

São Paulo, December 14th, 2025

Message in commemoration of Father José Marchetti's Day

*Dear sisters, formandis, Scalabrinian lay missionaries, volunteers,
and all who contribute to our mission,*

With joy and gratitude, on December 14, we celebrate the venerable Father José Marchetti, who, by divine grace and gifted with profound spirituality, embraced the priestly vocation. He was ordained at the age of 23, determined to serve God and those most in need, even without knowing, at the time, that his journey would lead him to become a faithful defender of migrants and orphans.

Creative, courageous, receptive to the Holy Spirit, and wholeheartedly dedicated to addressing the needs of migrants and the most vulnerable, Father Marchetti left an indelible mark on human history. He was a true exemplar of faith, compassion, and unwavering commitment to the cause of those crossing borders in search of a better life.

As co-founder of our Congregation, Father José Marchetti continues to inspire us to carry forward his work with fervor and determination. He teaches us that mission transcends words, and that we are called to action, solidarity, and inclusion.

The legacy he bestowed upon us resonates today within our hearts as compassion; in our steps, as mobilization; and in our minds, as a mission-driven commitment rooted in genuine dedication. Every person who, alongside the Scalabrinian Sisters, contributes a piece of themselves to uphold Father Marchetti's missionary spirit ensures the original flame, which helped kindle the Scalabrinian charism, continues to shine across generations, crossing borders and building bridges.

May we follow in Father Marchetti's footsteps, cultivating love for migrants and refugees in our hearts, and remaining open to being instruments of peace and hope. May his memory inspire us to build a more just and welcoming world, where everyone can find a home. Let us move forward together, inspired by his example, strengthening our community and serving those most in need.

Happy Feast Day of Father José Marchetti

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For the Provincial Superior, Sr. Alda Monica Malvessi,
Provincial Councillors, and the Missionary Sisters
of St. Charles Borromeo

