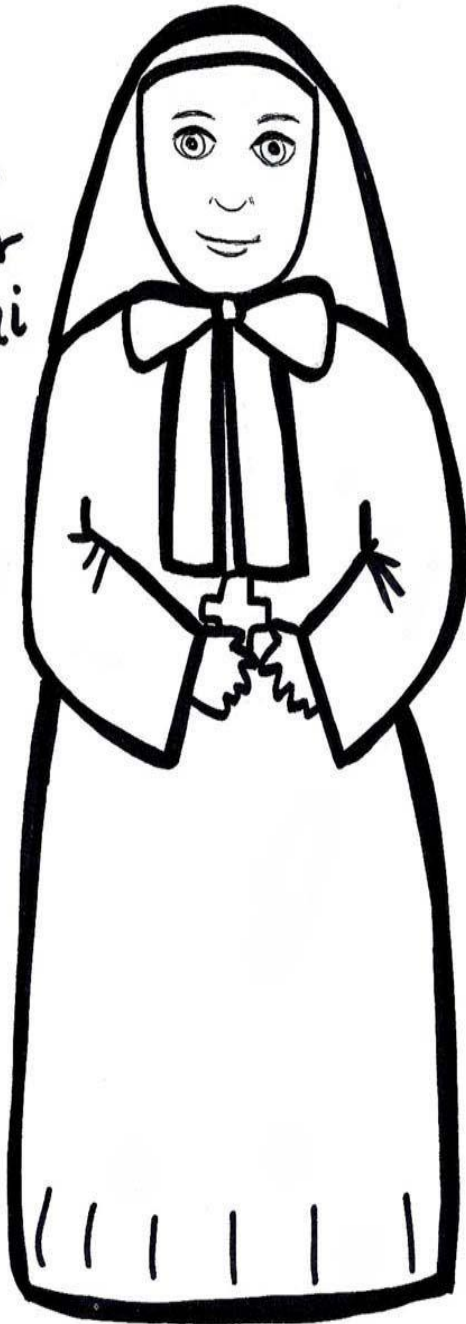




Instructions: Make a book marker cutting out images, coloring and gluing to both sides of a colored construction paper (4x8”).

FEAST DAY NOVEMBER 13

Saint
Frances
Xavier
Cabrini



Born in 1850 in northern Italy, Francesca Cabrini loved reading about missionaries. Her poor health made her unable to join a religious community so she became a teacher in a village school then an administrator of an orphanage. In 1880, at the age of 30, Francesca founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

She longed to be a missionary in China and went to ask permission of Pope Leo XIII. However, the Pope told her to go instead to the United States where many thousands of Italian immigrants badly needed help. Mother Cabrini and six of her Missionary Sisters set off for New York City in 1889. They found miserable living conditions and immediately organized catechism classes and schooling for the children. They went door to door asking for help for their mission and were often treated badly. They opened their convent doors to the poor children before establishing an orphanage, parochial schools and a hospital.

Soon requests for Mother Cabrini's help poured in from other cities in the U.S., and from Europe and Central and South America. Over 34 years, she established 67 hospitals, orphanages, and schools. She only wished to serve Jesus in whatever He asked of her.

In 1909 she became a U.S. citizenship. She died in Chicago on December 22, 1917. Pope Pius XII canonized her in 1946 the first American citizen to be named a saint. Four years later she was given the title of Patroness of Immigrants.

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