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Ceremony of our Co-Founder, Blessed Mother Assunta Marchetti

Dear Sisters, Formandis, Scalabrinian Lay Missionaries, and Collaborators
Province of Mary Mother of Migrants – São Paulo – SP

Mother Assunta lived out her love for God and for her brothers and sisters.

“**L**et us place ourselves in God’s hands and do His will.” “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord!’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.” (Mt 7:21). The will of God was the goal of Blessed Assunta. She learned from the crucified Jesus to place herself in God’s hands, repeating with great trust, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” (Lk 23:46). She used to tell her sisters: “*Come! Let us place ourselves in God’s hands and do His will.*”

We know that Assunta felt the desire to become a cloistered nun. However, her entry into contemplative life was delayed until 1895 due to family reasons. In light of this fact, we can see God’s providence at work, guiding her toward another mission. She perceived God’s will through Fr. José Marchetti and promised to go to Brazil to be a mother to orphans and abandoned children abroad. God provided for the realization of her vocation, bringing many benefits to migrants, especially orphans, the ill, and the abandoned.

Blessed Assunta Marchetti lived in simplicity, yet she was heroic in her virtues. She was capable of great giving and had totally trusted in the Heart of Jesus. She was accustomed to serving and spared no effort in being a caring mother, nurse, and catechist to the little ones who arrived at Cristóvão Colombo’s Orphanage, Ipiranga, São Paulo.

Together with her sisters, she served the orphanage with all their needs: food, health care, education, and more. When working in hospitals, she had little time for rest, as the patients wanted her nearby, either to heal their wounds or to hear her words of wisdom.



Her lifestyle was simple and service-oriented, and the holiness she expressed through her mission attracted many young women, whom God had gifted with the vocation of religious life. Thus, the Congregation grew and expanded in Brazil and other countries, embodying evangelical charity among migrants.

Let us ask for the intercession of Blessed Assunta Marchetti to live out the theological, cardinal, and moral virtues, following her example, with humility, doing God's will, who uses the small and humble to accomplish His good works in favor of the marginalized.

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