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# NEWS FROM CABRINI WORLD

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*In this box the image of doves in the streets of Codogno and the statue of Mother Cabrini at the Basilica of Sant'Angelo Lodigiano.*



**July 26**

World Day of Grandparents and Seniors



**August 12**

International Youth Day




**August 19**

World Humanitarian Aid Day

## Let us celebrate the birth of Mother Cabrini!

On July 15, the entire Cabrinian world celebrated Mother Cabrini's 174th birthday. There were many celebrations and festivities in all parts of the Institute. In Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Mother Cabrini's birthplace, as every year, the traditional "Cabrinian July" was held, full of events and moments when the whole community gathered to remember the Saint of Migrants. The small town of Vidardo, Italy, also celebrated 150 years since Francesca Cabrini, as a lay teacher, called by Msgr. Serrati, went to Codogno. For this occasion, a new Piazza was inaugurated near the parish of Vidardo, San Michele, in honor of our foundress. This took place on Saturday, July 13, as part of the "Cabrinian July" celebrations. The Mosaic depicting Frances, which now stands in the new Square, had been located along the road leading to the elementary school where she taught.



*La Inmaculada Technical Institute Mass, Nicaragua.*

In Nicaragua at the Inmaculada Technical Institute, there was a great Eucharistic Celebration on July 15 accompanied by a sociable snack with all the participants. The Cabrini Shrine in New York also celebrated the 174th birthday of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini on July 13 and 14! Eugenia Forteza, who played Sister Umilia in the film, Cabrini, (2024) told the behind-the-scenes story of the making of the film about the patron saint of immigrants. Father Michael Bruno, dean of seminarians at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, celebrated Mass in English while Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Msgr. Josu Iriondo of the Archdiocese of New York celebrated Mass in Spanish in the afternoon. Pilgrims were able to venerate a first-class relic of St. Cabrini. The executive director of the Shrine, Julia Attaway, gave a fine talk on "Reel and Real: What's Fact and What's Hollywood in the movie." There was an all-day outdoor barbecue, and Shrine visitors gathered to watch the film on the lawn in the evening. The Shrine in Colorado celebrated on Sunday, July 14, with an inaugural children's choir for the morning liturgical celebrations. In Mother Cabrini's spirit of giving, bags of candy were distributed after all Masses, adding that extra touch of sweetness to the occasion.



*Celebrations in the New York Shrine.*



*Distribution of candy at the Shrine in Colorado.*

The celebration was streamed live, allowing the whole world to participate. On July 15, the Our Lady of Grace Community in Teresina, Brazil, also celebrated the anniversary of St. Frances Cabrini's birth. The sisters gathered with the local community to pray and celebrate this significant date.



*Our Lady of Grace Community in Teresina, Brazil.*

## MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERALATE



*Sr. Stella Maris, Sr. Gilda visiting Cabrini Rosario, Argentina.*

On June 28, Sr. Gilda, Sr. Stella Maris and Sr. Maria del Carmen, accompanied by Provincial Superior, Sr. Rosa, visited the Mother Cabrini Rosario School in Argentina. In recent months, the two General Assistants have been visiting Argentina.

Sr. Eliane arrived on July 13 in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano for the Cabrinian July celebrations where she participated in Vespers and the blessing of the vehicles. On the morning of the 14th, the traditional Migrant Walk arrived at the home where Mother Cabrini was born. A Mass was then held in the Basilica of Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, presided over by Bishop Passerini.




*Sr. Eliane with Sr. Therezinha in front of the Natal House, Italy.*

In the evening, the General Superior participated in "Voices and Music for Mother Cabrini" in Piazza XV Luglio, a concert organized by the "A Saint for a Friend" association.

On July 15, after the Angelus was recited in front of the home where she was born, the customary Flight of Doves took place. A video of this year's Flight of Doves can be seen clicking **HERE**.

Bishop Malvestiti presided over a solemn Mass celebrated in the square that evening.




*From left: card for July 15 from Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Holy Mass at the Basilica, doves drawn in the streets of Codogno, group photo for the Migrants' Walk, invitation to the inauguration of Piazza Santa Francesca Cabrini in Vidardo, Sant'Angelo Lodigiano square, Holy Mass at the Basilica, and a display of the three flags of the USA, the Holy See and Italy, evening concert on July 14, group photo with Sr. Eliane and Sr. Therezinha Esperança and some participants in the July 15 celebrations, statue of Mother Cabrini in the courtyard of the home where she was born.*

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# News from the Missions and Formation

✱Cabrini Health Australia celebrated Refugee Week at the end of June, on the theme "Finding Freedom" with a special emphasis on the family, a place of resilience and unity. Several events were held for families of the Cabrini Outreach Center in Northcote, made possible by the passion and dedication of all the staff.

✱At the end of June, the Cabrini Assembly was held at the Cabrini College in Madrid, Spain, attended by a large number of faculty and staff along with many MSCs. They were days of meeting, formation and reflection, both personal and group.

✱We received the good news that between late June and July 2,500 pilgrims visited the Cabrini Shrine in New York!

✱On July 6, the Our Lady of Grace Community in Teresina, Brazil, with the vocation ministry of St. Joseph Parish, together with the MSCs and Father Valdeir Veras, met with the youth of the parish for an evening intended to help young people identify their own vocation. The following day, July 7, the "Julina" party was held at the Obra Social Santa Cabrini in Rio de Janeiro to raise funds for the purchase of new equipment for the center.

✱From July 9 to 11, MSCs participated in the 65th National Week of the Paraguay Conference of Religious on the theme "Consecrated Life Witness of Hope in Communion." From July 21 to 23 the community took part in a walk setting out from Pandorga (Pipa). The event was organized as a sign of hope and was part of the "Zero Violence 100% Tenderness" campaign against child and adolescent violence.



*Walk against child and adolescent violence in Paraguay.*

✱On Wednesday, July 10, residents and staff of Cabrini Westchester in New York welcomed a number of local religious leaders and clergy for interfaith prayer. It was a time of great unity and brotherhood.


*Cabrini's "Arraia" party.*

✱On July 18 during the "Arraia da Cabrini" celebration at the Santa Cabrini Youth Center in Brazil, prizes were awarded to the winners of the writing and drawing contest on the theme of child labor.

✱ July 29 marked the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, desired by Pope Francis. At the Assisted Health Residence in Codogno, Italy, guests celebrated with a dish of good gelato.


*Visit to S. Cabrini Nursing Home by CIS-NYC group.*

✱ At the end of July, the ladies of the Cabrini Immigrant Services NYC knitting group concluded their recreational activities with a visit to St. Cabrini Nursing Home, where they intend to soon start a knitting class for the residents. The group began some time ago with four ladies who started the knitting group to improve their English. Cabrini Immigrant Services NYC on August 15 also joined the FEW Coalition and the Street Vendor Project for the Vendor Justice March to Union Square demanding more protections for street vendors, including legal vending locations and the elimination of criminal fines.


*S. Mass at Cabrini High School New Orleans.*

✱ August 13 marked the beginning of the new school year at Cabrini High School in New Orleans, which is marking its 65th year! On the last day of school orientation, August 8, a Holy Mass was held in the Sacred Heart Chapel at Cabrini High School in New Orleans.

✱ August in Brazil was the month dedicated to vocations with several

activities involving MSCs. On August 12 Sr. Luciana Galdina De Sousa appeared on the Aparecida TV program, in Brazil entitled "Santa Receita." Religious participate in this program and tell their vocational story while preparing a dish. Sr. Luciana prepared the traditional pan de queso.

- During these months the different activities with the youth and children's ministry in Nicaragua continue. We continue to pray for the whole Institute that the Lord will give new vocations to Cabrinian religious life!




*Sr. Luciana Galdina De Sousa at the broadcast Santa Receita.*

# Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.




*Transfiguration celebration poster.*

A grand celebration was held last August 6 at the Tabor Church at the Codogno Spirituality Center to mark the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Bishop Malvestiti presided over the ceremony, which was even more important since this date marked the beginning of the Tabor Church's centennial year. A meeting entitled Mother Cabrini and Prayer of Msgr. Passerini was then held and a video shown on missionary testimonies 100 years after the Consecration. We thank the Lord for this intense time of communion and sharing!



*A shot during the vigil for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary in eSwatini.*

A time of prayer was observed on August 15 at the Shrine in Denver, Colorado and it was also a special day at Cabrini High School in New Orleans. During the Mass celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, new students, faculty and staff received their Cabrini pins symbolizing their role in our community. The Class of 2025 received a special Cabrini rosary.



*S. Mass at Cabrini High School New Orleans.*

## On July 7 we celebrated 78 years since the Canonization of Mother Cabrini!



# IMPORTANT MOMENTS FOR THE LIFE OF THE INSTITUTE

## Participation in the 10th Eucharistic Congress.




*Some shrine representatives at booth 1150 of the Eucharistic Convention.*

The recent Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, U.S.A. from July 17-20 brought together nearly 60,000 people in a powerful display of faith and unity. Among the participants were several staff members from the New York and Colorado Shrines, along with Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC. The Shrines set up an exhibit that invited attendees to take a selfie with a cutout of Mother Cabrini herself. This interactive element added a playful touch and fostered a personal connection with our beloved Saint. Many who visited the booth told how they had visited the Shrines or hoped to visit them and enjoyed the recent film on Mother Cabrini. The enthusiastic response from attendees demonstrated a deep appreciation for the Saint's extraordinary life and contributions, further enhancing the importance of preserving and sharing her story.




*Home page of the new site.*

## Congratulations on the new Holy Spirit Region website!

On July 15 we also celebrated the creation of the Holy Spirit Region website. Congratulations on all the work. We invite everyone to visit it: https://www.sacredheartcabrini.org/ Happy viewing!

## The Cabrinian Mission in Uganda is working on a strategic plan



*Group photo with Bishop Odoki.*

From July 3 to 5, 2024, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus serving in Dzaipi, Uganda, held their first strategic planning meeting to define the vision, mission and values that guide their work.
The meeting was also attended by Rev. Sabino Ocan Odoki, Bishop of the Arua Diocese, and Sr. Barbara Staley, Regional Superior of the Holy Spirit Region. The meeting brought together 15 people, including the sisters in Dzaipi, local church representatives, community members and local partners.




*The plaque for Sr. Lina inside the courtyard of Malvern Hospital.*

## A plaque for Sr. Lina Colombini

Early in July at the memorial garden of Cabrini Hospital in Malvern, Australia, a plaque was dedicated to Sr. Lina Colombini MSC, who donated several years of mission to this hospital. Margaret Stewart, Mission Director, Sue Williams, director of Cabrini Healthand the entire family of Cabrini Australia wished to pay tribute to Sr. Lina's memory in this way.



*Bishop Tolentino, Card. Scherer and the two postulants MSC Francesca and Joana.*

## Postulants meet with Cardinal Tolentino, prefect of the Dicastery for Culture and Education.

On August 19 at the Immaculate Conception Parish in São Paulo a solemn Eucharistic Celebration and a conference were held to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the birth of the Theology Faculty of Our Lady of the Assumption of the Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo (PUC-SP) and the 10th anniversary of the birth of the Faculty of Canon Law. Cardinal Don José Tolentino de Mendoça, prefect of the Holy See's Dicastery for Culture and Education presided over the ceremony and a talk given by His Eminence the Cardinal Prefect followed. Our postulants in religious life in Brazil, Francesca and Joana, also attended this event together with the formator Sr. Rosa Maria and other MSCs.



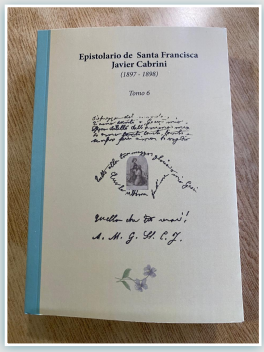
*Physical education teacher Ayelén Balista.*

## A teacher from the Cabrini Institute in Rosario goes to Japan

The current sports director of the municipality of Capilla del Monte, Argentina, has been summoned to be part of the Argentine karate team and participate in the Funakoshi Gichin Cup (World Karate Championship) to be held October 25-27 in Takahashi, Japan. The 27-year-old athlete told EL DIARIO, "I teach pilates, I have my own karate school, and I am also a physical education teacher at the Mother Cabrini Institute."

## Volume VI of the Letters in Spanish!

August 13 saw the release of the sixth volume of Mother Cabrini's Epistolary in Spanish translation; thanks to the work of Anna Cerri, this volume will also contain a tribute to Mother Lina Colombini.



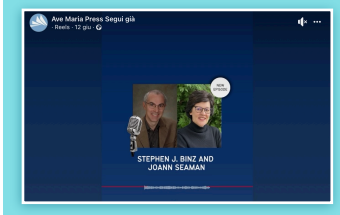

*The VI tome of the Epistolary.*



## Congratulations to the new arrival at St. Frances Cabrini Shrine!

On August 12, the new assignment of Julissa Espinal as the new Associate Director of the New York Shrine was announced. Her work will begin in October! Congratulations Julissa and welcome!

## A NEW PODCAST ON AVE MARIA PRESS




*Episode on Mother Cabrini with JoAnn Seaman.*

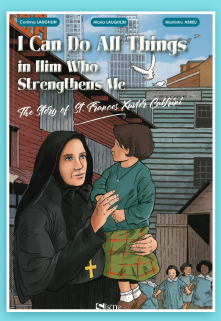
"Catholicism on the California Coast and in the Colorado Mountains" is the name of the podcast episode featuring JoAnn Seaman along with Stephen J. Binz. In this episode the two tell the stories of Francesca Cabrini and Junipero Serra, highlighting places where their impact is still being felt. The director of the Denver Shrine in Colorado talks about how St. Cabrini evangelized Colorado. "Her influence extends up and down the West Coast and throughout the Rocky Mountains, leaving a lasting inheritance that continues to inspire today."

## MOTHER CABRINI ON TV IN ITALY

In the July 14 episode of the program "Christianity" conducted by Sr. Myriam Castelli on Italian television (RAI), St. Frances Cabrini was the topic of discussion on the eve of her 174th birthday.



*"Christianity" program.*




*Cover of graphic novel on Cabrini.*

## AN ILLUSTRATED NOVEL AT THE NYC SHRINE

Fresh off the press! Beautifully illustrated and accurate, these illustrated novels are an engaging introduction to Mother Cabrini for the young and old, made in the New York Shrine.

## AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE, A STORY OF... PEACE!



*Decorations on the altar of the Sanctuary.*

Five days before the Venezuelan elections, a young man named Luis entered the Shrine of St. Frances Cabrini in New York and asked if he could do something special. "I emigrated from Venezuela six years ago," Luis said, "and I cannot vote on Sunday. So I want to entrust the future of my country to Mother Cabrini and Our Lady of Cotomoro. I would like to decorate the shrine for Sunday with flowers." Luis is a very talented floral designer. When the Shrine staff went to talk to him during the hours when he was creating the arrangements for the Shrine, he told how he had felt when he arrived in the U.S. "I couldn't find a house," he said, "until the day I walked in here and thought, 'Of course! The patron saint of immigrants!'". All the flowers in the shrine are so-called pilgrim flowers, or gifts brought by visitors. For this reason, Luis carefully incorporated the existing flowers in the chapel into his work. The end result was nothing short of spectacular. On Election Day, Julia Attaway, director of the Shrine, told the regular Sunday Mass attendees the story of how the flowers came to the Shrine and asked them to pray for the Venezuelan people.



*Decorations on the Sanctuary ambo.*

Let us all pray that Venezuela and all countries in the midst of social upheaval will have peace.

## CABRINI WINS AS BEST US FILM AT SEPTIMIUS AWARDS.




*Actress Cristiana dall'Anna at the Septimius Awards.*

The Cabrini film was nominated for the Septimius Awards in the categories of Best U.S. Film, Best Actress, Best Makeup and Hairstyles, and Best Costume Design. This ceremony took place on August 19 and 20 in Amsterdam. The annual awards ceremony is held every year in the Netherlands. Participants include Emmy, BAFTA and Oscar winners. We won with best film and best actress!

The film will also be released on October 13 in Italian theaters!

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