



October 5th 2020 - Cabrini Day

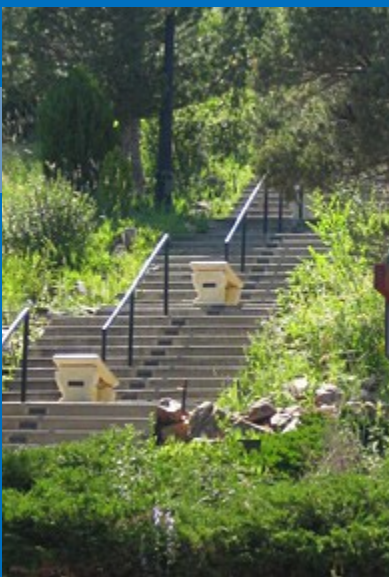
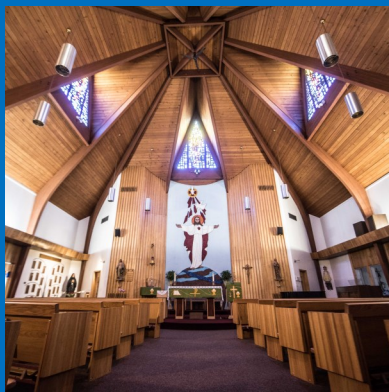
Earlier this year, Colorado Governor Jared Polis signed into law House Bill 1031, which designates a paid state holiday named after St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. Cabrini Day will be the first paid holiday in the state named after a woman. Lawmakers decided there should be a day to honor the first American, citizen saint who has deep ties to Colorado, and they also recognized the enormous good that Mother Cabrini did when she came to Colorado.

As the first annual Cabrini Day approaches on October 5, we appreciate the recognition as a great opportunity for all of Colorado to learn more about Mother Cabrini's life, legacy and the many accomplishments she made in our state. She cared for those who were in most need of being cared for including orphaned children and immigrants working in the mines. Her story is rich with determination, grit, trust in the Lord, belief in herself and a belief in the potential of others. To us at Mother Cabrini Shrine, this designation is about her story, and we are eager for people to learn of it and be inspired by this great female humanitarian.



For more information on
Cabrini Day, please visit
www.cabriniday.com

Who is Mother Cabrini?



The youngest of thirteen children, Frances Cabrini was born on July 15, 1850 in the small village of S'ant Angelo Lodigiano near the city of Milan, Italy. She grew up enthralled by the stories of missionaries and made up her mind to join a religious order. Frances founded the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She was as resourceful as she was prayerful, finding people who would donate what she needed in money, time, labor and support. The Pope told Frances to go "*not to the East, but to the West*" to New York rather than to China as she had expected. She was to help thousands of Italian immigrants already living in the United States.

At the request of Bishop Matz, Mother Cabrini came to Denver in 1902, to minister to the Italian people, many of whom worked in the mines. She also established an orphanage for girls in Denver. In 1909, Mother purchased the first tract of land on Mount Vernon Canyon as a summer camp for the orphan girls. The Stone House located on Mother Cabrini Shrine property is the same summer home that the girls used for camp.

Mother Cabrini traveled to Europe, Central and South America and throughout the United States. She made 23 trans-Atlantic crossings and established 67 institutions: schools, hospitals and orphanages. Her activity was relentless until her death. She died in Chicago On December 22, 1917. In 1946, she was canonized a saint by Pope Pius XII in recognition of her holiness and service to mankind and was named Patroness of Immigrants in 1950.

Mother Cabrini Shrine - Golden

Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden Colorado is a place of prayer and pilgrimage. We invite everyone to come and enjoy our grounds, drink from the spring, and walk the 373 steps to the Sacred Heart Statue.

We also offer overnight or day retreats for groups and individuals

Visit our website www.mothercabrinishrine.org or call 303-526-0758 for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you!