

Triduum

10 Years of Beatification

of Blessed

Assunta Marchetti

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Triduum: 10th Anniversary of the Beatification of Blessed Assunta Marchetti

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Day 1

A vocation to holiness A call for all of us!

Leader: Let us recognize the presence of God in our midst and mark the sign of the Holy Cross on us.

Vatican II affirmed that the fundamental vocation of every person is the call to be Holy (LG 39), in communion with Christ, the High Priest. And it is, with God's help, that the life of holiness we have received will be maintained and perfected. The Apostle Paul warns us by saying: "live as holy as the saints" (Eph. 5:3), and they should clothe themselves "as holy, God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, with sentiments of mercy, goodness, humility, gentleness and patience" (Col 3:12) to bear the fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22; Rom 6:22), thus making it clear that we are beloved children of God.



We, who celebrate this year the 10th anniversary of the beatification of Mother Assunta Marchetti, feel invited to intensify our commitment to cultivate a holy life under the impulse of the Holy Spirit. way according to God, of all those who feel called to be with Jesus in a very particular way (Mk 3:1-13) so that He can send us, according to His criteria and the urgency of the Kingdom among migrants and refugees.

All: “Sanctify yourselves and be holy, for I am holy” (Lev 11:44). Teach us, Lord, to be holy, for you our God are holy.

Leader: Sacred Scripture affirms that the holiness of the people of God is a necessity, because God is Holy. St. Peter insists Christians, the need to build a life of holiness. Let us listen to the Word of Scripture, according to the letter of St. Peter 1:13-21.

All: Sisters and brothers, “As he who called you is holy, you also are called to become holy in all your ways. For it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’” (1 Pd 1,15-16).

Song: Choose a suitable song

Leader 1: The saints are not unattainable or distant heroes, but people like us, people who have faced life overcoming the same difficulties and temptations that we suffer, our friends, whose starting point is the same gift that we have received, all of us are baptized people.

Leader 2: Blessed Assunta lived belonging to Christ radically and was an eloquent witness of Christ’s charity towards the little orphans, the poor, and the sick whom God placed on her path.

Leader 1: Why do we admire and invoke the holy and blessed? St. Bernard of Clairvaux said that saints do not need our homage or our praise. Venerating the saints is in the interest of human beings, not theirs. Remembering and invoking them should ensure the joy of their loving company. It is beautiful to know that we can enjoy the presence and protection of the spirit of the blessed, to unite ourselves to the group of patriarchs, to the ranks of the prophets, to the apostles, to the number of martyrs, of confessors, to the choir of virgins, and to make an association with the communion of saints, because they want all of us to participate one day in the blessed life, in the Kingdom of Heaven.”

All : Saints of God, intercede for us!

Leader 2: The Church has always reserved a place of great importance for the official recognition of the holiness of the Servants of God. The realization of a cause for beatification or canonization does not lead, in fact, to a simple honorific recognition, but to a solemn liturgical ceremony, during which the community of the faithful celebrates,

with prayer and joy, the happy news of the holiness of some of its faithful, heroic witnesses to the faith, as was the case of Blessed Assunta of whom we celebrate the tenth anniversary of her acclamation as blessed. Celebrating the saints and the blessed, is a form of participation and sharing in the spiritual riches of these brothers and sisters who impose themselves on us for admiration, contemplation and imitation, as new and convincing models of the virtuous realization of the Gospel.

All: Blessed Assunta Marchetti, who lived the holiness of life in the simplicity of daily life among migrants, orphans and the sick, you who are already in the Kingdom of Saints, intercede for all of us.

Leader 1: Let us acclaim the Word of God from the letter of St. Peter 1:13-21, singing...

Leader 2: Pope Francis teaches how to live holiness daily. He says: "Holiness is in the simplicity of small gestures and genuine charity. It does not matter the greatness of the attitude, but the sincerity and love involved in it. Being kind to a person, listening carefully to others without judging and respecting differences are some of the attitudes that put us on the path to holiness". Holiness requires the opening of the person to the grace of the Holy Spirit who works in the human heart, so that

he/she may live the love of the Father in communion with the Lord Jesus.

All: Teach us, Lord, to live holiness in small gestures, with humility and simplicity, following the example of Blessed Assunta Marchetti.

Leader 1: Our holy Founder, St. John Baptist Scalabrini, speaking of holiness, says: "A saint was never anything other than a perfect Christian. What formed the most illustrious saints were not the extraordinary gifts, the luminous apparitions, the sensational miracles, the visions, the ecstasies, but it was that fidelity, that exactness, with which they constantly fulfilled the duties of their state and fulfilled them for the love of God. This is the true and essential character of holiness, and this is what we must propose if we too want to share one day in the glory of the saints".

All: Saints of God pray for us, that we may understand and practice the virtue of humility, clothing ourselves "as the chosen, holy and beloved of God, with sentiments of mercy, goodness, humility, gentleness and patience" (Col 3:12) for the exercise of charity towards the brothers and sisters whom you have given us to serve.

Song: Choose a suitable song ...

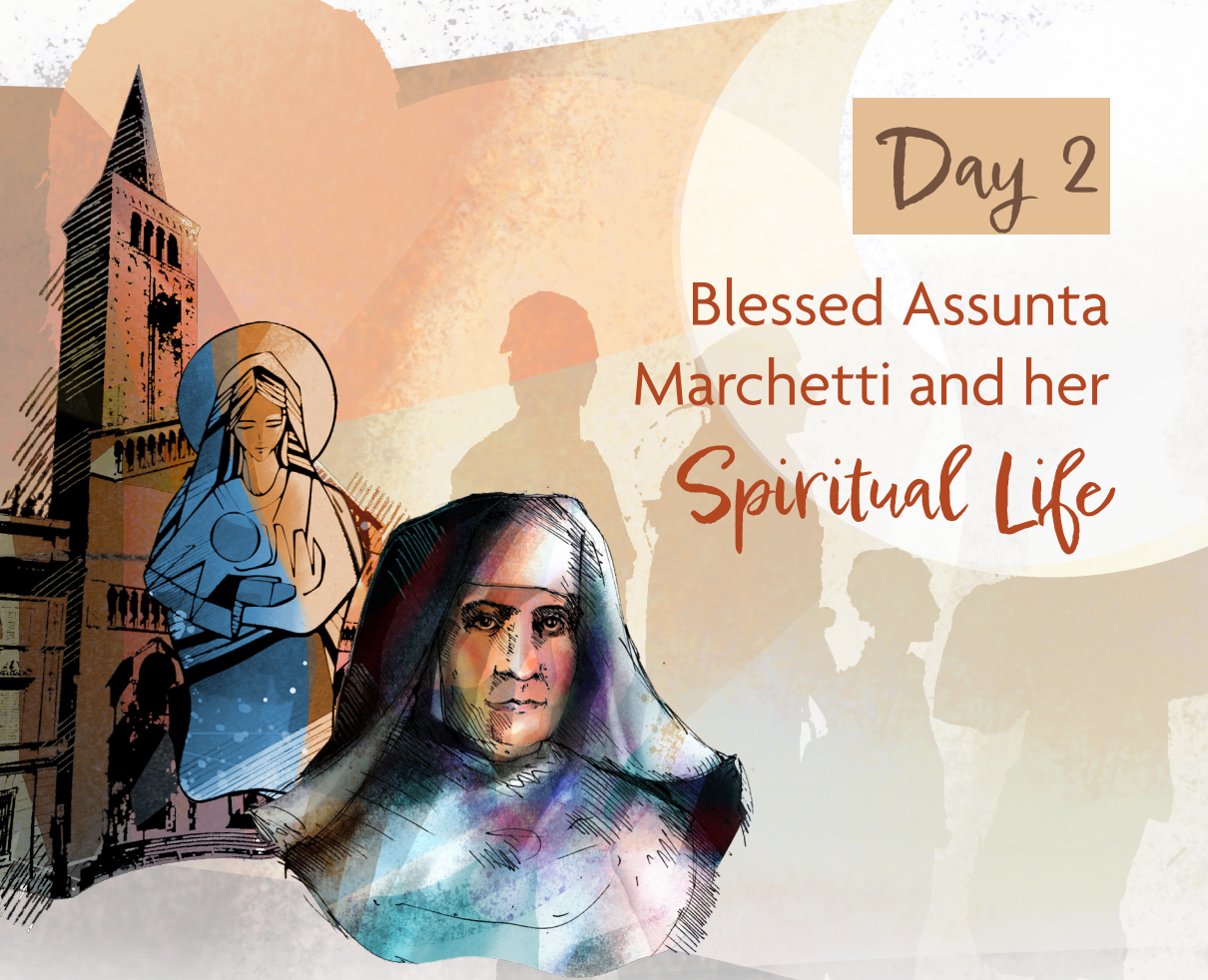
Leader 2: Let us pray with spontaneous voices the Supplication to Blessed Assunta Marchetti:

- Blessed Assunta, a woman of long hours of nocturnal adoration, teach us and to adore the “Heavenly Bridegroom”. You, who were fascinated by the Heart of Jesus, teach us to take time to be with Him.
- You, the morning woman, who “awakened the dawn”, teach us to seek the Lord from an early age and every day of our life.
- Blessed Assunta, you who “prepared an offering” and were waiting for Jesus, the beloved of your heart, we ask for the grace of constancy and fidelity in love intercede for us.
- You, who were in love for Jesus in the Eucharist, knew how to find the strength and beauty of waiting on the God of the impossible, Help us to hope against all hope!
- Blessed Assunta, you who knew how to nourish the needy with a love of predilection, revealing to them the tenderness of God’s love, teach us the generous and gratuitous self-giving. So be it!

Leader: Let us have a few moments of silence and then we can repeat some of these supplications...To conclude, let us pray together the Our Father, uniting ourselves with all the sisters of the Congregation, the LMS and the devotees of Blessed Assunta Marchetti.

Day 2

Blessed Assunta Marchetti and her Spiritual Life



Animator: United with the whole Congregation that prays with us in gratitude to God, who has done great things in the simple and holy life of our Co-Foundress, Blessed Assunta Marchetti, let us make the sign of the cross and say together: The Act of Adoration...

God's call to holiness is not a "burden" to be carried, a cross to be borne, but an invitation to enter into the dynamic of His love, which is gratuitousness, a gift. Pope Francis said that "At the beginning of our being Christian are not doctrines and works, but the wonder

of discovering that we are loved by God, before any response from us. The Gospel reminds us of this truth: we are loved." To be holy is, first of all, to allow oneself to be enveloped by the love of a God who "heals and transforms us, enlarges our hearts and predisposes us to love", the rest comes by itself. To accept, in fact, that we are loved by Him means to open the doors to the Spirit, who has the power to transform everything, including our hearts. And this is what Mother Assunta Marchetti did: she allowed herself to be loved and transformed, leaving us

a beautiful testimony of this love, her life given to others.

Song: One that invites to the holiness of life or pray the Holy, Holy, Holy...

Reader 1: Mother Assunta lived an “ordinary” life, but with extraordinary virtues, “inculcated by the Spirit, who always asks the humanity of the creature the willingness to adapt itself to them.” The path to holiness, in fact, is not a denial of human nature, but a path in which it reaches its complete fulfillment: “It is in Christ, Redeemer and Savior, that the divine image, deformed in man by the first sin, has been restored to its original beauty and ennobled by the grace of God”.

All: Jesus, heavenly Bridegroom; Jesus, a stranger; Jesus, different from me; open our hearts to the full acceptance of your love so that we may love and serve only for the love of you.

Animator: Mother Assunta Marchetti’s spirituality is firmly anchored in the exercise of the virtues, a spirituality absolutely linked to everyday life, in which she moves with that humble but fruitful poverty typical of those who do not trust in themselves but in God, and seek Him continuously, encountering Him in the circumstances of life, in the people they meet. Not in grandiose facts, but in the precious “theophanies” that are the faces of ordinary people, and often of those who live on the margins of society. And it

is precisely in these, in the poor, in the suffering, in the orphaned children of Italian immigrants in Brazil, that Mother Assunta finds that God to whom she decides to give everything.

All: She tells us: “Let us do everything for the greater glory of God and for the salvation of souls”.

Animator: Let us listen to the word of God that invites us to a virtuous life: Eph 5:6-20 – Song to the Holy Spirit...

(Have a moment of silence and sharing...).

Reader 2: The spirituality of Blessed Assunta throughout her fifty-three years of religious and missionary life is marked by a path reserved only for those who give themselves to Christ: humiliation. And yet, Mother Assunta walks through it with a superhuman dignity and integrity, a clear sign of the grace that worked in her.

All: Mother Assunta, teach us to live true humility in all circumstances.

Reader 1: Mother Assunta lived a deep communion with God, which she drew especially from prayer. She loved to pray, it was her main task, which her apostolate followed, because apostolic vigor is born only from contemplation of the face of Christ. In fact, “it is necessary that trusting prayer be the soul of the apostolate, so that the redemptive message of Jesus Christ may resound with great clarity and vigorous

dynamism” and, in fact, “her missionary activity in Brazil has never been an empty activism. Her extraordinary missionary commitment was only the natural consequence of her intense interior life, nourished by constant, personal, communal and liturgical prayer.”

All: Lord, teach us to “pray without ceasing and in every circumstance give thanks to God, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus”:

Animator: The spirituality of Blessed Assunta is also revealed in her simple and wise letters. Therefore, let us reflect on some of her words gathered from the letters.

Reader 2: “God uses the least suitable and most insignificant instruments for his work!” In fact, when Jesus finished his work, he left continuators for his mission. Among these continuators we find Mother Assunta Marchetti and her companions: the mother Carolina, the young Angela Larini and Maria Franceschini, as well as many other saints and blessed of the Church. It is true that Jesus also calls collaborators of all kinds and with more or less riches of personal gifts. This is what Mother Assunta meant when she wrote: “God makes use of the least suitable and most insignificant instruments for his work,” because even in them, if clothed with fundamental humility, God accomplishes great things. We must always remember that the work

is God’s, and we are his collaborators, and we will be so to the extent that we put our gifts at the service of others with love and simplicity, as Mother Assunta did during her 76 years of life.

All: Teach us, Lord, to serve with love, as Blessed Assunta Marchetti did.

Reader 1: Another word that we consider important is the one she addressed to her sisters: “Courage and confidence. The good Lord rewards all that we have done for His glory. Let us be thankful to our God.” Yes, everything is grace in this world. We are more indebted to God for life, for the gift of salvation, and for all the goods we receive day and night, without realizing it. We are also indebted to our parents and to so many other people who helped us to be what we are today. We are more debtors than creditors! Let us grow in gratitude to God because we have received and continue to receive grace upon grace abundantly. Therefore, praise is appropriate on our lips, in our hearts, in our lives. As the venerable brother of Mother Assunta, Father Joseph, used to say, who always repeated and wrote: Deo Gratias!

All: Saints and blessed of God, intercede with God for us so that we may allow ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Reader 2: Blessed Assunta is a great witness of faith and for this reason she declared to her sisters: “I have placed all my trust in the Most Loving Heart

of Jesus. For Him and in Him, here I am in this difficult task of Superior General.” Trust and abandonment, the joy of knowing that we are children loved by God and the certainty that we are not alone and abandoned, impel us to seek God’s help in the difficulties proper to life, vocation and the mission that each one is called to live in this world.

Reader 1: Our Co-Foundress had a great devotion to the Mother of Jesus. Let us follow her example so that we may live a spirituality that opens the gates of heaven to us, where, near Jesus, we can contemplate his and our Mother singing.

Song: Choose one for the Blessed Virgin Mary... Let us Sing...



Day 3

Blessed Assunta Marchetti and the *Living* of the *Charism*

Leader: We begin with the Sign of the Cross and ask God, through the intercession of Blessed Assunta Marchetti, for the grace to trust and abandon ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Reader 1: Lord, origin, and source of all good, in an eternal moment you decided, as the Most Blessed Trinity, to establish your dwelling among us through the Blessed Virgin Mary, becoming one of us to elevate us to the dignity of the children of God.

Remember Lord that at another moment of infinite mercy for your children expelled from their homeland by hunger, misery, incomprehension, exploitation, injustice, racism and

became the least ones of our brothers and sisters, you touched the heart of Saint John Baptist Scalabrini gifting him with the charism of service to the migrants to preserve in them faith and their dignity.

Remember Lord, the first four Sisters Carolina, Assunta, Maria and Angela who Fr. Joseph Marchetti, presented to the Father of the Migrants so that he would send them to Brazil where they were to complete the work of the Scalabrinian Missionary priests attending to the migrants in orphanages hospitals, schools and catechesis.

Blessed are you Lord, My God, because you raised among the four pioneer

sisters, that BRAVE, tireless, humble, independent and total self-giving woman, Blessed Assunta Marchetti, a missionary model for our times especially for every Scalabrinian.

After a long process the life of heroic virtues and the miracle of Mother Assunta that God performed through her intercession, Pope Francis declared her worthy of Beatification. She was beatified on October 25, 2014 by Cardinal Angelo Amato in S. Paulo, Brazil.

We thank you Lord, for having glorified on earth your humble servant Mother Assunta Marchetti. Through her intercession and the prayers of the Virgin Mary, give every one of us a renewed spirit and a joyful missionary readiness and make us migrant missionaries with the migrants.

On October 25, 2024, we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of our dear co-foundress Blessed Assunta Marchetti a BRAVE woman of faith. The beatification led the Missionary Sisters of St. Charles, Scalabrinians to thank the Lord for our holy co-foundress the model of the consecrated missionary sister of St. Charles Borromeo, Scalabrinian, a model of charity, a model of consecrated life totally dedicated to God and the migrant brothers and sisters, with a special love for the orphan children. Lord, we praise and thank you for the holy life of Blessed Assunta Marchetti. Your presence nourishes, motivates and sends us. Give us a renewed spirit and the joyful missionary readiness.
Amen.

Leader - Let us Pray: God of love teach me always to live love in gestures of charity with my sisters on the way: at home, at work, in the community and especially with those most in need, and through the intercession of Blessed Assunta Marchetti, grant me the grace that I so greatly need (ask for the grace). Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

All: If you love me, you will keep my commandments (John 14:15).

Litany in honor of blessed Assunta Marchetti

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy,

Blessed Assunta Marchetti, **pray for us!**
Example of obedience to God. **R**
In love with the Heavenly Spouse. **R**
Model of unshakable faith. **R**
Witness of patient hope. **R**
Example of human charity. **R**
Model of trust in Providence. **R**
Model of devotion to the Eucharist. **R**
Devoted companion of the Virgin Mary. **R**
Guardian of the Scalabrinian charism. **R**
Example of detachment from homeland and family. **R**
Migrant missionary with migrants. **R**
Mother, catechist and cook of the orphans. **R**
Model of perseverance in tests. **R**
Example of a missionary for migrants. **R**
Mother of orphans and abandoned abroad. **R**
Model of humble service to those most in need. **R**

Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, **spare s, O Lord**

Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, **gracious hear us O Lord**

Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

Reader 2: Reading from the Book of Songs 8, 6-7

Set me as a seal on your heart, as a seal on your arm; For as stern as death is love, relentless as the netherworld is devotion; Its flames are blazing fire.

Deep waters cannot quench love, Nor floods sweep it away. Were one to offer all he owns to purchase love, he would be roundly mocked.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

All: In this world they will have sufferings; but have courage: I have conquered the world (John 16:33).

Prayer

O God, who in Blessed Assunta Marchetti, virgin and mother of orphans and migrants,

You gave us an example of humble self-giving and arduous charity, grant us also, through her intercession, the grace to serve You generously in the neediest of our brothers and sisters. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the

Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Song: Blessed Assunta, Beautiful Soul

Lyrics: Sr. Melanie Grace D. Illana, mscs

Refrain 1:

O Blessed Assunta, beautiful soul! Your all-embracing love and faith were strong. Your “yes” to the mission was filled with courage May God be our richness and our life.

Refrain 2:

O virtuous woman, you walked with God. Mother of the poor and the orphans, Your care and compassion have touched our hearts, Let your humble spirit be our guide.

1. Living in God’s presence is what we have. In gratitude we share your -- life. You have taught us goodness and trust And to place all things in His good hands.
2. Doing God’s will is what we live. Serving Him in every place we go. Knowing how to suffer with patience, We join with the migrants on our journey.
3. Your great hope smiles even in trials. Your actions spoke of his name. Called to love and to forgive, That’s your secret way to interior peace.
4. Asking God for strength and courage. We lift our crosses and walk with joy. Learning how to fight a good fight, Help us look forward to eternal glory.

Prayer to ask for the
*Canonization of blessed
Assunta Marchetti*

O Father, you made your holiness shine in the simple and humble life of Blessed Assunta Marchetti during her missionary life among orphans, the sick and migrants, with confidence, we pray that, through her intercession, the brightness of your light may shine upon us, so that we may do your will in everything we do, especially in the service to the neediest migrants.

Grant us, through the merits of Jesus Christ, the canonization of Blessed Assunta Marchetti, I beseech her to obtain from you the grace which I so greatly need.

Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.



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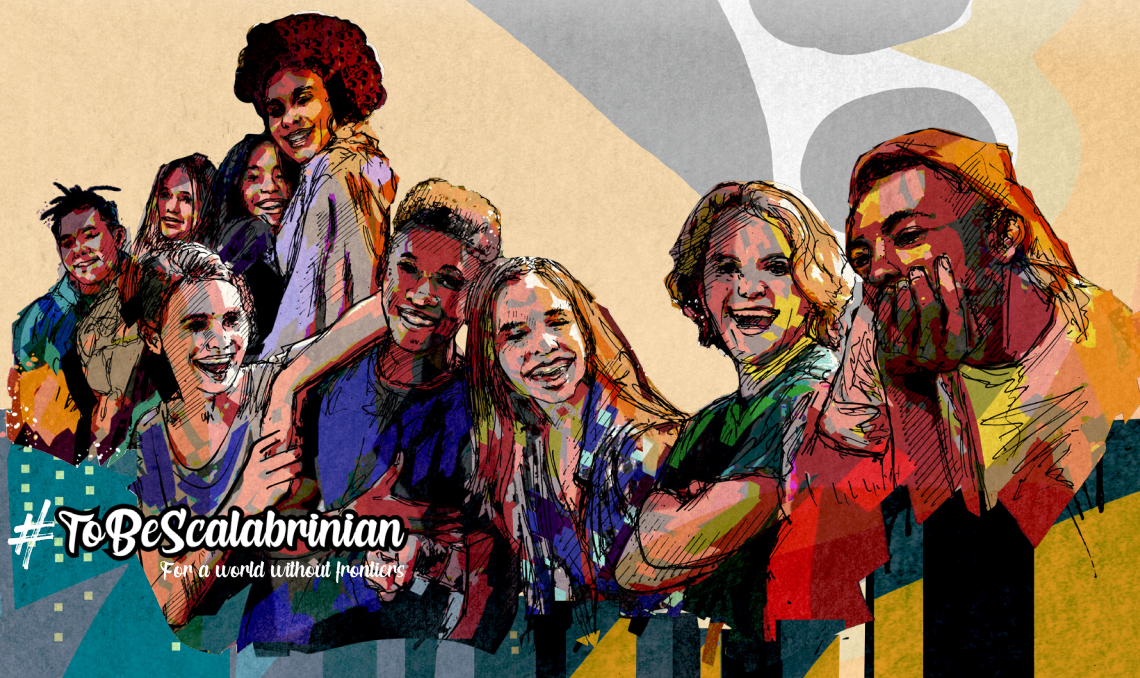
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