

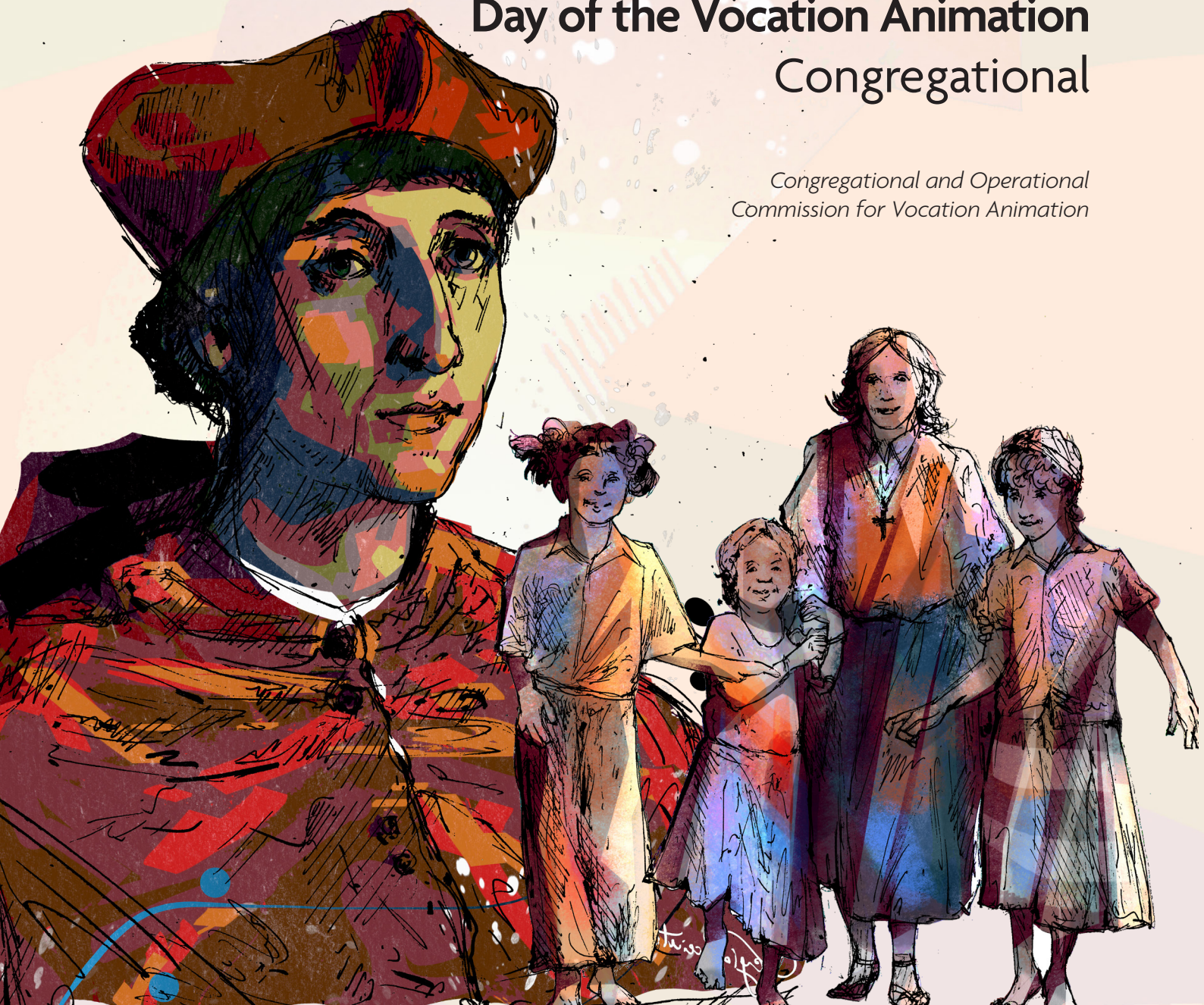
 **SCALABRINIANS**
Vocational Animation

Vocation Triduum

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St. Charles Borromeo Day
Day of the Vocation Animation
Congregational

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Commission for Vocation Animation*





I Believe in the Centrality of Jesus Christ the Pilgrim

Introduction

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Scalabrinian Vocation Creed

1. I believe in the centrality of the Pilgrim Jesus Christ.

I believe in following Jesus Christ as the foundation of consecrated life.

I believe in Jesus as a vocation animator par excellence.

I believe in listening to the Word and sharing of life to ensure that vocational processes take place.

I believe in the actions of Jesus for vocation animation: reaching out, listening, welcoming, dialoguing, asking, awakening, animating and revealing.

I believe in prayer for vocations as an essential means of awakening vocations for the Church and for the Congregation.

Biblical enlightenment: Lk 24: 13-35

Reflection on Saint Charles

Saint Charles had a passionate love relationship with the Lord Jesus. He contemplated this love in the holy mysteries of the Eucharist and the Cross, which he venerated in the closest union with the mystery of the Church. The Eucharist and the Crucifix immersed Saint Charles in the charity of Christ, and this transformed and inflamed his entire life, filling the nights spent in prayer, animating every action, and inspiring the solemn liturgies celebrated with the people.

Prayers: Spontaneous

Prayer for Vocations

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2. I believe in the Scalabrinian charism, in its mission and identity in the Church.

I believe in the unity of the congregation as an essential element of vocation animation in the Church.

I believe in the personal vocation of every sister.

I believe in the Scalabrinian religious life as a path of following the Pilgrim Jesus Christ, followed by all the sisters, in welcoming, communion, diversity and itinerancy.

I believe in the Scalabrinian mission as a path and commitment to migrants and refugees.

I believe in the Scalabrinian presence, closeness and commitment to accompanying young people.

I believe in the mission and commitment of communities, in the task of 'sowing' and 'calling'.

I believe in the Scalabrinian unity and strength to animate, creatively, the vocational processes for the youth.

Biblical enlightenment: Lk 4: 16-20

Reflection on Saint Charles

From his holy and increasingly Christ-conforming life arose the extraordinary work of reform. However, all of this drew strength and fertility from personal commitment to penance and sanctity. There is no mission in the Church that doesn't flow from the "abiding" in the love of the Lord Jesus, made present to us in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Let us place ourselves under the guidance of this great Mystery! Let us make the Eucharist the true center of our communities and allow ourselves to be educated and shaped by this abyss of love! Every apostolic and charitable work will gain strength and fertility from this source!

The example of Saint Charles urges us to always begin with a serious commitment to personal and communal conversion, to transform our hearts, and to believe with firm certainty in the power of prayer and penance. Let us make our lives, following the example of Saint Charles, a path of holiness, not fearing the intoxication of that confident love for Christ for which he was willing to forget himself and leave everything behind. And where there is a living experience of love, there the profound face of God is revealed, drawing us to Him and making us His own.

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I believe in the youth and in vocational animation

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3. I believe in young people.

I believe in young people's dreams and projects.

I believe in young people, who are open to building a life plan that prioritizes all its dimensions.

I believe in the value of compassion and closeness to the realities of the youth.

I believe that by listening to young people we learn the value of life.

I believe in the vocation of young migrants and refugees as a response to the migratory context.
I believe in the committed presence of the laity, in the promotion of the vocational journey with young people.

4. I believe in the animation of vocations.

I believe that vocations are born from the Church, in the Church and for the Church.

I believe in the search for the vocational meaning of life.

I believe in the formation and competence of sisters and lay people for the service of vocation animation.

I believe in the animation of vocations as a path of construction in vocation processes, respecting the different realities of the Congregation.

I believe in animation of vocations as a consequence of our being and our acting.

I believe in the articulated, organized and continuous vocation animation.

I believe in animation of vocations open to all young people.

I believe in the attitude of acceptance and openness to the socio-cultural and religious context of young people.

I believe in the collective process of vocation animation, in the commitment and participation of all the sisters for the strengthening of the vocational culture in the Church and in the Congregation.

Biblical enlightenment: : Mc 10, 46-52

Reflection on Saint Charles

In the years of his youth, Saint Charles understood that holiness was possible, and that the conversion of his life could overcome every adverse habit. He, thus, made his youth a gift of love to Christ and the Church, becoming a giant of sanctity for all time.

Thanks to his testimony, the Church of Milan has always been rich in vocations particularly dedicated to charity. I praise the Lord for the splendid fruits of love for the poor, of service to the suffering, and of attention to the youth of which it can be proud.

May the example and prayer of Saint Charles grant you fidelity to this heritage so that every baptized person knows can live out in contemporary society the fascinating prophecy which in every era, is the love of Christ alive in us.

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