

"No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of fraternal love." - Pope Francis



A Seminarian working in the field at the Saint Thomas Aquina Katigondo Seminary in Uganda, Africa

National Vocation Awareness Week [NVAW] is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Seeds of faith, planted by our parents, nurtured by family and friends, can lead to vocations. Father Herman Kituuma, knows this best, as he educates Seminarians, celebrates Mass and *surprisingly*, tends the 500 acres of land used to raise livestock and produce. These are just a few of the daily chores of Father Kituuma, who

serves as Rector of Saint Thomas Aquinas Katigondo Seminary, in the Mission country of Uganda. Seminarians at Saint Thomas are being formed **in the faith – and in the field**, as they learn agriculture practices on the Seminary's farm, the knowledge they'll take to their future parishes to help combat hunger.

During NVAW, encourage prayer for Father Herman Kituuma & the 300 seminarians at Saint Thomas, who are being formed to be tomorrow's Leaders of the Faith. You and your students daily prayers are important to all those considering a Religious vocation. And know, Mission Seminarians and Religious, are praying for you and your students too!

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Resources for Mission prayer and sacrifice during November

FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS:

- † Vocations Mission Prayer/Patron and Patroness of the Missions [Page 3]
- † All Saints Day Worksheet [Page 4]
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- † Introduce students to Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini in the November Mission Saint Spotlight [Page 6]
- † Distribute the **"Mission Focus: Lima, Peru."** Pray with your students for children who are receiving an education at the *Joy in the Lord* school. [Page 7].
- † Add the Thanksgiving Prayer to the Mission Prayer Corner for the Month of November [Page 8]

FOR SECONDARY & HIGH SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS:

- † Pope Francis approved a miracle which has been attributed to Oscar Romero, and he was canonized on October 14th last month. Watch The Romero Trust's animation which explores the life, ministry and legacy of Blessed Oscar Romero, found here: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Romero>
- † For National Vocations Awareness Week, **CLICK HERE** for an **Inspire Vocations Activity and Prayer Service**
- † Include the Holy Father's November Prayer Intention for the service of peace in your daily communal prayer: *That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.*



On **World MISSION SUNDAY**,
October 21st, the 2017-2018

National Christmas Artwork Contest Winners were recognized during Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul. The Mass also kicked off the **EXTRAORDINARY YEAR OF MISSION**. Thank you to all schools who participated and we look forward to seeing all the beautiful artwork that your students will make this year. Click [HERE](#) to print an entry form for the 2018-19

MCA NATIONAL CHRISTMAS ARTWORK CONTEST.



Congratulations Missionary Children!

National Vocations Awareness Week November 4-10, 2018



Missionary Vocations Prayer

God of all nations, we are most grateful
for the first Catholic Missionaries and
explorers who came to Philadelphia.

As strangers in a strange land they
brought with them countless skills, talents
and traditions, but their greatest
treasure was their faith.

May the good News of Jesus Christ,
which molded and shaped their lives,
continue to mold and shape our lives today.
Bless our Archdiocese with men and women
who will follow in their footsteps to serve
the Church as Religious Brothers, Sisters,
priests, and deacons.

AMEN

FUN FACT: Did you
know that there are
young men from
Mission lands
studying for the
priesthood here in
Philadelphia?

St. Charles
Borromeo Seminary,
has Seminarians
from **Bangladesh**
and **Sri Lanka!**

DURING ALL SAINTS DAY, REMEMBER THE PATRON & PATRONESS OF THE MISSIONS

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux



Saint Francis Xavier



AND ALL MISSION SAINTS

Contact Ali Holden at MCA@archphila.org for more information on
Mission Saints and complete the activity on the following page for an
All Saints Day Worksheet from Sadlier

Name of student _____

Name of saint _____

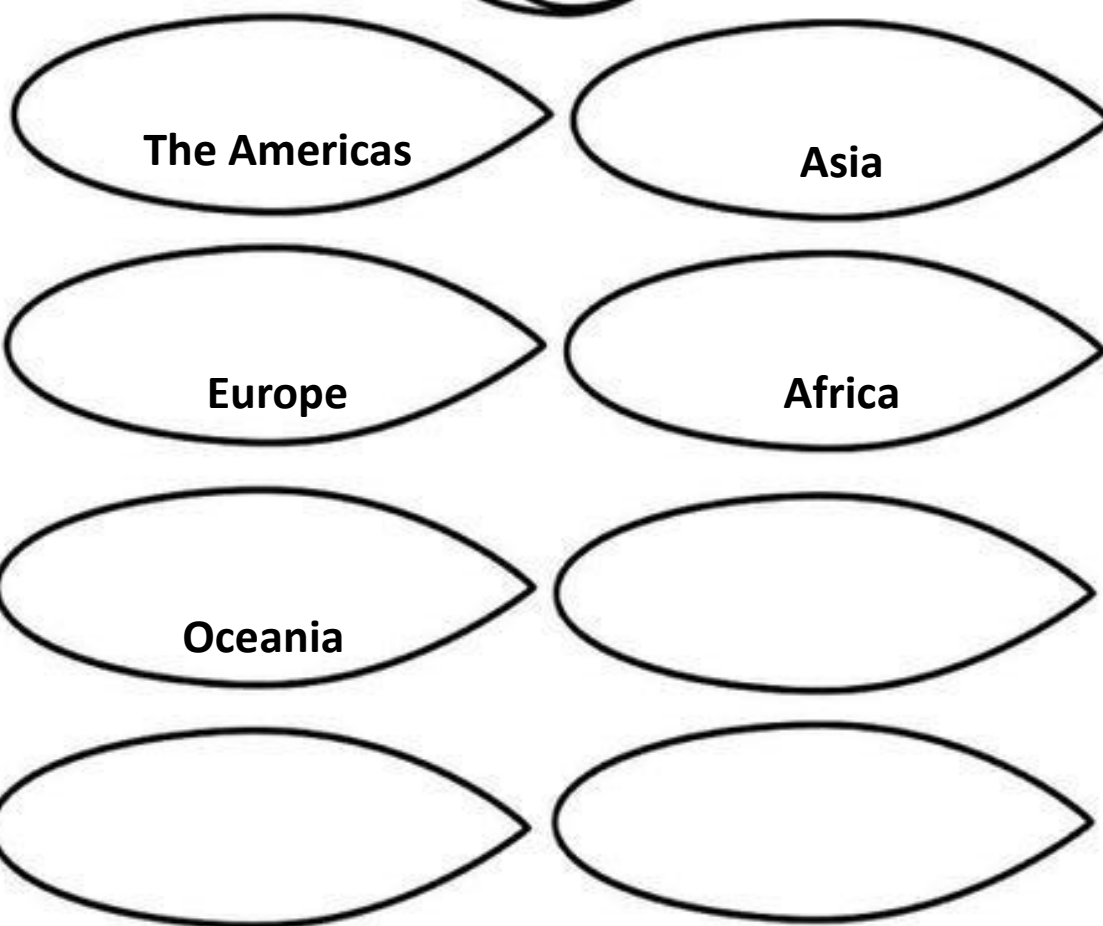
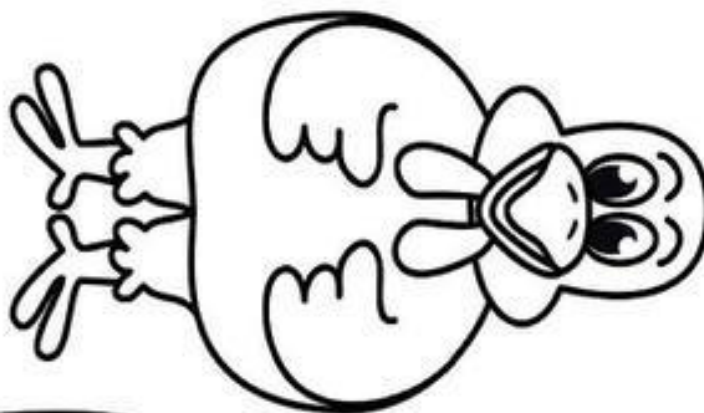


Feast Day _____

Why we honor this saint _____

Thanksgiving Turkey Pattern

- Cut
- Color
- Write on the feathers
- Glue feathers on turkey



Super Teacher Worksheets www.superteacherworksheets.com

Use this turkey cutout activity, as a **Mission Prayer Turkey!**
Color the feathers the colors of the World Mission Rosary: **Red for the Americas**, **White for Europe**, **Blue for Oceania**, **Green for Africa**, and **Yellow for Asia**. Your students will have 3 feathers left.
They can use them to write in the personal intentions that they would like to pray for.
During the Month of November, say one Hail Mary for each feather.

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini : *Patroness of Immigrants*

The youngest of thirteen children, Frances Cabrini was born on July 15, 1850 in a small village called S'ant Angelo Lodigiano near the city of Milan, Italy. She grew up enthralled by the stories of Missionaries and made up her mind early in her life to join a Religious order. Due to her frail health, Frances was not permitted to join the *Daughters of the Sacred Heart*, who had been her teachers and under whose guidance she had obtained her teaching certificate. However, in 1880, with seven young women, Frances founded the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

She was as resourceful as she was prayerful, finding people who would donate what she needed in money, time, labor and support. She and her sisters wanted to be Missionaries in China; she visited Rome to obtain an audience with Pope Leo XIII. The Pope told Frances to go *"not to the East, but to the West"* to New York rather than to China as she had expected. She was to help the thousands of Italian immigrants already in the United States.



In 1889, New York seemed to be filled with chaos and poverty, and into this new world stepped Mother Frances Cabrini and her sister companions. Cabrini organized catechism and education classes for the Italian immigrants and provided for the needs of the many orphans. She established schools and orphanages despite tremendous odds. Soon, requests for her

to open schools came to Frances Cabrini, from all over the world. She traveled to Europe, Central & South America and throughout the United States. She made 23 trans-Atlantic crossings and established 67 institutions: schools, hospitals and orphanages.

Frances never stopped her quest to help others and be Missionary to everyone she encountered. In 1946, she was canonized a saint by Pope Pius XII in recognition of her holiness and service to mankind and was named Patroness of Immigrants in 1950. Today the Missionary Sisters, their lay collaborators and volunteers work as teachers, nurses, social workers, administrators and members of institutional boards of trustees. They can be found on six continents and 15 countries throughout the world – wherever there is a need.

Biography adapted from www.Mothercabrini.org



"I will go anywhere and do anything in order to communicate the love of Jesus to those who do not know Him or have forgotten Him " - Mother Cabrini

Feast Day: November 13th

Patron of: Immigrants

Birth: July 15, 1850

Death: December 22, 1917

Beatified: Nov. 13, 1938

Canonized: July 7, 1946

Discussion Questions and Activities:

- What are some ways you can be Missionary and teach others about Jesus?
- Did any of your family members immigrate to America?
- Pray for all immigrants, past and present, who came to America and learned about Jesus through Missionaries.

Mission Focus: Lima, Peru

Servants of the Plan of God *Joy in the Lord School*

With the help of Missionary Children in Philadelphia, Missionary Sisters of the Servants of the Plan of God, will be able to afford the work of “*Joy in the Lord*,” a school that educates and rehabilitates children and teenagers with physical disabilities.

Serving more than 150 children and teenagers by providing them education, faith formation, physical & language therapies and psychological assessment, the students at this school are being given the opportunity to learn about Jesus’ love. They also are in a place where they feel comfortable. Not only do the Sisters teach the students, but they also provide meals.

Many of the families in Lima, Peru are suffering from poverty, and over 90% of these children require a scholarship in



A Servant of the Plan of God Sister teaching a First grade student

order to attend the school. This is either because their parents do not have the financial means to pay for their education & health care or because they were abandoned due to their physical disabilities. **Missionary Childhood Association** Children are reminded that Jesus wants us **all to be Missionaries.**

Remember to pray and sacrifices for children who are less fortunate like the like the children at the *Joy in the Lord Center* and become

“Children helping Children” here in Philadelphia!



Lima, Peru



Children learning how to pray



Many families that go to the Joy in the Lord Center live in homes in areas like this.

With a small sacrifice of a **\$1**, MCA children can help children who attend the Joy in the Lord School in Peru, and places like it in the world.

What Can YOU do to HELP, especially in this Extraordinary Year of Mission?

Will **your students** say a Hail Mary for children in Lima, Peru each day this school year in the **EXTRAORDINARY YEAR OF MISSION**? Pope Francis asks all students in **MCA** do so.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for all Missionaries



*God of all people of the world,
You sent your Son to show us the
path to yourself.*

*We thank you for the Missionaries
who came to our land and lived here
to bring us the Good News of Jesus
and continue to do so in other lands.*

*We thank you for the Missionaries
who taught people, who healed
them and worked beside them.*

*Help us to honor each of them by
living our lives as People who bring
the Good News of Jesus to others.*

*Help me, Lord, to be
Your Missionary, wherever I am,
by my Words and Actions.*

*We ask this in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.



Remember that here in Philadelphia, we are celebrating an

EXTRAORDINARY YEAR OF MISSION.

In the next few months, give thanks for your blessings, and pray one Hail Mary a day for the 1,111 diocese we support all over the world!