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Celebration on November 14 at Cabrini College in Madrid, card prepared by the Province of St. Frances Cabrini for the feast of Mother Cabrini's beatification, photo of the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Colorado and photo of the altar prepared for the celebrations on November 13

Mother Cabrini celebrations in November

As every year, there was great celebratory excitement throughout the entire Institute, for the anniversaries of the Founding of the Institute and the Beatification of Mother Cabrini. At the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York the celebrations with various Masses and concerts, began on November 8, 9 and 10 and lasted through November 13 and 14. At the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York for the anniversary of the Beatification on the 14th, a Mass and a classical music concert was organized. On November 13 at the Cabrini School in



Cabrini High School New

Madrid they celebrated the opening of the 125th anniversary of Cabrini Education in Spain with a special Mass, followed by a moving procession around the school. It was a beautiful opportunity to remember Mother Cabrini's amazing legacy of love and commitment. The Provincial Superior, Sr. Marta Maria, Emilio Diaz, Regional Secretary of the Catholic Schools of Madrid, and Adolfo Martinez, Technical Director of the BEDA (Bilingual English Development & Assessment) program attended.

144 years later, we celebrated the anniversary of the Founding of the Institute on the 13th. On the 14th we celebrated Mother Cabrini's Beatification 86 years ago and at Cabrini High School in New Orleans an activity was organized that involved literally putting ourselves in Mother Cabrini's shoes...or rather in her habit! Students, schoolchildren and faculty

took turns in the shoes of our foundress during Mother Cabrini Week celebrations! Also at Escuela Sagrada Familia No. 1 in Nicaragua they celebrated the 144th anniversary of the founding of the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Novenas were also prayed in several missions of our Institute, such as at St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in

New York, in Colorado and in the Holy Spirit Region. In Uganda, the celebration started a long time beforehand with the establishment of committees, dance rehearsals, choirs, presentations, food, and the organization of the setting where everything was thought out down to the last detail. It was a beautiful day and the women and all the communities from the Pagirinya refugee camp came to the Cabrini Center for the celebration. The Bishop of the Diocese, Rev. Sabino Ocan Odoki, celebrated the Mass and in his homily spoke about what Mother Cabrini Feast in Eswatini. a great woman Mother Cabrini was, expressing his appreciation





Feast of the Immaculate

Conception

for her and that the missionaries who are here are the Mother Cabrini's of today. It was an opportunity to get to know the seven communities in which we work, with the particularity of each one. A crowd of women from the groups and projects, children, catechists, authorities and donors danced, sang, made music and created a beautiful celebration for Mother Cabrini. In Italy, a statue of Mother Cabrini was installed and inaugurated on November 13 at the Basilica of San Paolo

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Initiative at the Tabor Church in Codogno.

Fuori le Mura in Rome. We covered this in a special feature that came out a couple of months ago. Here is the link to the video shot by broadcaster EWTN

On November 16 in Codogno the Event "Words and Music for Mother Cabrini" was held at the Tabor Church in celebration of Mother Cabrini's feasts and on the occasion of the **Centenary of Consecration** of the Tabor Church. This event organized by the Association "A Saint for a Friend" and the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the Spirituality Center in Codogno was a spiritual, artistic and cultural event to celebrate the Centenary and the feasts of the 13th and 14th. The celebrating November



Colegio Cabrini Rosario

Saint Frances Cabrini Province also saw many celebrations for Mother Cabrini in the schools in Brazil and Argentina, such as in the Colegio Cabrini in Rosario where they organized a procession, and on November 11, 12 and 13 a Triduum of prayer in preparation for these important anniversaries of the Institute.

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERAL CURIA

From November 2 to 11, General Superior Sr. Maria Eliane and General Assistant Sr. Patricia visited the Cabrini School in Madrid. On November 5, Sr. Eliane met with the

> entire community of the school's teaching staff and then gave them a talk.

> In Spain, among Sr. Maria Eliane's and Sr. Patricia's various visits was one to the MSC community of Los Molinos, who welcomed them with great joy!



Visit at Colegio Cabrini in Madrid.

On October 15, General Assistant Sr. Gilda, left for the United States and in November she also visited the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Colorado.

Her visit was a beautiful reminder of the global mission we share in the spirit of St. Frances

Xavier Cabrini! On November 11 and 12, General Assistant Sr. Stella Maris visited the mission in London

and, in mid-November she left for Argentina.

Visit to the Community of Los Molinos in

Spain.

Sr. Maria Eliane and a representation from St. Francesca Cabrini Parish in Rome visiting the Curia.

Meanwhile, visiting the Generalate on November 14 were the parish priest, Father Giovanni, Director Carlo De Biase, Mr. Pasquale Cialdini and Mr. Sergio from St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Rome.

From November 20 to 24, Sr. Maria Eliane and Sr. Stella Maris attended the Assembly of the St. Frances Cabrini Province in São Paulo, Brazil.



Sr. Gilda visiting the Shrine in Colorado.

On November 26, General Assistant Sr. Stella Maris,

together with Provincial Superior Sr. Rosa De Lima visited the Escuela Conveniada Pequeño Principe San Pablo in Brazil.

On December 7, the Constitutions Commission

Meeting was held at the Generalate with the extraordinary participation of Fr. Aitor Jiménez Echave CMF, General Superior Sr. Maria Eliane, Secretary General Sr. Giuditta Pala and the other sisters of the commission - Sr. Rosa de Lima, Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, Sr. Terezinha Esperança Merandi. On December 15, General Superior Sr. Maria Eliane together with Sr. Dicelia participated in the Eucharistic Celebration at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish in Rome to learn about the youth of the parish.



Sr. Rosa de Lima and Sr. Stella Maris on a visit to the Little Prince St. Paul Convention School in Brazil.

On December 24, the Solemn Christmas Eve Mass was celebrated in Rome with the Opening of the Holy Door. Sr. Maria Eliane was able to participate as a Member of the Dicastery for Evangelization.

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CABRINIAN NEWS

News from Missions and Formation

* In early November the San Jose Dispensary Zone 6 in Guatemala held their closing activities for the school year. After a 2024 full of learning, joyful and unforgettable moments, the children of the Chispa Modificado program celebrated the closing of the year with a beautiful play in which they taught us the importance of taking care



Closing of the school year at Dispensario San José.



Congress of Catholic Schools in Spain.

of our health. We thank all the people who made this moment possible.

* From November 7 to 9, the 17th EC (Escuela Católica) Conference of Catholic Schools in Spain was held in Madrid. Participating were 2,000 people including, as auditors, our General Superior, Sr. Maria Eliane with the leadership team of the Cabrini School.

* From November 11 to 15, the "Teenagers in Mission" project took place. Pupils from all the Cabrini colleges in Argentina participated with many people contributing to the collection of food, especially non-perishable food.

*On November 20, Cabrini Immigrant Services of New York and members of Justice for Immigrants joined to launch a program entitled Unemployment Bridge Program (UBP). New York's employment system excludes



JFI members at the launch of the UBP Program.

workers such as freelancers, the self-employed and undocumented immigrants. The UBP is a proposal to guarantee economic stability to more than 750,000 workers who currently have no access to unemployment benefits.

* On November 28 for Thanksgiving Day at Cabrini Immigrant Services (CIS) in Dobbs Ferry, they organized the STARS (Storytelling, Art, Reading and Socialization) program for young children up to two years old. Dr. Wendy Mages, one of our storytellers, told the story "Taylor the Thankful Turkey" by Sonica Ellis.



Program STARS.

* Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception was celebrated on

December 9 at the Cathedral in Novosibirsk, Russia, where Sr. Tatiana participated. 🗱 On Saturday, December 14 at 4 p.m. the Codogno Spirituality Center hosted a meeting organized by the Free



"Understanding the Jubilee" event poster.

University of Bassolodigiano with free admission entitled "Understanding the Jubilee." The speakers were Monsignor Iginio Passerini, Rev. Angelo Manfredi and Sr. Therezinha Merandi MSC.

From December 13 to 15 a retreat was held in Tubungu, Eswatini for nine young people, who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sr. Evarlyne and Sr. Suany led this time with much creativity. They organized prayers, sharing, an time for adoration and reflection. Father Mkhonta and Father Peterson heard their confession, which was a blessing for all of them.

*On December 30, the sisters in Uganda, having accompanied Paska and Sunday for four years

through their struggles, illnesses, joys, victories and a family with five children, invited this family to celebrate Christmas with them. They gave a prayer to thank God for the miracle of little Joseph's life and for all the blessings they received in the year 2024. They shared a very good lunch with them and played and danced with the children.



Sr. Suany, Sr. Evarlyne and the nine boys participating in the retreat.



Paska and Sunday's family.

MOTHER CABRINI IN THE PROGRAM "A SUA IMMAGINE" ON ITALIAN TV

On Friday, November 1, the program "A sua immagine" [In His Image] on Rai, the general Italian TV channel, aired a report on St. Frances Cabrini Sr. Patricia was interviewed at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer and St. Frances Cabrini on Via Sicilia in Rome.



Sr. Patricia Godoy during the "A Sua Immagine" interview.

BOOK PRESENTATION IN CHICAGO



Cover of the book Italian women in Chicago.

At Casa Italia Library in Chicago on December 14 at 3 p.m. (local time) the book by Dominic Candeloro, Italian Women in Chicago, about St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was presented. Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo Da Silva General Superior of the MSCs gave an introductory talk.

Beginning of the mission in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Italy

On December 8, the Church of Sant'Angelo Lodigiano welcomed the new community of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Holy Mass. Sr. Terezinha and Sr. Maria Belen are a living presence of Mother Cabrini's charism. The celebration was attended by Sr. Patricia, General Assistant, Sr. Marta Maria, Provincial Superior, and a representation of the sisters from Codogno whom we thank for their valuable presence. Young and old gave the new community an enthusiastic welcome at the Cabrini School in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano on December 9.



MSCs at the Holy Mass in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano.



The artist Meo Carbone with Sr. Patricia

An exhibition dedicated to Mother Cabrini at Stazione Termini

Il 16 On December 16, the inauguration of Meo Carbone's new exhibition "St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Universal Patroness, Toward the Jubilee of Migrations in the works of Meo Carbone" was held in the Chapel of the Holy Crucifix inside the Stazione Termini train station. On December 22, a Eucharistic Celebration was held in this little chapel to mark the feast of Mother Cabrini's birth into heaven. Presiding at the Mass were three Comboni priests and attending were General

Assistant Sr. Patricia, Sr. Annita, Sr. Germana, Sr. Dicelia, some Generalate employees and girls in formation under the sisters in Rome. Artist Meo Carbone, hosted the exhibition until the end of the month.

Click here to see the video of the exhibition.

Our Lady of Guadalupe was celebrated on December 12. We pray that she will protect all peoples living in conflict.



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IMPORTANT MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE INSTITUTE

A special visit to Uganda

From November 9 to 11, our MSC community in Uganda received a visit from the Apostolic Nuncio for Uganda, Bishop Luigi Bianco and Cardinal Fabio Baggio with his secretary, Fr. Dumisani Vilakati. The purpose of the visit to the Diocese of Arua was to learn about the headquarters of the Vicariate for Refugees and Migrants in Adjumani and the Moyo district, which is home to more than one million refugees from South Sudan.



Sr. Joseane, Sr. Tigist and Sr. Albertina together with Card. Fabio Baggio.



Group photo of the St. Frances Cabrini Provincial Assembly.

St. Francisca Cabrini Provincial Assembly

From November 20 to 24, 2024, the St. Francesca Cabrini Provincial Assembly was held at the Sacred Heart of Jesus House in São Paulo , bringing together sisters and coresponsible lay collaborators. The theme of the Assembly was Pilgrims of Hope - on the Synodal journey towards Jubilee Year 2025 which guided the reflections and activities during the meetings. We had the joy of being assisted by the Redemptorist missionary, Father Mauro Vilela, the participation of journalist, Camila Morais, and two doctors of

Theology. General Superior, Sr. Maria Eliane, and General Assistant, Sr. Stella Maris, also attended the Assembly joining

the Provincial Superior, Sr. Rosa, and enriching the moments of sharing and spirituality. The General Superior reflected on the importance of stretching the frontiers and emphasized the challenge of bringing God's message to young people in different parts of the world. The goal is to inspire young people to think of Jesus and act with humanity to the benefit of all people. She emphasized Pope Francis' desire that everyone cultivate a human heart open to good and engaged in actions that promote the common good.



Sr. Eliane interviewed by Tv Aparecida reporter Camila Morais.



A photo from the 23rd Gala in Colorado.

Gala del Mother Cabrini Shrine in Colorado

On Friday, November 22, 2024, the Gala of the Mother Cabrini Shrine was held at the Pinnacle Club of the Grand Hyatt in Denver, Colorado. This 23rd Gala is not only a celebration of Mother Cabrini, but also of all those who continue to make the Shrine what it is today. For over 70 years, this place has been a sanctuary offering spiritual nourishment to visitors who come from all parts to seek the peace and tranquility that can be found in such a sacred place.

Holy Spirit Regional Assembly

Representatives of the different communities and ministries of the Holy Spirit Region gathered in Addis Ababa for the Regional Assembly. The meeting began on December 3, the feast of St. Francis Xavier, a saint who was a great inspiration to Mother Cabrini.

The Assembly was an opportunity to reflect on the roots of our being missionaries and on how to carry on Mother Cabrini's legacy.

The meeting was attended by 56 people from 14 countries and speaking



Group photo at the Regional Assembly.



Holy Spirit Regional Assembly.

more than 16 languages. In her opening remarks, Sr. Barbara Staley, Superior of the Holy Spirit Region, praised the variety of participants as a living testimony of what it means to be missionaries: people who step out of their culture to share the love of Jesus. Also joining the Assembly were Sr. Maria Eliane, General Superior, and Sr. Patricia, General Assistant. The Assembly concluded on December 6.

IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARIES: Tabor Church, Cabrini School in Madrid and the Sadama Mission.



Cake for Opening of the Centenary Consecration Tabor Church.

On Sunday, November 10, the Feast of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was celebrated at the Tabor Church, thus opening the **Centenary of Consecration of the Church at the St. Frances Cabrini Spirituality Center in Codogno**. The Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by H.E. Monsignor Maurizio Malvestiti, Bishop of the Diocese of Lodi, with the participation of the Maleo parish choir, directed by Maestro Michele Raggi.

Present were the parish priest Msgr. Iginio Passerini, the Montfort Fathers, Rev. Fr. Antonello Martinenghi, Rev. Fr. Alessandro Lanzani, parish priest of Maleo and great-grandnephew of H.E. Cardinal Pietro Maffi who on November 14, 1925, consecrated this dedicated Church. Fr.

Francesco Bossi and other priests also participated in the Eucharistic Celebration.

As mentioned at the beginning of this newsletter, November

13 the *Colegio Cabrini* in Mafdrid celebrated the beginning of the 125th anniversary of the opening of the Cabrinian mission in Madrid. We are joyfully accompanying the entire Madrid community in this special year!



Event poster in Madrid.



Sr. Amarech (left) and Sr. Aynalem (right) in front of Sadama's MSC house.

The MSC community of Sadama celebrated the first anniversary of the mission! Sadama is the newest mission in the Holy Spirit Region and was opened on November 18, 2023

In this year, the community was established in the area, collaborating with the neighboring parish and assessing the needs of the local communities.

The celebration began with a Mass in the St. Anne Parish officiated by the Bishop and in the presence of the MSC sisters from Dubbo and Wallacha. After Mass, the sisters shared the story of Mother Cabrini with the children and staff of the nearby school.

THE CABRINI FILM ARRIVES IN BRAZIL

On November 26, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, coresponsible lay people, partners, friends of the Cabrini sisters, influencers and the religious attended the premiere of the CABRINI film in São Paulo and other Brazilian cities. There was enormous anticipation and the desire to see the Holy Foundress on the big screen was even greater! From Brazil



Cabrini film premiere in São Paulo, Brazil.

they wrote to us, "The film moves, inspires, makes us smile, cry and, above all, reflect. Cabrini teaches us that ALL is possible in the One who strengthens us. Everyone left the cinema full of the desire to distribute the film as broadly as possible so that this extraordinary story can be known by many more people."



Cabrini Global Health bulletin launch

On the occasion of the November 13 and 14 festivities the first newsletter of the Cabrini Global Health Commission was published. The purpose is to connect MSC health ministries around the world, highlighting the ways in which these ministries are carrying on Mother Cabrini's legacy and the healing love of the Sacred Heart in today's world. The newsletter is in English and Spanish. Thanks to Australia, Guatemala and eSwatini, Ethiopia for their contributions!

December 17
Happy Birthday. Pope Francis!



A CHRISTMAS OF HOPE: Christmas celebrations in the Cabrinian world

As every year in the Cabrinian world, Christmas arrived in the midst of many celebrations and festivities. All the communities were already preparing for this holiday in the sign of hope in Advent.

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Mater Gratiae Province Advent video.

In particular, as the communication office of the Generalate, we asked each Province and Region to send a short video with sisters and lay people telling us how to celebrate Advent in the Cabrinian spirit.

We thank everyone who sent us their contribution! You can see these videos on the Cabrini World MSC YouTube channel.

During the Advent season in the Madrid school to prepare for Holy Christmas, they took a prayer journey. In the shrines in

Denver and New York there were several celebrations leading up to Christmas attended by many faithful. At the Cabrini school in Madrid, the pupils were offered an Advent journey, with prayers, activities, times for reflection and sharing, varying according to age groups. In London, the now customary living nativity scene took

place on December 21. The event was organized by the London Cabrinian community, held in Honor Oak Park

and broadcast live on YouTube.

on You'lube.
In Uganda the sisters celebrated

Pagirinya community during Holy Christmas celebrations.



Christmas Zoom call with MSC and lay Cabrinians.

Christmas together with the communities of the Pagirinya camp. Sr. Barbara, Regional Superior, also joined the community of sisters in Uganda for the Christmas celebrations. As an Institute, to celebrate Christmas together and Mother Cabrini's birth into heaven on December 22, we all gathered on Zoom on December 19. We prayed together, exchanged greetings and Sr. Maria Eliane, MSC General Superior, invited us all to live the Jubilee Year intensely. On December 23, we had the customary Christmas meal offered to the employees on Via Sicilia.



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The Holy Year 2025 began in January with the first Jubilee of the World Communications, which took place from January 24 to 26. With the occasion of the Jubilee, the first international meeting, "Cabrini Global Communication", was also organized from January 23 and 27.

The meetings on the 23rd and 27th were held at Casa Cabrini on Via Sicilia. There were 15 participants in the working groups with the participation of the General Superior, Sr. Maria Eliane, two General Assistants, Sr. Gilda and Sr. Patricia and the General Secretary, Sr. Giuditta together with her colleague, Claudia, from the Generalate.

During the first day, we got to know each other through presentations from the various provinces and the region. Sr. Gloria gave the opening prayer and organized dynamic activity so that we, different realities, could get to know each other better and not just by name. Various pictures of Mother Cabrini were placed on the tables so that anyone who had the same picture could exchange information.



Group photo at the end of the day on January 23.

With the help of Sr. Gilda, we then penetrated deeper

into Cabrinian spirituality, discovering how great Mother Cabrini had been as a forerunner even in the world of communication. Her talk was entitled "Cabrinian Missionary Identity in the World of Communications."

After lunch together, we listened to the interesting testimony of two journalists from TV Aparecida, Camila Morais and Brother Alan Patrick Zuccherato, who wanted to show us how the national television station they work for also tells about the mission of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Brazil. At the conclusion of the day, Isabella Sprovieri from Brazil led us in the final



From left: Sr. Gilda during her talk, Sr. Eliane introduces the Opening of the Cabrini Global Communication meeting, Camila Morais and Br. Alan Zuccherato tell about the MSC mission through Tv Aparecida, Sr. Gloria during the opening prayer.



Group photo in front of the statue of Mother Cabrini at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

prayer. The next day, **January 24**, with Annamaria and Isabella from the Calypso Association in Rome we visited the Basilica of San Paolo Fuori le Mura. There we shared a moment of prayer in front of the recently inaugurated statue of Mother Cabrini. After a few hours of free time, we met again at the Basilica of San Giovanni in Laterano for the penitential liturgy, presided over by Father Giulio Albanese, director of the Office for Social Communications

of the Vicariate of Rome, and for the Eucharistic Celebration, on the feast of St. Francis de Sales, patron of journalists. The Gospel passage that accompanied us was that of the adulteress (Jn. 8:1-11) and presiding over the celebration was Cardinal Baldo Reina, Vicar General of the Pope for the Diocese of Rome.

On **Saturday January 25** we met very early in the morning at the beginning of Via della Conciliazione in order to make the pilgrimage to the Holy Door

Some participants await the Holy Father's passage.

together. Together with the English-speaking group, we walked all the way down Via della Conciliazione until we reached the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica. After passing through the Door, we proceeded to the Paul VI Hall and participated in the meeting moderated by journalist Mario Calabresi with testimonies by journalists Maria Ressa and Colum McCann. It was exciting then to witness the entrance of the Pope who wanted to greet as many people as possible.



Final stage of the pilgrimage to the Holy Door.

A good group of our people had lunch together and then split up for the various events organized for the Jubilee in the city of Rome, which each participant had chosen beforehand according to their own interest.

On **Sunday morning, January 26 (Word Sunday)** we participated in the Mass in St. Peter's Basilica with the Holy Father.

On Monday, January 27, the meetings resumed at Via Sicilia. The opening prayer was led by Sr. Tatiana. After a little sharing of the previous days spent together, we listened to the talk by Fr. Fabio Pasqualetti SDB, entitled: "Communication as mission. Social Influencers in the Catholic World, Challenges and Opportunities" which helped us reflect on the challenge of communicating today in a complex and changing world. After a moment of dialogue, we had a talk by Sara Braga from the Sisters of the Good Shepherd Foundation, who spoke to us about "How to communicate mission in unity."



The entrance of the priests at the beginning of Holy Mass in St. Peter's.

Practical aspects and guidelines." We worked in groups to be able to set down on paper some of the ideas that had arisen in the previous days on which we could work together even after this meeting. At the conclusion of the day and of the entire Jubilee we had a Eucharistic Celebration of Thanksgiving and a dinner together of pizza and dessert.

We thank all the participants for their valuable contribution, for their Cabrinian passion and ardor, and for what they will continue to do to communicate to the world the Love of Christ in the style of Frances Cabrini! Thank you!



From left: material on the work tables, groups working in a session Jan. 27, Fr. Fabio Pasqualetti gives his talk, Sara Braga makes her presentation, concluding Mass at the Church of Ss. Redeemer and S. Francesca Cabrini on Via Sicilia.