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FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

Thursday, March 14, 2024, 6pm

American Women Saints: Frances Xavier Cabrini (2024), 86 minutes

Marylou and Jerome Bongiorno, dirs.



Please join us and the filmmakers for a special preview screening of the documentary *American Women Saints: Frances Xavier Cabrini*, before its premiere on PBS nationally in late March for Women's History Month.

The film is the second in a two-part series, the first installment of which

dealt with the life of Elizabeth Ann Seton. Discussion will follow with Emmy-nominated, award-winning husband and wife filmmakers Marylou and Jerome Bongiorno, moderated by Dean Anthony J. Tamburri.

Using first-person narration in modern language with a unique impressionistic animation style, the film presents the untold story of a strong, smart, and driven woman who epitomized how to use faith, passion, and entrepreneurial skill to do good works for humanity.



Frances Xavier Cabrini's life unfolds concurrently with the history of early twentieth-century Italian emigration to the United States. Cabrini founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, an institute that, despite adversities, opened schools, orphanages, sanatoriums, and hospitals. She was the first American to be declared a saint.

For more information, visit www.BongiornoProductions.com.

Watch the trailer at <https://vimeo.com/862496270>.

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