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The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday, June 7, 2024

The missionary passion that inspired St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was born from a charism strongly rooted in the spirituality of the Sacred Heart that was revived in the late 1800s. This revival took place for several reasons, but it was primarily due to the bicentennial anniversary of the first appearance of the Sacred Heart to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque and the consecration of the world to the Sacred Heart desired by Pope Leo XIII in the encyclical *Annum Sacrum*.

Mother Cabrini grew up in the sacred sphere that is the Heart of Jesus. With extraordinary courage, she felt impelled to transfer her profound experience to the missionary world, entrusting her work to the unlimited trust that she was given by God's heart.

Mother Cabrini never theorized her spiritual experience drawn as it was from the Sacred Heart. The fundamental characteristics of that spirituality are of the Sacred Heart and is focused on sharing the sentiments of the Heart of Jesus, making His interests and preferences her own, *"learning from Him, gentle and humble of heart"*, (Matthew 11:29) sharing his mission of salvation, and offering oneself in sacrifice for humanity and in reparation for sin.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart had a profoundly spiritual influence on Mother Cabrini toward acceptance of God's project of love of humanity, and this, in turn, became social reparation in her works.

In the spirituality of Mother Cabrini, her source was the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and her missionary spirit was the trickle with which she fed her tireless apostolic activity. And so it was that humble missionaries managed to undertake and promote difficult works and missions and overcame obstacles and difficulties solely driven by the desire to give glory to God. This, in fact, is the ultimate ideal to which Mother Cabrini leads:



the greatest glory of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, which consists of his saving will for humanity and to which every missionary has made her vow.

~ excerpts from the Introduction to Free Yourself and Put On Wings, A Journey of Cabrinian Spirituality by Sr. Maria Barbagallo, MSC



It is on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that the Missionary Sisters renew their vows – a most sacred and joyous occasion.

On this day, too, the Cabrini Lay Missionaries renew their commitments.

Let us keep them all in our thoughts and prayers on this special day.

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As we approach the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we invite you join us in praying the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

To access the Novena, please click [here](#)



Pope Francis Preparing Document on Sacred Heart of Jesus to Renew Church, World

~ by Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

Vatican City ~ Pope Francis announced that he is preparing a document on the Sacred Heart of Jesus to "illuminate the path of ecclesial renewal, but also to say something significant to a world that seems to have lost its heart."

The document is expected to be released in September, he said, and will be part of ongoing celebrations marking the 350th anniversary of the first apparition of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. The celebrations began Dec. 27 and are scheduled to end June 27, 2025.

The Pope made the announcement during his general audience in St. Peter's Square on June 5. The Catholic Church traditionally dedicates the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the solemnity of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated June 7 this year.

The document will include reflections from "previous magisterial texts" and it will aim to "re-propose to the whole church this devotion laden with spiritual beauty. I believe it will do us much good to meditate on various aspects of the Lord's love," the pope said.



One Minute Meditation

Love With All Your Heart

To love God "with all your heart" means to trust in him, in his providence, and to serve him in the poorest brothers and sisters without expecting anything in return. ~ Pope Francis

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus calls us to reach out to others with extra effort and being kind and tender toward them. Sometimes, I know that my desire to be that way gets clouded because of my tiredness, my impatience, my crankiness and my abruptness. Today, let us ask others to forgive us for not being "all that we can be." ~ Dorothy Jonaitis

Updates from Our Friends in Guatemala

The Cabrinian Community always enjoys hearing from one of our own members. This week, we hear from Andres Gonzalez from Cabrini Guatemala who shares with us the many activities taking place there during the month of May.

Bonfire Group: This is a care project for the family, including adolescents and parents, to receive mental and emotional health counseling.

Photos right and below: Many families in the local community participated in the Bonfire Group. Judging from all the smiles, it looks as if this has been a most successful outreach!



Photos above L. and R.: Moms are the same throughout the world. On Mother's Day they love being with their children and receiving flowers as a token of their love.

Happy Mother's Day: Celebration of social programs (children and mothers, as well as older adults) for Mother's Day. They share special food, dancing and dynamics.

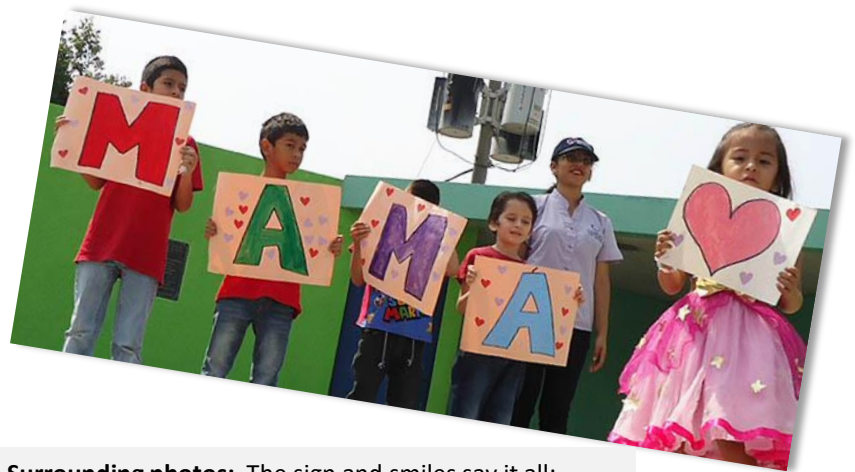


Photo above: There is no better way to teach children about nutrition than having them plant and nurture their own seedlings. Here these little girls are checking on the progress of their plants.

School Gardens: Tending to the school gardens is part of the activities for youngsters in nutrition and food security. The gardens complement actions such as child nutrition monitoring, food at home, and training.



Mother's Day: Celebration of Mother's Day with presentations for the whole family, traditional "Marimba" music and games to celebrate all the mothers of the programs.



Surrounding photos: The sign and smiles say it all: MAMA! Mother's Day is a family celebration.



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CLINIC Conference 2024



Attending the CLINIC Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota, are from left: Cabrini Immigrant Services-NYC Executive Director Javier Ramirez Baron; Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC and Fr. Scott Leet, pro-bono attorney.

During the week of May 29-31, three of us from Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC (CIS-NYC) had the opportunity to participate in the annual meeting of CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc). This Catholic organization with more than 30 years of experience is dedicated to the protection of migrants' rights and collaborates with numerous non-profit organizations through training workshops or legal updates.

Javier Ramirez, the CIS-NYC Executive Director, Father Scott Leet, pro bono attorney and I, Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC, who are accredited by the Department of Justice, were immersed in three days of intense training. There were many legal topics in which we participated according to our needs: clarifying doubts, learning something new or reaffirming what we already do as an organization.

We have returned to our work with more enthusiasm and with better tools to continue qualifying our work in favor of the migrants who come to us or those for whom as an organization, we advocate through different programs.

~ submitted by Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC

Cabrini Immigrant Services – NYC



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with Cabrini*

IMMIGRANT SERVICES OF NYC

SATURDAY, JUNE 15 | 5PM - 8PM

Join us for our special 25th anniversary celebration and enjoy food, music, and great company as we raise funds to fortify and sustain our commitment to immigrant communities in the **Spirit of Mother Cabrini**.



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To register: <https://cis-nyc.org/celebrate-25>

From the Guadalupe Province Vocations Team...

The Spring 2024 edition of the HORIZON Journal of the National Religious Vocations Conference focuses on Latino cultural patterns. In this week's Update and in ensuing week's segments, we bring you an article that spotlights the Latino culture as it pertains to vocational call.

'Must Knows' of Latino Culture

~ by Father Juan J. Molina and Deacon John Chitakure

Communal Approach

Most Latinos have a communal understanding of family. For them, family includes grandparents, aunts, cousins, uncles, nieces, and so on. At every family gathering, such as birthdays, weddings, sacraments, graduations, quinceaneras, Christmas funerals, etc., most of these family members are invited and even expected to attend. These gatherings can be large, and the expressions of affection can include hugs, kisses and handshakes.



According to the scholar Geert Hofstede, cultures tend toward either individualism or collectivism, with most Hispanics adhering to collectivism. In this cultural pattern, the community plays a major role, more so than the individual. Most Latinos subscribe to the philosophy, "I am, because we are." Individuals get their cultural identity from the community (the family in the larger sense), and hence, the community (the family) must be consulted in decision making and should be invited to certain celebrations. Ministers who come from individual-oriented cultures may violate the communal expectations of Hispanics who are likely to be offended if their extended family members are not seen as important as members of their nuclear family. Hispanics in a discernment house would ask permission to go home to celebrate with aunts, uncles, and cousins; and they would invite them to the religious house whenever possible. Latinos are likely to see the religious community as a family they can trust and confide in, and if that confidence is not upheld, they may feel betrayed.

Vocation ministers may want to empower community-oriented candidates to be independent of the home community and make their own personal decisions

according to the requirements of the institute. Still, it probably will be important for the community to create and maintain good relationships with the families of discerners so they feel they still belong to their family.

Adapting to Cultural Change



Joining a religious community entails cultural and environmental changes. Some aspirants or candidates may have already moved from their homes in Latin America to the U.S., and now they are considering a move into their respective religious communities. They would have a lot of cultural adjustments to make in terms of language, food, relationships, time keeping, and more. Cultural anthropologies talk about the culture shock suffered by people who leave behind their cultural context. Change is not easy for most people, but for community-oriented Latinos, tolerance of change might be very low for both parts of the cultural iceberg, the visible and invisible. They may need time to adjust to the dominant American culture (not to mention the subculture of religious life), and the vocation minister needs the virtue of patience.

In contrast, Hispanics born in the United States, are more likely to adapt well to the cultural change of religious life, given that they've grown up in the dominant culture. A move into a religious community would not involve adapting to both the dominant American culture and religious-life culture at the same time. Most candidates, irrespective of the cultural identity, experience at least some culture shock when getting to know a congregation, which may be erroneously interpreted as a lack of vocation.

Next week: Communication Styles

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Prayer Requests

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Cabrini Lay Missionaries

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a most sacred and celebratory day for the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs). It is the day on which the Missionary Sisters renew their vows and the CLMs renew their commitment. Let us keep the Sisters and the CLMs in our prayers on this special day and give thanks for their generous hearts and faithfulness.



With Grateful Hearts

With great joy, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus announce that Sr. Meseret Naba, MSC will make her final vows in the Parish of St. Philip, in the Kingdom of Eswatini tomorrow on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us give thanks for the gift of Sr. Meseret's life in service to God's people.

To watch a livestream of the Mass:

<https://www.facebook.com/CatholicDioceseOfManzini>

In Loving Memory

Ann Rawlings

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Rawlings, an employee of Cabrini of Westchester, who passed away unexpectedly. Ann worked as a CNA at Cabrini since 1999. We fondly remember Ann's compassion as she ministered to the residents and staff. May she now rest in God's loving arms. Keep smiling Ann -- your trademark for sure.