



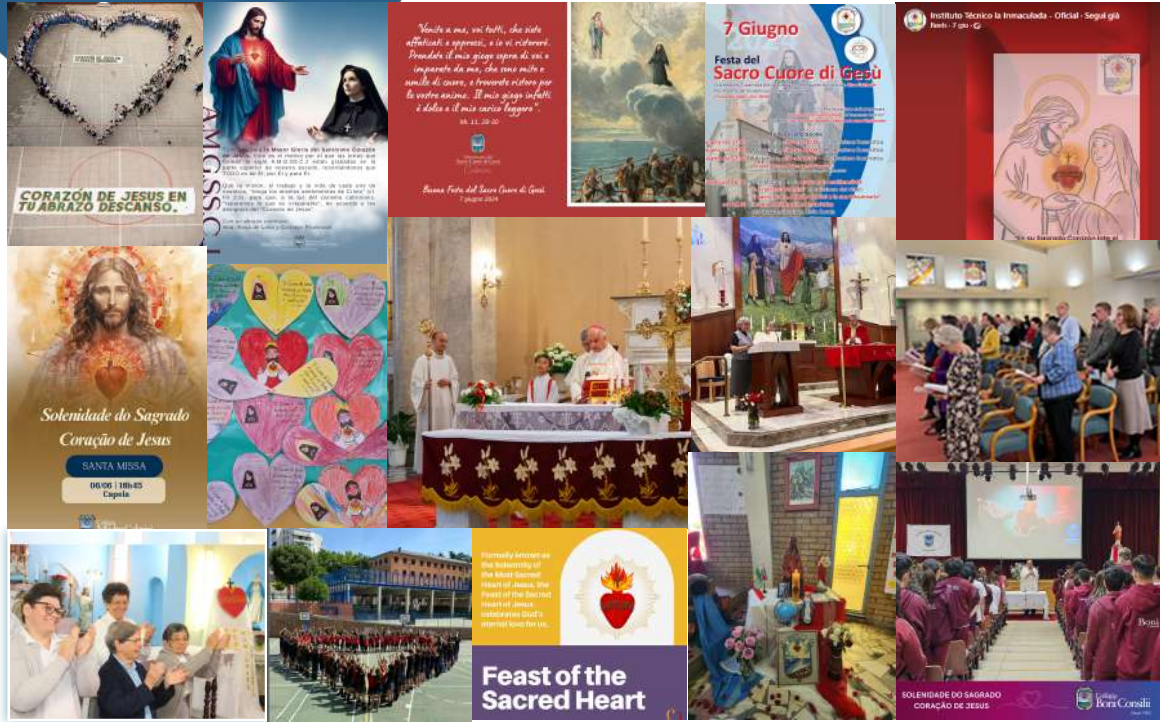
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# NEWS FROM THE CABRINI WORLD

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In this box from the left: Colegio Cabrini in Rosario, greetings from St. Frances Cabrini Province, card of the Generalate, Codogno poster, La Immaculada Technical Institute, Colegio Madre Cabrini, the Sant'Angelo Lodigiano school, Mass at Tabor Church, Mass at the Shrine in Colorado, Mass at Cabrini Health Australia, celebration at Colegio Regina Coeli in Brazil, Colegio Cabrini in Madrid, card of Cabrini Mission Foundation, altar set up in Swaziland for this anniversary and Mass at Colegio Boni Consilii.

## Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

A few days before the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, novenas, triduums and prayer times were organized in different parts of the Institute in preparation for the Feast. On June 7, Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization, presided over a Eucharistic celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the St. Frances Cabrini Spirituality Center in Codogno. In the afternoon, the new St. Frances Cabrini multimedia room was also presented and the video "The Sacred Heart, Mother Cabrini and her Missionaries" was screened. On the same day, Cabrini Health in Australia also celebrated this special anniversary. The Sisters attending renewed their vows and their commitment to serve. Dozens of people were welcomed at the Mass in the Malvern Chapel to witness the renewal of vows of Sr. Theresa Cervasio, MSC and Sr. Beatriz Santos, MSC. On behalf of all staff and volunteers, Jenny Nicholson, Director of Support Services, reaffirmed their shared commitment to the Cabrinian mission and values. At the Generalate in Rome, the sisters and employees celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart with a celebration presided over by Father Nibin and Father Jerome of the Vocationists at which Sr. Stella Maris, Sr. Gilda and Sr. Giuditta renewed their vows. A joyful lunch was shared together afterwards. Sr. Eliane and Sr. Patricia were in eSwatini for the celebration of Sr. Meseret's



Eucharistic celebration at the General Curia in Rome.



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Social Communications Day



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Mother's Day



June 20

World Refugee Day

perpetual vows on the Feastday. In Dobbs Ferry, USA, Adela Jarquin Sosa, Marianne McGowan and Digna Merchan renewed their commitment as Cabrinian laywomen for another three years. At the Shrine in Colorado on June 7, there was a Mass and renewal of vows for the MSCs present. Staff, volunteers, and friends of the Shrine attended and the evening concluded with a community dinner.

## MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERALATE



General Audience with Pope Francis after the "Repairing the Irreparable" course.

From May 1 to 5, the General Council and other sisters attended the course "Repairing the Irreparable" organized in Rome by the Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Paray- Le-Monial. This series of meetings, conferences and round tables was organized on the occasions of the Jubilee of the Sacred Heart and the 350th anniversary of the apparitions seen by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque to whom Mother Cabrini was particularly devoted. This experience was all the more precious because on May 4 an audience with the Holy Father took place.

From May 31 to June 4 the General Superior and all the Councilors attended a leadership course in Rome planned by the organization, *Faith & Praxis for Global Leadership* in the ILPD 2024 project.



Group photo of the Faith & Praxis course.



Sr. Eliane with the General Assistants and Father Ramil Fayardo.

Father Ramil Fayardo, who was in Rome during those days, visited the Generalate on June 17. A meeting was then held with the General Superior to discuss the unveiling event of Mother Cabrini's statue at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls next November.



## Congratulations to the Cabrini Mission Foundation's new ambassador.

On June 12, the *Cabrini Mission Foundation* announced that John Leguizamo, Emmy Award-winning actor, producer, narrator and activist, is joining the Foundation as Ambassador.

Congratulations and happy mission, John!

## Letus pray!

We pray for Sr. Lucille Souza who passed away last May 16, and for Sr. Lina Colombini who returned to the Father's house on the 21st of May.

There was a celebration of the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church on May 20. After Pentecost, we celebrated the Most Holy Trinity on May 26, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on May 30 and the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on June 7.



## We celebrate the 'YES' of Sr. Shitaye and Sr. Meseret

On **May 18**, Sr. Shitaye's perpetual vows were celebrated in Sadama, in the St. Anne Parish, where the new MSC mission was recently established. Nearly 1,000 people attended this important moment of celebration. The choir alone consisted of around four hundred people. Presiding was Bishop Seyoum Fransua who celebrated the occasion together with the pastor of Sr. Shitaye's home parish who undertook the long



*Sr. Barbara and Sr. Shitaye.*

journey from

Welkite along with some parishioners and members of Sr. Shitaye's family. Present at the celebrations were Regional Superior, Sr. Barbara Staley, General Councilor Sr. Patricia Godoy, and among other MSCs also Sr. Suany and Sr. Diane, Members of the Commission for Formation. Although the presence of MSCs in the parish is recent, the parishioners and priests did their utmost in assisting the three MSC sisters (Srs. Amarech, Aynalem and Shitaye) in the preparations for the wonderful liturgy and lunch that they all shared together.



*Sr. Shitaye during the Holy Mass.*

Sr. Shitaye wrote: "I would like to thank the Lord for the gift of my vocation to follow Jesus through the Charism of our mother St. Cabrini. And I thank God for His presence and loving care in my whole being".



*Sr. Meseret during the profession of vows.*

On **June 7**, Feast of the Sacred Heart, Bishop Jose Luis Ponce de Leon, Bishop of the Diocese of Manzini, presided over the Eucharistic celebration of Sr. Meseret Nagamo's perpetual vows at St. Philip's Parish. After the ceremony in the church, enlivened by the choir, before sharing lunch, the Cabrini Ministries staff performed a beautiful traditional Swaziland dance.

In addition to the lovely lunch provided, we enjoyed delicious cakes and breads baked by some Ethiopian women living in Manzini, and then concluded with a coffee and popcorn ceremony, prepared by the Ethiopian sisters. The celebration and festivities for Sr. Meseret were also attended by the General Superior, Sr. Eliane, along with Sr. Patricia, Sr. Barbara, Sr. Diane and many other MSCs. Sr. Meseret writes "The celebration was so beautiful and powerful and it left an indelible mark on my heart. As I begin this journey of mine to continue Jesus' mission, I pray daily for God's grace to strengthen me."



*Sisters and laity during the celebration after Sr. Meseret's final vows.*

CABRINIAN NEWS

# News from Missions and Formation

- \* On April 23 at *Cabrini of Westchester* at Dobbs Ferry, the Cabrini film was screened. On April 26 volunteers were fêted with a blessing ceremony and lunch.
- \* Several activities between April and May by Cabrini Guatemala. During April, a training and entrepreneurship workshop was held for women who had earned their diplomas in sewing, another workshop for floral decoration, physiotherapy exercises for pregnant women and the psychology project for the benefit of the Seniors Program took place in the Dispensaries. Activities continued in May of groups such as the Bonfire Group and a family outreach project for adolescents and parents to receive mental and emotional health counseling. Then there were activities on school gardens, on nutrition and food safety, and then two Mother's Day activities, with presentations for the whole family, traditional Marimba music and games to celebrate all the mothers who participate in Dispensary programs.



St. Rose Institute anniversary card.

\* St. Frances Cabrini Shrine executive director, Julia Attaway, informed us of a Catholic Faith Network report on the Shrine in “1 Upper Manhattan” that aired May 6 during the 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. live broadcasts. Jackie Lucas, one of CFN's anchors, conducted an interview at the Shrine. You can watch this interview at [catholicfaithnetwork.org](http://catholicfaithnetwork.org).

\* May 6 saw the adoration and recitation of vespers in the Gordiani community in Rome.

\* On May 8, the Santa Rosa A-27 Institute in Argentina celebrated its 128th anniversary.

\* The Thursday before the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord the network of Cabrini schools in Brazil celebrated the International Day of Catholic Education. The theme chosen for this year was "Catholic

*Education: leaven of fraternity for a new society."*

\* In May, 10 pre-school teachers from Dubbo, Ethiopia, participated in a 3-week literacy course provided by the Ethiopian government's local education office.

\* On Saturday, May 18, Cabrinian lay missionaries gathered in Argentina at the Bethany Community in CABA.

\* On May 19, Pentecost Day, a Pentecost Eucharistic Celebration and the consecration of 30 lectors took place at *La Inmaculada College in Nicaragua*. The whole community is grateful for the support and advocacy of the families and students who are



Laity meeting at the Bethany Community.

committed to serving God through others. The following day, a training meeting was held for lay employees of *La Inmaculada Technical Institute, Escuela Sagrada Familia No. 1 and the Edificio Diriamba*.

\*Cabrini Outreach in Australia participated in Refugee Week from May 16 to 22 while Cabrini Health Australia celebrated National Volunteer Week in the Malvern Chapel; 39 volunteers were honored for their service ranging from 2 to 30 years.

\* On May 24, a celebration was held at *Cabrini of Westchester* to honor five centenarians of the center: Anna Ciccone, Sr. Rose Golden, Sr. Margaret Hernandez, Theresa Izzo and Helen Nathanson.



Pentecost celebration in Nicaragua.



- \* From May 27 to 29, the Holy Spirit Region organized the annual meeting for all the MSCs in the Region at the Jesuit Galilee Center in Ethiopia. During the meeting, the participants devoted a special time for meditation on the occasion of Sr. Shitaye's and Sr. Meseret's final vows.
- \* During the week of May 29 to 31, three members of the CIS-NYC team attended the annual meeting organized in the United States by CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network). On June 2, CIS-NYC participated in the 21st annual walk along the Immigrants' Trail.



Sisters' meeting at the Galilee Center in Ethiopia.



National CRB meeting in Brazil.

- \* From May 30 to June 2, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Brazil attended the National Congress held in Fortaleza in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the National CRB. During the four-day event, participants were treated to a varied program that included lectures, round tables, workshops, and moments for spirituality, all carefully prepared to explore the fundamental pillars of the Congress theme, *Memory, Mysticism, Prophecy, and Hope*.

*We hear that with the release of the Cabrini film, the number of visitors to the Shrines dedicated to Mother Cabrini in the United States has greatly increased. We are happy and continue to be grateful for the positive wave that the film has created around Mother Cabrini and the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus!*



### Farewell Sr. Lucille!

On May 16, Sr. Lucille Souza left us. Her funeral was held in the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York City on May 29.

Funeral of Sr. Lucille at the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York City.



### Farewell Sr. Lina!

Sr. Lina Colombini left us on May 21. Two funerals were held to commemorate her, one on May 23 at the Tabor Church in Codogno and the other on May 27 in Rome at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer and St. Frances Cabrini.



Funeral of Sr. Lina at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer and St. Francesca Cabrini in Rome.

## 25th anniversary Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC

Cabrini Immigrant Services turned 25 years old on June 15! On the anniversary, a wonderful evening was organized with music, good food but most of all togetherness! Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia and Alex Avitabile received the "Cabrini Heart" award for their commitment to serving the immigrant population of New York and for carrying on Mother Cabrini's legacy in their lives and work. Sr. Pietrina founded the center while Alex has dedicated his career to justice in housing and is a passionate advocate for immigrants and a generous supporter of CIS-NYC.



*Awardees Alex Avitabile and Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia.*



*Graduation ceremony at Cabrini University.*

### GRADUATION CEREMONY AT CABRINI UNIVERSITY

On May 19, the Cabrini University community celebrated the 2024 graduation ceremony. It was an emotional ceremony that brought everyone together in thanksgiving for the gifts received **during these 67 years of mission at the service of the education of the heart.** On the same day, the Cabrini Legacy also gathered to celebrate.



*Sr. Diane Olmstead, Guadalupe Provincial Superior, offers her welcome and a blessing in during Mass.*

### HANDOVER AT CABRINI UNIVERSITY

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Sr. Diane Olmstead, Provincial Superior; Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, Provincial Councilor; Sr. Catherine Garry, Trustee; Sr. Christine Marie Baltas, Sr. Eileen Currie, President Emerita and Sr. Roselle Santivasi, along with current and former members of the University's Board of Trustees, Ms. Helen Drinan, Interim President, Fr. Carl Janicki, former University Chaplain and University staff welcomed Fr. Peter Donahue, OSA, PhD, President of **Villanova University** to the campus for the final Mass in St. Joseph's Bruckmann Chapel. The University will become part of Villanova University as of July 1. We join in thanking everyone, MSCs and lay people, who have served generations of young university students and their families over these 67 years, guided by Mother Cabrini's charism and teachings.



## IMPORTANT MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE INSTITUTE

### Meetings in Italy

In May, an administrative economic meeting was held, which also benefitted from the presence via Zoom of Professor Luigino Bruni who gave a talk on the economic dimension in communities. The Provincial & Regional Treasurers and key staff attended.



Group photo at the end of the meetings at Via Sicilia.



Working group at shrine meetings in Codogno.

### Meetings in Codogno for Shrines and Spirituality Centers

From June 11 to 14, the first international meeting dedicated to shrines and spirituality centers was held in Codogno. The entire General Council and several sisters and lay leaders from different countries attended. They discussed how to keep these centers alive, rendering them increasingly places of mission, prioritizing evangelization and making them places from which to bring forth the fruits of Mother Cabrini's legacy.

### The first issue of the St. Frances Cabrini Province Information Bulletin

We are very pleased to announce that on the day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus the first issue of the St. Francis Cabrini Province Newsletter came out. The objective of this publication is to publicize the work of the Cabrini Sisters among the co-responsible laity more broadly in Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay and to pass on the legacy of love and missionary zeal of our foundress, Mother Cabrini. The bulletin is in Portuguese and Spanish.



Cover of the first bulletin.

On May 16 at 7:30 a.m. on Rai 3 as part of the *Buongiorno Regione* program, a report was broadcast about the house in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano where St. Frances Cabrini was born and the Basilica of Saints Anthony Abbot and Frances Cabrini. It included interviews with Antonella Dalu of the Association *Una Santa per amica [A Saint for a Friend]* and with Alessandra Bergamaschi, curator of the house where St. Frances Cabrini was born.

[You can review the episode by CLICKING HERE.](#)



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