

## July 1<sup>st</sup>, with gratitude and harmony we celebrate the anniversary of Blessed Scalabrini

Dear Sisters of the congregation, beloved lay scalabrinians, friend and families that know the MSCS.

On this day, we invite you to participate, at least spiritually, to this commemorative date of our Congregational history, July 1<sup>st</sup> that we celebrate the life and memories of our Blessed Scalabrini.

From Him we learn the heroic virtues of faith, charity, humility and compassion. With this invitation we encourage you to give witness to the universal Church with your life style of a true scalabrinian apostolship for the migrants as He did. Blessed Scalabrini was a sensible practical men, always. He listened and was obedient to the voice of God and his spirit remain among us today. He thought us how to be vigilant, humble with a deep faith and love for our missions. The frase he used for the first Sisters was: "GO CONFIDENTLY MY DAUGHTERS", and as today many men and women feel this call and with courage are willing to fulfill the missions that Scalabrini started among the elderly, youth and children of all nationalities, color, race and religions. From the huge tree that produced so much fruits, Scalabrini called "CARISM", we receive the nourishment for our strength in order to work and be 'MIGRANTS with the MIGRANTS'. With great jubilation that we are opening another page to honor Blessed J.B.Scalabrini on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2007. Many with advanced age, others just beginning to know the Scalabrini ideal, all are invited to celebrate and renew the scalabrinian missionary commitment, not only in your community, or individually, but it should be the biggest celebration in Church for the migrants throughout the world.

We invite to meditate and remember the life and sanctity of our founder Blessed Scalabrini, because we, scalabrinians men and women, are His LAMPS placed on a tall pedestal in order to light the roads for the poor migrant travelers as Scalabrini did during his life. Nowadays, there is lot of tension in the world, but if we have faith, trusting in God as Pe.J.Marchetti and Mother Assunta did in their time, it will be possible to continue the missions entrusted to each one of us and we can fulfill the dream of Scalabrini to care for the migrants brothers near and abroad. Being aware, we can not serve the migrants in all placed as Scalabrini wished, but we try to give good example with fervent prayer increase devotion to the Eucharist, to the Word of God and carrying out with love the smallest responsibilities entrusted to each of us, we will be rewarded with on increase faith, unity and blessings.

This memorial celebration, helps us to give on impulse for our scalabrinian missionary life, to be able to continue our missions among the migrants, to assume specific elements for our Scalabrinian IDENTITY reflecting the Scalabrini spirituality to all God is entrusted to us and walk with then on the rough road together with the Pilgrim Christ which He is the Migrant among us. Scalabrini insisted to all his followers to be the sign of hope, faith, humility with life style among families/communities, to start the day with the EUCHARISTIC, intense prayers, love and unity in families/communities. With this, the chain will be intact to hold the Crucifix, but if miss one link, the chain is incomplete serving for nothing.

Dear Sisters, collaborators, volunteers, families and others, the Scalabrini Carism helps us with fidelity to carry out Scalabrini plan, therefore we are encouraged to use our talents, extend our hand and use the most precious item we have: "TIME" since the voice of God is calling us via this messages and He tells to whom is assigned: GO THROUGHOUT THE WORLD and with ME you will overcome the difficulties in all frontiers, and when you give that hug as mothers to the migrants on the move you gave it to ME (JESUS).

Congratulations for the good work all of you are doing. In Jesus the Migrant, our love.

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