



September 19, 2024

## Honoring the Life of Sr. Patricia Spillane, MSC



Bidding a fond farewell to Sr. Patricia Spillane, a former General Superior, the Missionary Sisters sing the Ave Maris Stella.

Missionary Sisters from around the world gathered on Monday, September 9 at St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York City for the funeral Mass of MSC Superior General Emerita Sr. Patricia Spillane, MSC. Former

students and teachers from Mother Cabrini High School were also in attendance.

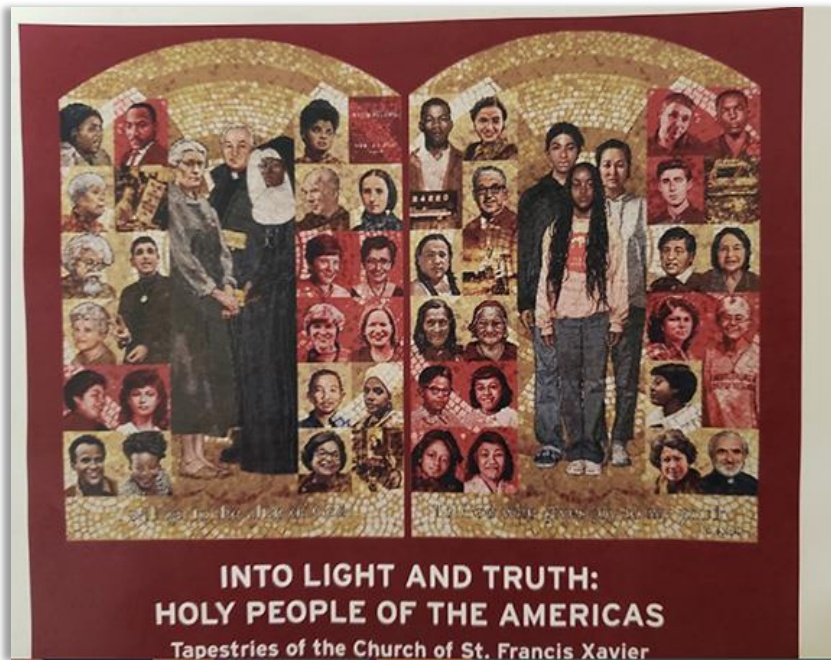
Prior to Mass there was time to share memories of Sr. Patricia's love of Jesus, her warmth, and her generous heart. Among those present were Sr. Eliane Acevedo da Silva, MSC, General Superior, and the General Council; Srs. Barbara Staley, MSC and Diane Dalle Molle, MSC from the Holy Spirit Region, all the members of the Guadalupe Provincial Council, and many more who came to pay their respects.

*~ Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC*

Fr. Thomas Faiola, OFM Cap, was the presider at Sr. Patricia's Mass of the Resurrection.



# Tapestry Dedication in New York



On September 15<sup>th</sup>, Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC and Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC attended a dedication ceremony for two new tapestries installed in the entrance to St. Francis Xavier Church in Manhattan, NY. The Tapestries are entitled - "Into Light and Truth: Holy People of the Americas".

Mother Cabrini is depicted on the beautiful tapestry among many Holy People of the Americas.

Within the tapestry is included St. Frances X. Cabrini. The artist is John Nava. The individuals

depicted in the tapestries worked for and gave their lives to advance biblical justice, human rights and equality. ~ submitted by Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial, Guadalupe Province



This past week, it is with great **Happiness and Joy** the Sister's at St. Cabrini Nursing Home celebrated the **Special Birthday** of **Sr. Margaret Mary Hernandez, MSC .**





# Helping Neighbors Help Others



Volunteers sort all donations into categories which will make it easy to set up at the FreeStore.

For two days this week the retreat room at St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York is a happy mess, as neighbors bring in their gently-used clothing, toys, and housewares. Tomorrow we will take all the donations down to the Armory, where they will become part of the merchandise at the Uptown Wagon FreeStore.

The FreeStore is an event that is entirely run by volunteers. The concept is "give what you can, take what you need." There is no charge for anything. Many of the 'shoppers' are new immigrants or people on minimal incomes. The layout is carefully set up to look like an actual store, where customers are treated with respect.

This is the third time the Shrine has acted as a drop-off point for donations for the FreeStore. Making it easy for our neighbors to give to others is, we think, part of being a good neighbor ourselves. ~

*submitted by Julia Attaway, Executive Director, St. F.X. Cabrini Shrine*



Soon, all of these items will be on their way to new homes!

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## The World Day of Migrants and Refugees is Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

As the title for his annual message, the Holy Father has chosen “*God walks with His people*”. ~ with thanks to Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC

To access Pope Francis' message, please click [here](#)



## CABRINI film Continues to Inspire and Engage

Recently on the EWTN program *The World Over* hosted by Raymond Arroyo, Eustace Wolfington, the executive producer of the recent film *Cabrini* (2024), talks about the successful initiative to show the movie in Catholic schools in Philadelphia in order to spread the message of Mother Cabrini. The plans are to bring this initiative throughout the schools and parishes of the United States and beyond.

*~ with thanks to Sr. Renee Kittleson, MSC*

To learn more visit: [www.partnerwithCabriniFilm.org](http://www.partnerwithCabriniFilm.org)

To watch the interview, please click [here](#)

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## Fall Festival at St. Cabrini Parish



During the summer, the Guadalupe Province Communications Office received an email message from Bill and Tina Sodan saying, “we belong to St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Springfield IL. We are holding a fundraiser in September. My wife is making a quilt which will [feature Cabrini images] and will be raffled off.”

Bill Sodan continues, “The amount of time it took to make the quilt is difficult to say. The Mother Cabrini stained glass embroidery took about four hours to insert the colors into the picture and another 3 hours to embroider. The crest for the order took fifteen hours to convert the [image] into an embroidery design and then embroider it. The quilt assembly took about two weeks, once all ten designs were completed.”

“The quilt generated significant interest in the raffle drawing. Most important, everyone really liked the quilt because all of the designs are relevant to Mother Cabrini's life and work,” said Mr. Sodan.



Cabrini images quilt created by Tina Sodan for St. Cabrini Parish Fall Festival.

Mr. Sodan shared, “St. Frances Cabrini Fall Festival has been in existence for close to 50 years. Our Fall Festival for 2024 drew more than 300 people from our parish and community. We enjoyed a beautiful day filled with music, dance, food and family.”

Mr. Sodan recently emailed to say, “It was amazing to see the response as we told people the significance of each design on the quilt, related to St. Cabrini.”

He continued, “We appreciate your assistance and interest in our small parish. We hope to keep in touch with you. Knowing about us a little more, please let us know if there is something we might be able to do to assist you or promote your Order. We will pray for you and hope you will do the same for us.”

Our thanks to Bill and Tina Sodan for sharing their Cabrinian quilt story with the Missionary Sisters and the worldwide Cabrinian community.

~ submitted by Nancy Costello, Communications Office

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## Prayer Requests

### *Emily Gudas*

Kindly continue to pray for Emily Gudas, the daughter of Mark and Sharon Gudas, both Cabrini College graduates. Emily has been hospitalized for the past two weeks at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Please pray that the doctors will be able to identify and isolate the source of her pain and restore her to full health.

### *Pamela Kuperschmidt*

Please continue your prayers for Pamela, who is in hospice care. May comfort and serenity surround her these days.

### *Special Intention*

Our prayers have been invited by a member of the Cabrinian community for a special intention.

# In Loving Memory

## *Robert Connolly*

It is with great sadness that we share the sudden passing of Bob Connolly, Cabrini College Class of 1985. Bob's wife, Joanne (Goebel) Connolly, is a 1986 Cabrini graduate, as is his sister, Kate Connolly Stauffer, Class of 1983. Please pray for the Connolly Family as they grieve the loss of their husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, and uncle.

## *Adelina Dominguez*

Please keep Adelina Dominguez in prayer. She passed away on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> in Argentina. She is the mother of Sr. Marisel Mora, MSC. May Adelina rest in God's eternal light.

## *Hailey Hopkins*

Please unite in prayer for Hailey, the 23-year-old niece of Cabrini College alumna, Hollie Havens, Class of 1998. Hailey passed away suddenly on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Understandably, her family is devastated by this great loss. Please keep the Hopkins and Havens families in your prayers at this very sad time.

