strong missionary spirituality and embodying reality
- ✓ A resilient woman who did not espouse negativity coming from others
- ✓ A woman with a sense of community, dialogue and communion in diversity
- ✓ A woman of mercy and reparation,
- ✓ A woman inspired and inspirational, with a vision of the future,
- ✓ A woman of views and practices for the common good,
- ✓ A pilgrim of hope, faith and love,
- ✓ A prophetic servant leader who knew how to enter into various social contexts with humility to evangelize and promote the dignity of people.
- ✓ Finally, a citizen of the world, a holy missionary who accomplished all for the Kingdom of God.

We beseech our holy Mother Cabrini to help us live and transmit her message of peace and love to the world today.

With gratitude to God, together we celebrate the birthdate of our foundress. **This date is an invitation to reconnect with our origins and to envision new dreams for today.**

I pray for you and ask you to pray for me.

With affection,



Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo da Silva MSC
General Superior