

**This Week's Message
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Recently, I watched a movie on EWTN about St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, better known as Mother Cabrini. Although I was familiar with her life, the film reminded me once again of the remarkable faith and determination of this extraordinary woman.

Mother Cabrini was born in Italy in 1850. As a young woman, she dreamed of becoming a missionary to China. God, however, had a different plan. Pope Leo XIII encouraged her not to go to the East, but to the West—to serve the thousands of Italian immigrants arriving in the United States.

When Mother Cabrini arrived in New York in 1889, she found many immigrants living in poverty. They faced discrimination, overcrowded housing, poor working conditions, and little access to education or health care. Rather than becoming discouraged, she and her Missionary Sisters devoted themselves to caring for those most in need. They opened orphanages, schools, and hospitals, offering not only material assistance but also the hope and dignity that come from knowing Christ.

By the time of her death in 1917, Mother Cabrini had founded more than sixty institutions in the United States, Europe, and South America. Her life reminds us that God often accomplishes extraordinary things through ordinary people who trust completely in Him.

Mother Cabrini once said, "The world is too small for what I intend to do." Those were not words of pride. They were words of faith. She believed that with God, no obstacle was too great and no act of charity too small.

It is easy to become discouraged by the challenges we see in our world today. Mother Cabrini teaches us not to focus on what we cannot do, but on what God can accomplish through us when we place our trust in Him.

May her example inspire us to welcome the stranger, serve those in need, and never lose confidence in God's providence. Like Mother Cabrini, may we have the courage to follow wherever the Lord leads us.

Mother Cabrini, Pray for us.

I remember you at Mass.