



October 24, 2024

Guadalupe Province Assembly Concludes

From October 13 – 18, 2024, Missionary Sisters and lay leaders of the Guadalupe Province gathered in Newark, NJ for the annual Province Assembly. They were joined this year by General Superior Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo da Silva and General Councilor Sr. Gilda Mercedes Mendoza Argueta, MSC.



MSC General Superior Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo da Silva addresses the Assembly.

In her remarks, Sr. Eliane reflected upon our life's purpose; that Mother Cabrini always contemplated the life of Christ. Our charism is a gift of the Holy Spirit to Mother Cabrini, cultivated in love, that is about doing, transforming, and transmitting hope. For this, we have an inspiring vision of walking in solidarity and communion in diversity.

The Assembly proceedings - facilitated by Sr. Imma De Stefanis, RSCJ, PhD, and Sr. Reyna Gonzalez, RSCJ from Sherpa Consulting -

addressed the topics of mission and governance through the presentations of Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC, Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC, and canon lawyer Sr. Sharon Euart, RSM, Esq. and civil attorney Christopher Fusco, Esq. John DiMucci, Director of Sponsorship and Mission Services, for the Sisters of Charity, provided insights into different models of governance for religious orders.

Updates on vocation ministry and the MSC shrines and spiritual ministries - from an international and province perspective – were shared. Additionally, reports from the



Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC provided a presentation on mission.

MISSION is more about **GIVING...**
La **MISIÓN** consiste más bien en **DAR...**

To Strengthen the muscles of your heart, the best exercise is lifting someone else's Spirit whenever or wherever you can.

Para fortalecer los músculos del corazón, el mejor ejercicio es levantar el Espíritu de otra persona siempre que puedas.

We rise by lifting others

Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLMs), Immigration Commission, Global Health Commission, UNANIMA, as well as progress reports from the working groups on Mission Integration and On-Going Formation, which were established at the 2022 Assembly, were provided.



Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial emphasizes a point during her presentation.

Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial, offered an overview of the Guadalupe Province ministries and all that has transpired in recent months and years.

During the days that the Missionary Sisters gathered among themselves, Sr. Mary Pat Garvin, RSM, PhD presented a workshop on Mission: The Never-Ending Story.

Fr. Tom Faiola, OFM, Cap., Fr. John Lager, OFM, Cap., and Fr. Ron Galt were presiders at the various days' liturgies.

As with any Cabrinian gathering, there was time for fun, good conversation, and an evening social, as well.

Cabrini Mission Foundation Hosts a Night in Codogno at the Annual Gala



The Metropolitan Club in New York City.

Sparkling drinks, candlelight, and laughter filled the room as attendees and Sisters enjoyed "A Night in Codogno." Held on Friday, October 11th at the Metropolitan Club in New York City, the event was inspired by the rustic charm of Codogno, Italy—the town where Mother

Cabrini founded Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus religious order in 1880.

The evening's ambiance was set with beautiful vines, Italian delicacies, and lively music, immersing guests in the true spirit of Italy: family, tradition, and togetherness.



The Cabrini Mission Foundation's distinguished honorees are Cristiana Dell'Anna and David DeCerbo. David has served on the Foundation board for 26 years. Ms. Dell'Anna is the actress who portrayed Mother Cabrini in the Cabrini film.

The Foundation honored two remarkable individuals: David DeCerbo, Esq. and Cristiana Dell'Anna—both of whom share stories of humble beginnings, perseverance, and inspiring success.

David DeCerbo, recipient of the Mother Cabrini Lifetime of Service Award, is a successful attorney specializing in health policy, legislation, and law. His relationship with the Missionary Sisters began almost 50 years ago, during his tenure as Vice President of Legal and Regulatory Affairs at Cabrini Medical Center on 19th Street in Manhattan. Continuing to provide legal services to the Missionary Sisters throughout the years, he went on to make partner at a firm that is Nixon Peabody today. Notably, David filed the paperwork to establish the Cabrini Mission Foundation and has been a dedicated member of our board since its inception 26 years ago.

The Spirit of Cabrini Award was presented to Cristiana Dell'Anna, an exceptionally talented actress whose career has taken her from the streets of Naples to the stages of London and the big screen. Cristiana's portrayal of Mother Cabrini in the film *Cabrini* has brought her recognition, including being named Best European Actress at the Septimus Awards. Cristiana made her big screen debut in the psychological thriller *Third Contact* and she has also played popular roles in the Italian soap opera *Un posto al sole*, as Patrizia, in the second season of *Gomorra* as well as in the 2022 Netflix Movie – "Toscana."



From left: Sr. Patricia Godoy, General Councilor; Sr. Maria Eliane Azeveda da Silva, General Superior; Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, Foundation Chair; and Sr. Diane Olmstead, MSC, Provincial, enjoy the Gala festivities.

As the night drew to a close, guests left with full hearts and satisfied appetites, just as one might after a true evening in Codogno.

~ submitted by Caitlin Della Rocca, Director of Communications, Cabrini Mission Foundation

Cabrini Apartments Employee Service Awards

A Service Awards Ceremony took place on September 19th at Cabrini Apartments in New York City to thank four dedicated employees who were celebrating milestone years of service:

Orlando Vargas, Porter - Ten Years
Michael Andrews, Superintendent – Fifteen Years
Philip Deans, Manager – Fifteen Years
Maria Leah Alerta Lee, Resident Coordinator – Forty Years



From left: Fr. Ron Galt, Philip Deans, Simone Smith, Michael Andrews, Patricia Krasnausky, Maria Leah Alerta Lee, Orlando Vargas, Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC and Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, MSC.

Following opening words by Patricia Krasnausky, President and CEO, awardees were presented with service pins and a blessing by Fr. Ron Galt, Vice President of Mission and Pastoral Care.

Maria Leah Alerta Lee (Leah) has a long history with the Cabrini Missions in New York City – Cabrini Medical Center, Cabrini Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, Cabrini Care at Home and Cabrini Apartments – totaling 40 years! Her retirement was part of the celebration which ended with the presentation of an engraved clock and lunch at Eleni's Restaurant.



Leah Alert Lee receives an engraved clock as she retires after 40 years of service to the Cabrini missions.

Congratulations to all!

Helpful Happenings at CIS-NYC

Recently, CIS-NYC held its first in-person Nutrition Workshop since before the pandemic. In partnership with Cornell Medicine, the workshop had a strong turnout. It's aimed at parents, caregivers, grandparents, and anyone caring for children who wants to learn more about providing better nutrition.



Photo above and right: In collaboration with Cornell Medicine, CIS-NYC held an in-person nutrition workshop for those who provide care for children.



Our JFI Program (Justice for Immigrants Program) launched the first of a three-part leadership training. The course focuses on advocacy during election cycles and understanding how the U.S. government works. Seven participants are currently taking part in the training that will continue through October.

*~ submitted by Amelia Scodris, Community Organizer
CIS-NYC*

Photos above and below: Listening attentively are participants in the JFI leadership training programs hosted by CIS-NYC.



Cabrini Mission Foundation Supports Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts in Asheville

Cabrini Mission Foundation is committed to supporting those who have been burdened by catastrophic natural disasters. Following the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, the foundation is partnering with Sisters of Mercy of the Americas to help



Hurricane Helene ravaged many areas of the southeast. Asheville, NC was particularly hard hit. Photo credit: Reuters

target one of the most affected areas in the southeast. Located in the Asheville, NC area, the Sisters will respond directly to life-saving needs including food, water and shelter.

North Carolina has seen historic damage as the Category 4 hurricane has left mud-filled roads, houses demolished, cellular lines down, and taken the lives of 130 people.

We pray that their families and loved ones receive the necessary resources needed during this difficult time.

~ submitted by Caitlin Della Rocca, Director of Communications, Cabrini Mission Foundation

October is Respect for Life Month

Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between.

During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides resources to help parishes, schools, families, ministries, and individual Catholics share the Gospel of life during Respect Life Month and throughout the year.

To learn more and to access resources please click [here](#)



Dancing into Wellness!

“I’ve still got it!” said resident, Garret Cronin, when asked if he enjoyed attending the dance therapy session that was held at Cabrini of Westchester on October 2nd. “I love to move and had so much fun ‘dancing’ to the great music that was played during the class!”



Thanks to the talents of Shlomit Oren, a multicultural actress, dancer, and expressive arts counselor and facilitator, a large group of residents gathered in the Rose Room to move and sing to familiar tunes such as Doris Day’s “Que Sera, Sera,” and Ray Charles’ “Hit the Road Jack!”

Ms. Oren is also the owner of a Gleeful Wellness LLC, a company that specializes in uplifting communities through creative arts, entertainment, wellness, and art making. “While I work with all age groups, I have a special love of



Dance Therapist Shlomit Oren sways along to the music with resident Garret Cronin. Dancing makes everyone smile!

working with seniors. My programs are powerful in encouraging seniors to express themselves creatively, which enhances their overall sense of well-being. I feel joy and love in dancing with the seniors as they reciprocate that joy and love back to me. This makes it a win-win experience for all!”



The class was such a big hit for those who participated, that Ms. Oren will be back next month for another session. We can’t wait to shimmy and sing along to the up-beat and familiar melodies she has in store! ~ submitted by Susan Herceg, Director of Development and PR, Cabrini of Westchester

Prayer Requests

Stacey Carter and Tau Kadhi

Dr. Timothy Mantz, former Dean at Cabrini University, asks prayers for Tau Kadhi and Stacey Carter, who are each undergoing treatment for cancer. Please pray that their treatments will be successful.

Emily Gudas

Once again, we ask your prayers for Emily, who remains hospitalized in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Please pray that the many procedures she has undergone will remedy her medical situation and that she will soon begin her recovery. Please keep her parents in your prayers, as well. Pray for their strength and courage.

National Religious Vocations Conference (NRVC) Convocation

From October 31st – November 4th, the National Religious Vocations Conference will be holding their Convocation in St. Paul, Minnesota. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the proceedings and that all who minister in vocation promotion will come away inspired, strengthened, and supported in their essential ministry for the Church.

Donna Dougherty Pascali

Your prayers are requested for Donna Dougherty Pascali, Cabrini College Class of 1989. She will be having surgery on November 5th. Let us pray that all goes well, and that she has a good outcome.

Prayer for Farmers

An agricultural organization has requested prayers for deliverance from drought for all farms and gardens, especially in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The current prolonged dry weather damages the blueberry, cranberry, and apple crops. The farm group is asking the Lord's blessing of rain.



Chris Stewart and Christopher Stewart

Dr. Timothy Mantz, former Dean at Cabrini University, requests prayers for Chris Stewart and his son, Christopher Stewart, both of whom will be having open heart surgery this week. May God guide the surgeon's hands for this father and son.



We have a lot to celebrate at this year's Mother Cabrini Shrine Gala 2024!
Purchase your tickets or reserve your sponsorship today.

The Gala is Friday, November 22, from 5:30-9:00 p.m. at the Pinnacle Club
at the Grand Hyatt in Downtown Denver.

Questions? Call 303-526-0758 or email JoAnn Seaman
at joann@mothercabrinishrine.org.

[Gala Tickets Here](#)

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