

Cabrini Mission Corps Welcomes Missioners

*A warm welcome to Crystal Catalan and Mary Meleski
Welcome back to Michelle Sherman*

Two new faces - Crystal Catalan and Mary Meleski - and a welcome back to Michelle Sherman, serving a second mission year with CMC! Over the past several months, Mary, Crystal and Michelle have discerned a call to commit this year (August 2009 - July 2010) as Cabrini missioners, living in community with Cabrini sisters and one another, and serving in Cabrini ministries in New York City.

Mary, Crystal and Michelle will join Columbus Community on East 21st Street and will serve Cabrini Immigrant Services, Cabrini Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation and Mother Cabrini High School. We are grateful for your continued prayers for our Cabrini missioners as they join us in our common mission as bearers of Christ's love in our world.

Crystal Catalan

Hi there! My name is Crystal Catalan and I am excited to be here! Whenever people ask me where I'm from, I usually say something like this, "I was born and raised in Orange County, went down to the University of San Diego for college, and moved to Los Angeles for work. God forbid I get out of Southern California!" Well, as is typically the case, God had bigger plans for me, and it wasn't until I started looking back, that I realized He had begun to stir these plans in my heart with my first mission trip to Manila, Philippines. Of course, I had no idea the Cabrini Mission Corps was in the plans for 2009! You can say that my passion is music, service, and spending quality time with people with whom I come into contact. I believe there is something I can learn from everyone, and with each person I meet, I know there is a special reason.



As a new missioner with CMC serving at Mother Cabrini High School, I hope to enrich my spiritual life by discovering new things about God's plans and myself. I am very much looking forward to serving as a mentor to the girls at the High School and can't wait to see what God has in store! I feel strongly in that I have truly been called to serve, and with an open heart, mind, and soul, I am ready to go wherever He sends me and ready to spread God's love everywhere I go. In Mother Cabrini's words, *disponibilità!*

Mary Meleski

Mary Meleski, coming from Milwaukee, WI, graduated from St. Norbert College in 2008 with a degree in education as well as Spanish and English as a Second Language. Eager to begin her work in missions, Mary took a break to pay off her student loans. Returning to her job at Harbour House, Mary helped for one year to celebrate life everyday with her residents that have Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Now, Mary is ready to begin her life in missions and service to our Lord. **She is very excited to begin her ministry with CMC in New York where she will be dividing her time between Cabrini Immigrant Services and Cabrini Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation.**



Michelle Sherman

We believe in a God of surprises and a God who does not give up on us. This past year at Mother Cabrini High School has brought both challenging and enlightening surprises. But through it all, He let me know through others that He believes in us and will stand by us, even though we sometimes struggle to understand where the path is leading. **As I head back to New York and Mother Cabrini High School, I look forward to what this next year brings-- new joys, new challenges, and new gifts. I look forward to growing with my new community at Columbus and getting to know Mary and Crystal. Peace!**

Blessings on your upcoming year of service!

