



# NEWS FROM THE CABRINI WORLD

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In this box scattered pictures of some important moments of the celebrations in Lent and during Holy Week: Collegio Madre Cabrini Church, RSA Codogno, Collegio Madre Cabrini Rosario, Tabor Church in Codogno, Cabrini New Orleans, Sant'Angelo Lodigiano School, Mother Cabrini Shrine in Colorado, Istituto Santa Rosa A- 27 and Collegio Madre Cabrini Rosario.

## Celebrations in preparation for Holy Easter

The entire Cabrinian world was very excited in its preparation for Holy Easter. There were many initiatives in the different works and missions to celebrate this feast that is so important for us Christians. Among others, there was another spiritual retreat for a group of Cape Verdeans and the "Between Us" Community on March 3 in the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer and St. Frances Cabrini on Via Sicilia in Rome. On March 8 the Tabor Church in Codogno organized a small Via



Lenten retreat in via Sicilia.

Crucis, while at the Spirituality Center, Bishop Iginio Passerini presided over a prayer of reparation. Many were the moments of prayer organized in the different communities, in the photo above right, specifically the one for the Candidates from Brazil led by some sisters. On March 26, at the Mother Cabrini School in Brazil, a Eucharistic celebration commemorated Palm Sunday and Jesus' entry into Jerusalem where the children and youth were able to celebrate the beginning of Holy Week.



Prayer with the postulants in the Boni Consilii Community in San Paolo.

## Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 28, at the school in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Italy, the children with their teachers re-enacted the Washing of the Feet. On Good Friday, the Cabrini School in New Orleans observed the Via Crucis with a small procession at the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary. At Mother Cabrini Rosary School, the secondary classes participated in a Via Crucis for Good Friday while the



March 8

International Women's Day



March 19

Feast of St Joseph



April 22

International Earth Day

younger children prepared a play on the most important moments of Jesus' Passion. The shrines dedicated to Mother Cabrini in Denver, New York and Chicago, also observed the Easter Triduum and celebrated Easter. At the Generalate in Rome, a time of prayer in preparation for the Easter Triduum was organized by the General Council for the employees of the Generalate on Wednesday, March 27.



*Moment of prayer at the Curia in preparation for the Easter Triduum.*

## MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERALATE

From March 7 to 13, the General Council followed an online formation course on Religious Congregations and the importance of its impact on society, the Church, consecrated life and congregations. From March 13 to 15, Sr. Maria Eliane participated as a member in the Assembly of the Dicastery for Evangelization in preparation for the Jubilee in 2025. On the last day she had the joy of meeting the Holy

Father in an audience.



*Sr. Eliane with the Holy Father on the occasion of the Assembly for the Dicastery for Evangelization.*



*Sr. Giuditta in the Curia archives along with Maria Williams.*

On 11 and March 12, Ms. Maria Williams, a dear friend of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and scholar of Mother Cabrini, visited us to conduct research in the archives for a study she is currently carrying out.

On April 23, Sr. Stella Maris was interviewed by Romereports.com about the cartoon film dedicated to the Holy Father and produced by Tabor Productions with the collaboration of the MSC. The interview also stressed the importance of this product and more generally of the good use of audiovisuals in



*Frame of the cartoon about the Holy Father.*

the Catholic sphere.



## Congratulations to the new director of the Chicago Shrine

The *Board of Directors of the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini* in Chicago is pleased to announce that Laurie A. Halaska has been appointed Executive Director. She will put her experience in the role of Executive Director and CEO to good use in leadership and administration. Congratulations and good wishes for your mission, Laurie!

## LET US PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

April 21 was the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this day was "Let us sow the Seeds of Hope and Peace."

Let us continue to pray that the Lord will send holy vocations to our Church and, in particular, to the Cabrinian Consecrated Life.



CABRINIAN NEWS

# News from Missions and Formation

\* During the month of February in Guatemala, children, adolescents in the "Effervescent Youth" project and women were involved in several activities at the welfare centers, the Mother Cabrini Dispensary and the San Jose 6 Dispensary.

\* On March 4, the Minister for Development and Social Assistance, Family and the Fight against Hunger, Wellington Dias, paid a visit to the St. Cabrini Youth Center in Vila Irma Dulce, in South Teresina, and celebrated his birthday on this occasion. The MSCs celebrated these feasts also thanking the Minister for donations received for families in the Vila Irmã Dúlce area



Minister Wellington Dias visits the St. Cabrini Youth Center.

\* On March 15, several activities began with the youth and children's ministry in Nicaragua.

\* On March 18 in São Paulo, Brazil, some sisters met with a group of aspirants and a young woman who is getting to know the sisters.

\* In Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on March 18, Sr. Suany held a formation meeting with the candidates on Mother Cabrini's missionary work and her travels.



Sr. Suany during the training with the candidates.

\* In Argentina on March 21, in addition to the theatrical release of the film 'Cabrini', the naming of a square after Mother Cabrini took place in Villa Mercedes, province of San Luis.



A shot in preparation for Mother Cabrini's show in El Paso, Texas.

\* On March 23, with the support of the Diocese, a play about Mother Cabrini was put on at the Loretto Academy Little Theater in El Paso, Texas. We had already attended other performances of this Teatro Juvenil Corazon Sin Fronteras, but this time Sr. Regina Palamara provided them with the script written in 1950.

\* On April 13 and 14, a Mass of welcome for Laurie A. Halaska and one of thanksgiving for Barbara Willis were celebrated at the National St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in Chicago. Presiding over both celebrations was Shrine Board President, Dr. Kathleen Sprows Cummings.

\* On April 18 in Mater Gratiae Province, a triduum prayer entitled "Creating A Home" began for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

\* Last April 20 in Codogno, a plaque was presented to the Cabrinian family for the well in Wallacha funded by the Lions Club of Casal Pusterlengo. Also present at the plaque presentation were HS Regional Superior, Sr. Barbara, Sr. Berhane, Director of Cabrini Ministries Ethiopia, and Enrica Valentini, Holy Spirit Region Resource Mobilization Specialist.



Presentation of the Codogno Casalpusterlengo Lions Club plaque for the well in Wallacha.

\* On April 21 at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish in Codogno, Sr. Maria Regina gave her testimony during Mass on the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



Sr. Maria Regina during her testimony at St. Francesca Cabrini Parish in Codogno.

## See you in Codogno!

From April 4 to 7, the International Meeting for Pastoral Vocations was held in Codogno, Italy, where sisters and lay people discussed the challenges of pastoral vocations in our time and in our Institute. It was a chance to plan together for the future, but also to hear about the historical-social context, the situation of youth and to share the different pastoral realities present in the various missions. Accompanying the sessions were two missionary priests of the Holy Spirit from the Cruces group, Fr. Fernando Falco and Fr. Pablo Meza Pernas. The meeting then concluded on April 7 with a visit to Mother Cabrini's birthplace in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano.

IFCT (International Formation Coordinating Team) meetings were held from April 9 to 12. The group continued working together on the formation paths of the Institute.

The Extended Council met from April 13 to 19.

On April 15, Fr. Adelson gave a talk entitled 'The Synodality proposed by the Church' in the process of implementing the mandates of the 16th General Chapter.

On April 16, Mass was celebrated at Tabor Church.

On April 17, the laity were greeted and thanked, and after lunch the sisters went to Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, first to Mother Cabrini Nursery School and then to celebrate Sunday Mass at the Basilica of St. Anthony Abbot and St. Frances Cabrini.

We thank the Lord for this intense time of communion and sharing!



*From left: first two photos vocational meeting, IFCT, Extended Council, prayer during Extended Council, Mass at Tabor, Visit to School in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano and group photo at Birthplace, shot from vocational meeting, photo from visit to Sant'Angelo Lodigiano. Bottom: group photo after Mass at the Basilica in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano.*





## IMPORTANT MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE INSTITUTE

### Drafting the strategic plan of Cabrini Ministries Ethiopia

A meeting to draft the strategic plan of Cabrini Ministries Ethiopia was held from Sunday evening, March 10 to the afternoon of Wednesday, March 13. The meeting in Soddo (about 30 km from Dubbo) was attended by 19 people, including staff and board members of Cabrini Ministries Ethiopia, representatives from partner agencies and organizations (Cabrini Ministries eSwatini, Apostolic Vicariate of Soddo, Holy Spirit Region, St. Mary Hospital), local government representatives, and sisters from the Dubbo and Wallacha missions.



*The working group for the strategic plan of Cabrini Ministries Ethiopia.*



*A shot during the work of the Provincial Assembly.*

### Guadalupe Province Assembly

The Guadalupe Province Assembly was held from March 10 to 15 and was attended by MSCs from the province. The theme of these days was "Pilgrims of Hope." Sisters were specifically invited to embrace change, learning from yesterday, living for today and having hope for tomorrow.

### A special visit to the Generalate

Sr. Joan McGlinchey was a guest of the Generalate from February 8 for two weeks of research and meetings. During her stay we had a visit from Carol and Maryann who met with the General Council, as promoters of an important project that will see the installation of a statue of Mother Cabrini in Rome next November 13 at the Basilica of San Paolo Fuori le Mura. This is a great piece of news!



*General Council, Sr. Joan McGlinchey, Carol Christiansen and Maryann.*

Inspired and guided by their Foundress, Mother Cabrini, the MSCs carry forward her mission today. Spreading the love of Jesus to the ends of the earth. **Learn more about their extraordinary life in mission on the Cabrini World MSC YouTube channel.**

Happy viewing to all!



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Poster for the presentation of Antonella Ravizza's book.

## Presentation of the book "St. Frances Xavier Cabrini: a heart as large as the universe"

On Saturday, March 16 at 4 p.m. at the Mother Cabrini Spirituality Center in Codogno, the book "St. Frances Xavier Cabrini: a heart as large as the universe" was presented with author Antonella Ravizza. At the end of the presentation, it was possible to visit the Cabrinian Museum. The event was organized in collaboration with the Libera Università of the Bassolodigiano area.

## Presentation at Centro Astalli of the 2024 Annual Report

The Annual Report of the Centro Astalli was presented on April 19 at the General Congregation Hall in the General Curia of the Society of Jesus. Speakers included H.E. Msgr. Enrico Trevisi, Bishop of Trieste and Nathalie Tocci, Director, Institute of International Affairs. Presenting the data of the Report was Fr. Camillo Ripamonti, President of the Centro Astalli, and moderating the meeting was Avenire journalist, Luca Liverani. The Mayor of Rome, Roberto Gualtieri, then addressed the meeting with his greetings. Two important and touching testimonies were heard from Moris from Nigeria and Daria from Belarus.



A shot during Moris' testimony from Nigeria.

## MOTHER CABRINI IN AUDIO VISUAL

From the Denver Shrine, in conjunction with the release of the film 'Cabrini' in 3,000 theaters worldwide, an episode of the Hallow podcast about Mother Cabrini with the voice of Sr. Eileen Currie MSC was released. Mother Cabrini's compassion was the outpouring of her love for Jesus. In the digital document "The Flipbook" from the Mother Cabrini Shrine in New York City, you will find material to help reflect on what compassion is and consider how St. Frances Cabrini can help you increase your own. The shrine is also the focus of an episode of the series "Hidden in Plain Sight." Episode 20 of "Tuttle twins - season 4" also features Mother Cabrini!



Sequence from the "Cabrini Tuttle twins adventures" cartoon.



Mother Cabrini and the Titanic.

## MOTHER CABRINI AND THE TITANIC

Thanks to a request received from an American journalist, we have discovered that in the letter sent to Sr. Gesuina Dotti dated May 5, 1912, in Volume V of her Epistolary, Mother Cabrini writes: "If I had gone to London, perhaps I would have left with just that (the Titanic), but Divine Providence, which watches over us continuously, did not allow it."



## CABRINI FILM ACTRESS VISIT TO THE NEW YORK SHRINE



*Actress Dell'Anna in front of Mother Cabrini's body.*

Actress Cristiana Dell'Anna, star of the Cabrini film, visited the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York on February 27. In October, the actress had also spoken at the 48th Anniversary Gala of the National Italian American Foundation, one of the funders of the film.

## EXCITEMENT CONTINUES OVER CABRINI FILM ALL OVER THE WORLD

March 8 marked the beginning of all the releases of the film around the world. A private screening was held on March 7 in New York City at the Union Square Regal Theatre attended by a delegation from the Cabrini Mission Foundation. Sr. Diane Olmstead and Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia also attended this preview.



*Preview in Spain.*



*Preview in Guatemala.*

On April 5, a preview of the film was held in Guatemala attended by staff of the San Jose Dispensary Zone 6 and staff of the Mother Cabrini Dispensary.

On April 6, Cabrini University alumni, faculty, staff and friends gathered at the Regal Theatre for a special screening of the Cabrini film.



*Some Cabrini University students and faculty at the preview.*

On April 10, however, it was Madrid's turn with a private screening at the Cines Verdi of the film translated in Spain as "An Italian Woman" and attended by more than 20 people including nuns and lay people. The screening was introduced by history teacher Dr. Mar Gabaldón Martínez. The film will then be released in theaters on May 10.

The third, fourth and fifth graders and their teachers from Mother Cabrini Rosario School were also treated to this wonderful experience on April 17.



*Preview in Argentina.*

Nicaragua's Escuela Sagrada Familia No. 1 attended the screening of the Cabrini film on April 19 with the entire educational community.

Lastly, we received word from an article in the Catholic newspaper, The Southern Cross, of a screening of the film in a theater in Cape Town, South Africa on April 23.



*Preview in Nicaragua.*