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LIFE WITH CHRIST IS A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE!-POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

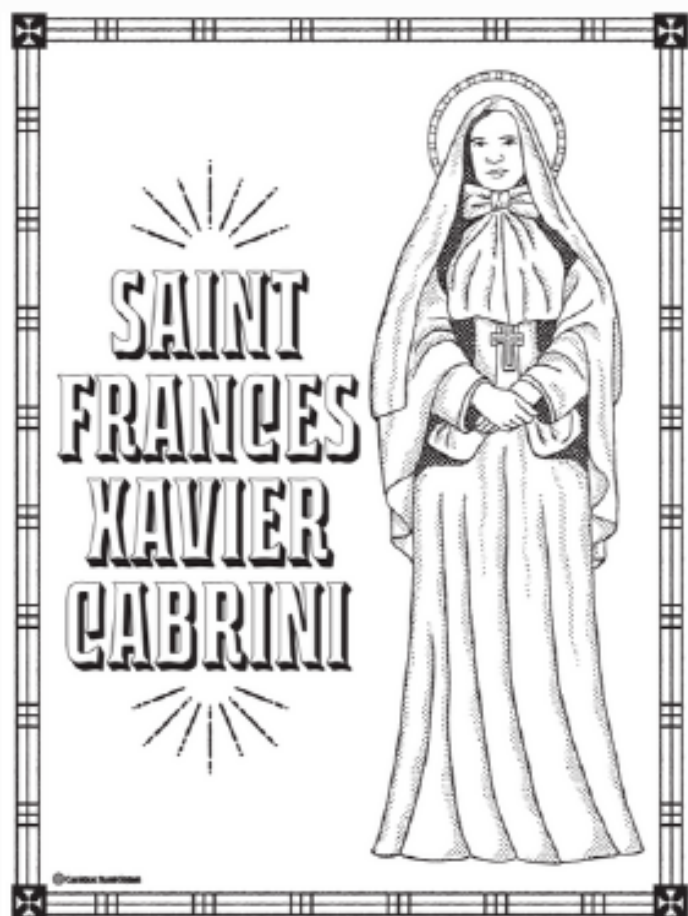


## St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

St. Francis Xavier Cabrini was born on July 15, 1850 in Italy. She was the youngest of thirteen children. At eighteen, she wanted to enter the convent, but was turned away three times because of her poor health. While working in an orphanage, Frances began her own order called the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

Mother Frances hoped to travel to China with her sisters, but Pope Leo XIII told her he wanted her to go to the United States since many Italians were living here. Mother Cabrini and six of her Sisters first went to New York and established an orphanage. Her work then led her here to Chicago where she and her Sisters built schools, hospitals and orphanages. She even founded schools in South America.

Mother Cabrini became a US citizen before she died of malaria at Columbus Hospital, which she founded here in Chicago. Mother Cabrini is the first American citizen to be declared a saint.



Did you know that you can go see where a saint lived? The National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini is located in Chicago and is open to visitors.