

Grateful for where you come from?

Interested in giving back?

Passionate about paying it forward and leaving a positive legacy for Colorado?

If so, please join us in support of



A Colorado State Holiday, October 13 annually, observed on the 1st Monday of October

A day to share, give back and look forward

A day of kindness, compassion and community

Colorado connections include many Colorado families with stories of her kindness, protection and influence. She is remembered for her care of immigrants, working-class and children, as a champion of women, her spirituality, strength and courage, her work as a humanitarian, and as a saint with direct Colorado ties.

Initiated by Colorado citizens seeking a solution to the annual division of Colorado residents in October, Cabrini Day offers an opportunity for Colorado to come together and celebrate our state's rich culture and heritage. It is also a proactive way to shape Colorado's present and future via meaningful programs and inclusive, fun activities.

hu·man·i·tar·i·an

a person who seeks to promote human welfare

Humanitarianism

an active belief in the value of human life, whereby humans practice benevolent treatment and provide assistance to other humans, in order to better humanity for moral, altruistic and logical reasons. It is the philosophical belief in movement toward the improvement of the human race in a variety of areas, used to describe a wide number of activities relating specifically to human welfare. A practitioner is known as a humanitarian.



**Colorado Humanitarian
Frances Cabrini**

"Mother Cabrini is one of the remarkable women of this

century. One hardly knows how to begin to describe her..."

—New Orleans Newspaper, 1905

"...Cabrini, although repeatedly beset with ill health, crisscrossed the country assessing the needs of Italian immigrants. Her ability to respond to their needs was extraordinary. Schools, hospitals, orphanages and social service outreach programs involving family visitations in both urban and rural areas, religious instruction in numerous parishes, recreational programs for children, industrial arts lessons for young women, visits to city hospital wards, jails, prisons, mines and plantations, absorbed the energies of Cabrini and her Missionary Sisters. Together they established institutions in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Mississippi, Illinois, Colorado, Washington State and California."

—Mary Louise Sullivan, Fall 1987

Her Life

1850 Born in Italy

1880 Founds the Institute of the Missionary Sisters

1889 Arrives in New York

October 29, 1902 Arrives in Denver

1902 Establishes a convent, school and orphanage in Denver and plays a major role in the growth of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

1905 Opens Queen of Heaven orphanage in Denver

1908 Expands school in Denver

October 13, 1909 Becomes a naturalized U.S. citizen in Washington State

1912 Starts a summer camp for orphans in Colorado's Mount Vernon Canyon; today known as Mother Cabrini Shrine

1917 Dies in Chicago

1950 declared "patroness of emigrants" by Pope Pius XII

Her Legacy

- Founded 67 education, health and spiritual institutions to serve the poor across the country
- Namesake of numerous charitable and service organizations, centers of learning and spiritual institutions. The work of these establishments include education, eldercare, healthcare, outreach, ministry, and social causes including fighting human trafficking.
- Cabrini University, founded in 1957 is a model example of Cabrini's legacy, welcoming learners of all faiths cultures and backgrounds. The University is dedicated to helping students discover who they are and what they can accomplish in their life, career and in society and how they can make a better life for themselves and for others.
- Shrines in Colorado, New York and Chicago
- 2017 Colorado officially celebrated the 100th anniversary of her death

Her Legacy in Colorado

- Mother Cabrini's legacy lives on in Colorado today, with Mother Cabrini directly influencing and shaping the lives of many Coloradans who recall with fondness the memory of her as recalled by parents and grandparents.
- Mother Cabrini's Shrine in Golden welcomes thousands of visitors each year. The shrine offers guests personal and unique opportunities to connect with Mother Cabrini and her legacy of encouraging spiritual growth, healing, kindness, connection, compassion and education. The shrine has local, national and international impact. For Colorado, the shrine is a destination, influencing Colorado's identity and economy.

"People come in their great need and desire for Mother's help and they want the water to take home with them," Sr. Eileen Currie, M.S.C. said. "People always share the stories of their faith and how using the water and being here made a difference in their lives."

*—Mother Cabrini Shrine by Kyle Dyer,
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