



# St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Patroness of Immigrants

FOUNDRESS OF THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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- ▶ May of 1888 Bishop Scalabrini had invited Mother Cabrini to bring her Missionary Sisters to America to assist in the care of Italian immigrants.
- ▶ Cabrini met with Pope Leo XIII January 10, 1889 and he asked her to go to New York to take care of the Italian immigrants. So she left her childhood dream behind of going to China.
- ▶ March 20, 1889 she left Milan and arrived in New York March 31, 1889
- ▶ She established schools, hospitals and orphanages for the immigrants until her death in 1917.



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- ▶ Pope Francis states that the Consecrated Life must **look to the past with gratitude, to the present with passion and to look at the future with Hope.**
- ▶ Being faithful to our founding charism we are living the present with passion in ministering to the immigrants and refugees here in the United States and around the world. Charisms are not static they are vibrant and organic!
- ▶ “ As Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we must be open to all people because Jesus welcomed all and gave Himself to all. He showed a special predilection for the displaced, for “little ones” and for the marginal peoples in His efforts to bring all to communion in the same God’” ( MSC Constitutions 17.)



# Corporate Stance on Immigration

Responding to the Gospel call for justice and love, honoring the Catholic social teachings on the dignity of all persons, and continuing the legacy of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus commit themselves to:

- **Welcome** all
- **Support** the rights of all persons to flee political, religious or economic persecution; basic human rights and dignity; food , shelter, health care etc.
- **Educate** others and ourselves about the needs of immigrants.
- **Re-Examine** political laws and regulations in light of justice and to work to change those that do not meet human needs.
- **Work** in solidarity with immigrants to promote justice and compassion for all.



# Corporate Stance on Trafficking of Women, Men & Children

- ▶ Inform others on the issue of human trafficking
- ▶ Work on eliminating the demand for prostitution and sweatshop labor
- ▶ Contact lawmaker
- ▶ Trafficking Closets are open in two of our sites in order to provide trafficked women with clothing and other essentials. The law officers bring them to these sites to get the essentials they need.
- ▶ UNANIMA International—at the United Nations (NGO)
  - ▶ Women and children
  - ▶ Migrants and Refugees
  - ▶ Mother Earth



# Immigrant Services

- ❑ At the request of our Lay administrators two offices were opened in 1999 named Cabrini Immigrant Services. These offices give direct services to the immigrants.
  - ❑ Dobbs Ferry, New York - Cabrini Nursing Home
  - ❑ New York City – Cabrini Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation
- ❑ In the year 2009 another office was opened in West Park New York called Sacred Heart Center for New Americans.
- ❑ Funding for these offices are fee for service, our nursing home in Dobbs Ferry , our hospital in Australia, Cabrini Mission Foundation, private donors and grants.



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## ▶ Services rendered:

- ▶ Legal - BIA certified (lawyers)
- ▶ Family Programs
- ▶ Justice for Immigrants - Educating immigrants on their rights, Lobbying, Demonstrating etc.
- ▶ Food Pantry
- ▶ English as a Second Language
- ▶ DACA
- ▶ Scholarships
- ▶ After school programs
- ▶ Citizenship classes
- ▶ Social Workers to assist families that were separated or with other issues
- ▶ Whatever needs are presented to the Social Workers, Lawyers, Teachers etc.



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- ▶ Altar, Mexico where our sisters collaborate with a parish ministry for migrants
- ▶ Cabrini University opened an Immigration Center that provides :
  - ▶ Education on Immigration Issues
  - ▶ Assistance with DACA recipients
  - ▶ Lobbying on the State and Federal levels
  - ▶ Demonstrations for the rights of immigrants at the Detention Center in Philadelphia
  - ▶ Legal pro bono work for immigrants
- ▶ Cabrini University's core curriculum is "Justice Matters"
- ▶ Refugee Hub in Australia that is part of our outreach program
- ▶ Sicily, Italy – house of hospitality that provides hospitality to the refugees



# Immigrants & Refugees

- ❑ Former Novitiate was used for an unaccompanied minors program that was administered by a foster care agency. When government took funding away it was closed. 12/14 - 12/15
  - ❑ Possibility of opening again waiting for approval
- ❑ Trafficked young women 4/17 – 12/17
- ❑ Rome: two former convents are being used . One for immigrant families in collaboration with the Scalabrini Sisters. The other is for vulnerable women.
- ❑ April 2019 four sisters and one lay woman will be opening a ministry at a Uganda Refugee Camp.





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