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“The light of Scalabrini shines throughout the world.”

Dear Sisters, formands, young people, and Lay Scalabrinian Missionaries,

We still visualize the beautiful and engaging images of the Celebration of the Canonization of our beloved Founder Saint John Baptist Scalabrini in that marvelous St Peter's Square covered with light and enriched by the universality of our faces and that of the thousands of migrants and refugees and pilgrims from all over the world.

Indeed: **The Light of Scalabrini shines throughout the world!**

The Pope said in his homily that the two canonized Saints “remind us of the importance of walking together and knowing how to thank”. So, I want to invite all of you to raise to God our gratitude for the great signs of His goodness in our lives and in the Congregation for the signs of Holiness confirmed by the Church, for the generous response of every Missionary Sister of St Charles Borromeo Scalabrinians, for young women in formation and for those in vocational discernment.

Today, November 3, 2022, the eve of the Feast of the Patron Saint Charles Borromeo, once again finds us all involved in prayer for new vocations in our Congregation and on the theme of vocation animation, according to the extensive program sent.

Dear Sisters, at the end of the Scalabrinian Year and immediately after the extraordinary ecclesial event of the Canonization of our Founder, we can recognize in Saint Charles Borromeo a sure guide, for more daring pastoral choices in the world of human mobility. As the Pope reminded us last October 9: “Thanks to today's migrations, the Church will be an instrument of peace and communion among peoples.”



May St Charles Borromeo and St John Baptist Scalabrini be models for us in combining action and contemplation with wisdom. The secret of a pastoral activity that is so intense and effective, that we too want to strive for lies in their being men of earnest, intense, and prolonged prayer, because they are in love with the Lord Jesus.

Saint Charles Borromeo loved the Church and gave all of himself to give her back the face of the Bride of Christ, a bride without stain and wrinkle. Together with our Saints, who have gone before us, we want to continue our pilgrimage, with the firm intention of walking humbly with our God.

Together with the greetings for the Feast of our Patron, we invite everyone to joyfully participate in the Scalabrinian Vigil for Vocations in communion with migrants, young people, and lay Scalabrinian missionaries, on the Day of Vocation Animation in the Congregation. Let us join in the common supplication to the Lord, through these great intercessors, so that he may grant to the Church and to our Congregation, new vocations for the mission to migrants and refugees.

Have a good and blessed feast, everyone!

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