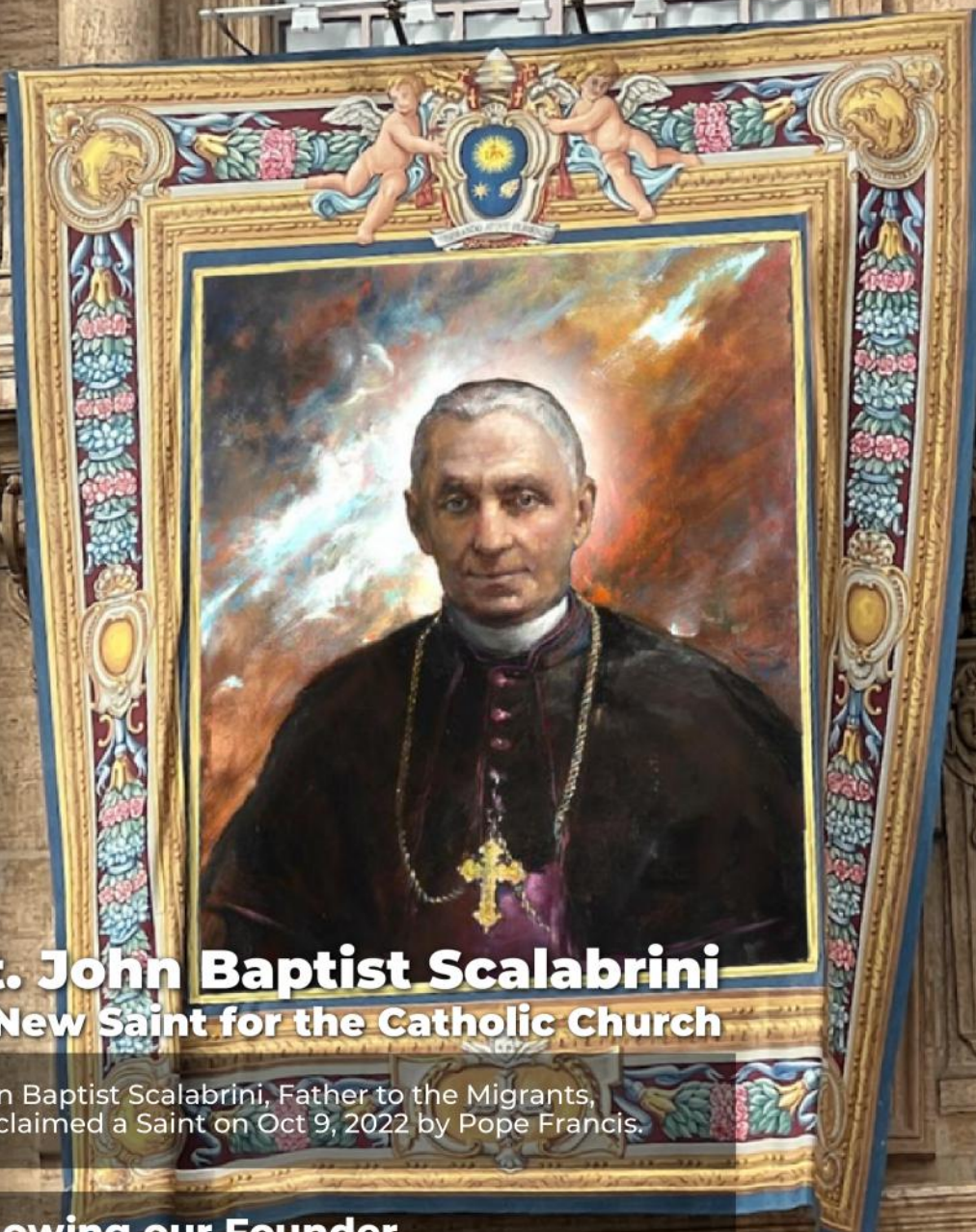


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St. John Baptist Scalabrini **A New Saint for the Catholic Church**

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A photograph showing the silhouettes of a group of people, likely refugees, walking across a flat landscape at sunset or sunrise. They are carrying various items, including bags and baskets, on their heads and backs. The sky is filled with large, colorful clouds in shades of blue, purple, and orange. The scene is reflected in a body of water in the foreground, creating a symmetrical image.

*Do we welcome, protect, promote and
integrate the least among us in society ?*

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EDITORIAL

New Wine into New Wineskins

It is with great pleasure that after many years we welcome back our Scalabrinian Magazine with a new look with a new boost to the entire readership. It is also with great joy that our founder, John Baptist Scalabrini, will be featured in this issue as a new saint in the Catholic Church.

For the Scalabrinian Missionaries, the year 2022 marks a special landmark in the congregation as the whole church rejoices for the canonization of our founder, Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini.

He founded the Congregation of the Missionaries of Saint Charles. Scalabrini has been recognized for his pastoral initiatives in favor of migrants because he gave a concrete response to the migration phenomenon.

Proclaiming Scalabrini a saint in the Catholic Church is to recognize his exemplary life, his work for the migrants and the underprivileged section of society.

Many Catholics have been inspired to welcome, protect, promote and integrate the migrants in their host countries through the example of Saint John Baptist Scalabrini.

Because of this, we invoke the intercession of Saint John

Baptist Scalabrini with commitment to making his life and work known across the world; and to keep his spirit of love for migrants alive in people's hearts.

For that reason, we have decided to dedicate this first issue of the Scalabrinian magazine in order for us to deepen knowledge of our founder and to know more about the work that we Scalabrinians do around the world. This includes our mission in different settings, e.g., parishes, migration study centers, casas del migrante, and seminaries. Along with that, our constant effort continues to bring justice and dignity in human mobility that shapes the world of migration.

Incidentally, we would like to give special thanks to Saint John Baptist Province for moving forward with joy into this work, particularly to Father José Juan Cervantes, who is joining forces in this great endeavor.

We hope everyone enjoys this new printed and digital magazine.

FR. JEFFERSON ORLANDO BARIVIERA, C.S.



Message from our Provincial

Scalabrini, in his contemplation of God into an intense apostolic and missionary activity !

“Being deeply in love with God and extraordinarily devoted to the Eucharist, Scalabrini knew how to translate the contemplation of God and His mystery into an intense apostolic and missionary activity, becoming all things to all to proclaim the Gospel.”

With these words, on November 9, 1997, the Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran, Saint John Paul II described Scalabrini as a man of God with this great gift.

Following this, Scalabrini’s foundation, known as the Missionaries of Saint Charles, remains steadfast in living out the evangelical vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The norm is that members live their consecration to God in fraternal communities while accompanying the migrants to whom they are sent, i.e., to proclaim the good news of salvation.

As one of the core values of Scalabrinian missionary life, we commit ourselves to gi-

ving new vitality and providing ways to serve the Church through ministry to the migrants. This, however, is embedded in and embodied by relationships, especially in various mobility patterns with specific mobility-related problems.

Therefore, it becomes important to give due prominence to spiritual and community life of the congregation, and to focus on the variety of tasks that it plays in the prophetic dimension of its charism. In a similar vein, working with the laity as partners in ministry exemplifies the sharing of Christ’s mission in the church with its roadmap toward the promotion of integral human development.

Our Founder laid his foundation with a great deal of obedience following “the message of the Gospel to the poorest and farthest away from God (...). This apostolic sensitivity reached its peak when he turned his attention to the migrants.” (from Rules of Life, 3).

More than a century after his death, Scalabrini’s legacy continues to bear fruit. His canonization brings more impetus to our vocation. He was a bishop who dedicated his entire life to his pastoral ministry. However, he was also able to look far beyond, to those who were forced to leave their homeland in search for a better life. He fought what Pope Francis today calls “the culture of indifference and discard.” By proclaiming him a saint last October 9, the Holy Father invites us to have his gaze of welcome and love for all.



*Rev. Angelo Plodari, c.s.
Provincial Superior !*

Saint John Baptist Scalabrini

Father to the Migrants



On the Canonization of Bishop John Baptist Scalabrini

BY FATHER PETER POLO, C.S.

Pope Francis canonized John Baptist Scalabrini during a mass in St Peter's Square on October 9, 2022. He was proclaimed Blessed by Pope St. John Paul II in 1997. Like then, so now, thousands of pilgrims and many of his missionaries across the world were present.

Only the Pope can declare a person "Blessed" or "Saint." The process of canonization is relatively long and demanding. It involves several levels of the Church's hierarchy. The first stages of the process begin in the diocesan level, where the candidate was born or died in the odor of sanctity. In response to requests by the people or by the clergy and religious of the diocese, the local bishop institutes formally a Public Process in the presence of diocesan officials, members of the clergy, religious men and women, qualified laypeople and many witnesses. The candidate's public and private writings are collected and examined thoroughly. This documentary process entails numerous witnesses to give testimonies concerning the heroic virtues of the candidate. The bound volumes of documentation is in-



*John Baptist Scalabrini is now
a Saint of the Catholic Church.* !

*Watch the video and images of the Canonization here:
<https://www.scalabrinisaintcharles.org/founder>* !

tensive and thorough. Once they have been collected and examined, the process concludes with the judgment of the diocesan tribunal, along with the local bishop. Then, the results are communicated to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome. It goes without saying that the process continues once the requirements are satisfied and approved with an affirmative judgment.

By the same token, the purpose of this extensive and very arduous process is to prove that the candidate has demonstrated his heroic virtues throughout his life.

The virtues involved are above all the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity and the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "by canonizing some of the faithful, i.e., by solemnly proclaiming that they practiced heroic virtue and lived in fidelity to God's grace, the Church recognizes the power of the Spirit of holiness within her that sustains the hope of believers by proposing the Saints to them as models and intercessors."¹ The Saints have always been

the source and origin of renewal in the most difficult moments in the Church's history. Indeed, "holiness is the hidden source and infallible measure of her Apostolic activity and missionary zeal."² Once the Pope decrees that the candidate has practiced Christian virtues to heroic degree, then the candidate can be addressed as "Venerable." The miracle is presented and approved by the tribunal which comprises the scientific and theological commissions.

Since his earliest years, Scalabrini learned from his mother to put God first in his life and to believe and hope in him, and to show love to God through his caring presence towards the poor.

As rector of the minor seminary in Como and then years after, as pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish, his way of shepherding his flock reflected his gift of utmost prudence which he carried on for nearly three decades as Bishop of Piacenza.

The city of Piacenza was a vast diocese with exceptional number and responsibilities to deal with as regards the clergymen and seminaries, other bishops, the Pope and the Holy See.

He was an evangelizer and

an ardent proponent of catechism which he organized in each parish. Pope Pius IX held him in high esteem and called him "Apostle of the Catechism."

Scalabrini was often the object of accusations by newspapers, including verbal abuse by enemies of the Church, and yet he always forgave and proved his equanimity with everyone. He was spiritually strong and self-disciplined, even to using instruments of penance to chastise his body. He was vigilant against temptations and temperate, never self-indulgent, always moderate

and restrained in words, actions and relationships. In his personal resolutions at the end of his monthly day of recollection, he always noted in his diary: "that I may become holy." Holiness indeed was the goal of his life, and he taught it vigorously to his priests and his missionaries.

He would say to them: "be holy and everything will flourish in your hands."



John Baptist Scalabrini paint hanging on a balcony at the Vatican. 9-Oct-22



Images of Pope Francis and the Immigrant Monument at St. Peter's Square. 9-Oct-22



Scalabrini's canonization is an extension of his beatification, and it allows universal veneration of him as a Saint. It is the Church's official and infallible recognition that Scalabrini is truly in heaven and he may be publicly invoked and officially included in the liturgy of the Church.

For us Scalabrinians, the most important aspect of Blessed Scalabrini's canonization is the formal and official recognition of his prophetic ministry on behalf of all migrants and refugees.

In 1997, however, Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed him "Patron of Migrants."

By studying human history with the eyes of faith, Scalabrini had come to realize and believe that human migration was not new, but it had always existed in human history in various forms and for many reasons. It will continue to be a structural phenomenon in the development of humanity for the foreseeable future.

For Scalabrini, human migration, despite its inherent sufferings, is God's way of unifying humanity as one family: "One people out of many peoples... One flock under one Shepherd."

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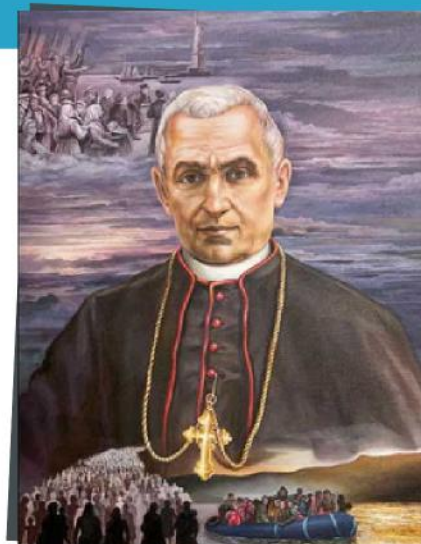


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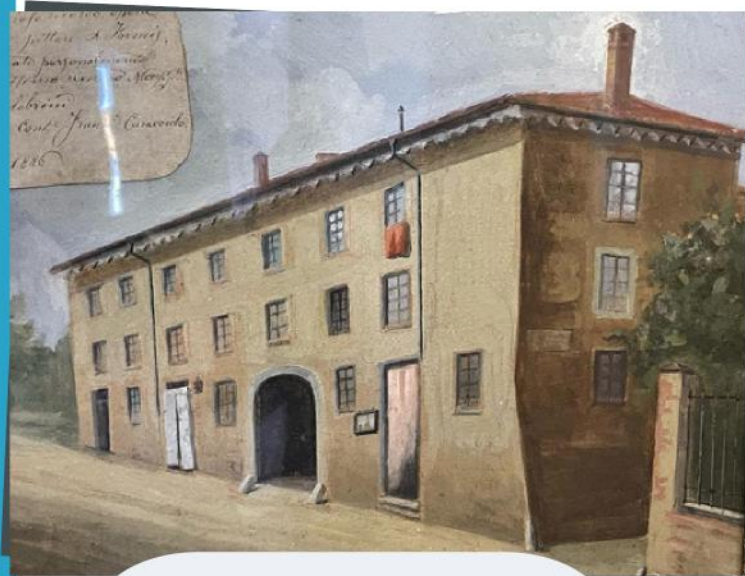
1. St. Peter's Square.
2. and 3. Pilgrims celebrating the Canonization, holding banners at St Peter's Square.
4. Immigrants Dancing at the Paul VI Audience Hall.
5. Scalabrinian Missionary Sisters.
6. and 7. Fr. Leonir Chiarello c.s. and Pope Francis on the occasion of the Canonization of J.B. Scalabrini

Knowing our Founder

Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini was born at Fino Mornasco near Como in northern Italy on July 8, 1839. He was ordained May 30, 1863, and consecrated Bishop of Piacenza, also in northern Italy, on January 30, 1876, when he was thirty-six years old. During his twenty-nine years as Bishop, he worked unceasingly to meet his flock's spiritual and charitable needs.



Who lives by faith, not only loves God, but feels impelled to make others love him..



*Fino Mornasco, Como - Italy,
birthplace of J.B. Scalabrini*

At home, he did take the opportunity to tell everything that happened during the week in Como. That's how it was until he finished high school.

Despite the difficulties, Scalabrini had a happy family, united, they lived with the love and grace of the Lord. His parents, Luis and Colomba, were deeply Christian, full of faith and hope in God. From a very young age, his values and faith in God grew and he showed a deep interest in God's matters.

He had two older brothers, Antony and Joseph, and two younger ones, Peter and Angelo. He had three sisters, Mary Magdalene, Josefina and Luisa, like most young women in Italy, they were married and had children. Two of Mary Magdalene's sons became priests. One of his brothers, Joseph, emigrated and died in a shipwreck off the coast of Peru. It was here that he experienced the painful experience of emigration. Peter also left Italy and settled in Argentina.



From a young age Scalabrini felt called to evangelize

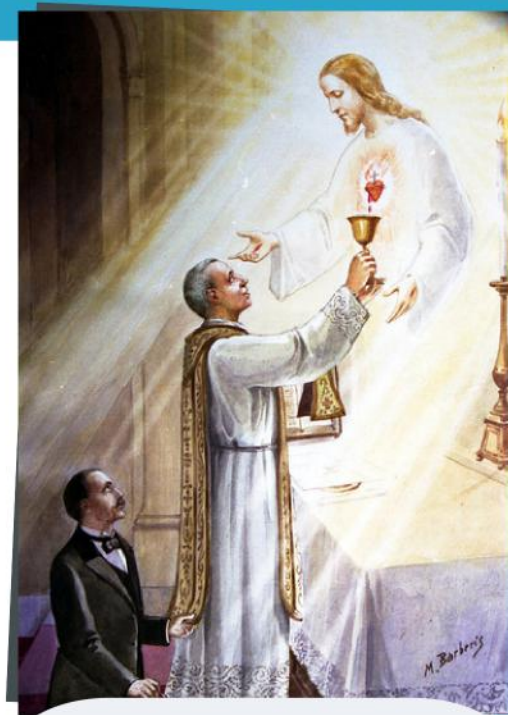
At the age of 18, Scalabrini told his family and teachers that he wanted to be a priest. They all supported and approved his choice. He entered the seminary, in Como, in 1857. The course lasted six years and he was ordained a priest at the age of 23 in 1863. Scalabrini wanted to be a missionary and preach the Gospel in distant lands, but his bishop did not agree.

He told him: "Your Indias are Italy" and sent him back to the seminary as vice-dean and professor of history and Greek. He worked there for seven years. He heroically practiced charity assisting cholera sufferers, visiting the sick and the imprisoned, aiding the poor and dis-tressed families, and being generous in forgiveness.

He saved thousands of peasants and workers from starvation, stripping himself of everything, selling his horses, as well as the chalice and the pectoral cross that Pope Pius IX gave him.

He founded an institute for the deaf and dumb, mutual aid societies, workers' associations, rural savings banks, cooperatives and other forms of Catholic Action. When the cholera epidemic ended, his work was recognized by the Italian government; the bishop appointed him Rector of the Seminary, where he stayed for three years.

"An extraordinary grace of God" was how Scalabrini has considered the work that he had done in 1867 to the people affected by the cholera epidemic that hit the Como region.



May 30, 1863: priestly ordination of John Baptist Scalabrini.

In 1870 Scalabrini was appointed parish priest of the parish of San Bartolomé, in Como. There he found himself with many things to do, because poverty was high in the population: there was little work, unemployment and, consequently, little money. There was also a great need in the spiritual life, in the field of catechesis and in the formation of priests.

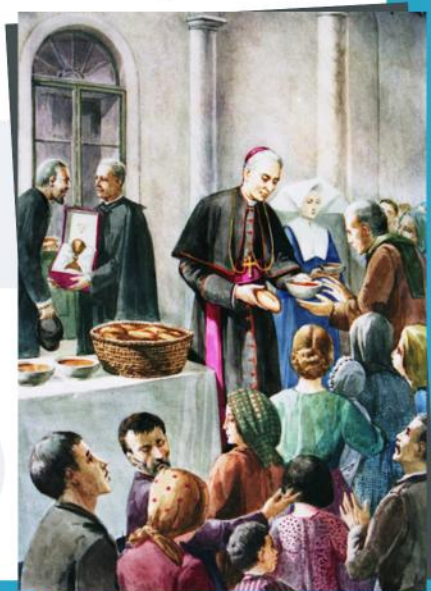


"I looked for my strength every day in the example of Our Lord and in the figure of the Virgin."

Scalabrini distributing food and clothing to those in need.



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For the little ones (200 children), he founded a nursery entrusting it to his sister Luisa. He created a training center for young people, another for the deaf and dumb and promoted the work of Saint Vincent de Paul for the elderly and sick. To support workers, founded a Mutual Aid Society.

He tried to take care also in the formation of his people, teaching them the Word of God at all times. In 1872 he was invited to give lectures on the First Vatican Council (which had ended in 1870) in the cathedral of Como. These lectures were published the following year, in Italian, French and German.

Appointed bishop of Piacenza by Pope Pius IX, he received episcopal consecration on January 30, 1876. He developed a very extensive pastoral and social activity: he visited the 365 parishes of the diocese five times, half of which only could be reached on horseback or on foot; he held three synods, one of them dedicated to Eucharistic worship, spreading frequent communion and perpetual adoration among all the faithful.



October 25, 1895, foundation of the
Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of
Saint Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians.



November 28, 1887, foundation of
the Congregation of the
Missionaries of Saint Charles.

Scalabrini
reorganized the
seminaries and reformed

ecclesiastical studies anticipating the Thomistic reform of Leo XIII; he consecrated two hundred churches; he was tireless in the administration of the sacraments and in preaching; he urged the people to profess an active love for the Church and the Pope, promoting truth, unity and charity. Scalabrini believed that, to carry out his mi-

ssion, he needed to know his people, their living conditions, needs and desires. "It was necessary to be close to the people and listen to them." So he began to visit all the parishes of the diocese. In 30 years as bishop, Scalabrini visited every place in Piacenza five times, in so-called pastoral visits, lasting four years or more, beginning in 1876.



Thus Scalabrini followed the example of Saint Charles Borromeo who he took as protector and model. His intense episcopal activity had its origin and deep inspiration in an unlimited faith in Jesus Christ. His program was: "To make myself all things to all to win them all for Christ." He was deeply in love with the Eucharist: he spent hours in adoration before the Most Holy Eucharist; during the day he made many visits to him and even wanted to be buried with everything necessary for the celebration of Holy Mass. He had a great passion for the cross and a tender devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, which reflected itself in his homilies and pilgrimages to Marian shrines. This love led him to give his mother's jewels for the Virgin's crown.

Scalabrini worked on the formation of priests along with the religious instruction of the laity, starting with catechesis. For the laity he organized a complete program of religious education with four levels: initiation catechism, school for first communion, school of perseverance and catechism for adults. In 1876 he published a catechetical magazine: "The Catholic Catechist", and then in 1877 a manual: "The Catholic Catechism." Pope Pius IX praised his work and presented him with a pectoral cross. Pius IX called him an "apostle of the catechism".

He knew the problem of migration very closely during his childhood with his family, because three of his brothers had emigrated. He knew of the problems and suffering they had gone through. One of them, Joseph, died in a shipwreck off the coast from Peru, in South America. As Bishop, Scalabrini observed the same phenomenon in the parishes. The Milan station was always full of people departing to the Americas in search of a new opportunity.

The migratory phenomenon grew until it became one of the most serious dramas in Italy. A growing number of Italians, from all regions of Italy, found it necessary to leave the country

Scalabrini founded the Congregation of the Missionary Fathers of Saint Charles in 1887. The celebration was in Piacenza, in the San Antonino church, and the parish house was the first seat of the Congregation. Later, in 1895, Scalabrini together with Father Joseph Marchetti based in São Paulo, Brazil, his sister Assunta, his mother Carolina and the nuns Angela Larini and Maria Franceschini founded the Congregation of the Missionaries of Saint Charles Borromeo Scalabrinianas; John Baptist Scalabrini died on June 1, 1905, the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. His last words were:

"Lord, I'm ready. Let's go" !

Our Parishes and Missions

FR. JEFFERSON ORLANDO BARIVIERA

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (Delray Beach, FL) Celebrates Migrants Day

On an increasingly growing society that paves the way for understanding the relationship with other cultures, the World Day of Migrants and Refugees is an opportunity to express concern for people in constant mobility. These are the migrants, refugees, seafarers, deportees, and asylum seekers.

It is also a special moment to pray for them as they cope with life's challenges. In addition, it aims to raise awareness that is more than just "joining in", but in the acting out of the need that focuses on service.

*Pilgrims celebrating the
Immigrants Day at the Church*



Several members of Hispanic, American, and European cultural groups of the parish took part in this event. They wore their traditional attires peculiar to each of them. Father Moacir Balen, c.s., the pastor, celebrated the mass. In his homily, he emphasized the beautiful presence of migrants in the church which also brings delight and ins-

piration to the community that, in a way, reflects their strong faith, vitality, and devotion.

Furthermore, the celebration also reminded them of what Pope Francis echoed in his message for the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees that states: "No one must be excluded. God's plan

is essentially inclusive and gives priority to those living on the existential peripheries, among them are many migrants and refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking. The Kingdom of God is to be built with them, for without them it would not be the Kingdom that God wants."

Pope Francis continued, saying, "Building the future with migrants and refugees also means recognizing and valuing how



much each of them can contribute to the process of construction.”

May this example of unity in

diversity that can be found in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church be a sign and recognition of the important role of migrants in society.

Prayer

Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn.

Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.

Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries.

Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.



Pope Francis

Pilgrims celebrating the Immigrants Day at the Church !

Message for the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees: "No one must be excluded. God's plan is essentially inclusive and gives priority to those living on the existential peripheries. Among them are many migrants and refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking. The Kingdom of God is to be built with them, for without them it would not be the Kingdom that God wants." Pope Francis. !





The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo, Scalabrinians, are committed to the promotion of human dignity and human rights of migrants, including their faith and cultural values. We are committed to promote the total salvation of mankind, leading migrants in particular, to a rediscovery of faith in their lives with a longing for dignity and justice.

We are called to be migrants among migrants, sharing in their journey, their struggles and their hopes, inspired by the example of Jesus. "In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

The people we serve

The world of migration displays a great variety of situations. Some groups of mi-

grants preserve and develop the human and Christian riches of their ancestral heritage and so become a contributing force for the progress and enrichment of civil and ecclesial society.

Other groups, instead, are still living the experience of migration in its most painful and discriminatory aspects. Even those who may have achieved a satisfactory economic position often remain

in a poverty of rights, of recognition, of ability to communicate, and, above all, in a poverty of faith and religious spirit that is more painful than economic poverty itself. In all this variety of situations, we remain faithful to our specific mission and keep rediscovering our charism, as we place ourselves at the service of those people whose conditions, needs, and longings are analogous to those that induced our Founder to give life to the Congregation.

1. With haitian children at school
2. Fr. Isaia talking to a Haitian Family
3. Immigrant celebration at Church



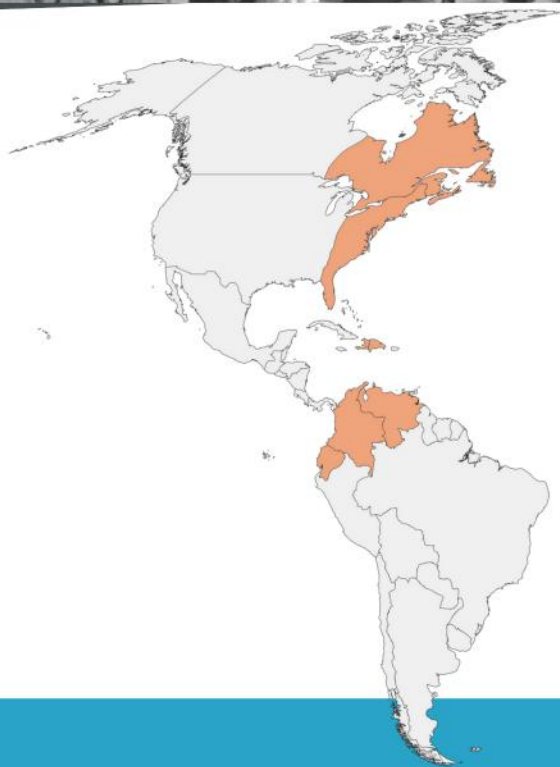
Therefore, in a spirit of fidelity to the MANDATE he gave us and in keeping with the realities of the contemporary world, we dedicate ourselves to all those who, because of migration and out of real necessity, require a specific pastoral care.

In accordance with the will of the Church, the intentions of our Founder, and the history of the Congregation, we reaffirm our preferential option, from among all those we are to serve, for those migrants who are more acutely living the drama of migration.

We have the duty always to make sure that our existing works, and those we intend to take on, are truly in line with the specific purpose and vital needs of the Congregation.



1. Paint 'Gli emigranti'. Creator: Angiolo Tommasi
2. Great Exodus, immigrants ship "Valencia", 1915
3. Immigrants at Ellis Island undergoing mandatory health inspections, 19th century



The main office of the Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo Province, is located in New York, NY. The Scalabrinian Parishes and Missions of our Province are located in these countries:

-  Canada (Eastern Provinces)
-  United States (Eastern States)
-  Haiti
-  Dominican Republic
-  Colombia
-  Ecuador
-  Venezuela

Vocation Promotion

The Missionaries of St. Charles-Scalabrinians swear the vows of poverty, Chastity and Obedience. We are Present in 34 Countries in the 5 Continents:

- ✓ We guide Migrants in multicultural parishes.
- ✓ We welcome Refugees, defending their rights.
- ✓ We shake hands with the undocumented at the borders.
- ✓ We stand in solidarity with the Displaced in mobile missions.
- ✓ We accompany Internal Migrations with mission camps.
- ✓ We offer lodging to the Sailors in the ports.
- ✓ We advise Episcopal Conferences in the field of migration.
- ✓ We sensitize Public Opinion about the migratory phenomenon with the social media.



The religious is that man or woman, who strives every day to do what is missing: "sell everything you have, give it to the poor and you will have a treasure in heaven. Then come and follow me." (Luke 18, 22).

What is religious life?

In short: follow Jesus. Follow Jesus along a very precise path that is the imitation of his life. This path has as its objective in life itself, the perfection of the essence of Christianity:

↓
Charity



Scalabrinian Ordination to the Diaconate from the Theologic Seminary in Bogotá, Colombia, 2020.

In the pictures:

- Albertus Baba, c.s.
- Fulgensius Emanuel Meo, c.s.
- Nguyen Van Sau, c.s.
- Phan Ba Quyen, c.s.
- Redemtus Aquirino Anarki Natal, c.s.

Every Christian who decides to fully live the message of Christ (of love to the point of giving one's life, forgiveness of enemies, unconditional donation, detachment from material goods, acceptance of the cross) accepts that beautiful offer that the rich young man in the gospel rejected. This which is valid for every authentic Christian, can be said with even greater propriety of a religious.



*Making the world everyone's homeland
- Saint John Baptist Scalabrini -*

By living the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, we express our total consecration to God. The vows are nothing more than means to be able to possess Christ in a more perfect way, the only end of religious life. A religious seeks to be poor, preserves his chastity and obeys his superiors not to form these virtues per se, but to better imitate Jesus Christ.

Together with the vows, there is another characteristic element of religious life in the Church and that is “community life”.

The religious man or woman does not give himself alone to the task of sanctifying himself by imitating Jesus Christ, but rather shares his efforts, triumphs and challenges in community, within a new family, where he has brothers, who seek the same goal. To be a Scalabri-

nian is to be willing to take on a new challenge in life, wanting to respond to the needs of humanity and especially to the needs of migration.

To be a Scalabrinian is to give continuity to this work of God inspired by Saint John Baptist Scalabrini.



1. Scalabrinian Migration Center, Cúcuta, Col.
2. Provincial-Assembly at Casa de Encuentro San Pedro Claver, Bogotá, Col.
3. Provincial-Assembly at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, N.Y.

Our charisma

Keeping in mind the will of the Church, the intentions of the founder and the vicissitudes of our Congregation, we confirm the preferential option, among the recipients of our mission, for the migrants who experience the dramas of migration more acutely.

Aware that the Kingdom of God expresses itself through human realities and is built on them, we know how to perceive the values that characterize the lives of migrants and constitute their own contribution to the solidarity of all peoples and to universal brotherhood.

At the same time, we take into account the spiritual heritage, thoughts, traditions, culture and religion that migrants bring with them from their places of origin.

My Call to be Scalabrinian

BY BRAULIO MOISÉS DE JESÚS RABINAL MONZÓN

The canonization of Bishop John Baptist Scalabrini has been a great source of joy for the Scalabrinian family and for all those who identify themselves with the charism of his foundation. For those of us who are still in the religious formation, this event reminds us that the Scalabrinian charism continues to be stronger and more visible in the life-changing events of the present times.

I am Braulio Moisés de Jesús Rabinal Monzón from Guatemala. I am twenty years old and am currently a novice in the Scalabrinian Order. Our novitiate is located in Zapopan, Jalisco, Mexico. I am the second child of three siblings in the family. I believe that vocation is a mystery that develops in a slow process and sometimes we are not aware of it until we bring it to discernment. I met the Scalabrinian missionaries through Father Romano Cerantola in December 2014.

It was an event organized on the occasion of National Youth Day held in Guatemala. At that time, I had no plans yet to join the seminary because I was still in high school.

I had other plans and that is to study systems engineering. It was my initial goal to achieve.

However, after having gone through a period of discernment process, I decided to join the seminary of the Scalabrinian congregation in 2017.

I took the propaedeutic course as the initial stage of our formation in the capital city of Guatemala. I lived with other candidates who came from different family backgrounds and cultures. They were from Guatemala, Italy, Colombia, Mexico and Brazil.

Described as a team ministry, our formators also share with us the dimension of being diverse and of personal witnessing.



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Undoubtedly, this diversity of cultures had awakened in me and my other companions the desire to open our minds to other avenues of faith. It proved to be a testimony of fraternal brotherhood.

When the year rolled around for the second stage, I began to take philosophy courses in August 2018. This provided me with valuable experience to cope for a big change. I had to leave for Mexico City to spend another three years to complete my degree in Philosophy. I must admit that the experience to be uprooted to another country was not easy for me.

I needed to adapt myself to a new culture. Apparently, being open to new experiences had made everything more pleasant and enriching.



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From August to November 2021, I took the Postulancy program in a transitional and experiential milieu in preparation for my entry to the Novitiate. Hence, on the eve of the feast of St. Charles (November 4), patron of the Scalabrinian Missionaries, I began the novitiate. With this program, I became more culturally conscious about my relationship with other companions from Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, and Haiti.

This stage was significant for me because among ourselves, we came to know in depth the imitation of Christ in our context and the gift of accompaniment as we abide by the structure of formation.

Subsequently, it gave me a focus on the path towards consecration to Christ and his Church as I sought meaning in my vocation with freedom and choice.

With God's grace upon completion of the novitiate, I will profess the evangelical vows of poverty, chastity and obedience for one year. It means one commits himself to the life and mission of the Congregation to which he belongs. His vows will shape the rest of his life.

Thanks to the congregation, I have met other peoples, pla-

ces, cultures, and expressions of faith.

I have also been able to discover myself, especially with regard to my own qualities and limitations. I have also discovered on how I can contribute to building God's Kingdom and learn from others.

Over the course of my formation, I have experienced that God is Someone who is real and that it is possible to love Him from our own inadequacy, and it can be reflected in our everyday commitments.

Hence, I can attest to a fact that the Scalabrinian charism is a prophetic sign of communion, hospitality, and integration of differences. It is because the Missionaries of St. Charles are consecrated people who, following the example of their founder, St. Scalabrini, continue to she-

pherd God's people in human mobility.

Finally, I would like to invite the young people who have responded to be part of the Scalabrinian family not to be afraid to venture on this path. From my experience, I can say that leaving my loved ones is sometimes difficult. In other words, to leave one's family is to leave part of one's life. It is something like Christ's foundational thought concerning discipleship. In addition, it reminds us that no one and nothing belongs to us. It then becomes an impulse to open to the new, to the unknown, and to appreciate every detail of life.

Migration, therefore, becomes an opportunity to live that encounter with others; and as Scalabrinians, we have that opportunity to become migrants with the migrants in different times and circumstances.

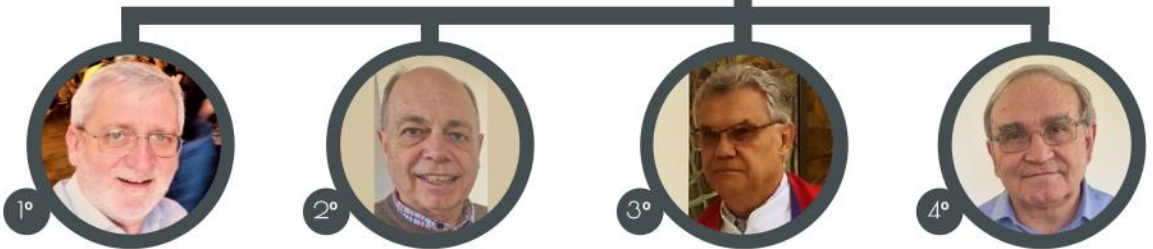


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Migrants' Achievements

BY TERESA AND ANGEL LUNA

The beginning of our Journey

My name is Teresa, this is the story of my family and our migration journey. My husband Angel and I come from Puebla, Mexico. We have five children: 3 boys and 2 girls. We have been married for twenty-nine years. I arrived in the United States when I was 9 years old, along with an older sister and a younger brother. My father brought us here with the risk of losing their permanent residency because of us crossing illegally to meet up with my mom and the rest of my siblings. My parents had the opportunity to enroll me in the primary school and I graduated from high school at the age of eighteen. I married Angel Luna my husband. He came to the States in 1986 at the age of fifteen with his father also undocumented.

Although we are from the same state, we are not from the same town, we met here in the state of Maryland where we have lived ever since.

The American Dream

My husband, like every emigrant, came with the dream of making money and return-

ing to his home country in a few years. He did not want to study despite his father's advice. Since he was still a minor, it was difficult for him to find a job. However, his father had already been working for the same company for several years, so he went to speak with the owner and asked him to give his son a job. He assured him that he would be responsible for whatever happen to his son. It was like that my husband began his trajectory in the construction industry in this country. Although the work was heavy, he liked it because he had already done it in Mexico since he was eleven years old.

Over the course of time, he learned the tricks of the trade and the idea of having his own company grew specially after having some bad experiences with several of his employers who did not pay him his weekly salary. With that, we saw a possibility of being able to carry out the idea of having a construction company, although I did not know anything about construction.

Honoring Our Parents

Our parents emigrated to this country to take part in the American dream. They made

a lot of sacrifices so that we could have a better life, which is why we felt that we had the responsibility to improve ourselves to honor them. In this country, we had more opportunities than our parents, but this is all thanks to them.

Although we really wanted to progress, we had many challenges such as the language, administrative knowledge and, as if that were not enough, being from another country with another color was an obstacle. However, with all these challenges, God has always given us good people who helped us in different ways.

Church Life – Our Spiritual Journey

We have been through many good and bad experiences in our business and family life.

One of those difficult times was within our marriage. This made us approach the church seeking God's help to save our marriage. We went to Saint Bernard and Our Lady of Fatima Church, and were counseled by the priest who was guiding us.

We enrolled our children in catechism. Also, in this faith community, my husband got involved in the choir. He started playing the bass and eventually, I joined him. Six-

teen years have passed by and to this moment, we are still part of that same choir, Mensajeros de Dios (Messengers of God).

Father Carlos Andres Reyes offered me the opportunity to help in the catechetical ministry, where I served as director of catechesis for nine years, finishing my cycle with 600 students and more than 1,000 parents involved in the spiritual formation of their children. I implemented the family catechesis program where parents are prepared with the same subject simultaneously with their children.

In this way both of us grew in the knowledge of faith. Now that our children have grown up, some of them continue to serve in different ministries.

God's Continual Guidance

This year we have completed twenty-two years with our business, two of our children got married by the church and we have two grandchildren.

It has been difficult for a few years, but we believe that it would have been more difficult without the strength that we have felt from God.

We are committed servants and we faithfully believe in our Catholic Church.

Being close to the church, we have experienced the mercy of God and we have recognized the great love he has for us. In every difficult circumstance, we have found the hand of God guiding us. It is not that we no longer have problems, it is that now we face problems from a different perspective.

We have even experienced the loss of very close relatives, but now we believe more in the promise of God.

With this understanding, we try to manage our business, as well as our personal lives in the best way as God commands us.

Through the years we have managed to create a slightly more comfortable financially stable life for ourselves and our descendants.

But we do not forget God, whom we thank for all the good and not so good experiences that he has made us live since both of these experiences have made us grow as human beings. As a church song says: "you have to die to live".

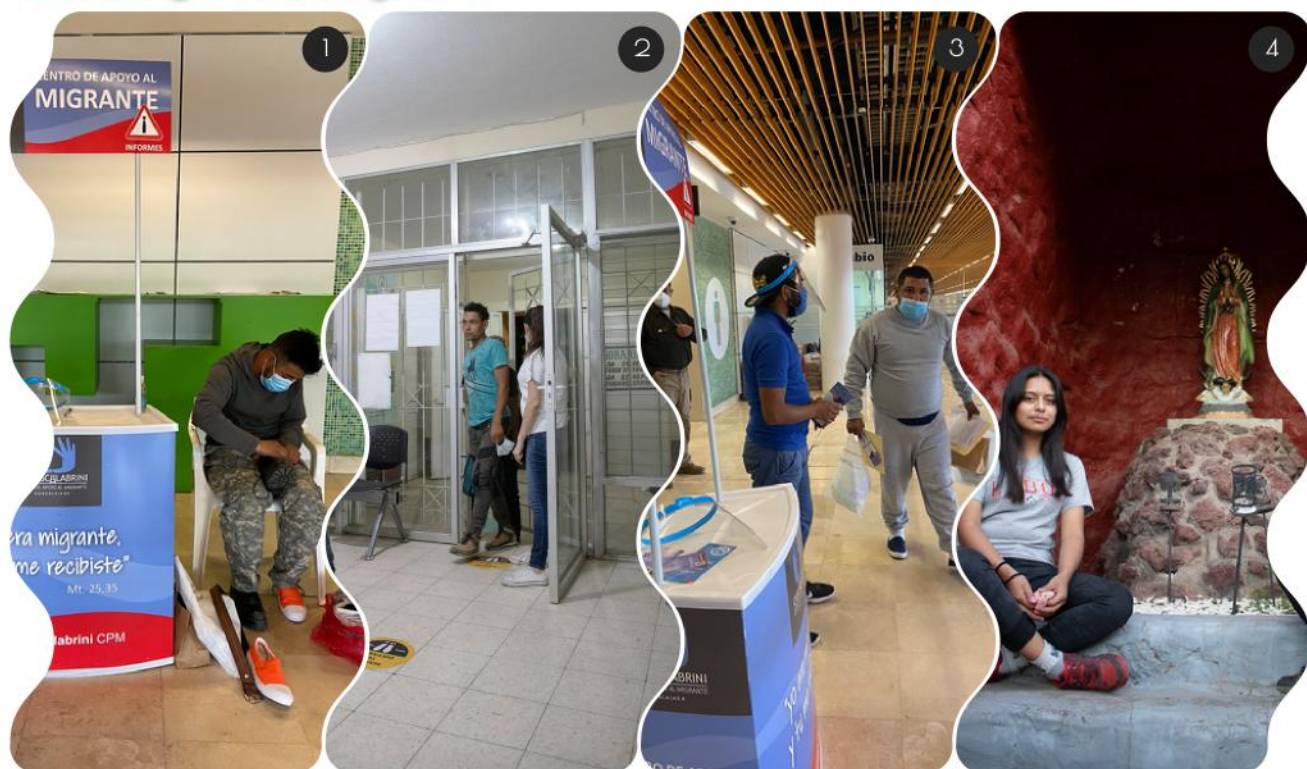
Teresa and Angel



Scalabrinian Spirituality

BY FR. JOSE JUAN CERVANTES, C.S.

Reaching Out to Migrants



Speaking or writing about spirituality is not an easy task. There are multiple definitions that draw its meaning. One that I learned many years ago, defines spirituality as the experience of union with God. As it is a personal experience there are many ways of reaching the union with God. However, some common practices help us to be in communion with the divine such as prayer, reading of the holy scriptures, meditation, and practices of generosity. In the Catholic tradition, the saints are role models in the way of relating with God, others, and the creation. The Scalabrinian spirituality is inspired by the way Saint John

Baptist Scalabrini related to God and others, especially the migrants.

To understand better Saint John Baptist Scalabrini's spirituality, it is necessary to get accounted for his background. His mother, Colomba, was for him a great example of trust in God, along with piety and charity towards the poor. During his childhood, his family used to pray the rosary together every night. Gradually, he became interested in the "things of God". After he completed high school, he entered the seminary at the age of eighteen. His decision was ultimately not a surprise to his family because of his remar-

kable prayer life and love for the poor.

He was ordained a priest at twenty-three years old. Soon after becoming a priest, he asked his bishop's permission to become a missionary in India because he wanted to make Christ known to those who didn't hear speak about him. However, his bishop denied him permission and appointed him first as a parish assistant to a rural parish near his hometown. Then later as a professor of the minor seminary of Como.

In 1867, he became a rector at the seminary where he was a professor. At the seminary, he was committed to passing on his passion for God and the

poor to future priests. In the wake of the cholera pandemic that devastated the region, he undauntedly offered himself as a volunteer to care for the sick without fear for his health. He was always ready to give testimony of Christian charity.

He was appointed parish priest of St. Bartholomew's parish in a working neighborhood of Como. There he undertook with special interest the task of teaching the catechism, especially to the children, and launched many initiatives to address the social needs of his parishioners. During his time as a parish priest, God was sharpening his heart as a pastor worried for the spiritual, moral, and social well-being of the flock entrusted to him. Pius IX appointed him as bishop of Piacenza in 1876, at 36 years old, a very young age for such responsibility.

In his nearly three decades as bishop of Piacenza, he was distinguished by the love, compassion, and concern he showed to the people entrusted to him. He visited five times the three hundred sixty-five parishes of his diocese, two hundred of them in the mountainous region, which meant a great effort to reach them. During those visits, he got to know his people, and the people got to

know him. He was always eager to evangelize and to figure out practical solutions to the hardships of those neglected by society and the church such as the deaf-mute, the rice pickers, and the migrants.

He had a special predilection for the people forced to look out for a better overseas life. He was aware of the hardships faced by the migrants who were ignored by the State and the church. He endeavored a plan to provide spiritual and material assistance to them in their hometowns, the ports of departure and arrival, and in their destinations.

Scalabrini raised awareness of the need for the church's involvement in the pastoral care of migrants and became a pioneer in this missionary field. He understood that mission with the migrants is not confined to the Italian migrants. He advocated for the concern of the whole Church for the migrants. He envisioned the possibility of a multicultural approach in case migrants of various nationalities were found together in one place.

His pastoral ministry as a priest and as a bishop, and his many social initiatives were the results of being fully committed to union

with God. His closeness to God drove him to reach out to the poor and to discover Christ in the face of the poor and those marginalized in society.

From this we can conclude that Saint John Baptist Scalabrini's way of being united to God and his neighbors was characterized by an intense experience of prayer and charity towards the needy, especially the migrants. As we strive to follow the virtues and legacy of Scalabrini, we commit ourselves to making a difference through faith and praxis characterized by the culture of encounter and solidarity with migrants.



Images (1 to 5) of Migrant's Shelter of Guadalajara (Mexico) and Guatemala

A brief reflection on The homily of Pope Francis on the canonization of Saint John Baptist Scalabrini

BY VICTOR GENINA, (SIMN)

As we all know, on Sunday October 9, 2022, Pope Francis presided the solemn mass for the canonization of Bishop Giovanni Battista Scalabrini and Artemide Zatti. For those blessed to attend the ceremony, it was a touching and joyful one. However, it is also true that Pope Francis used a particularly strong language to describe the trends in international migration we are witnessing nowadays.

The Pope said, “The exclusion of emigrants is scandalous. Actually, the exclusion of emigrants is criminal. They are dying right in front of us, as the Mediterranean is the largest cemetery in the world. The exclusion of emigrants is revolting, sinful and criminal. Not opening doors to those in need – “No, we do not exclude them, we send them away” to camps, where they are exploited and sold like slaves.”

For those of us who have spent years in advocating for the rights, wellbeing and integration of migrants, these words resonated deeply. Besides the evident and intense suffering of migrants and asylum-seekers, you cannot

help but thinking about the structural factors that fuel migration, the hypocrisy of those who, while they implement restrictive migration policies that “send them away” –as the Pope signaled– present

it is clear we have to reflect on the structural causes of migration and how they should be addressed to prevent people from suffering and risking their lives. That is also a fundamental task to really deal with migration holistically.

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themselves as the champions of human rights and democracy or how hardened have become the hearts of so many who cannot see in these vulnerable people their neighbors.

The Pope also quoted Saint G. B. Scalabrini in his homily: “Precisely because of the migrations imposed by persecutions, the Church pressed beyond the confines of Jerusalem and of Israel, and became ‘catholic’; thanks to the migrations of our own days, the Church will be an instrument of peace and of communion among peoples”. According to Scalabrini, this is the providential role of migration in God’s plan, but we have to reflect on how we can persuade those who cannot see in it a way in which the Providence knocks at their hearts, but also,



Images from the Canonization day, Pope Francis' homily. Oct 9, 2022

Scalabrinian Vocational Rosary

- Sign of the Cross
- Creed
- Our Father
- 3 Hail Marys
- Glory to the Father
- Intentions (can be said now or after announcing each mystery)

1st Mystery: Lay vocation

In the first mystery we contemplate the lay vocation. Lay people, married or single, are Christians who truly accept the implication of their baptism and, besides the exercise of a professional activity, dedicate themselves to the evangelizing mission of the Church through their active participation in some pastoral activity, ministry or service.

Scalabrini was saying: Brothers and sisters, you too must be apostles, that is, people of action and sacrifice, zealous for the honor of God and of the Church, aflame with love for souls. Who ever said that, just because you are lay people, you cannot exercise the apostolate of the word in the little world around you by using uplifting speech in your conversations, in your instructions, and in your admonitions? Lay people, too, have their apostolate and, may I say, their apostolic mission. (Scalabrini, A Living Voice, page 205)

- Our Father
- 10 Hail Marys
- Glory to the Father
- Recite: "Father, Lord of the harvest, send workers into your vineyard"

3rd Mystery: Consecrated Life Vocation

In the third mystery we contemplate the vocation to the consecrated life. Vocation to the Consecrated Life is a gift to the Church and a sign to the world. Religious persons are consecrated to God in order to serve him and to serve their brothers and sisters. This service is carried out in a specific form, that is, in accordance with the charism of each Religious Congregation and of each of its members as a gift, as a unique way of being and doing. As Scalabrinian men and women we are trying to be migrants with migrants, according to the charism left to us by our father and founder, Saint John Baptist Scalabrini.

Scalabrini was saying: "Your presence, dearly beloved sons, fills my heart with utter joy and bliss. How blessed is the soul that has received the privilege God has granted you. Today, by the profession of the holy vows, you gladden the Church, the choirs of angels, the saints, the martyrs, the confessors, the apostles, Mary Immaculate, Jesus Christ, and the Eternal Father. (Scalabrini, A Living Voice, page 465).

- Our Father
- 10 Hail Marys
- Glory to the Father
- Recite: "Father, Lord of the harvest, send workers into your vineyard"

Let us Pray!



2nd Mystery: Marriage vocation

In the second mystery we contemplate the marriage vocation. Marriage vocation is a call to serve God, first of all, by mutual love and by commitment to the raising and training of the children. The service of the church community, in a lay minister, takes place during the time that a married person is free from professional and family needs. Marriage is a walk of life deeply loved by God. It reflects the faithful love of God toward humanity and toward his Church.

Scalabrini was saying: "God himself created the family. Having come to earth to undo the harm brought upon poor mankind by the dreadful fall in the Garden of Eden, Jesus begins his saving mission by restoring the family to its original condition. ... The Christian family! It is a little kingdom founded on love, growing in love and ruled by love." (Scalabrini, A Living Voice, page 253-254)

- Our Father
- 10 Hail Marys
- Glory to the Father
- Recite: "Father, Lord of the harvest, send workers into your vineyard"

4th Mystery-Ordained Ministry Vocation

In the fourth mystery we contemplate the vocation to the ordained ministry. It is the vocation of the deacons, priests and bishops. They receive a special ministry through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, by which the mission Christ entrusted to the apostles continues to be carried out in his Church.

Scalabrini was saying: "The vocation to the sacred ministry is like a very delicate seed, planted by the very hand of God in the soul that comes as a pilgrim to this earth. (Scalabrini, A Living Voice, page 201)

- Our Father
- 10 Hail Marys
- Glory to the Father
- Recite: "Father, Lord of the harvest, send workers into your vineyard"

5th Mystery: Scalabrinian Missionary Vocation

In the fifth mystery we contemplate the Scalabrinian missionary vocation. The missionaries, obeying the missionary commandment of the Redeemer, continue the mission of Christ, sent to evangelize the poor, just as He carried it out. The Scalabrinian missionary vocation has various forms of life, among which: Scalabrinian Laity, Scalabrinian Secular Missionaries, Missionaries of Saint Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians (Scalabrinian Sisters) and Missionaries of Saint Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians (Brothers and Priests).

Scalabrini used to say: "Go all over the world, because there is no people there more humiliated than our migrant people, because souls who need you are waiting for you there. The peoples, the peoples themselves, ask for the bread of the spirit and there is no one who gives them" (Scalabrini. Uma Voz Atual, p. 433).

- Our Father
- 10 Hail Marys
- Glory to the Father
- Recite: "Father, Lord of the harvest, send workers into your vineyard"

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