Cabrini High School Chapel

1400 Moss Street

On the campus of Cabrini High School a small white masonry chapel nestles behind the three-story former orphanage, the Sacred Heart Asylum. Both buildings were erected by Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini with the financial support of Captain Salvatore Pizzati and were dedicated in 1906.

St. Frances Cabrini was canonized in 1947, the first U.S. citizen to become a saint.

The chapels arched stained-glass windows were the gifts of various donors. Records have disappeared, and we do not know the dates of their installation. Because the windows were added in piecemeal fashion, they are the creations of several studios. Two were signed by the Duprato Studio of Chicago and New York. The windows over the side doors differ markedly from the others and undoubtedly postdate them.

Some of the windows seem to combine European and American glass. To avoid high tariffs, American studios often imported pieces of cut and stained glass and then assembled them in this country. Alternatively, they imported the central figures and completed the surrounds with local glass; windows of this history were called semi-European stained glass. The presence of opalescent glass or molded or cut-glass gems identifies American work.

**Windows**

Christ Giving Gods Blessing Mary, Queen of Heaven

Altar

Guardian Angel St. Michael Archangel

St. John Berchmans St. Francis de Sales

St. Francis Xavier St. Anthony of Padua

Education of Mary Sacred Heart of Jesus

Door

Venerable Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini

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