
Introducing St Frances Xavier Cabrini

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Frances Xavier Cabrini MSC



BLESSED FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

Born in July 1917 in S'ant Angelo Lodigiano

Youngest of 13 children

1880, Frances founded the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSCs) seeking to be missionaries in China.

1889, Pope Leo XIII – *not to the East but the West*

New York not China to help the thousands of Italian immigrants already in the United States living in chaos and poverty.

Mother Cabrini responded to requests from all over the world.

She traveled to Europe, Central and South America and throughout the United States.

She made 23 trans-Atlantic crossings between 1889 and 1917. Her activity was relentless.

She established 67 institutions: schools, hospitals and orphanages.

Died in December 1917 in Chicago

1946 canonised by Pope Pius XII in recognition of her holiness and service to humanity. **1950** named patron saint of migrants and refugees.

Mother Cabrini's devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

*God's love urges us to give
ourselves without limit or reserve.*

~ Constitutions 21



Cabrini's psalm/prayer June 1895:

This is the month of love and love ought to transform us all.

But what are the necessary means of transformation?

The first is to approach the Sacred Heart of Jesus with humility and confidence.

The second is to let grace work in us, following its impulses with fidelity and constancy.

Let us throw ourselves into the flames of the heart of Jesus and let the holy fire burn in our spirit.

Let us fix our gaze on the Wound of the Sacred Heart.

We shall read in characters of blood the height and depth of the love that he bears us.

We shall always feel wherever we are comforted in hoping for everything from his infinite goodness.

As long as we live on earth, let us not rest but labour until we rest in the Heart of the one we love.

Let us always go to the Heart of Jesus, think of him, desire him because the passion of his love for us is truly wonderful.

In the face of continued opposition at all levels of the Church, Cabrini wrote:

Courage

“The palm of victory is not given to him who begins the battle
but to him who fighting bravely
knows how to stand firm constant, unshaken to the end.”

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Courage, Obedience and Humility

Here the Pope has sent me and here I shall stay.



Without humility everything is spoiled. With humility all things can be done. Humble yourselves...



Impelled by her devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Cabrini wrote:

Compassion

“The good I do is the work of God
who does it in me
like a child writing
because someone else is guiding her hand.”

Impelled by her devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Cabrini wrote:

“Cast yourselves into the arms of God,
enclose yourselves in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
ask Him to work freely in your souls
and promise Him never to complain
or say “no” to anything he asks of you.”

Immigrant Saint – the Life of Mother Cabrini

Pietro Di Donato (1960)

In his homily at her canonisation, Pope Pius XII said of Mother Cabrini:

“Although her constitution was very frail, her spirit was endowed with such singular strength that, knowing the will of God in her regard, she permitted nothing to impede her from accomplishing what seemed to be beyond the strength of a woman.”

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/35067696-immigrant-saint>

Mother Cabrini, Italian Immigrant of the Century

Sr Mary Louise Sullivan MSC, PhD (1992)

“Religious leader, business administrator and spokesperson for the downtrodden, Mother Cabrini was always a woman of compassion.

Despite hardship, poor health and disappointment, Mother Cabrini’s peace of soul enabled her to radiate a joy born of unfaltering trust in divine providence.

This total and unabashed trust in God was her outstanding personality characteristic and was the source of an inner strength, which propelled her to remarkable accomplishments in a relatively short amount of time.

Some saw in Cabrini the embodiment of immigrant aspirations: to get ahead, to excel, to prove one’s self. Others, instead, attributed her achievements to the zeal of a saint.”

...the influence of Cabrini's beliefs on her life.

