



Message in Celebration of the Foundation day of the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Charles Borromeo, Scalabrinian - MSCS

Dear Sisters, Aspirants, LMS members, Vocational Youth, Collaborators, Partners, and Our Esteemed Audience,

“Suddenly Jesus appeared and joined them, walking alongside them.” Luke 24:15

We gratefully remember and give thanks to God for the charismatic inspiration of Saint John Baptist Scalabrini, who, on October 25, 1895, responded to the urgent situation of his fellow Italians abroad who were suffering from the need of someone to approach and accompany them as a sister who travel with them as a companion, offering fraternal support in their journey of faith and integration in their host country. The reality led to the founding of the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of Saint Charles Borromeo, Scalabrinian Sisters.

In this spirit, the pioneering sisters Assunta Marchetti, Carolina Marchetti, Ângela Larini, and Maria Franceschini, on October 25, 1895, during the Eucharistic celebration at the episcopal chapel in Piacenza, Italy, after professing their religious vows, received from the founder himself, Saint John Baptist Scalabrini, a missionary crucifix and a mission send-off, accompanied by the words: *“Go with confidence, daughters; I will send you other sisters later.”* As they received the missionary crucifix, he said: *“Here is your companion on your apostolic journeys.”*

Today, we celebrate with heartfelt devotion the memory of our origins and the historic milestone of our missionary journey of faith, which, over these 131 years of existence and active mission work, has touched countless lives, migrants seeking the ideal place for themselves and their loved ones.

May Saint John Baptist Scalabrini and Saint Charles Borromeo, our Patron, continue to inspire all who follow the footsteps of the Scalabrinian charism to be the “Stranger” (cf. Luke 24:15) who approaches and walks side by side with the many pilgrims who are seeking new destinations to establish their homes and fulfil their life’s ideals.

To invoke the intercession of Saint John Baptist Scalabrini and the Holy Trinity for vocations to the needs of the missions within the Church and across the world.

Congratulations on 131 years of blessings and missionary accomplishments.
Blessed Foundation Day to you all!

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