



ONE NATION UNDER GOD

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Route



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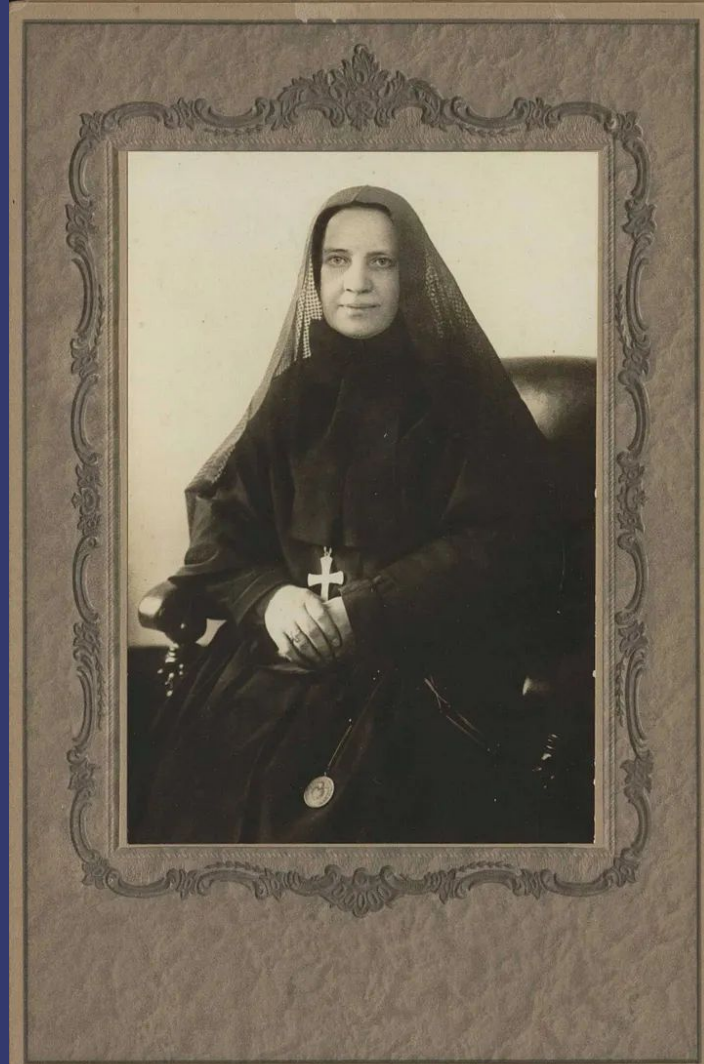
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St. Frances
Xavier Cabrini



Who is St. Frances Xavier Cabrini?

- Born 1850 in the Lombardy region of northwestern Italy
- Received a teaching certificate and taught in parish school
- Made religious vows in 1874 with the Sisters of Providence
- Founded the Institute of the Salesian Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) in 1880
- Sent as missionary to the Italian immigrants in the United States in 1889
- Traveled throughout North and South America to open 67 schools, orphanages, and hospitals and establish MSC houses
- Became a US Citizen in 1909
- Died in Chicago in 1917
- Beatified in 1938 and Canonized in 1950; named Patron of Immigrants



Challenges Overcome

- Wanted to enter religious life but was turned away by two communities
- Wanted to be a missionary to China, but Pope Leo XIII asked her to go to America instead
- Arrived in New York to find that the benefactor who was going to fund her school had backed out, and the Archbishop told her to go back to Italy



“It is wonderful to encounter difficulties. It is the only way to induce our good Jesus to lead us by the hand or let Him do everything. How wonderful!”

On arrival to Granada, Nicaragua

“The entire population was waiting for us. I really think no one could have stayed home - everybody seemed to be at the station. The people prevented the carriages from coming up to us, as they wanted us to pass through the crowd so that they could see us, but the number of people was so great that order could not be maintained, and we were afraid we would be crushed. ... I feared they would make martyrs of us through their great devotion toward us. ... [we formed] a great procession to the parish church, where the parish priest, accompanied by other priests, awaited us to sing the ‘Te Deum,’ after which we were taken to the house that was assigned to us and where we are very pleased to prepare to open an academy.”

The Spiritual Life of Mother Cabrini

- The Holy Eucharist
- The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Saints
 - St. Francis Xavier
 - St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
 - St. Francis de Sales
 - St. John Berchmans
 - St. Rose of Lima
- Essence of Mother Cabrini's Spirituality:
humility, obedience, silence, diligence

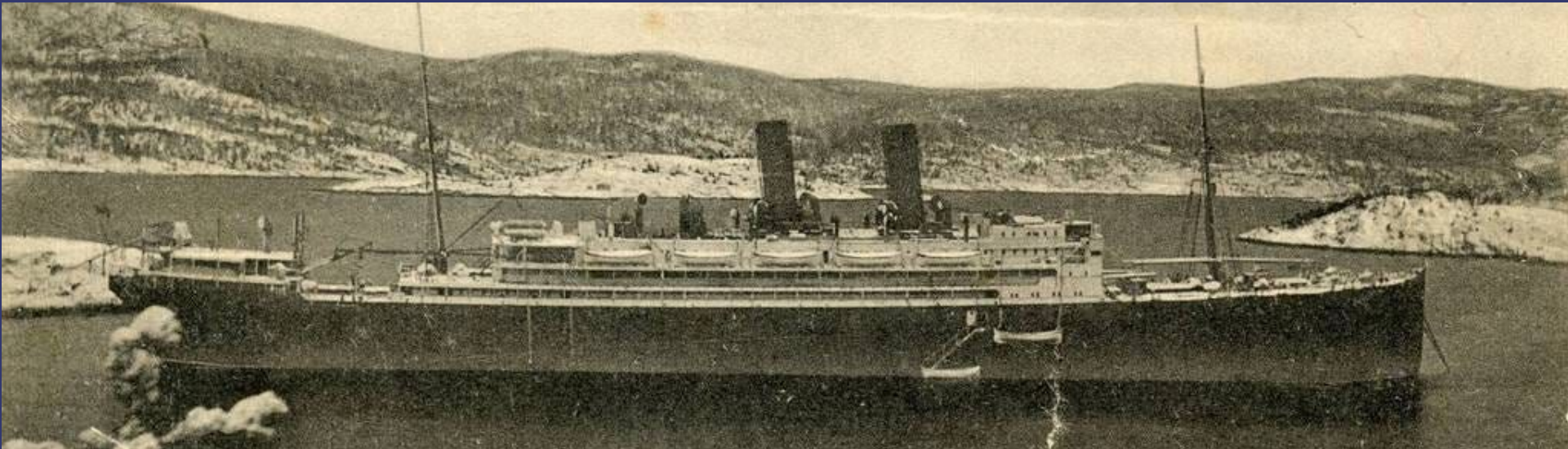


On the necessity of humility

“Recently I accepted a good and humble postulant; I hope she succeeds in becoming a good missionary. Other candidates presented themselves to me, but they were only capable, not humble. One candidate went so far as to say that she was doing us a favor by entering our Institute because we needed someone who spoke English. I dismissed her, saying that the Sacred Heart does not need anyone but that the one who wishes to enter the Institute has need of the Sacred Heart; it is he who grants us the grace of admitting us among his missionaries. ... I need many subjects, but I wish to have only those who are humble, detached from themselves and from their talents, for I am positive that one humble subject can do the work of fifty or more. Without humility, peace is lacking and grace departs.”

On Pilgrimage

“Now that the voyage is at an end, we are sorry to part from these people, who have been such good friends to us on the voyage, who were as close to us as if we were their mothers, and for whom we could have done a bit of good. Oh, if only we could impress upon them again the happiness that awaits them if they are faithful to prayer and to the sacraments! If we could make them understand that Heaven is the great prize or reward granted to good Christians, to those who are faithful to the laws of Jesus Christ!”



On Providence - Mother Cabrini and the Titanic



On the Holy Eucharist and Viaticum





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