

NOVEMBER 13 FEAST DAY OF MOTHER FRANCES CABRINI, MSC PATRON SAINT OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Prayer for Immigrants and Refugees

Jesus, together with Mary and Joseph, you were forced to flee the persecution of Herod. You continue to unite yourself with all those forced to flee their homes and live in exile. Today, we entrust to your loving care all women, children and men who live as migrants and refugees.

Grant us the grace to welcome them with Dehonian HOSPITALITY, so that these sisters and brothers of ours may experience SOLIDARITY and HOPE on their journey.

TEACH US TO RECOGNIZE YOU

in the migrant who labors to bring food to our tables,
in the refugee fleeing from violent conflict, persecution, and famine,
in the woman and child who are victims of human trafficking,
in the asylum seeker imprisoned for fleeing without documents.

May all those who are far from their place of birth find in us a home where all are welcomed.

With your grace, may we “involve ourselves without reserve for a coming of a new humanity in Jesus Christ.” (Cst. #38).

United with Mother Cabrini, we ask this in your name, Jesus. Amen.

Witness of Catholic Social Teaching

Mother Cabrini and her sisters cared for the sick and educated poor children. Their ministry to the immigrant community showed a special care for the least, and a **preferential option for the poor**. They also took care to recognize the **dignity of the human person** by helping the poor and outcast immigrants. Frances showed an openness to the call of God when she gave up her own dreams of being a missionary in China and instead responded to the needs of American immigrants with generosity and love.

