

General Objective

To strengthen the identity and mission of the Lay Scalabrinian Missionaries as pilgrims of hope in light of the charism of St. John Baptist Scalabrini so that they may be active agents in their own history and committed to the mission of welcoming, protecting, promoting, and integrating migrants and refugees as a living sign of the Kingdom of God.

Specific Objectives

To promote the integral formation of lay missionaries, strengthening their awareness of vocation, belonging, and commitment to the mission.

To deepen Scalabrinian spirituality and foster the embodiment of faith in the context of human mobility.

To encourage lay leadership and foster co-responsibility in the life and actions of the Movement.

To develop attitudes of welcome, listening, and service, especially toward migrants, refugees, and people in vulnerable situations.

To strengthen communion and unity among groups by promoting the sharing of experiences and a synodal journey.

To encourage concrete missionary actions that express the Scalabrinian charism in the care for human dignity.

To awaken social and ecclesial awareness in the light of the Gospel in response to contemporary challenges related to migration.

To evangelize using new means and languages without losing sight of the centrality of encounter, listening, and presence.

To bear witness to God's love in mission by defending the dignity of migrants and promoting concrete acts of justice and fraternity.



VIII GENERAL ASSEMBLY MLMS

October 21 - 25, 2026

Garibaldi - RS - Brazil

FORMATION, IDENTITY AND MISSION LMS



*"Jesus himself came near
and walked with them."*

(Luke 24,15)



PRAYER FOR THE 8TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE LMS

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Cast your gracious gaze upon the VIII General Assembly of the **Scalabrinian Lay Missionary Movement**. Strengthen our LMS Formation, Identity, and Mission, and remind us that "Jesus himself drew near and walked with them" (Lk 24:15). Enlighten our minds, guide our dialogues, and renew the missionary zeal of each participant, so that this gathering may be a true time of grace, listening, and communion in service to migrants and refugees.

Saint John Baptist Scalabrini, Father of Migrants, teach us to see in every person on the move the very face of Christ and to serve with the heart of a father and a shepherd.

Blessed Assunta Marchetti, an example of self-giving and silent charity, inspire us with humble dedication and a motherly welcome toward the most vulnerable.

Venerable Father Joseph Marchetti, a model of apostolic zeal and generous self-giving, intercede so that we may never lack the courage to respond promptly to God's calls.

Saint Charles Borromeo, patron saint of the MSCS Congregation, beacon of reform and fidelity to the Church, sustain our faith and our constant search of holiness in **missionary service**.

Spirit of Wisdom, unite us and make the fruits of this Assembly flourish, so that the Lay Scalabrinian Missionary Movement may continue to be a source of hope and a safe haven in a world marked by **human mobility**.

Amen.

Schedule

Day 1 (Wednesday – Oct. 21)

14h00 – Check-in at the hotel - Accommodations
15h00 – Distribution of materials and review of registration
16h00 – Introductory activities – GIC e GCR
17h00 – Opening ceremony – Speeches – Rules of Procedure.
18h00 – Opening Mass - GMMM
19h00 – Dinner
20h00 – Scalabrinian Experience – Testimonies.
20h30 – Retreat – *Motto: "O Jesus himself came up and walked along with them."* (Lc 24,16)
22h00 – Thanksgiving – Prayer – GNSF

Day 2 (Thursday – Oct.22)

06h30 – Wake-up
07h00 – Breakfast
08h00 – Prayer – GSJS
08h30 – Conference - Formation, Identity and Mission in the Scalabrinian Charism.
10h00 – Break
10h15 – Seminar: Identity (LMS and Assistance), Formation, Prayer (Spirituality), Action (Apostolate and Mission).
11:40 – Prayer – GIC
12h00 – Lunch
13h30 – Visit to Caxias do Sul – CAM
15h00 – Break
16h00 – Guided visit and tasting – Cantina Silvestri
18h00 – Cultural evening, traditional dinner and cultural show.

Day 3 (Friday – Oct. 23)

06h30 – Wake-up

07h00 – Breakfast
08h00 – 30th Anniversary of the First International Meeting – ERMIDA – GCR
08h15 – Structure of the Movement
09h00 – Economy
10h00 – Break
10h30 – Formation
11h15 – Statute
12h00 – Lunch
13h45 – Prayer – GMA
14h00 – Movement Report
14h30 – Best practices – 8 LMS actions
15h00 – Priorities for the next Three-Year-Term (group work)
15h45 – Break
16h15 – Group Presentations
17h00 – Travel
17:30 – Prayer – GNSS
19:00 – Dinner
20:00 – Invocation of the Holy Spirit.
20h30 – Election of General Coordinator and General Councillors
 - Criteria and characteristics –
 - Election of the coordinator
 - Election of the council... (the candidate with the most votes becomes Vice-coord)
22h00 – Prayer – GSG

Day 4 (Saturday – Oct. 24)

06h30 – Wake-up
07h00 – Breakfast
08h00 – Prayer GMMM
08h15 – New General Council assumes its assignments
08h45 – History of the Movement – Councils
09h45 – Break
10h15 – Final Document – Priorities, objectives...

11h45 – Prayer GSR
12h00 – Lunch
13h45 – Prayer GCR
14h00 – Movement Song
14h20 – Closing Address
15h30 – Break
16h00 – Tributes and acknowledgments
17h30 – Prayer GNSA
20h00 – Free evening – walk through downtown.

Day 5 (Sunday – Oct. 25)

06h15 – Wake-up
06h45 – Breakfast
07h30 – Departure for Caxias do Sul
08h30 – Visit to Casa Dom Scalabrini
10h30 – Closing Mass- *Mãe dos Migrantes* Church- Liturgy - GMA
12h00 – Festive lunch - *Mãe dos Migrantes* Community

