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Object: Message for World Mission Day



"Here am I. Send me!" (Is 6:8)

Dear Sisters and Candidates



We are approaching the celebration of the World Mission Day, which will take place on October 18, with the motto of the prophet Isaiah: "Here am I. Send me! (Is 6,8). In the message for this day, Pope Francis affirms that mission starts from God's heart; it is effective and situated in the concrete realities we are living, questions the Church and also questions humanity: who will I send?



The joy and gratitude we feel to be called, to go out of ourselves and to decide to leave, to step out of the comfort zone, the convenience, and to put ourselves on a path, a new pilgrimage each day towards the other - the Brother or Sister in our community, the migrant, anyone we meet along the way[1].



Yes, dear Sisters and candidates, to be a missionary is to be available and to perceive the constant movement of God's love that has been poured into our hearts. Our life means mission, a gift that we receive for free and make available to those most in need. On the other hand, the XIV General Chapter tells us: "Feeling called, graced by the gift of vocation and loved by Him is a source of gratitude and deep joy. From this encounter is born a relationship that lasts a lifetime, and that is the secret of joy, to feel oneself a missionary disciple of Jesus".



Every baptized person is invited to make himself/herself available for the mission, responding daily: Here am I. Send me! We are sent to be prophetic witnesses of the Gospel, in a synod Church, and a permanent state of mission. Pope Francis insists that we be a Church that goes forth, defender of life, servant, and missionary. As consecrated to the mission with migrants and refugees, we are called to be witnesses of God's hope and mercy through welcoming, protection, promotion, and integration. Our internationality and interculturality interpellate us constantly to live respect and communion in difference.[2]



[1] Traditio Scalabriniana, n°. 01, pg.9

[2] Final Document XIV General Chapter, item 1.1, pg. 04

For us, Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians, "The mission to which we have been commissioned by the Church in virtue of our charism is the evangelical-missionary service of the migrants, with preference to the poor ones in a situation of vulnerability. It is realized through the different forms of the pastoral care of migrants, in a common effort of prophetic evangelization." (NC, 113). In harmony with the world moment in which we live, we are challenged to put all our missionary action in a permanent state of mission and to focus, with creative fidelity, the Scalabrinian charism in the welcoming, protection, and integration of migrants and refugees, walking together on the roads of our time, in communion with the Scalabrinian Lay Missionaries, with whom we share our mission.

Therefore, dear Sisters, let us live our mission in the service of migrants and refugees with joy and enthusiasm, welcoming once again the call that Pope Francis addressed to us: "I encourage you to put your charism at the service of the Church evermore." evermore."[3]

May Our Lady, Star of the New Evangelization, accompany us in our desire to proclaim and witness as apostles, Jesus Christ, the Gospel of the Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit, especially in this Jubilee Year of the Congregation, so that we may walk humbly with our God!

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