



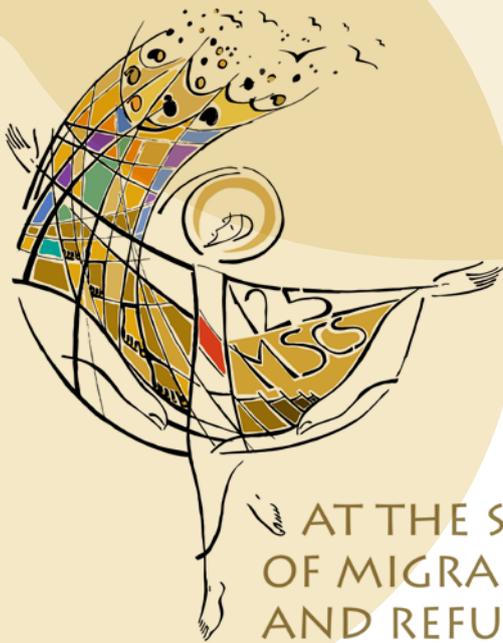
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Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians

Newsletter



AT THE SERVICE OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES



125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST. CHARLES BORROMEO - SCALABRINIANS

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At the beginning of this six years term we are gifted with a great congregational event: the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of Saint Charles Borromeo – Scalabrinians. This event will help us to strengthen our communion in the Scalabrinian spirit, to retrieve the values present in our history which we have lived in the course these years, enabling a renewed missionary impetus, so that we can celebrate with gratitude and thanksgiving to God the existence of our Congregation, in fidelity to the Scalabrinian Charism, in the evangelical and missionary service to migrants and refugees.

With joy we present the commemorative LOGO of the jubilee of the 125th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Congregation, whose author is Anderson Augusto Souza Pereira. We also offer the explanation of the elements of which it is composed, as it was presented by the author in collaboration with Sr. Elizangela Chaves Dias, mscs.

THE RISEN JESUS:

The central element is Jesus, an image that evokes the proclamation of the great Jubilee as the year of the Lord's grace (Lk 4:18), a time of liberation and salvation for the most vulnerable in society, especially migrants, with whom Jesus identifies himself, praising their openness to the truths of the kingdom (Lk 4:25-27). The image of Jesus is also a prefiguration of the risen Christ, as in the congregational cross, an expression of God's unconditional love. His open arms welcome humanity to lift it up in the certainty of

the victory. His **feet** are emphasized, as to recall his life of migration, and his being always on the way, from his birth in a family of migrants often threatened, until his last steps in this world, in his '*Via Crucis*' of injustices culminated in his death, from which he has risen Alive and Victorious.

PEOPLE WITH RAISED ARMS AND WALKING:

It portrays the fulfillment of the biblical jubilee, as a time of restoration, forgiveness, return

to the bosom of family and homeland, a time to fully experience freedom and gratitude to God, who promises and keeps his promises (Lv 25:1-55; LK 4:18). The lines that draw his body, run through all the images as a sign of presence: *"He is among us"*, inspiring and encouraging us. Like his mother Mary in her Magnificat *he lifts up the poor and humiliated*. As in Exodus 3:7 ss. *he hears the cry of his people and comes down to lead them back to a land of liberation*. As in Fil 2:7, *he empties himself of his divine condition* and becomes vulnerable and fragile humanity in the migrant and wandering body of thousands of families without shelter, without land, refugees, dispossessed and abandoned by oppressive systems. In a spirit of solidarity, the people unite and a new path opens. The raised arms are the certainty of the victory of a people full of dignity and who has conquered his rights, experiencing Love in the structures of society.

HANDS:

Two hands support the whole image. They represent the Scalabrinian Missionaries Sisters and Lay who, close to the Heart of Jesus, live their spirituality and mission. They are at the base, rooted in the reality of so many types of walls, taking on the challenge of liberation and life, especially together with homeless, landless, migrants and refugees.

SPARROWS AND SEEDS:

"Seeds migrate on the wings of the winds" ... Thus, all who become free, become seeds for future generations. Seeds and sparrows evoke migration as a movement without borders, as a dynamism which is connatural to the logic and

dynamism of life. Birds and many other animals migrate during the winter of their lives, looking for a place where they can find food. Seeds of plants also migrate on the wings of the wind, in the beak of birds; pollen from flowers migrates from one flower to another carried by insects. In the solar system planets are in constant migration, that is, in motion. Seeds and birds represent migration as the logic of life and guarantee the survival of species, but also their mutations, reproductions, adaptations and evolutions. For this reason, the jubilee is the celebration of the dream of freedom, of a world without borders in line with the logic of life.

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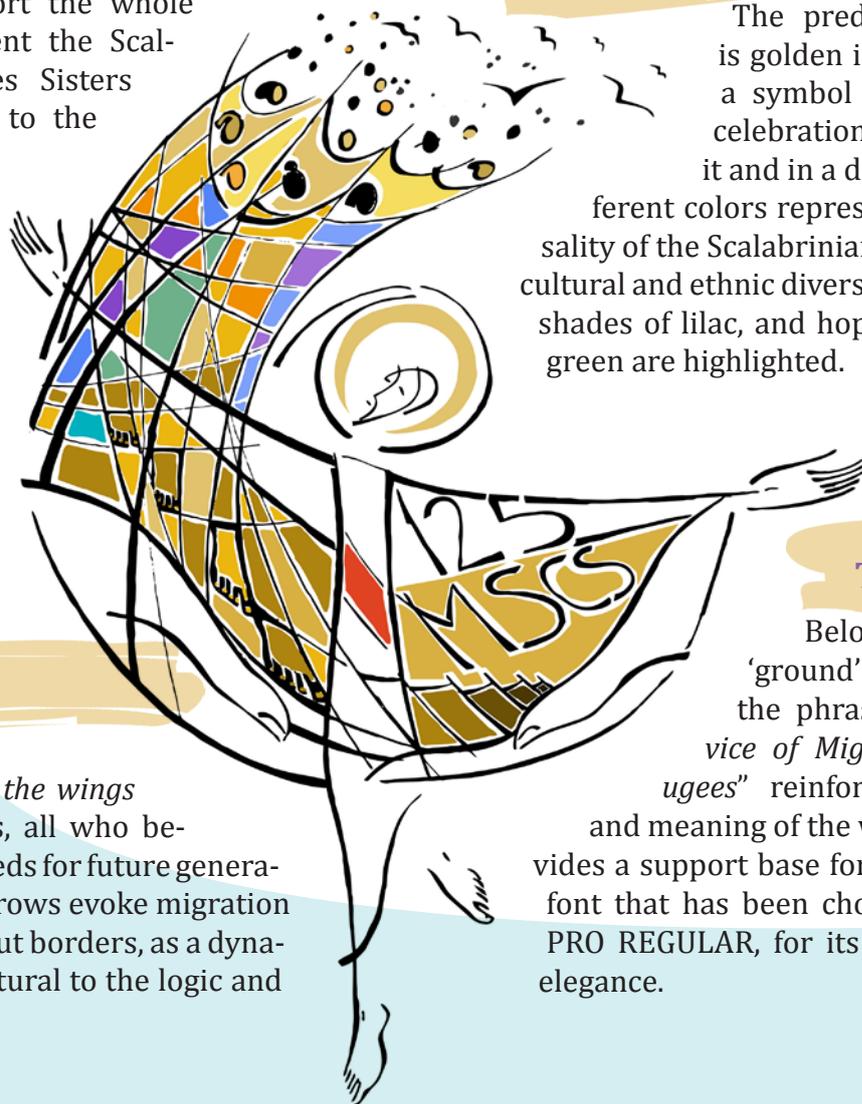
On the left side of Jesus, close to his heart, as beloved disciples, 125 years of love and service are celebrated in a spirit of gratitude for all who have become fertile land in this history.

COLORS:

The predominant color is golden in its shades, as a symbol of this jubilee celebration. Together with it and in a delicate way, different colors represent the universality of the Scalabrinian Mission, in its cultural and ethnic diversity. Feminine in shades of lilac, and hope, in shades of green are highlighted.

TIPOLOGY:

Below and as a 'ground' for Jesus' feet, the phrase *"At the Service of Migrants and Refugees"* reinforces the sense and meaning of the whole, and provides a support base for the work. The font that has been chosen is LITHOS PRO REGULAR, for its simplicity and elegance.





Sisters
Scalabrinians

The joy of following Jesus Christ

The final document of the XIV General Chapter wisely exhorts us: *“In the Congregation, all the Scalabrinian Sisters are called to be mediators of an authentic, creative and effective vocational announcement, committed to reawakening vocations for the service to the Church and to humanity. This task, therefore, is a responsibility of all of us and together we will deepen, personally and in community, the culture of vocation”.*

In the light of the reflections made during the XIV General Chapter and of the desire expressed by the Sisters of the Congregation, we hold vocation animation as the highest priority of this six years term, to which we will devote our best energies at all levels, for the growth of the Congregation and mission, realizing new initiatives, activities and programs, in a well organized way, in the different areas and spaces of our Scalabrinian missionary activity.

Vocation is a gift received from God and it should grow and ‘explode’ in a hymn of Easter joy, and of gratitude in the spirit of the Magnificat (cf. Lk 1:46). As consecrated for the mission with migrants and refugees, we are called to be witnesses of God’s hope and mercy through hospitality, protection, promotion and integration.

In this year of celebration of the **125th anniversary of the Foundation of the Congre-**

gation, we are invited to renew our religious consecration, in the *joy of following Jesus Christ*, confirmed in the hope that the beauty of living our religious vocation as Missionary Sisters of Saint Charles Borromeo Scalabrinianas, makes us happy women who attract new vocations, a sign for all the world and a compelling force that leads people to faith in Christ¹.

With a heart full of gratitude to God, we welcome the young women with joy and thankfulness: **Aspirants, Postulants, Novices and Junior Sisters**, who live in our formation communities, undertaking a formation process, and who are for the Congregation a beautiful gift, a blessing, and a visible sign of God’s merciful and gratuitous love for us in this jubilee year in which we celebrate God’s faithfulness and goodness, present in our history.

The beauty and cultural richness that these young women and Sisters bring with them, and that we can appreciate in their different faces, enrich and embellish our Congregation, in this process of internationality and interculturality, on a journey of communion and celebration of diversity as a gift, in view of the growth of our mission in the Church, in the evangelical and missionary service to migrants and refugees. *We give thanks to God for everything!*

1. ‘Proclaim’ – CICLSAL, n. 28

Bogota - Colombia



Aspirants



Ir. Cristina de Souza Santos e aspirante



Leiny Daniela Albarracin
(Colombiana)



Brasilia - DF



Amanda Vitoria Silva
(Brasileira)



Elisangela Ramos de Santana
(Brasileira)



Ir. Rita de Cassia Luiz
e aspirantes

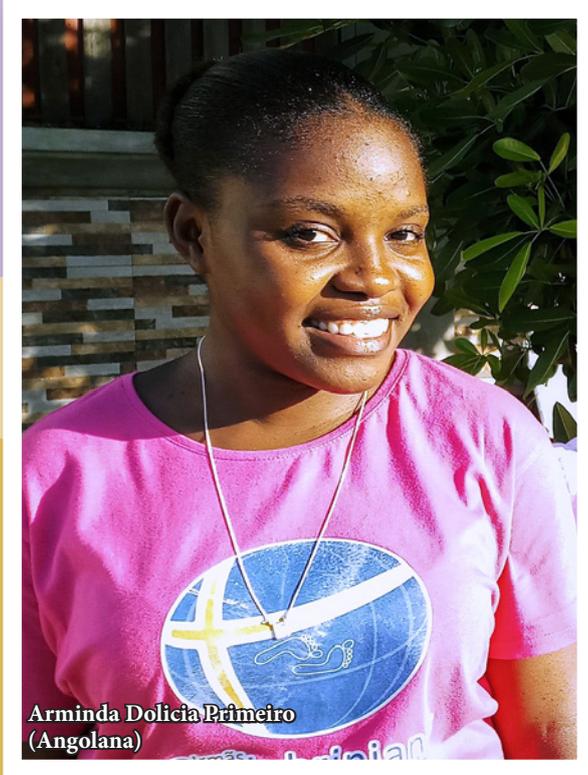
Luanda - Angola



Aspirants



Ir. Rozeli de Oliveira e aspirante



Arminda Dolícia Primeiro
(Angolana)



Ana Flávia da Silva (Brasileira)

Fortaleza - Ceará



Ir. Carmen Lucia Pereira e aspirante

Maumere - Indonesia

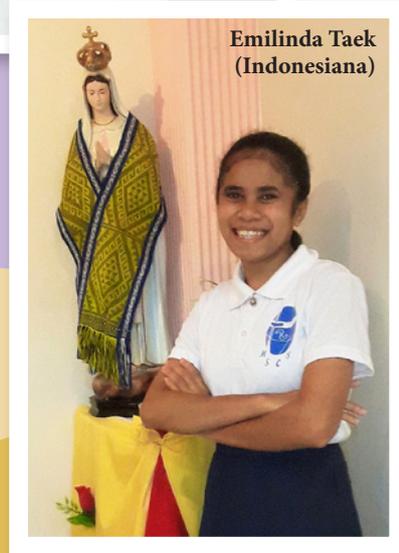


Aspirants

Oktaviana Meo
(Indonesiana)

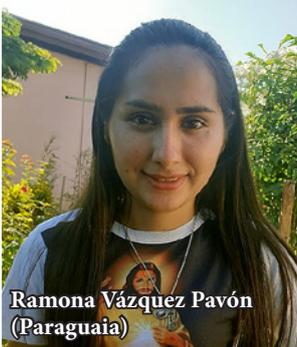


Emilinda Taek
(Indonesiana)



Sr. Maria Martini Azi Una aspirante

Paraguay



Ramona Vázquez Pavón
(Paraguaiá)



Luz Aurora Gonzalez Sanabria
(Paraguaiá)



Ir. Rosinei Kuffel Gabriel e aspirantes

Passo Fundo - RS



Aspirants



Ir. Margarida Cericato e aspirantes



Pietra Scorsatto (Brasileira)



Angelica Caovila Bury (Brasileira)

Rome - Italy



Ir. Etra Luana Modica e aspirante



Monica Leticia Tozzi (Argentina)

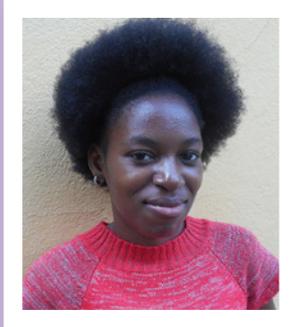
Vije - Angola



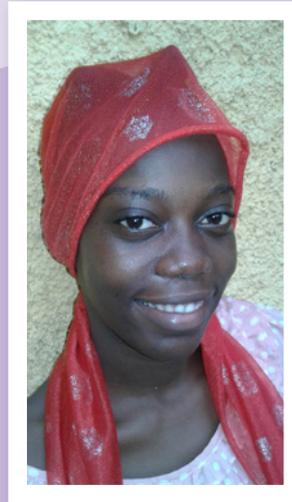
Aspirants



Teresa Agostinho Pedro
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Maria Eugénia da Costa Silvestre
(Angolana)



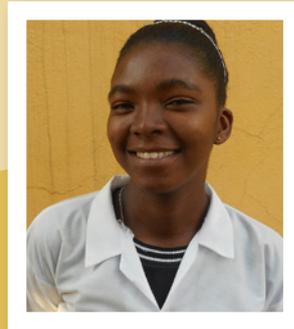
Nzuzi Dorcancia Pascoal Alvaro
(Angolana)



Doroteia Falaka (Angolana)



Maria Matuta Vieira
(Angolana)



Martina Chambula Sandumbo Amaral
(Angolana)



Rita Catumbela Catito
(Angolana)



Ir. Larissa M. G. Jara e aspirantes



Luanda - Angola



Zeferina Madalena Afonso (Angolana)

Ir. Rozeli de Oliveira e postulante



Postulants

Maumere - Indonesia



Sr. Maria Grace Lovendino Mirabel e postulantes



Yasinta Carbini Murni - 1º ano Postulantado



Yustina Atiana Pa'a Kolin 1º ano Postulantado



Maria Elfiana Agusta Mau 1º ano Postulantado



Honisantia Seso 2º ano Postulantado



Yustina Avila Mau 2º ano Postulantado



Benigia Ramos 2º ano Postulantado



Bernadeta Efi 2º ano Postulantado

Melrose Park, IL - USA



Novice



Cecilia Lizbeth Razo Nunez - 1º ano (Mexicana)



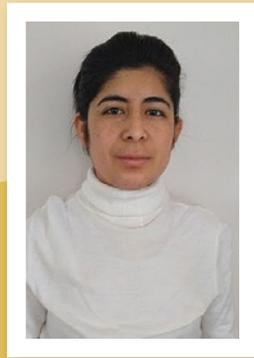
Sr. Maria Manuela Cabral Amaral e noviças



Osinta Avila Nalu 2º ano (Indonesiana)



Ervina Mole - 1º ano (Indonesiana)



Mayra Eva Melgar Lopez 1º ano (Mexicana)



Yulita Ermiana Jedho 1º ano (Indonesiana)

Delegation in Asia



Yus Maria Ito (Indonesiana)



Ir. Noemie Enalpe Digo e noviça

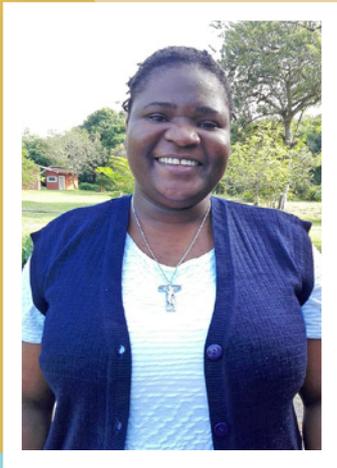
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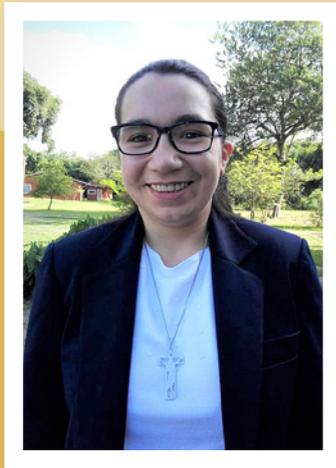
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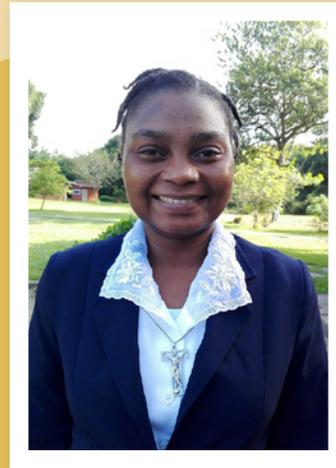
Ir. Elza Ferreira de Souza e noviças



Isaura Inacio Manjate
1º ano (Moçambicana)



Ana Gabriela Caceres
Romero - 1º ano (Paraguaia)



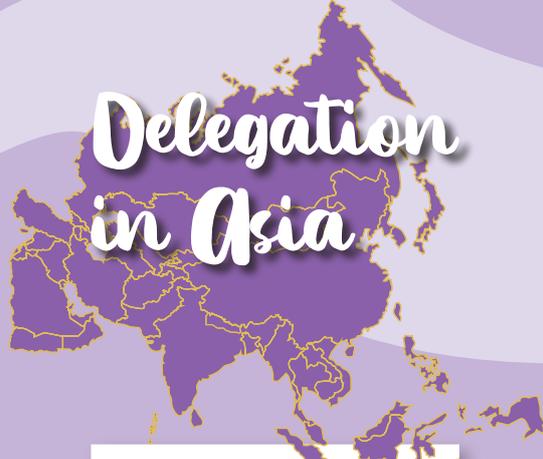
Estefania Pedro Bartolomeu
1º ano (Moçambicana)



Joanete Tibola - 2º ano (Brasileira)



Patrizia Altomare Bongo - 2º ano (Italiana)



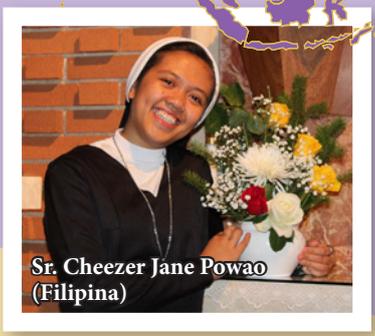
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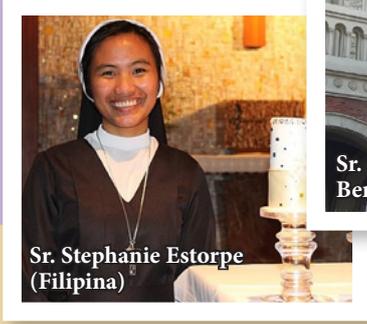
Junior Sisters



Sr. Melanie Grace Doloriel Tllana
(responsável) e junioristas



Sr. Cheezer Jane Powao
(Filipina)



Sr. Stephanie Estorpe
(Filipina)



Sr. Yuliana Yasmin
Bere (Indonesiana)



Sr. Marcedita P. Saboga-a
(Filipina)



Sr. Maria Martini Azi
Una (Indonesiana)



Sr. Angelina Tupen
(Indonesiana)



Ir. Lilly Pushpam (Indiana)



Ir. Nithya Raj (Indiana)



Ir. Mary Grace Parayakattil
George (Indiana)



Ir. Stella Twinkle Devasy
(Indiana)



Ir. Antony Mary
(Indiana)

Sao Paulo - BR



Junior Sisters

Province Maria,
Mother of Migrants



Da esquerda para a direita:
Ir. Goreth Batista Ferreira,
Ir. Érica Ortiz Borges da Silva,
Ir. Neusa Estevan, Ir. Analita
Candaten (responsável),
Ir. Dora Elena Suaza Arenas,
Ir. Kleise Rostirolla,
Ir. Vitorinha Bernardino
Albuquerque,
Ir. Johanna Ortiz Zuñiga

Our Lady of Fatima Province



Ir. Maria Angelica
Responsável



Ir. Katarina Gengu
(Indonesiana)



Ir. YadiraLizeth Cano Haro
(Mexicana)

To be witnesses of the joy of following Jesus Christ – the Sisters Erica Ortiz Borges da Silva and Kleise Rostirolla professed the perpetual vows of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience, in the month of March 2020, in our Congregation, definitively consecrating themselves to the Lord, as a Scalabrinian Missionary Sister, in the evangelical and missionary service to migrants and refugees.

On 1 March 2020, the Eucharistic celebration of Sister Erica’s perpetual profes-

sion took place, in the parish of Our Lady of Graces, in Várzea Grande, MT, Brazil.

On March 15, 2020, the Eucharistic celebration of the perpetual profession of Sr. Kleise took place, in the parish Immaculate Conception, in Getúlio Vargas, RS, Brazil.

The celebrations were full of communion and hope, with the lively and joyful participation of many nuns, priests, lay people, relatives and friends.



Perpetual Profession



Profissão Perpétua
Ir. Erica Ortiz Borges da Silva



Profissão Perpétua
Ir. Kleise Rostirolla

Final Document and Decisions and Provisions of the XIV General Chapter



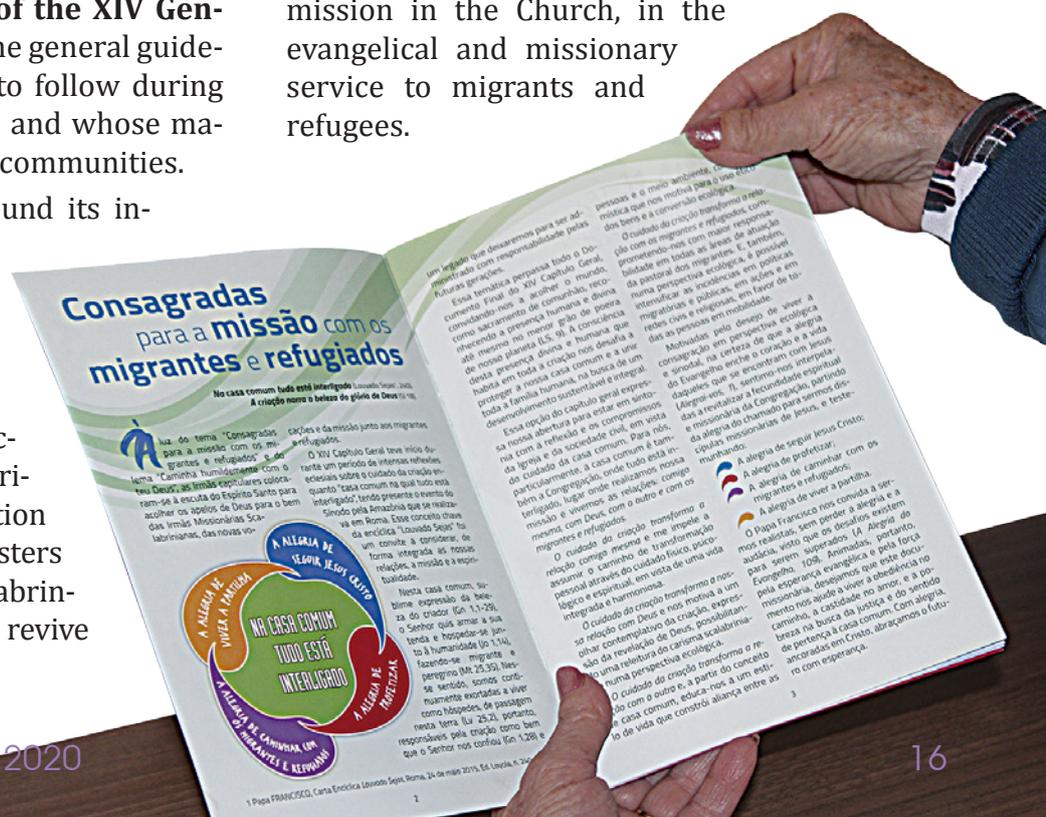
in us the conviction that we should continue to walk together with migrants and refugees, reaching out to meet them as the theological place for each Scalabrinian Missionary Sister:

Encouraged, therefore, by evangelical hope and missionary ardour, it is our desire that this document will help us to live obedience along our way, chastity in love, and poverty in the search for justice and for the sense of belonging to the *common home*. With joy and renewed openness, therefore, we welcome this **Chapter Document**, making it dynamic, concrete and embracing it as a process of personal and com-

With great joy we are spreading in the entire Congregation the **Final Document and the Decisions and Provisions of the XIV General Chapter**, which contains the general guidelines that will guide the path to follow during this six years term 2019-2025, and whose material is gradually reaching our communities.

The XIV General Chapter found its inspiration in the biblical text of Micah 6:8: “Walk humbly with your God”, and had as its theme: “Consecrated for the mission with migrants and refugees”, whose programmatic directions invite us to a deeper experience of the call to a specific vocation in the Church as Missionary Sisters of Saint Charles Borromeo-Scalabrinian. And, at the same time, they revive

community growth, so that it can permeate all our activities and programs, and communicate to the world the beauty of our common consecration and mission in the Church, in the evangelical and missionary service to migrants and refugees.



Project Chaire Gynai

Solidarity and creativity at the time of the covid pandemic 19

The “Chaire Gynai” project - Welcome, woman! At the request of Pope Francis, the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of San Carlo Borromeo-Scalabrinians, launched this project, which aims at refugee women with children and migrant women in situations of vulnerability, has been in progress for over a year, in Rome, Italy.

At this moment, the project has welcomed thirty migrant and refugee women with minor children from Syria, Nigeria, Uganda, Senegal, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cameroon, Ethiopia and India.

These women and children are accompanied with the aim to build their projects of personal autonomy, based on the resources, experiences and capacities of each one, in view of their integration into work and social inclusion. The



whole process is carried out in such a way that women become protagonists of their lives.

Specifically, at this crisis moment of pandemic, they express fear and concern and foresee an uncertain future, because after leaving their countries, their families, fleeing wars, violence and poverty, now they are unemployed. However, the project coordination team continues to follow each woman to search for solutions, remodeling and strengthening autonomy projects, finding training courses for reintegration into the labor market, and trying to include these women whose employment has entered in crisis, into training programs to obtain an employment contract.

Though, the pandemic has created problems like unemployment for these women, on the other hand, it has offered the opportunity to spend more time together and this favors an atmosphere of solidarity, creativity and development of new skills, as is the case the exchange of knowledge in the mask production workshop. Two partner institutions have already requested this product.



Lay Missionary Movement Scalabrinian

Sisters Assistants reflect on the path together with the Movement

Sharing the path and reflecting on the challenges starting from the context of the pandemic COVID 19 that has affected the world, was the objective of the meeting (Zoom) of the 13 Scalabrinian Missionary Sisters Assistants of the Groups of the Scalabrinian Lay Missionary Movement, held on April 28. The meeting that was convened and coordinated by Sister Janete Aparecida Ferreira, Animator General of the Apostolate and General Assistant of the Movement, was participated by the Sisters who accompany the Movement in Mexico, Honduras, Colombia, Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Spain, Italy and the south, southeast and north regions of Brazil.

In addition to sharing the journey of the Scalabrinian Lay Missionary Movement, which has around 300 members, including those who have already made the commitment and others who are at the beginning of the formation process,

the Sisters reflected on the challenges and prospects accompanying the Movement. They also discussed the need to deepen the theme of leadership and motivation, so that lay people can be more and more protagonists of their history and vocation.

During the meeting, in the light of Movement's Statutes, they discussed and reflected on the skills of the MSCS Assistant Sister, emphasizing that its mission is to ensure that the Movement continues to be faithful to the Scalabrinian Charism, in the evangelical and missionary service to migrants and refugees. In addition, supporting the formation of Scalabrinian spirituality, accompany and animate the process, especially at the beginning of the formation of the nuclei was accentuated.

Furthermore, they indicate prospects for a promising future within the Movement and in their mission together with migrants and refugees. Every LMS groups have tried to organize annual or three-year planning that has its priority as the training of members always focused on the mission. There are also many assiduous nuclei in the service of attention and protection towards migrants and refugees in this context of pandemic.



The Itinerant Service MSCS

The Itinerant Service organizes itself to continue supporting migrants and refugees in emergency situations



The Itinerant Service of the Scalabrinian Missionary Sisters is a specific project of the Congregation's action, which aims to ensure a temporary presence together with migrants and refugees in emergency situations. The purpose of this service is to contribute to respect the dignity of migrants and refugees, in dangerous situations, so that they can have life prospects and hope for a better future.

Therefore, with the objective of carrying out a mission articulated with the province of Mary, Mother of Migrants and strengthening the accompaniment of Venezuelan migrants in the region, the video conference was held with the presence of the Sisters enrolled in the SI-MSCS, on April 30 and May 12, 2020. The sisters who participated were the general coordinator of the

SI-MSCS, Sr. Ana Silvia Zamin, councilor for the apostolic mission of the PMMM, Sr. Vicentina Roque dos Santos, and Sr. Lucilene Carolina de França, councilor of the PMMM, for the Hispanic region.

Previously, they had dialogues with some Sisters of the Province, who are working in strategic places: Sr. Eunivia da Silva, coordinator of the Fundacion de Atencion al Migrante - FAMIG, in Bogotá, Colombia; Sr. Leda Aparecida dos Reis, coordinator of the Scalabrinian Mission in Quito, Ecuador; and Sr. Valdiza dos Santos Carvalho, diocesan coordinator of the Pastoral Care of Migrants and director of the diocesan Caritas, in Roraima, Brazil.

The proposal is under study, reflection and planning, in order to identify the main needs and the area and scope of the action for a set period.

On-line formation for the sisters enrolled in the SI - MSCS

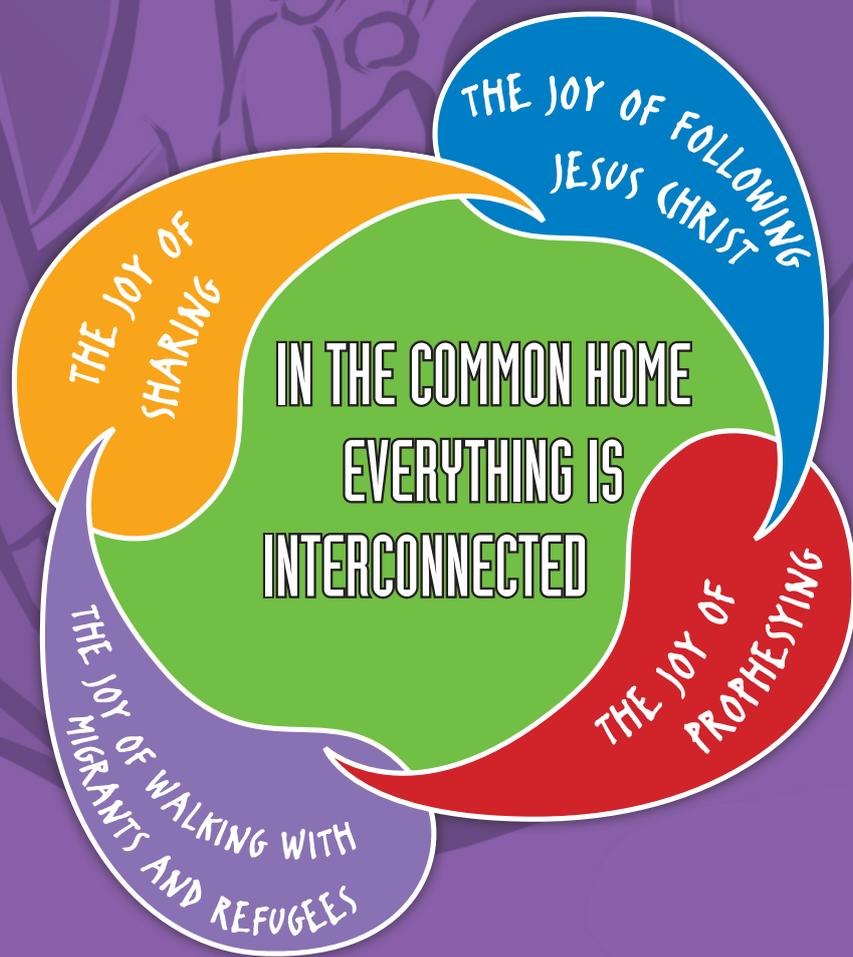
To give continuity to the process of formation of the Sisters enrolled in the Itinerant Service, Sr. Ana Silvia Zamin, general coordinator of the SI-MSCS, together with Sr. Elisangela Chaves Dias, general councilor, are organizing a platform of formation and accompaniment from a distance, which will be available in the following languages: Italian, English, Spanish and Portuguese.

As its initial basis, the program will have the Training Manual, which was developed in partnership with the International Organization for Migration IOM / Italy exclusively for the formation of the Scalabrinian Missionaries to perform missionary service together with migrants and refugees in emergency situations.

The training includes specific study phases, with time to dedicate for reading, reflecting and sharing the proposed path. Other materials and texts related to service and assistance during emergency situations in the context of migration, as well as biblical theological, will be progressively available, via Internet, also in the four aforementioned languages.

The proposal will be available on the internet from the second half of 2020 and information for access to the program will be sent directly to the Sisters registered with the SI - MSCS.





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