

October 25, 2025

Dear Sisters, Candidates, LMS, collaborators, volunteers, and all who support the Scalabrinian Sisters' Mission,

In 1895, inspired by the heart of Saint John Baptist Scalabrini and with the support of co-founders Mother Assunta Marchetti and Father José Marchetti, the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of Saint Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians was founded, a beacon of hope for millions of migrants worldwide.

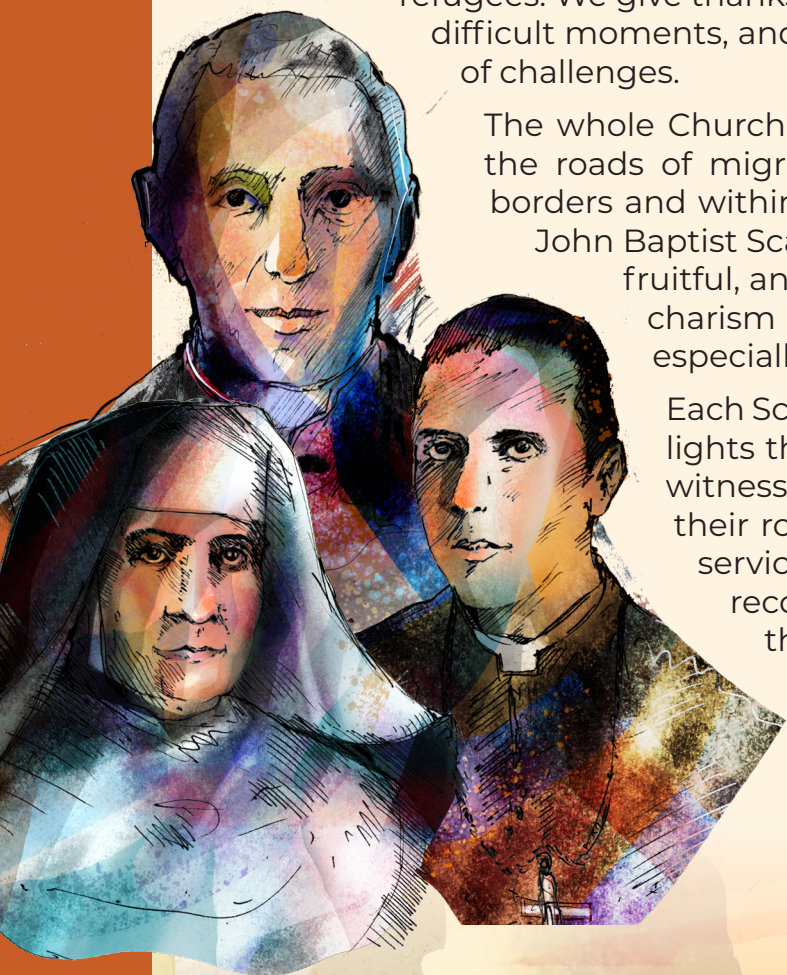
Celebrating 130 years is not merely a remembrance of the past; it is a courageous reaffirmation of the present and a renewal of hope for the future. The Congregation has demonstrated a remarkable, creatively faithful adherence to its charism, adapting its modes of action to new migratory contexts and challenges. In a world marked by new forms of mobility, humanitarian crises, xenophobia, human trafficking, and exclusionary migration policies, the mission of the Scalabrinian Sisters is more necessary than ever. Their prophetic and supportive presence denounces injustices and proclaims a new world where migrants are recognized as brothers and sisters.

As we celebrate 130 years of foundation, we join in a chorus of gratitude to God for the many lives touched and transformed by the sisters' mission. We give thanks for the generous "yes" of each sister, for vocations that continue to flourish, for the communities that welcome and lovingly care for migrants and refugees. We give thanks for fidelity to the mission, even in the most difficult moments, and for the hope that does not fade in the face of challenges.

The whole Church rejoices in this story of love, written along the roads of migrants, in welcoming homes, at the world's borders and within the human heart. The legacy left by Saint John Baptist Scalabrini and by the first sisters remains alive, fruitful, and necessary, eternalized by the Scalabrinian charism of "welcoming and serving migrants, especially the poorest."

Each Scalabrinian community is a small beacon that lights the darkness of migratory routes. Their quiet witness is often the only solace for those torn from their roots. They are not merely providers of social services but missionaries of the Gospel, called to recognize in the faces of migrants and refugees the face of Christ Himself.

May this jubilee celebration renew in every sister, candidate, lay Scalabrinian, and volunteer the missionary ardor, the joy of service, the strength of faith, and the courage to persevere. May it inspire young people to answer God's call to this beautiful and timely vocation. And



may we all, as a Church, become more sensitive to the plight of migrants and refugees, ready to build bridges rather than walls.

May Mary, Mother of Migrants, intercede for this work and guide it with maternal tenderness on the paths of the Kingdom. And may Saint Charles Borromeo, patron of the Congregation, and Saint John Baptist Scalabrini intercede for all the sisters, candidates, lay people, and Scalabrinian volunteers, so that we may remain steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and generous in love.

Happy 130th anniversary!

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Provincial Councillors, Sisters of the PMMM

