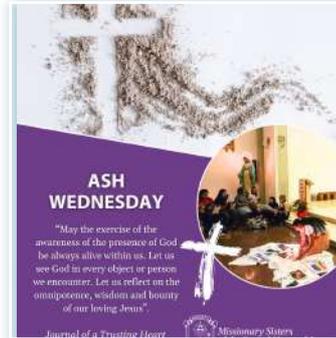
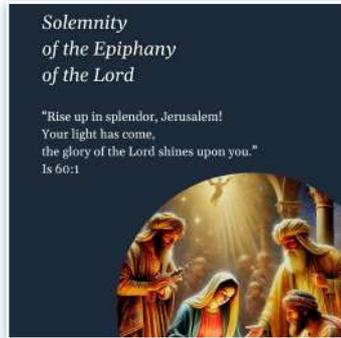




NEWS FROM CABRINI WORLD

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From left: Cards for Epiphany and Ash Wednesday.

Youth and vocational ministry meetings in Madrid

On January 27, 2026, a series of meetings began in Madrid for a working group of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to develop a plan for youth and vocational ministry; the work was completed on February 1. This meeting, organized by the Superior General, Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo da Silva, MSC, with the help of Sr. Reyna Gonzalez, RSCJ, and Ms. Isabella McCartney, had the purpose of developing the Congregation's youth and vocational ministry project in response to the conclusions of the 2022 General Chapter.



Participating in the meeting were Sr. Patricia Godoy, MSC (Assistant General), Sr. Rosa Maria Sousa, MSC (Holy Spirit Region), Sr. Emperatriz Canales, MSC (Guadalupe Province), Sr. Laura Sanchez, MSC (St. Francis Cabrini Province), and Sr. Tatiana Avdokushina, MSC (Mater Gratiae Province). The group worked on several themes: vocational experience in the Institute of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; concepts such as “youth” and

“vocational”; dream for a Cabrinian youth and vocational ministry; reflection on how the Congregation has been involved in youth vocational ministry in the past, how it is now, and how it would like to be in the future; In addition, some priorities and strategic lines for the youth and vocation ministry project were addressed.

The group worked on various themes, such as

“vocational culture, identity, visibility, formation, leadership, and communication,” which facilitated the drafting of the aforementioned project that presents the global guidelines for the development and implementation of the PJV plans of the provinces and the region.



The sisters took a day trip to Madrid and participated in the Eucharistic celebration at the Church of St. Joseph, a church that Mother Cabrini had visited during her stay in Madrid at the beginning of her mission in Spain.



A moment of reflection in the church in Madrid.



January 1

Peace Day



January 24

World Education Day



February 8

Day of prayer against human trafficking



February 11

Day of the Sick



Meeting with young people.

On February 1, a meeting was held with the young people of the Parish of St. Paula in Madrid. Immediately afterwards, the group concluded the meeting with a moment of evaluation, prayer, and fraternity. This work was carried out with intense moments of reflection, study, sharing, prayer, and drafting of the project, which was presented in an online meeting with the General Council, the Provincial and Regional Superiors, and their Councils on February 12, 2026.



Meeting with young people.



Another shot from the meeting with young people.



Working table.



Meeting with young people.

Carnival 2026



Carnival at the Cabrini Institute in Rome, Italy



Madre Cabrini College Carnival, Brazil



Carnival at the Boni Consilii College, Brazil



Carnival in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano



Carnival at the Codogno nursing home, Italy



Carnival at Escuela Sagrada Familia No. 1 in Nicaragua

It was announced that the pilgrimage for those who attend the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Colorado has been organized for April 2026 to Milan, Codogno, Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Florence, Assisi and Rome.



Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

CABRINIAN NEWS

News from Missions and Formation

* On January 2, the *Mother Cabrini Shrine* in Colorado participated in the *SEEK26 conference*, a major Catholic event organized by *FOCUS*, held from January 1 to 5, 2026 in Columbus (Ohio), Denver (Colorado) and Fort Worth (Texas). The event brought together thousands of young people to encounter Christ through prayer, adoration, sacraments and conferences, with a special video message sent by Pope Leo XIV.



A delegation from the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Colorado at the SEEK26 event.

* The celebration of *Three Kings Day* was held in Chicago on January 7, an absolutely wonderful event. The parishioners of *St Mary of the Lake/Our Lady of Lourdes* accepted the Shrine's invitation to celebrate their first Mass in English and Spanish with them. 125 of the faithful took part, including the children's choir and the group of young guitarists. Bishop Turley, OSA, and Father Sergio Rivas Tamayo, parish priest, celebrated the Mass together.

* A Yearbook party was held at *Cabrini High School New Orleans* on January 8.

* Formation meetings for Cabrinian communicators were held on January 14 and February 18. In these two modules we addressed the theme of storytelling with a focus on fundraising with the speaker Mr. Bill Haley, from the Allied Pixel company, who has also conducted interviews with the

sisters of the Institute in the past.

* On January 15, the Bishops of New York State published a statement in which they take a stand in favor of migrants. The news had particular resonance at our missions in the United States that work every day alongside refugees, such as the *Cabrini Immigrant Services*.

* On January 15, a retreat was held for the vocational youth group of *Our Lady of Lourdes* parish in Dubbo, Ethiopia.

* Several webinars on child development were held on January 17 and January 24 at the *San José Dispensary* in Guatemala.

* Also on January 17, the *Cabrini Institute* in Rome held an Open Day.

* On January 18, the *Santo Niño* Mass was celebrated at the *National St. Frances Cabrini Shrine* in Chicago.

* On January 21, a day full of formative and stimulating moments was held at the *Colegio Madre Cabrini* in Brazil on the Campaign of Fraternity, Communication, our History, Mission and Identity, led with affection and skill by Father Jean, Brother Afonso Murad, and in the dynamics and workshops by Brother Alan, Camila Morais, Prof. Andrezza Cameski, Sr. Sandra Gonçalves, Sr. Glória Caixeta and Prof. Soraya Lob.

* Formation courses on 'Education of the Heart' were held on January 22 at the *Colegio S. Francisca Cabrini* in Madrid.

* On January 23 the *Colegio Boni Consilii* saw the start of school lessons.

* On January 24, the *Sant'Angelo Lodigiano* school held an Open Day.

* January 24th was also a time of celebration in Dubbo for the renewal of Sr. Evarlyne Ndunge's vows.



A moment from the meeting on January 21.



Youth group retreat in Dubbo.



A moment during the training course in Madrid.



Eucharistic miracles event in Codogno.



Sr. Maria Eliane opens the online meetings on leadership.

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERALATE

Sr. Maria Eliane returned to Rome from Brazil on January 7 and in the following days attended several meetings at the UISG.

From February 13 to 19, the General Superior, Sr. Maria Eliane, and the Assistant General, Sr. Patricia, went on a canonical visitation to

the novitiate in Kenya, which opened on March 25 (see details below). On February 25, Sr. Patricia, Sr. Gilda and Sr. Stella Maris together with the Superior of the Province Mater Gratiae, Sr. Marta Maria attended the premiere of the documentary "Sacro Cuore". On February 26, 2026 a series of online conferences was launched, promoted by the General Superior and her Council for Provincial and Regional Superiors and their councils. The theme of these meetings, led by Father José Cristo Rey García Paredes, cfm, is "Leadership with discernment".



National Vocations Conference 2026 in Rome.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PROVINCE MATER GRATIAE

From January 3 to 6 the 2026 National Vocations Conference took place at the TH Carpegna Palace in Rome with the theme "Aspire to holiness, wherever you are". It was a meeting to which the Province of Mater Gratiae had been invited.

General Assistant, Sr. Patricia Argentina Godoy MSC, participated, together with Sr. Maria Belen Heredia Kaswalder, Sr. Maria Assunta Scopelliti, MSC and Sr. Dicélia Silva Santos, MSC.



NYC conference in Albany, with Cabrini Immigrant Services also participating.

* From January 25 to February 3, the "Eucharistic miracles in the world" event took place in Codogno.

* On January 29, CIS-NYC joined numerous other immigration organizations at the annual NYIC (New York Immigration Coalition) Members' Congress in Albany.

* On February 1, a training session was held for teachers at *Colegio Regina Coeli*, Brazil.

* On February 4, the new school year began in many schools such as *Escuela Sagrada Familia No. 1* in Nicaragua and new formation cycles such as at the *Dispensario San José Zona 6* began in Guatemala.

* The *Madre Cabrini Dispensary*, again in Guatemala, on February 6 organized the floreseternas workshop, a space where hands have created, ideas have grown and dreams of entrepreneurship have begun to take shape while on February 19 a chocolate workshop was organized.

* On Friday, February 6 at the *St. Frances Cabrini Shrine* in New York, the "Night for Life" initiative took place, while on February 21, an event for all homeless people, Cabrini Cares Day, was held.

* On Sunday, February 8 at 6.15 am (Brazil time), the rosary was recited with Stéphanie Jenifer Souza Oliveira, a young aspirant of the Cabrini Sisters with Father Antônio Maria. Aparecida TV broadcast the prayer during the "Terço de Aparecida" program. Stéphanie is among the vocational aspirants of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

During this moment of prayer, Stéphanie shared with the priest the reason for her choice to enter the Congregation and entrusted her intentions to the rosary, offering her heart to God. Read this testimony of faith and discernment in full: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IonPT-hPEm0>

* Sisters Glória Inés Caixeta, MSC and Ursolina Vicenzi, MSC, the novice, Francisca Brito da Conceição, and Stéphanie, the aspirant, joined the other members of the *Un Grito por la Vida (A Cry for Life)* network to participate in the Mass celebrated by Father Júlio Lancelotti on Sunday, February 8, the day on which the Church celebrates Saint Josephine Bakhita, protector of victims of human trafficking.

* On February 9 at the *Colégio Boni Consilii* in São Paulo, a vocational activity was held with a group of students led by Sr. Maria da Conceição de Souza, MSC. It is great to be able to help discover the world of vocations in schools!



Vocational activity with a group of students led by Sr. Conceição Souza.



Senior retreat at Cabrini High School a New Orleans.

* Also on February 9, the stop bullying event, an anti-bullying awareness campaign, was held in Spain.

* On February 10 at *Cabrini High School New Orleans*, the senior group retreat took place.

* Pastoral work for the elderly began in mid-February at the *San José Dispensary - zone 6* in Guatemala. The guests who returned with their characteristic smiles and enthusiasm were greeted with great joy in their chapels, Capilla San José Col. La Reina, Capilla el Rosario Proyectos 4-10 and Salón Pastoral Vidal Cipresales.

* On February 19, CBS News reported that the monument to Mother Cabrini will replace the statue of Columbus in Chicago's Arrigo Park. Here is the full article: <https://www.cbsnews.com/.../mother-cabrini-monument.../>

* On February 20, the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in Dubbo, Ethiopia organized a Marian procession.

* On February 21, on the occasion of the inauguration of pastoral activities, the Pastoral Center in Goiatuba (GO) Brazil was named after Sister Alexandrina (MSC). On the same date, the Pastoral Assembly of the Diocese of Itumbiara was held in the presence of Bishop Dom José Aparecido, the clergy and lay representatives of the various pastoral ministries. While on February



Stéphanie Souza participates in the "Terço de Aparecida" program.



Network "Un Grito por la Vida" (A Cry for Life)



Pastoral Care for Adults - San José Dispensary.



Obra Social meeting on February 24.



Pastoral Center dedicated to Sister Alexandrina (MSC) - Goiatuba (GO)



Monthly poster for immigrants at the Shrine in New York.



Start of the school year in Nicaragua, Escuela Sagrada Familia



Flower workshop at the Madre Cabrini Dispensary in Guatemala.



Cabrini High School in New Orleans.

Canonical pastoral visitation to Kenya



The canonical pastoral visitation of General Superior, Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo Da Silva MSC, accompanied by General Assistant, Sr. Patricia Argentina Godoy, to the Novitiate Community of Nairobi, Kenya took place from February 14 to 18, 2026. The novitiate formation house in Nairobi began functioning in March 2025. This visit of Sr. Maria Eliane and Sr. Patricia was a blessing both for the women of the Novitiate and for the strengthening of the formative mission in the Institute.

The Regional Superior, Sr. Barbara Staley, welcomed and accompanied the General Superior and the Assistant throughout the pastoral visitation. Some highlights of this visitation included the welcome of the community, various moments of sharing and prayer, participation in the Sunday Mass in the parish of *Our Lady of Guadalupe*, the visit to the missionary center of the *Missionary Brothers of Charity*, the Eucharistic Celebration in the community and the times for individual conversation with the novices and sisters of the community. The Mass in the community was presided over by the Jesuit Father Odomaro Mubangizi, SJ who

Some photos from Sr. Eliane and Sr. Patricia's visit to Kenya.

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On Friday, February 13, during the "Poliedro" program on the Argentine channel, *Canal Orbe 21*, an interview with Sr. Flora Giovagnoli, MSC, was broadcast to celebrate her **97 years of life and mission**. The *Orbe 21* channel was founded in 2005 by the then Cardinal Bergoglio and belongs to the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires. You can listen to Mother Flora from minute 01:18:56: <https://www.youtube.com/live/-QFddL9nTLY?si=ygPh-zDg0X-yNwKc>



The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** was held from January 18 to 25. In the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome, the Pope celebrated Vespers at the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian unity, leaving this message: let us intensify prayer for the full visible unity of all Christians.

IMPORTANT TIMES IN THE LIFE OF THE INSTITUTE

"Act for Peace" Day in Madrid

During this Jubilee Year dedicated to Saint Francis, in particular today, January 30, we pray in a special way for peace. At our *Colegio Santa Francisca Javier Cabrini* in Madrid, many children, adolescents and young people came together in a moment of recollection to pray for the end of conflicts. This year, with the slogan "*Weaving paths of peace*", the entire educational community gathered in the courtyard to remember that peace is not something abstract, but a daily work that we all build together. During the Ceremony for Peace we experienced one of the most exciting and symbolic moments of the school year - the official welcome to 3-year-old children at the Cabrini school. During this celebration, the little ones receive a handkerchief with the school's coat of arms, a sign of belonging, friendship and protection. The most beautiful part is that this handkerchief is delivered by the students of the 2nd year of high school, who are about to conclude their school career.



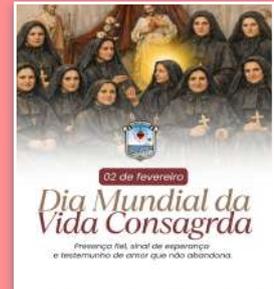
Day of Action for Peace.



Card for the Day of Consecrated Life.

Day of Consecrated Life

Today, on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, we also celebrate the *World Day of Consecrated Life*. Let us give thanks for our gift and renew our mission, a sign of love, self-giving and faithfulness to the Sacred Heart of Jesus!



Opening of the Centenary of the Colegio Regina Coeli in Brazil

On February 3, the date on which the 98th anniversary of the *Colégio Regina Coeli* was celebrated, the MSC community inaugurated the beginning of the two-year period in commemoration of the Centenary of the Colégio. Immediately after the inauguration, the first meeting of the parents of the kindergarten and initial classes was held, an important occasion for welcome, dialogue and orientation for the beginning of the school year.



Procession for the opening of the Centenary at the Regina Coeli College in Brazil.

The Pope's prayer intentions for the month of January

In this first prayer intention of the year, Pope Leo XIV invites us to rediscover the transforming power of the Word of God, the Word in which "we find the light that guides our steps". Together with the Holy Father we prepare ourselves for prayer to ask that we be a Church that "prays with the Word, that builds on it and shares it with joy, so that the hope of a new world is reborn in every person". You are not alone: by praying you are joining millions of people in the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network who, from every corner of the earth, pray for the challenges of humanity and the mission of the Church. Take a moment and pray with the Pope.



A still from The Pope Video for January.



A still from The Pope Video for February.

The Pope's prayer intentions for the month of February

There are very serious diseases and conditions that, although not fatal, continue over time because they are incurable.... This becomes particularly dramatic for those who are at the beginning of their lives, for children, and for their entire family environment. In his prayer intention for the month of February, Pope Leo invites us to pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families may receive the necessary medical care and support, without ever losing strength and hope. In this month's prayer, the Holy Father invites us to recognize that, in children suffering from incurable diseases, "their smiles, even in pain, are a witness of your Kingdom". You are not alone. By praying you join millions of people in the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network who, from every corner of the earth, pray for the challenges of humanity and the mission of the Church.

"Let us pray that we learn ever more how to discern, to know how to choose the paths of life and to reject everything that distances us from Christ and the Gospel!" (Leo XIV)

Beginning of Lent 2026

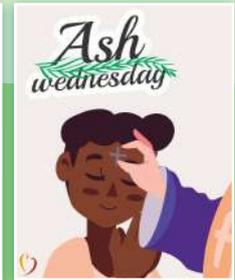
On February 18, Lent began, which leads us to Easter. In all the missions of the Institute, this important time is observed in the life of Christians. At the *Colegio Cabrini* in Madrid, for example, several groups from the school gathered in the chapel to celebrate the imposition of the ashes.



Sant'Angelo Lodigiano



Nicaragua



Cabrini Mission Foundation.

Starting on February 20 various encounters took place for Lent at the *St. Frances Cabrini Shrine* in New York and at the *Mother Cabrini Shrine* in Colorado.

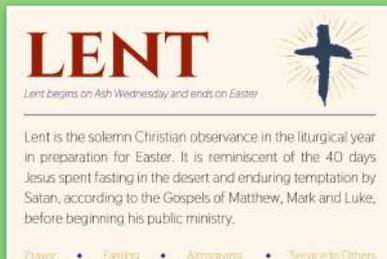
Many initiatives have been undertaken or will be taking place at all the Cabrinian missions.



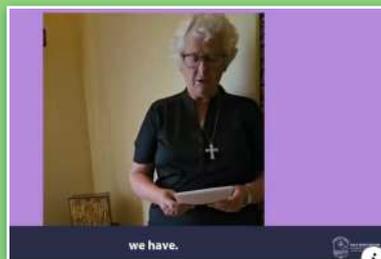
St. Frances Cabrini Shrine New York



Nicaragua - Holy Family School No. 1



Cabrini Mission Foundation.



Video message from Sr. Barbara, Regional Superior of Holy Spirit, for Lent.



Cabrini Institute Milan 105



Take the virtual tour of the Sadama

mission! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIuzv62fx98>

THE MOVIE CABRINI ON ITALIAN TV FINALLY!

On January 2 at 9.00 pm (Italian local time) the film "*Francesca Cabrini*" by Alejandro Monteverde was broadcast on Italian television channel 5.



News of the broadcast on Channel 5.



Poster for the film "Sacro Cuore" (Sacred Heart).

"SACRED HEART" FILM PREVIEW

On February 25 at the Cinema Adriano in Rome, the première of the documentary "*Sacro Cuore*" by Steven and Sabrina Gunnell was screened. This film by *Dominus Production*, the same production and distribution company as "*Francesca Cabrini*", celebrates the 350th anniversary of the apparitions of the Heart of Jesus to Santa Margherita Maria Alacoque (1673-1675) in Paray-le-Monial, Burgundy. The film weaves together historical reconstructions, direct testimonies and theological reflections offering an intimate look at how the Sacred Heart has become a symbol of merciful love for millions of the faithful.



Photo of General Assistants Sr. Stella Maris, Sr. Gilda, and Sr. Patricia with Provincial Superior Mater Gratiae Sr. Marta Maria at the premiere of the film "Sacro Cuore" at the Adriano cinema.

Sr. Joan McGlinchey is sent to New York



From left to right (standing): Greg Lane, Steve Ruff, Kayoko Lyons, Sr. Lucy Panettieri, Sr. Joaquina Costa, Steve Schuster, Veronica Calderon, James Kapellas, Sr. Laura Baldini. Kneeling next to Sr. Joan: Fr. Ramil Fajardo.

Sr. Joan's religious life in Chicago spans over forty years of dedicated service. Rooted in the leadership of MSC's former US Western Province, her ministry has always reflected a deep sense of ecclesial responsibility and Cabrinian vision.

She served the Archdiocese of Chicago as Vicar for the Religious, looking after men and women religious with pastoral care, balance, and wisdom. In this role, she strengthened the communion between congregations and the local Church and supported religious communities in times of transition and renewal.

Her commitment to Hispanic and Latino sisters has led her to become a founding leader and board member of AHLMA, promoting spaces for connection, support, and leadership development for sisters navigating intercultural realities within American religious life.

Within the Congregation, Sister Joan's influence was particularly significant. As General Counsellor, together

with Mother Lina Colombini, MSC, and Sr. Patricia Spillane, MSC, as General Superiors, she played a decisive role in safeguarding the future of the *National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini*, ensuring its conservation as a Cabrinian legacy for humanity. Their leadership was instrumental in reopening the Shrine in 2012.

After the reopening, Sister Joan held the position of president of the Shrine's Board of Directors for many years, guiding its governance and strengthening its faithfulness to Mother Cabrini's charism as a place of prayer, pilgrimage, education and memory of



Sr. Joan with Sr. Lucy, Sr. Joaquina C., and Sr. Laura B.

immigrants.

She also provided constant leadership as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the St.

Anthony Hospital in Chicago, supporting its mission to serve vulnerable and immigrant communities, ensuring that Cabrini's spirit of compassionate healthcare remained alive in the city. In each role, Sister Joan's leadership was characterized by clarity, steadfastness, and a deep love of religious life. Whether serving the Congregation, the local Church, the health ministry, or intercultural initiatives, she has always embodied a missionary heart rooted in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

As a new chapter now begins at Dobbs Ferry, we are thankful for her enduring testimony. Her life is a testimony of Mother Cabrini's faithful service, ecclesial communion and living charism.

Written by Sr. Laura Baldini, MSC.



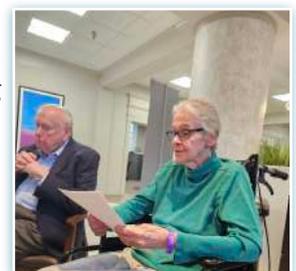
Holy Mass in thanksgiving for the life and mission of Sr. Joan, presided over by Fr. Ramil Fajardo, who was rector of the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in Chicago.



The convivial moment after Mass at the facility where he is receiving rehabilitation treatment.



Sr. Joan shares memories of her mission in Chicago.



Sr. Joan during the proclamation of the Word at Holy Mass.



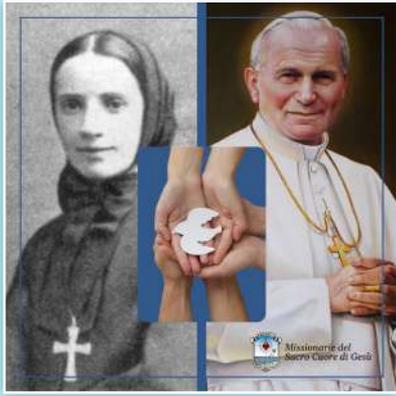
On January 29 we celebrated Saint Francis de Sales and Valentine's Day on February 14!

24 at *Obra Social* they kicked off the as part of the Living

From left: Valentine's Day initiatives at Cabrini of Westchester, Cabrini College in Madrid, and Cabrini Immigrant Services.



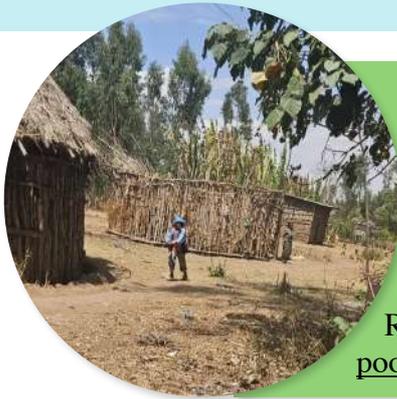
Cabrini in Brazil activities of the year with Health Project.



A special anniversary

In 1995, on Sunday, February 19, during the Angelus **Pope John Paul II proclaimed Mother Cabrini "Woman Builder of Peace"**. We read in one passage in particular: "Due to growing migratory flows, which bring millions of people from one nation to another, from one continent to another, especially from developing countries to affluent societies, there is already today—and perhaps even more so in the future—a need for mutual understanding, acceptance, and integration. It is therefore clear that building this future requires men and women of peace. In particular, it requires maternal hearts like that of Mother Cabrini, rich in the potential of the feminine soul refined by evangelical love. "Let us remember this nickname given to Mother Cabrini today! And it is good to see how contemporary the Holy Father's message was already 31 years ago on migratory flows and on the relevance of the figure of our Foundress.

https://www.vatican.va/.../doc.../hf_jp-ii_ang_19950219.html



In the heart of Ethiopia, marginalized populations face challenges that many of us cannot imagine. Due to poverty and marginalization, many families live without adequate housing, which is a fundamental necessity for a safe and healthy life. This article highlights three families in need of better housing.

Read the article: <https://www.sacredheartcabrini.org/news/new-homes-for-poor-families-in-ethiopia>

A special presentation and webinar

On **February 18**, the presentation of the children's book "There is no microbe that resists good habits" was held at the *Hotel Las Américas* in Guatemala City. Sr. María Concepción Vallecillo, MSC, sr. María Elena Plata Alvarado, MSC and sr. Mercedes Aida AguilarPérez, MSC, participated as representatives of the Cabrini Guatemala Community along with 22 other public and private institutions and the Cabrini Guatemala staff. This presentation is an educational tool promoting healthy habits starting from childhood. **On Thursday, February 19**, the first 2026 webinar of the *Cabrini Commission for Global Health* was held. The topic covered was "Care of the premature newborn in the neonatal intensive care unit", held by Dr. José Alfonso Gutiérrez Padilla, eminent neonatologist pediatrician and Mexican researcher. The purpose of this session was to train and increase the knowledge of the members of our various missions. The content provided up-to-date and practical tools for the comprehensive care of the premature infant in critical conditions. The importance of this issue therefore lies in its direct impact on the reduction of complications, on the improvement of neonatal survival and on the quality of life of the children assisted.



Presentation of the children's book on February 18 in Guatemala.

Other dates to remember



January 1 - Holy Mother of God



Memorial Day, as experienced by the Cabrini Institute in Rome



Feast of Saint Biagio



Mismatched Socks Day



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