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# PRESENTATION



Sr. Neusa de Fátima Mariano General Superior

Dear Sisters and Formands of the Congregation,

I am delighted to present you this issue of the Humilitas In Cammino Bulletin – number 107, which is published in tune with this time of grace that we are living, with the canonization of our Founder, Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini, as well as a few months after the X General Assembly of the Congregation, These events help us to keep our identity alive, strengthen our unity and sense of belonging, giving us a new impulse to live our religious consecration with renewed ardor, in fidelity to the Scalabrinian charism and, at the same time, giving us a new flavor of vitality and hope.

In this perspective, the contents contained in this bulletin reveal a richness of elements developed in the light of the X General Assembly, which had as its theme: "Revitalization of Scalabrinian Consecrated Life in a charismatic, ecological and synodal key," and motto: "Let the riches of the nations enter you" (Isaiah 60:11). Therefore, the themes published here, permeated by our specific, aim to contribute to the process of study, reflection and deepening, from biblical, theological and ecclesial elements that will help us to enter the horizon of the revitalization of our consecrated being.



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The article by Sr. Neuza Botelho dos Santos, mscs, presents us in a synthetic way a rereading of the Methodology of Community Discernment in Consecrated Religious Life, starting from the theme of discernment widely reflected during the X General Assembly. As expressed by the author, this article aims to highlight some central ideas that will support in realizing the importance and beauty of exercising personal and community discernment for Christian living and consecrated religious life. At the same time, the reading of this content will make it possible to resume the reflection on this theme of significant relevance for our times, where the historical situations in which we live oblige us to be in a continuous state of discernment to respond assertively to the challenges of Scalabrinian life and mission, so that our action may be an expression of the will and charity of God.

On the other hand, the article by Sr. Elizangela Chaves Dias, MSCS, Synodal Path in Religious Life MSCS, will allow us to be in deep communion and walk with the Church in this synodal time and convinced that a synodal lifestyle implies the commitment, the desire, and the decision to walk together, energizing the spaces of dialogue reinforced by attentive listening as part of a synodal methodology that favors communion and integrates differences. As the author makes it very clear: The synodal style is made with audacious patience, which knows how to involve the Sisters so that each new path is sustained by discernment, by listening to the word of God, and by obedience to the truth. And so she says: at this point, we are all in the formation process, regardless of how many years of vows we have. We are still in initial formation in the school of synodality, and we have much to learn along the journey.

We also publish in this issue some of the missionary sharings of the MSCS Sisters, which were presented at the X General Assembly of the Congregation, whose reports demonstrate the missionary and evangelizing action of the Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo Scalabrinians, which unfolds in presence and witness, in service and solidarity, in dialogue and fraternal welcome to migrants in the different realities where the Congregation is present, thus aiming to favor a more significant growth in communion among us and co-responsibility for the development of the entire Congregation, the

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commitment and dedication to be a solidary and prophetic presence in the world of human mobility.

Subsequently, we publish with gratitude the decrees of appointments to the service of government and other services in the Congregation, and we express our sincere appreciation to the Sisters who have made themselves available to assume these responsibilities in the Congregation, thus expressing a sense of belonging, availability, and co-responsibility, as you can see from the various decrees published.

I wish that all this will motivate us to immerse ourselves with enthusiasm, openness, and willingness in the attentive reading of the contents contained in this bulletin, prepared and published, with much affection, aiming to offer you the best as an instrument of collaboration in the process of reflection and deepening on our vocation as consecrated women for the mission with migrants and refugees.

Let us, therefore, continue to walk humbly with the Lord, living and witnessing the joy of following Jesus Christ and in gratitude for the canonization of our founder, St. John Baptist Scalabrini.

> Sr. Neusa de Tátima Mariano, mes Sr. Neusa de Fátima Mariano, mscs General Superior

> > Rome, July 8, 2023. Birth of St. John Baptist Scalabrini, founder of the Congregation





# Rereading the Methodology of Community Discernment in Consecrated Religious Life

"Prophetic witness requires the constant and passionate search for God's will, for self-giving, for unfailing communion in the Church, for the practice of spiritual discernment and love of the truth." (VC 84)

## Introduction

The proposal of this short essay aims to take up the text on the methodology of community discernment in consecrated religious life, presented at the X General Assembly of the Congregation in Caxias do Sul, Brazil, in January 2023. It aims to point out some central ideas that can help us realize the importance and beauty of exercising personal and community discernment for Christian living and in consecrated religious life.

Enzo Bianchi, in his book "The Art of Choosing. Discernment", reflects on a concept that had almost fallen into oblivion but today, in Pope Francis's magisterium, is gaining ever more space and appreciation. In his various speeches and teachings, he recalls that Francis has reflected on the importance of discernment, not only in the ecclesial settings of Christian life but also in human life in general. The author also emphasizes that "it is indispensable to return to the practice of this very essential art of discernment for human and Christian life, offering useful and valuable advice so that our existence, despite its limits and fragility, may reach fulfillment and be a sincere and convinced "amen" to the will of the Lord."

With these words, Bianchi introduces us to a new space, one of the questions of existential doubts that we sometimes evade or do not give much importance to. However, we need the courage to enter this path, however arduous it may seem, to inquire ourselves about the changes necessary to accept Francis' call and become apprentices of discernment.

In order to cultivate an attitude of constant discernment, it is worth recalling Pope Francis' catechesis on discernment, in which he encourages us to learn the conditions and constitutive elements of discernment that are indispensable to begin this inner journey. The first element is the prayer, the familiar relationship with the Lord, a prayer rich in affection that allows us to speak with God as a friend. The second element is to know oneself. In addition to prayer, it is necessary to know oneself and one's deepest desires, and this can only be achieved through a patient work of introspection to think about the way of acting, the feelings and thoughts that condition one's life.

Francis reasons that it is necessary to distinguish between emotions and impulses of the soul. To overcome such ignorance, the examination of conscience is of great help. After reflecting on prayer and self-knowledge, the Pope spoke about "the desire" and "the book of are life," which one's indispensable elements for exercising discernment. He also indicated some conditions that he considers necessary to carry out discernment, which are: the subject of discernment - "The desolation"; "The consolation," and "The authentic consolation." "The confirmation of the good choice" and "The vigilance." And finally, he points out the "Aids to facilitate discernment" and "The spiritual accompaniment."



After this brief preamble, the proposal is to begin the journey with Fr. Ranieri[1] to learn more about personal and community discernment methodology. As well as the trails and paths along which he will lead us and the steps we can take from learning and exercising discernment in our personal life, the community, and the mission.

# **Historical context**

The historical context in which we live challenges us to be in a constant state of discernment to know God's will. We must discern both in the personal and community, and institutional spheres. Today, in religious life, the mission is shared by various groups of religious and laity. Therefore, community discernment must be shared among all involved in the fields of action they have in common. They must question whether the decision to be taken is in accordance with God's will, with the service to the Church, and with humanity according to the charism of the Institution.

Community discernment presupposes forming a community spirit; if there is no such formation, it needs to be promoted through faith sharing, prayer, life review, community evaluation, and apostolic work.

# Difficulties of spiritual discernment and its importance

In our Church, there are some deficiencies that make it difficult to advance the practice of personal and community discernment. For example, moralistic and legalistic attitudes, a tendency to comply only with what is prescribed, and little incentive to seek God's will.

In today's society, we come across a culture of subjectivism and individualism that manifests itself in attitudes of self-reference and the search for absolute autonomy, thus opacifying the search for God's will and the relationship with others. In such a context, formation for discernment becomes necessary. On the other hand, we are conditioned by a considerable quantity of information from outside (social media) that absorbs our attention and limits our freedom of choice. Learning vigilant discernment in this context can be of great help.

<sup>[1]</sup> ARAÚJO G. Ranieri. Method of Community Discernment in Consecrated Religious Life.

According to St. Ignatius of Loyola, the action of the Holy Spirit of God in the soul can be perceived by the effects it causes in it. The same principle was proposed by the Apostle Saint Paul to the Galatians when he taught them to recognize the "works of the flesh" and to contrast them with the "fruit of the Spirit" (cf. Gal 5:18-25).

# Methodology of community spiritual discernment

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Choose well the matter to be discerned. Not every decision requires common discernment. Define the people who participate and why they participate; interior freedom; unity of spirit; knowledge of how to discern; put prayer in common; spiritual examination; establish how the final decision is made.

The text also considers the importance of the Ignatian terms -Consolation and desolation in spiritual discernment; they express the harmony or disharmony of a person's decisions and attitudes concerning the demands and desires of his/her being destined for communion with God.

And finally, he presents the Ignatian Rules of Spiritual Discernment. The author recalls that St. Ignatius left us "rules for becoming aware and understanding to some extent the different movements which are caused in the soul: the good, to receive them, and the bad to reject them." (EE 313).



## Conclusion

In this brief summary, we present the importance of discernment in human life in the scenarios of the Church and society in general, in the light of the catechesis of Pope Francis and some aspects of the reflection of community discernment in consecrated religious life, according to Fr. Ranieri G. Araújo, in which he emphasized the need we have in the Church for the practice of spiritual discernment, some difficulties we face in practicing this discernment and the methodology of community discernment.

Spiritual discernment, especially apostolic discernment, must be a continuous process of prayer and reflection, with openness to the creativity of the Holy Spirit, choice based on Christian faith, decision, experimentation, and confirmation in life.

Sr. Neuza Botelho dos Santos, mscs

"The discernment is an art, an art that can be learned and which has its own rules. If learned well, it enables spiritual experience to be lived in an ever more beautiful and orderly manner."

(Pape Francis 04.01.2023)



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# Synodal Paths in Religious Life MSCS

Sr. Elizangela Chaves Dias, mscs

Rethinking formation processes to make a synodal journey is a provocative theme, mainly because it makes us realize that all religious life is formation, which can not be taken for granted, regardless of the office in the institute or the service it performs as a mission, we never finish forming ourselves. The formation is the journey, not a point of arrival; it is transformation, a process until we become "daughters in the son."

Pope Francis presents that synodality is a style that unites consecrated life: "Consecrated life is synodal by nature. It contains many structures that can foster synodality: I am thinking about the chapters – general, provincial or regional and local – the fraternal and canonical visits, the assemblies, the commissions and other structures that are specific to each institute"[1]. Meanwhile, the synodal structure does not magically produce synodality, says Sr. Carmen Ros Nortes[2] (DIVCSVA Undersecretary), in fact, several signs indicate the need to learn new ways to go together in the synodal style.

POPE FRANCIS, Address to the participants of the Assembly – Union of the General Superiors (U.S.G.), November 26, 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Carmen Ros Nortes, nsc, "How religious life is developing new synodal paths ,"at the Annual Assembly of UISG-Constellation Rome, 11.01.23.

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Even if, at a certain point, the meaning of religious life today is eclipsed and not infrequently, the look at the numbers and the average age of the members elicits more "murmurs" than hymns of joy, this is not the time to look back and stop on the way.

In fact, as Pope Francis says, the very nature of religious life is to walk together and with God, therefore synodal. If the synodal style characterizes the nature of religious institutes, how much more so for us, MSCS Sisters, a religious Congregation that has been on the way since the first act of foundation, and, moreover, we have as a reason for being, to turn us into travel companions of those who are on the move. From the charism, we inherit this synodal identity, which constantly invites us to live the journey's mystique, itinerancy, and pilgrimage, which is not reduced or closed in structures.

Walking in synodal style implies openness to dialogue and listening. Making space for the participation of each member, and also of the Holy Spirit, in an attitude of listening and prayer. Harvesting the beauty of the plural voices of the Sisters, collaborators and laity. The MSCS mission tent must always be willing to expand from the richness of migrants and refugees, as well as from those who have always been with us as co-participants in the mission.

In our present reality, a clear sign of the importance of making a synodal journey is the need to make our coexistence ever more intercultural. The new vocations in Africa, Indonesia, India, the Philippines, and Taiwan, as well as the reorganization process taking place, indicate, along the path, the way to move from multiculturalism to interculturalism. "Interculturality is one of the clearest exercises of synodality when it is truly lived in listening, dialogue, participation, identification with the charism, and passion for the mission. To the extent that we bet on these "inter" processes, diversity becomes a common richness, a polyphony that expresses the charismatic and prophetic beauty of religious life," says Sr. Carmen.[3]

In this process, we must take care and nurture hope. Although alone we walk faster, together we go further, says a wise proverb.

3. Cf. Idem.

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The fact is that, for walking together, it is not the steps of the strongest and the fastest that determine the pace of the walk, but the steps of the smallest and the weakest, that is, the steps of the last ones. Realizing that we are not in a marathon, that is, a race with equals, in which everyone runs, and despite having the same goal, each one does it for herself, is the key to setting out on the road in synodal style, if we want to go far together.

The synodal style is done with bold patience, which knows how to involve the Sisters so that each new journey is sustained by discernment, by listening to the word of God, and by obedience to the truth. At this point, we are all in the formation process, regardless of how many years of vows we have. We are still in initial formation in the school of synodality, and we have much to learn along the way.

The challenge of making the spirituality of communion the mscs way of life is reinforced by the words of Pope Francis: "we sense the challenge of discovering and transmitting the 'mystique' of coexistence, of mingling, of meeting and encounter, of embracing and supporting one another and of stepping into this flood tide which, while chaotic, can become a genuine experience of fraternity, a caravan of solidarity, a sacred pilgrimage (...). In this way, greater possibilities for communication thus turn into greater possibilities for encounter and solidarity for everyone. If we were able to take this route, it would be so good, so soothing, so liberating, so hope-filled! To go out of ourselves and to join others is healthy for us." (EG 87)

It encourages us to know that we are not alone, and it encourages us even more to see that we are in the company of the saints. Indeed, we are accompanied by Our Lady, pilgrim par excellence, on this journey. In her company, we will be sure not to take the wrong road toward her Son. In this caravan, we are also accompanied by our saints St. Charles Borromeo, St. John Baptist Scalabrini, Blessed Assunta Marchetti, and Venerable Father Joseph Marchetti, and with them, we know that the right path is that of the encounter with migrants and refugees.



# Sharing Missionary Experiences

During the X General Assembly of the Congregation, held in January 2023, in Caxias do Sul, RS, Brazil, time was dedicated to the presentation of different missionary realities of the Congregation, with the aim of making ever better known the mission that the Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo – Scalabrinians carry out, in fidelity to the Scalabrinian charism.

# In this issue of the newsletter In Cammino, we present some of the sharings that took place:







# Center for the Care of the Migrant – CAMI Diocese of Gregorio de Laferrere La Matanza - Buenos Aires - Argentina

The Center for Care of the Migrant (CAMI) has existed since 1978 when the Scalabrinian Missionary Sisters began their mission in Argentina. It is an organization that operates in Matanza, in Buenos Aires, whose primary vocation is the evangelical and missionary service to migrants, especially the most needy. The most significant migrant population in La Matanza are Paraguayans, Bolivians, Peruvians, Uruguayans, Venezuelans, and Dominicans.

From 1977 to 2014, the Center used a parish building to provide assistance to migrants in vulnerable situations, mainly women alone, with children, or who suffered some kind of violence or discrimination.

In 2014, a new space for the Center was built on a plot of land donated by the Diocese of Gregorio de Laferrere. Throughout these years, the Centre has offered advice and support to migrants from neighboring countries and the northern provinces of Argentina, accompanying them through the difficult stages of their insertion into Argentine society and facilitating their access to social, economic, and cultural opportunities.

CAMI offers comprehensive care to migrants in vulnerable conditions and manages initiatives that promote the protection and exercise of their rights. The intervention occurs in the following areas: legal, social, health, gender, education, and training through different prevention and assistance activities aimed at internal or external migrants and their families. In addition to the necessary care for emergencies, it seeks an impact on the public policies of the Municipality and Argentina to give more visibility to the needs of migrants and find lasting solutions. It also provides training on immigration issues for professionals from other institutions in the city.

The aim is to foster human promotion, in the light of the Word of God and the Social Doctrine of the Church, from the faith experience of migrant families, as well as to accompany the legal and social situations experienced by migrants in the locality of Matanza.

# Activities taking place at CAMI and the Pastoral Care of Migrants:

- Orientation, accompaniment and legal advice to migrants to obtain the Argentinian DNI, as well as migratory regularization (mobile documentation workshops).
- Monthly training meetings with those responsible for each documentation workshop.
- Legal advice to migrants;
- Space for dialogue (virtual and face-to-face) on topics related to migration and network building;
- Formation and spirituality meetings with volunteers of CAMI and the Pastoral.
- Preparation, animation and celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees;
- Visit to parishes and communities of the Diocese to propose the Pastoral Care of Migrants;



- Activities of the National Team of the Pastoral Care of Migrants;
- Care, assistance and accompaniment to women victims of gender based violence;





• Listening space;

- Preparation and organization of retreats and spirituality meetings;
- Distribution of food, clothing, footwear, medicines, etc;
- Formation meetings, spirituality and accompaniment of the Nucleus of Lay Scalabrinians;
- Accompaniment of prayer groups and biblical meetings;
- Accompaniment of Social Work internships from the National University of La Matanza;
- Holistic health care service;
- Virtual psychological services for migrants (LEGAME);
- Center for the Elderly: yoga, memory and physical exercises;
- Rental of halls (School of Social Psychology, Technical Nursing Course, folklore classes and parties);
- Rental of the cancha (area/plot of land) for parties and sports.



# Main challenges of the mission:

- Sustainability of the Sisters and the mission;
- Convocation/Invitation to migrants;
- Greater coverage of the Pastoral Care of Migrants in the parishes of the Diocese;
- Work on volunteering;
- 🧭 Networking.



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# the Future through Interculturality

Sr. Clarice Maria Barp, mscs

Guadalajara is located in central Spain, 50 km from Madrid. The province of Guadalajara has 262,000 inhabitants, of which 14.5% are immigrants. The city of Guadalajara has 87,000 inhabitants, of whom 17.30% are immigrants. The Scalabrinian Sisters are active in the following:

## 1. Diocesan Migration Delegation:

The delegation has a team of 20 volunteers. The pastoral care for migration is based on evangelization, translating into witness authenticity, adaptation to reality, and interculturality. With an intercultural and interreligious identity, we work with pastoral communities from Peru, Ecuador, Venezuela, Brazil, and the Dominican Republic, and we develop the following actions:

First Reception: listening and mainly migrants are sent to Social Entities to receive social, welfare, legal, and training assistance to migrants. Activities with the aim of building social networks among the migrants and socio-political and religious integration with:

**Clube Dabar:** space to practice Spanish, weave social and community networks, and provide more comprehensive and interdisciplinary assistance for migrants.

**Yoga and Zumba:** building community networks and building a social and labor integration itinerary.





**Migration Week:** religious, cultural and socio-political celebration through theater with a social focus.

**Scalabrini Intercultural Choir:** unity and communion through music in different languages.

**Political and Social Advocacy:** realization of the intercultural fair in the Municipality; EAPN (European Network for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion) participation.

**Circle of Silence:** a national platform for peaceful denunciation of the human rights of migrants in the public square.



# 2. Diocesan Caritas, Sigüenza, Guadalajara

Coordination of social action and programs and projects in various areas:

**Inclusion:** with projects that assist people who are homeless and a comprehensive plan to cover basic needs.

- **Elderly:** accompaniment project of the elderly and distribution of food. Actions that help to activate emotionally and cognitively.
- **Volunteering and cooperation:** animation of the more than 495 volunteers of the Parish Caritas and the 200 volunteers of programs. Cooperation: development cooperation projects; since 2017, there have been six projects with MSCS Ecuador, Yurimaguas Peru, ASCALA Dominican Republic, MSCS Honduras, and MSCS Mozambique.

**Employment and the social economy:** with employment intermediation projects and orientation services for professions with training and promotion actions for job placement. Clothing Recycling Company of Social Insertion, to comply with European regulation 2018/851 and Law 7/2022, of April 8, on waste and contaminated soils for a circular economy. Fulfill environmental and social commitments with less environmental impact, and generate the maximum number of social jobs and insertion of people at risk of exclusion.



## **3. VIVAT**

Participation as a member of the Vivat Spain congregation and responsible for Vivat national.

The most important actions were the presentation of a case of violation of the rights of migrants in the Spanish detention centers before the UN in the Universal Periodic Review, in which three countries included this complaint in their minutes and demanded that Spain close these centers.

Organization of a conference on Vivat International, its mission, and the mechanisms for political incidence of human rights in the migration field that exist at the United Nations. In addition, the active participation of Vivat in the collection of signatures for the popular legislative initiative for regulation now, in which the Congress of Deputies is asked to debate this initiative to document more than thousands of immigrants in an irregular situation.





# 4. Caravans Opening Borders:

Active presence in various activities and awarenessraising day. It is a platform of more than 400 associations that publicly denounce at European borders the violations of human rights of migrants with active participation in Ceuta and the Canary Islands.



# 5. Lay Missionaries Scalabrinians:

Accompaniment of 12 lay Scalabrinians who actively collaborate in the actions carried out by the delegation, bringing and spreading the Scalabrinian charism and raising awareness about the violation of migrants' rights.







# **Scalabriniana** Presence in Messina, Italia

Sr. Stella John Joseph, mscs

The presence of community of sisters in Messina dates back to January 2019 and the present two sisters Sr. Lina and Sr. Stella from January 2021. The pastoral care of the sisters consists in accompanying the Catholic ethnic communities of Sri Lanka and Philippines. These two catholic communities like any other migrant communities bring along with them the rich cultural heritage, ancient Christian traditions and their witness of faith brings new energy and life and invite the others to encounter Christ and thus enrich the local church. Our mission as Scalabrinians is to guide these two communities, listening and accompaniment in liturgical celebrations with children, young people and adults, participation in pilgrimages and group activities especially in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

These two lively catholic communities energize the ecclesial life of the local church and our mission is to be the bridge between the migrant communities and the local welcoming communities and help in the gradual integration of the migrants by sharing the different expressions of faith and devotions during the celebrations of the local parishes.



The socio-economic disadvantages and linguistic barriers are considered the main obstacles to the integration of first generation immigrant students. As Scalabrinians we play a significant role in welcoming students into the community, by helping them to acquire linguistic and other knowledge to adjust to the requirements of the school and to overcome difficulties and building their academic, social, emotional and motivational resilience.

It is a great satisfaction and joy to see these young boys and girls feel welcomed, accepted, protected and promoted with hope for total integration in the society.

«Bringing migrants the smile of the homeland and the comfort of faith" was the mandate that Blessed Giovanni Battista Scalabrini gave to the men and women religious sent to assist the thousands of Italian migrants, in those years. Continued to be inspired by the words of the Founder, we started to welcome and accompany the young university students who come to study in Messina university to bring the smile of the homeland.



These youth being away from home, in a new land, new language, without proper guidance from the university find themselves in a vulnerable situation. We offer our service to look for safer accommodation, documentation, hospital visits and above all giving them a place to feel home away from home.



**Filipino Community** 



**University students** 



Sri Lankan Community



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# Scalabrinian Education Network- ESI

"Only education is capable of removing the miseries of the world." Scalabrini

From the beginning of the Congregation, Bishop Scalabrini, Father Joseph Marchetti, and Mother Assunta were concerned with giving integral formation to the children of Italian immigrants, indigenous people, and recently freed slaves.

The orphanages, the first works of the Scalabrinian Sisters, offered academic formation but also formation in human, social, and spiritual values, professional training, and integral protection for children and young people until they reached adulthood and wanted to leave the orphanages, one in Ipiranga and the other in Vila Prudente, in the city of São Paulo. Each one followed the path they would choose; however, all left after having learned to read, write and have a profession with which to sustain themselves with dignity. The ESI Network focusing its forces on an education of excellence based on Scalabrinian Christian values, follows the purpose of the Founder and co-founders, who gave their lives to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate migrant families who arrived in the Americas, bringing dreams and their labor force, thus helping in the construction and enrichment of the host countries, as it happens nowadays with the populations that arrive in Brazil in search of employment and dignified life. Our Scalabrinian schools are envisioned as a privileged space of evangelization, adopting the teaching methods of Jesus Christ and, as their philosophy should be based on the principles of the Gospel and the directives of the Church and the Congregation (NC 131 - 132).

The educational endeavors give priority to the Scalabrinian values. They promote the integral formation of the human being and help to become an essential part of the socio-cultural context, enabling them to live fraternal relationships and build a society that is just and solidary (NC 133) and aims at developing an awareness of the reality of migration in the students, so that they may give their contribution in favor of migrants and feel co-responsible in the building of the universal citizenship (NC 134).

In 2021, after having faced the profound crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic, which significantly impacted Scalabrinian Education with the decrease in the number of students, we decided to start the Strategic Planning involving the thirteen Colleges of the Province Mary, Mother of Migrants, with a view to the future of our mission of Christian education and the sustainability of the Congregation. The work had the participation of 47 people from various Colleges who together established the steps that will guide our mission in the coming years in Scalabrinian Christian education, described as follows:

**Mission:** To promote an innovative education of excellence, funded by our Scalabrinian Christian values, for the integral training of people who contribute to the transformation of the world.

# Vision:

It is an education network of excellence, integrated with good practices of governance and management, inserted in ecosystems of innovation and life promotion.

# Values:

Welcome; Itinerancy; Communion in diversity; Solidarity; Universality; Hope; Ecological awareness;



The following strategic objectives were defined to achieve the 2025 - 2030 Vision of the Future:

# **Perspective of Financial Sustainability:**

- Increase the attraction and fidelity of students in the 13 schools of the Network.
- Make better use of the physical spaces of the schools in view of the sustainability of the Congregation.
- Develop services and policies to qualify financial management.

# Perspective of Students, Families, and Society:

- Strengthen the Scalabrinian Network and the ESI Brand based on management and marketing strategies highlighting its identity, values, and differentials, uniting tradition and innovation.
- Invest in better internal and external and encourage communication.
- Develop and expand complementary educational services and extracurricular activities.
- Invest and grow in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education - first years.



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# Perspective of Pedagogical and Administrative Processes:

- Investing in ecological education with a differential in green and/or natural programs, projects, spaces, and environments.
- Expand activities linked to social, environmental, innovation, and entrepreneurship issues.
- Invigorate the School Pastoral, consolidating the "School in the Pastoral."
- Unify teaching systems and pedagogical indicators in a network.
- Qualifying the selection process for philanthropic scholarships.
- Unify networked systems and processes (administrative software).
- Develop a proposal of excellence for the new High School.
- Strengthen quality teaching with differentiated methodologies in all sectors.
- Consolidate hybrid learning and the use of educational platforms.
- Offer extended workload for language teaching and bilingual project. as well as promote internationalization and certification of schools and students.

# Perspective of Learning, Growth, and Innovation:

- Increase knowledge and investments in new technologies, digital culture, and transformation.
- Create, build, and revitalize innovative, attractive, and differentiated spaces and environments.
- Invest in the continuing education of teachers and professionals.
- Develop services and policies to qualify people management.

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In order to fulfill the Mission and achieve the Vision of the Future, the professionals of the ESI network are guided and trained so that they can develop specific skills: welcoming; self-development; humanized and proactive leadership; empathetic communication; digital culture; innovation and creativity; empathy and flexibility; social and environmental responsibility; socioemotional intelligence; living of Christian and Scalabrinian values.

In order to carry out the work and strengthen the ESI Network, a Management Team was organized, which from January 2023, has a new structure, regiment, and full-time dedication, to monitor the development of the Strategic Plan in all units of the Network. These are the members of this Management team:

- 1. Sr. Sandra Maria Pinheiro, general coordinator;
- 2. Iolanda Benedetto, pedagogical coordinator;
- 3. Sr. Marileda Baggio, school pastoral coordinator;
- 4. Alessandra Linhares, ESI ENGLISH Program coordinator;
- 5. Davidson Fernando Reis Brito; project coordinator;
- 6. Igor Guedes, Marketing coordinator;
- 7. Adriana Nascimento, secretary.

This team is responsible for developing and applying the Strategic Planning for 2022 – 2025, in the next three years, together with the 13 units of the ESI Network, putting into practice the 83 planning projects that will be developed.



# Some essential actions carried out in the Network during the years 2020 - 2023:



Elaboration of the High School Religious Education Booklet, with specific contents to be worked with students from 1st to 3rd grade (2019);

- Elaboration of the Scalabrinian Youth Project Elementary School Early Years and High School (2020);
- Implementation of the **Scalabrinian Youth Movement,** in all ESI Colleges, from January 2021;
- **125th Anniversary of the Congregation's** foundation, with the Network's Cultural Contest and awards for the best Poetry, Songs, and Writing; live for the award ceremony, connecting all Colleges, in 2021;
- Celebration of the **Scalabrinian Year** with the realization of Lives for families about **Scalabrini and Christian Education**, celebrations with students and creation of the Scalabrini medal; (2022);
- Flaboration of the Pastoral Pedagogical Reference for Early Childhood Education to guide the work of Religious Education with El children (2022);
- Elaboration and publication of the book Identity of Scalabrinian Education: Memory, Actionand Innovation – for the training of ESI Network leaders – (2021 – 2022).





Printing of the 3rd Edition of the Collection Identity – January 2023, to fortify the school pastoral, deepening the values and principles of Scalabrinian education.

# Some essential actions carried out in the Network's schools in this first semester of 2023:

 $\checkmark$  Leadership Meeting – with face-to-face participation of pedagogical and financial directors, from March 1 – 3, 2023, in Curitiba / PR.

 $\checkmark$  Training of Pedagogical Coordinators and Educational Advisors (online) – with the participation of 56 people, from 3 pm to 5 pm, on March 28th and 30th.

 $\sqrt{\text{Training of Teachers Early Childhood and Elementary Education first}}$  years (Online from 7 pm to 8.30 pm) – May 2 and 4, 2023, with the participation of 267 teachers;

 $\checkmark$  **Training of Teachers Elementary education** and High School Final years (Online from 7 pm to 8.30 pm) – May 16 and 18, 2023, with the participation of 116 teachers;

 $\checkmark$  **Training for Administrative Personnel** (general services, reception, secretary, library, human resources, finances and accounting, etc.), with online meetings, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm), on May 24 and 25, 2023, with the participation of 98 people;

✓ Monthly Meetings of the ESI Network Management Team;

✓ Monthly Meetings with the **Directors of the Schools of the ESI Network;** 

✓ Monthly Meetings with School Pastoral Coordinators;

✓ Monthly Meetings with the **Leaders of the Scalabrinian Youth Movement;** 

✓ Monthly Meetings with **Marketing Managers;** 

✓ Monthly Meetings of the ESI Network Education Board;





✓ Holding of the III **ESI Network Good Practices Congress,** with the participation of 80 educators from all schools, on August 30, 31 and September 1, 2023;



The focus of our action in the coming years is aimed at animating and strengthening the ESI Network through training, support, and monitoring of pedagogical processes, school pastoral, marketing, and administrative-financial aspects of each school unit so that we can better organize ourselves and energize our journey as a Scalabrinian education network. To learn more about our work proposal, visit our portal and social networks www.portalesi.com.br

> Sr. Sandra Maria Pinheiro, mscs General Coordinator -Integrated Scalabrinian Education Network - ESI





# **BIENUENU** WELCOME CENTER for Migrant women and children

Sr. Marivane Chiesa, mscs

The Bienvenu Welcome Center was created in Johannesburg on March 23, 2001, as a welcoming space for migrant and refugee women and children in vulnerable situations.

This initiative marks a trajectory of dedication and commitment of the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of Saint Charles Borromeo – Scalabrinians (MSCS) in the African continent since the arrival of the pioneer Sisters in South Africa in 1992, settling in Odendaalsrus – Free State and later, in 1998, in Johannesburg. In 2023, therefore, we are celebrating 25 years of the Scalabrinian presence in Johannesburg and 22 years of the foundation of the Center Bienvenu.

The Center Bienvenu adopts and mirrors the mission of the Scalabrinian Missionary Sisters: to serve from the perspective of 'being a migrant with migrants', with particular attention to women who experience situations of major vulnerability, safeguarding and promoting their dignity, their human rights and promoting their role.
From a house where to stay overnight – an initial emerging challenge – the Bienvenu Welcome Center is today an organization that has grown and consolidated, maintaining year after year the humility and boldness of listening, interpreting demands, seeking to add strength, resources, and capacity to implement responses and launch into courageous paths. The needs and dreams of people who are welcomed and accompanied by the team, professionals, and volunteers become motivation, goals to achieve, and efforts to converge on solutions that impact the lives of refugee women and their children.

**South Africa** is a country located in the south of the African continent. The country is made up of **about 58 million inhabitants. Johannesburg is the most populous city, with 7.5 million people** who have a diverse culture due to the diversity of cultural practices in the region.

It shelters around 170,000 refugees (with refugee status) and another 800,000 Asylum Seekers who have applied for refugee status but have not yet been granted it. Furthermore, hundreds of asylum seekers claim to be relocated and settled in another country in the face of violent waves of xenophobia in South Africa. Of this total, of almost 1 million people, 450 thousand live in the poorest peripheries of Johannesburg with limited access to socio/economic survival opportunities and are exposed to high risks of violence, xenophobic attacks, and criminality.

The Bienvenu Welcome Center assists refugee women and asylum seekers with their children from countries that experience situations of extreme violation of human rights and/or armed conflicts, as is the case of the Democratic Republic of Congo – the country of origin of most women and children currently hosted – Zimbabwe, Malawi, Burundi, Sudan, Ethiopia, and others.

Marked by experiences of pain lived on the long journeys of escape, the women and children welcomed by the Bienvenu Welcome Center are very vulnerable; they feel social exclusion, all sorts of traumas, and many family losses. They often have a high rate of malnutrition and need comprehensive and differentiated care.

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The women are heads of families and alone bear the burden of educating and supporting their children. Many witnessed the militias' killing of their husbands or children, and many others were victims of sexual violence and torture. Several are still teenagers with a low level of schooling, and even though they were still teenagers, they were already victims of some kind of abuse. Many are HIV positive, resulting from the sexual violence they were victims of.

Coming mainly from rural areas, the sheltered women have few professional skills, which increases their difficulties in finding a job or starting a small business to generate income to support their families.

Most children and women can not speak English, the host country's language. Unemployed, traumatized, and in poor health, they face everyday difficulties living on the streets, exposed to corrupt public officials, police, criminals, and a hostile local population.



# The Bienvenu Welcome Center develops its activities through 4 programs:





# **1.** Welcoming and full temporary accommodation

The Bienvenu Welcome Center is structured to offer accommodation and reception services for up to 45 refugee women and children. The guests are assisted with all their basic needs, initially for three months, after which an assessment is made to verify the capacity acquired by the women to continue their journey autonomously outside the Welcome Center. If necessary, the stay is extended for a few more months until they are sufficiently integrated into the reality of Johannesburg with more security and autonomy.

The guests are accompanied throughout the integration process in the host country, starting with obtaining documents for their regular stay in the country. At the same time, during the document regularization process, they receive psychosocial counseling, health care, English language study, and individual and group psychotherapy. These services also extend to specific cases of vulnerable women and children of the local community, intending to facilitate their social inclusion.

# 2. Nursery Maternal Mother Assunta and Lovely Bears Creche

The Bienvenu Welcome Center offers specific childcare services through an educational and protection program for refugee and migrant children, such as the **Maternal Mother Assunta**, created in 2009 to be a safe space where refugee women, during their stay, can leave their babies **0 to 3 years** old during the day, so that they can go in search of work and solutions to other needs.

The project aims to promote the holistic development of children and guarantee mothers the possibility of looking for or exercising a job and organizing their life project with a view to their autonomy when they leave the Centre.





The Maternal Mother Assunta extends the comprehensive attention and care that is reserved for women and babies, strengthening the Center's capacity to reach through this activity for these people also the mother-child relationship, especially for cases in which the experience of motherhood could have been accompanied by suffering and even trauma, harming, in addition to the mother's serenity, the children's healthy psychophysical and human spiritual growth.

The Bienvenu Welcome Center values the importance of encouraging women to achieve self-sustainability by seeking ways to earn their income. Having their babies cared for and protected while they look for alternatives worthy of maintaining their family increases their possibilities of emancipation.

# **Nursery Lovely Bears**

Another initiative in the line of care and attention to children is the Lovely Bears, a service that develops care for children between 3 and 6 years of age in a calm and stimulating environment in which they can develop through love and respect while their mothers participate in the workshops offered by the Center, or go in search of work, health, access to documentation or other issues, for which the taking care of sons and daughters is a precious help.



Besides welcoming resident children, the Center includes the children of the local community as well as children or the sons and daughters of former residents of the Center. This offers the welcomed children the opportunity to integrate into the community and gives the mothers, in addition to freedom in managing their time and ensuring the well-being of their sons and daughters, the possibility of articulations and relationships with local community actors.



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In 2022, 62 children were welcomed at the Maternal and the nursery. The training offered prepares children to enter public schools.

# **School support**

Another education support activity carried out by the Bienvenu Welcome Center is specialized educational assistance – AEE and the monitoring of homework for children from 6 years of age who study from the first to the third year of elementary school. A teacher is available to answer the questions of the children in any subject they need, offering tutoring for this age group.

The average attendance is 60 children per year in this initiative. The activity even takes place during the school holidays, encouraging the continuity of studies and emphasizing its importance for these children.

# 3. Community Services

The Community Support Program is an integral part of the Centre Bienvenu's methodology of action as it is an operative way to give sustainability to the work carried out with the assisted women so that the learning and the conquests achieved are not lost as soon as they are integrated into the community.

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It consists of ensuring women the backing they still need to be able to support themselves and their children or their families. The Program is a possibility that the Center identified to act in an integrated manner in the local community, mitigating, among other factors, expressions of xenophobia against the migrant and refugee community and giving sustainability to the life projects that the institutional reception allowed to elaborate and start to implement.



It is with this Service, carried out in collaboration with the Department of Pastoral Care for Migrants and of the Archdiocese of Refugees Johannesburg, that countless needy families are assisted every year. In 2022, for example, 11,177 families were assisted, reaching a total of 38,238 people.

# 4. Mother Assunta Training Center

Inaugurated in 2017, the Mother Assunta Professional Training Center, attached to the Welcome Center, has been assuming the mission of promoting self-sustainability through empowerment programs for women residing at the Welcome Center and for other women immigrants, women refugees, or South African women belonging to the local community.

Its primary focus is training through workshop courses in cutting and sewing, beading, confectionery and cooking, hairdressing, beauty – manicure & pedicure, and makeup, with access to the resources necessary for learning. The donation of the material used during the course is a differential in the process of fortifying the experiences of rebuilding life in South African land, especially for the sheltered women, who leave a situation of extreme vulnerability and dependence, for progressive processes of autonomy and invigorating the capacity to start again, reinventing themselves.



Once the students have successfully completed their courses, they are forwarded to training in small business management and receive a kit with the necessary material to practice the learned profession. This is fundamental for the outcome of the students' autonomy paths.



In the few years since the inauguration of the Madre Assunta Center, very positive indicators have already been registered regarding the ability Center's to impact helping to transform the lives and destinies of many women who pass through the Center.

In 2022, 266 women graduated from various courses, of which 249 received kits and assistance for creating their income-generating enterprises and support for self-sufficiency and access to the labor market. This entire professional training process aims at the integration and self-sustainability of vulnerable migrant and refugee women.





After completing this process, most women and children recover their self-esteem and are ready to take on an autonomous life outside the Welcome Center. Seeing the changes they achieve in their lives while they remain hosted is impressive.

We can witness beautiful transformations, desperate and fragmented women, traumatized children who manage to recover their potential, transforming themselves into strong people, invigorated in faith and hope, positive and empowered, aware of their capabilities. Leaving the Centre, women are able to progressively sustain themselves and their children and integrate into local society.

The stories of these women can increasingly boost our scalabrinian mission in service to and with migrant women and children.









Prot. nº 543/2022 Oggetto: Conferma dell'elezione della Superiora Provinciale e Consiglio della provincia San Giuseppe - Piacenza - Italia

"Cammina umilmente con il tuo Dio" (Michea 6, 8).

Secondo la NC 192 che orienta: "La superiora provinciale e le consigliere sono elette dalle Suore della provincia, secondo un processo di discernimento approvato dalla superiora generale con il consenso del suo consiglio", durante il XXI° Capitolo della Provincia, realizzato dal 9 al 15 novembre 2022, si è proceduto all'elezione della Superiora Provinciale e Consiglio.

In consonanza con il diritto universale e proprio, preso atto del verbale n° 4 del XXI° capitolo provinciale, considerando il processo elettivo realizzato, e secondo il protocollo n° 157/2022, del 25 novembre 2022, ottenuto il parere delle consigliere generali, in base alle Ordinazioni 103, lettera l, **confermo l'elezione di**:

## Sr. Giuliana Bosini, mscs

Superiora Provinciale della Provincia San Giuseppe, con sede a Piacenza, Italia, per il quadriennio: dal quindici dicembre duemilaventidue al quattordici dicembre duemilaventisei (15/12/2022 - 14/12/2026).

Confermo inoltre l'elezione, in qualità di consigliere provinciali, componendo così il consiglio provinciale:

- Sr. Eléia Scariot, mscs, prima consigliera provinciale
- Sr. Pietra Luana Modica, mscs, consigliera provinciale
- Sr. Janete Maria Santos Ribeiro, mscs, consigliera provinciale
- Sr. Vijaya Stella John Joseph, mscs, consigliera provinciale

Esprimo la mia profonda unità e comunione di preghiere ed auguro che attraverso il ministero dell'autorità, che è servizio nella carità, possiate coinvolgere le Suore nella partecipazione e nella corresponsabilità, salvaguardando la comunione con Cristo e l'efficacia della finalità propria della Congregazione, convinte che la Trinità, la quale illumina il servizio dell'autorità nella Congregazione, è diaconia di amore e di comunione, riflesso dell'amorosa relazione delle tre persone divine (NC 138).

Ringrazio tutte per la generosa disponibilità e chiedo al Signore che vi illumini e vi fortifichi nell'impegno delle proprie funzioni e imploro copiose benedizioni su ogni Suora e Formande della provincia San Giuseppe, per intercessione del Fondatore San Giovanni Battista Scalabrini.

SR. Neusa de Fátima Mariano, mois Sr. Neusa de Fátima Mariano, mscs Superiora Generale

Roma, 14 dicembre 2022 Anniversario di morte del Venerabile, p. José Marchetti





Roma, 22 dicembre 2022

Prot. nº 548/2022 Oggetto: Conferma della nomina della segretaria provinciale

Rev.ma Sr. Giuliana Bosini, mscs Superiora Provinciale e Consiglio Provincia San Giuseppe Piacenza, Italia

Con la presente, comunico che, in risposta alla tua lettera del 15 dicembre 2022, Prot. 001/2022, in base alle Ordinazioni n. 135, con il consenso del consiglio, confermo la nomina di Sr. Janete Maria Santos Ribeiro, mscs, per la funzione di segretaria provinciale della provincia San Giuseppe, sita in Piacenza, per il periodo dal 22 dicembre 2022 al 14 dicembre 2026.

Ringrazio Sr. Janete per la generosa disponibilità, supplico il Signore che la illumini, la fortifichi nel compimento di questa missione e invoco copiose benedizioni di Dio su tutte le Suore della provincia, per l'intercessione di San Giuseppe e di nostro fondatore San Giovanni Batista Scalabrini.

In comunione di preghiere,

SR. Neura de Fatima Mariano, muses Sr. Neusa de Fátima Mariano, mscs Superiora Generale





Roma, 22 dicembre 2022

Prot. nº 549/2022 Oggetto: Conferma della nomina della economa provinciale

Rev.ma Sr. Giuliana Bosini, mscs Superiora Provinciale e Consiglio Provincia San Giuseppe Piacenza, Italia

Con la presente, comunico che, in risposta alla tua lettera del 15 dicembre 2022, Prot. 001/2022, in base alle Ordinazioni n. 134, con il consenso del consiglio, confermo la nomina di Sr. Etra Luana Modica, mscs, per la funzione di economa provinciale della provincia San Giuseppe, sita in Piacenza, per il periodo dal 22 dicembre 2022 al 14 dicembre 2026.

Ringrazio Sr. Etra per la generosa disponibilità, supplico il Signore che la illumini, la fortifichi nel compimento di questa missione e invoco copiose benedizioni di Dio su tutte le Suore della provincia, per l'intercessione di San Giuseppe e di nostro fondatore San Giovanni Batista Scalabrini.

In comunione di preghiere,

SR. Neura de Fátima Mariano, muses Sr. Neusa de Fátima Mariano, mscs Superiora Generale

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Prot. nº 544/2022

Assunto: Confirmação da Eleição da Superiora Provincial e Conselho da Província Maria, Mãe dos Migrantes, São Paulo, SP - Brasil

"Caminha humildemente com o teu Deus" (Mq 6, 8).

Conforme a NC 192, que orienta: "A Superiora provincial e as conselheiras são eleitas pelas Irmãs da província, segundo um processo de discernimento aprovado pela superiora geral com o consentimento de seu conselho", durante o III Capítulo da Província, realizado de 26 a 30 de novembro de 2022, procedeu-se a eleição da Superiora Provincial e Conselho.

Em consonância com o Direito Universal e Direito Próprio, conforme ata do III Capítulo Provincial, considerando o processo eletivo realizado, e conforme Protocolo nº 813/2022, datado em 05 de dezembro de 2022, e obtido o parecer das conselheiras gerais, em base às Ordenações 103, letra l, **confirmo a eleição de:** 

## Ir. Alda Monica Malvessi, mscs

Superiora Provincial da Província Maria, Mãe dos Migrantes, com sede em São Paulo, SP, Brasil, Praça Nami Jafet, 104, Ipiranga, para o quadriênio quinze de dezembro de dois mil e vinte e dois a quatorze de dezembro de dois mil e vinte e seis (15/12/2022 - 14/12/2026).

Da mesma forma, confirmo a eleição das conselheiras, para animação e governo da província, em harmonia com o Direito Universal e Direito Próprio, compondo assim o respectivo conselho provincial:

- Ir. Ana Conceição Sales, mscs, primeira conselheira provincial
- Ir. Vicentina Roque dos Santos, mscs, conselheira provincial
- Ir. Nelí Basso, mscs, conselheira provincial
- Ir. Analita Candaten, mscs, conselheira provincial
- Ir. Lucilene Carolina de França, mscs, conselheira provincial
- Ir. Carmen Lucia Oliveira Pereira, mscs, conselheira provincial

Expresso-lhes minha profunda unidade e comunhão de preces, e faço votos de que, através do ministério da autoridade, que é serviço na caridade, possam envolver as Irmãs na participação e corresponsabilidade, assegurando a comunhão com Cristo e a eficácia da finalidade própria da Congregação, convictas de que a Trindade ilumina o serviço da autoridade na Congregação, é diaconia de amor e de comunhão, reflexo da amorosa relação das três pessoas divinas (NC 138).

Agradeço a todas pela generosa disponibilidade, peço ao Senhor que as ilumine e fortaleça no desempenho de suas funções e invoco copiosas bênçãos sobre cada Irmã e Formanda da Província Maria, Mãe dos Migrantes sob a intercessão do fundador São João Batista Scalabrini.

Ir. Neusa de Fátima Mariano, mois Ir. Neusa de Fátima Mariano, mscs Superiora Geral

Roma, 14 de dezembro de 2022 Aniversário de morte do venerável, Pe. José Marchetti





Roma, 22 de dezembro de 2022

Prot. nº 552/2022 Assunto: Confirmação da nomeação da ecônoma provincial

Revma. Ir. Alda Monica Malvessi, mscs Superiora Provincial e Conselho Província Maria, Mãe dos Migrantes São Paulo, SP, Brasil

Pela presente, comunico-lhes que, em resposta a seu expediente de 17 de dezembro de 2022, Prot. nº 003/2022, e em base à Ordenação número 134, com o consentimento das conselheiras gerais, confirmo a nomeação de Irmã Ana Conceição Sales, mscs, para a função de ecônoma provincial da Província Maria, Mãe dos Migrantes, com sede em Praça Nami Jafet, nº 104, Ipiranga, São Paulo, SP, Brasil, para o quadriênio, a partir de 22 de dezembro de 2022 a 14 de dezembro de 2026.

Agradeço à Ir. Ana Conceição pela generosa disponibilidade, suplico ao Senhor que a ilumine e fortaleça no desempenho desta missão e invoco as copiosas bênçãos de Deus sobre todas as Irmãs da província, por intercessão de Maria, Mãe dos Migrantes e de nosso fundador, São João Batista Scalabrini.

Em comunhão de preces,

Jr. Neura de Fátima Morcano, mins Ir. Neusa de Fátima Mariano, mscs Superiora Geral





Roma, 05 de março de 2023

Prot. nº 589/2023 Assunto: Confirmação da nomeação da nova secretária provincial

Revma. Ir. Alda Monica Malvessi, mscs Superiora Provincial e Conselho Província Maria, Mãe dos Migrantes São Paulo, SP, Brasil

Pela presente, e em resposta ao Prot. nº 051/2023, com data de 24 de fevereiro de 2023, da superiora provincial, Ir. Alda Monica Malvessi, com o qual solicita a confirmação da nomeação da nova secretária provincial da Província Maria, Mãe dos Migrantes, após ter aceito a renúncia da função, apresentada por Ir. Inês Facioli, em 22 de fevereiro de 2023, comunico-lhes que, com o consentimento das conselheiras gerais, em base à Ordenação número 135, confirmo a nomeação de **Irmã Valdéris Dametto**, mscs, para a função de secretária provincial da Província Maria, Mãe dos Migrantes, com sede na Praça Nami Jafet, nº 104, Ipiranga, São Paulo, SP, Brasil, para o período de *01 de março de 2023 a 14 de dezembro de 2026*.

Agradeço à Ir. Valdéris pela generosa disponibilidade, suplico ao Senhor que a ilumine e a fortaleça no desempenho desta missão e invoco as copiosas bênçãos de Deus sobre todas as Irmãs da província, pela intercessão de Maria, Mãe dos Migrantes.

Em comunhão de preces,

Tr. Neura de Scítima Moriano mors Ir. Neusa de Fátima Mariano, mscs Superiora Geral





Prot. nº 545/2022 Reference: Confirmation of the Election of the Provincial Superior and Council of the Province of Our Lady of Fatima, Melrose Park, IL, USA

## "Walk humbly with your God" (Mc 6, 8).

According to the Constitutional Norms 192, that states: "The Provincial Superior and the councilors are elected by the Sisters of the Province, according to a process of discernment approved by the Superior General with the consent of her council", during the XX Chapter of the Province, held on 01 on December 04, 2022, the Provincial Superior and Council were elected.

In consonance with the Universal Law and Proper Law, according to the minutes of the XX Provincial Chapter, considering the elective process carried out, and according to Protocol n° 224/2022, dated December 6, 2022, obtaining the opinion of the general councilors, based on the Regulations 103, letter I, **confirm the election of:** 

## Sr. Luiza Dal Moro, mscs

**Provincial Superior of the Province of Our Lady of Fatima,** based in Melrose Park, IL, USA, for four years term effective on the fifteenth of December of two thousand twenty-two until fourteenth of December of two thousand twenty-six (12/15/2022 - 14/12/2026).

In the same manner, I confirm the election of the councilors, for animation and government of the province, in harmony with the Universal and Proper Law, thus composing the respective provincial council:

Sr. Vitalina Pietrobiasi, mscs, Provincial First Councilor

Sr. Nyzelle Juliana Dondé, mscs Provincial Councilor

Sr. Alma Rosa Huerta Reyes, mscs, Provincial Councilor

Sr. Marizete Schiavon, mscs, Provincial Councilor

I express my profound unity and communion of prayers to you, and I hope that through the ministry of authority, which is service in charity, you can involve the Sisters in participation and co-responsibility, ensuring the communion with Christ and the effectiveness of the Congregation. Convinced that the Trinity illuminates the service of authority in the Congregation, is a diaconate of love and communion, a reflection of the loving relationship of the three divine persons (NC 138).

I thank all of you for your generous availability and I ask the Lord to enlighten and strengthen you in the performance of your responsibilities and I invoke the abundant blessings on each Sister and Formands of the Province of Our Lady of Fatima through the intercession of Founder Saint John Baptist Scalabrini.

SR. Neuse de Tétima Moriano, nors Sr. Neusa de Fátima Mariano, mscs Superior General

> Rome, December 14, 2022 Anniversary of the death of the Venerable, Fr. Jose Marchetti





Rome, January 06, 2023

Prot. nº 560/2023

Subject: Confirmation of the Provincial Treasurer's appointment - Province Our Lady of Fatima

The Reverend Sister Luiza Dal Moro, mscs. Provincial Superior and Council Province Our Lady of Fatima Melrose Park, IL, USA

I hereby inform you that in response to your letter dated 29 December 2022, Prot. no. 001/2022, and based on the Ordination No. 134, with the consent of the General Councilors, I confirm the appointment of **Sister Catherine Duetes Petalcurin**, mscs, as Provincial Treasurer of the Province Our Lady of Fatima, with headquarters in Melrose Park, IL, USA, for the period from 06 January, 2023 to 14 December 2026.

I thank Sr. Catherine for her generous willingness to assume this service, in communion and collaboration with the Provincial Superior and Council. I ask the Lord to enlighten and strengthen her in accomplishing this mission. I invoke the abundant blessings of God on all the Sisters and candidates in formation of the province, through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima, and our founder, Saint John Baptist Scalabrini.

In communion of prayer,

SR. Neura de Fatima Mariano, muss Sr. Neusa de Fatima Mariano, muss General Superior







Rome, January 06, 2023

Prot. No. 561/2023

Subject: Confirmation of the Provincial Secretary's appointment - Province Our Lady of Fatima

The Reverend Sister Luiza Dal Moro, mscs. Provincial Superior and Council Province Our Lady of Fatima Melrose Park, IL, USA

I hereby inform you that in response to your letter dated 29 December 2022, Prot. No. 001/2022, and based on Ordination No.135, with the consent of the General Councilors, I confirm the appointment of **Sister Marizete Schiavon**, **mscs**, as Provincial Secretary of the Province Our Lady of Fatima, with headquarters in Melrose Park, IL, USA, for the period from 06 January 2023 to 14 December 2026.

I thank Sister Marizete for her generous availability to this service. I ask the Lord to enlighten and strengthen her in the accomplishment of this mission, so that she may carry out her task in communion and collaboration with the Provincial Superior and Council. I invoke the abundant blessings of God on all the Sisters and candidates in formation of the Province through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima and our founder, Saint John Baptist Scalabrini.

In communion of prayers,

SR. Neura de Fatima Mariano, muses Sr. Neusa de Fátima Mariano, mscs General Superior





Prot. nº 633/2023

## DECREE OF APPOINTMENT

Following guidance received from the Sisters of the religious communities present in the Philippines, India, Indonesia, Vietnam and Taiwan and with the consent of the General Council, Sr. Neusa de Fátima Mariano, mscs, Superior General of the Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo, Scalabrinian, by virtue of the faculty conferred on her by Universal Law and Proper Law, appoints

## Sr. Elizabeth Villaruel Pedernal, mscs

as Delegate Superior of the Delegation of Asia, whose headquarter is in No. 132 Panay Avenue, South Triangle, 1103 Quezon City - Philippines, from the first of July of two thousand and twenty-three until thirty of June of two thousand and twenty-five (07/01/2023 to 06/30/2025). Sr. Elizabeth will exercise authority in the name of the Superior General, as established in the competency attached hereafter.

The following Sisters are appointed as councillors:

## Sr. Maria Teresa Villoso Mercado, mscs Sr. Marcedita Placio Saboga-a, mscs

Sr. Neusa is grateful to each of these Sisters for their generous willingness to serve in these roles and prays to the Lord so that they may be enlighten and strengthen in carrying out their mission. She also invokes abundant blessings on all the Sisters and formands in the Delegation of Asia.

Rome, July 1, 2023 Feast of the Co-Founder, Blessed Assunta Marchetti

> SR. Neura de Fátima Moriano moss Sr. Neusa de Fátima Mariano, moss Superior General

Sr. Eva bicir Brocco, mass Sr. Eva Lecir Brocco, mscs Secretary General





Prot. N.563/2023

## DECREE OF APPOINTMENT

Sr. Neusa de Fátima Mariano, general superior of the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo, Scalabrinians, with the faculty granted to her by the Universal Law and the Proper Law, with the consent of her council, appoints

## Sr. Rodita Pelobello Rogador, mscs

as Directress of the postulants in the *Assunta Marchetti* Community, Jln. Moan Subu Sadipun, Maumere, Flores, NTT -Indonesia 86111, for the three-year period from January 09, 2023 to January 08, 2026, with all rights and duties concerning the faithful performance of her position.

I thank Sr. Rodita for her generous willingness to take on this mission in the formation area. I ask the Lord to enlighten her, strengthen her and pour out abundant blessings on her life, on each postulant and on the Sisters of the Postulancy's formation community, so that she may accomplish the objectives of the formative action of the postulants: deepening the Christian life, self-knowledge, discernment and the response to the call to consecrated life, the life and works of our Patron saint, Founder and co-Founders, of the reality of migration and elements regarding the planning of care of migrants (cf. NC 80).

Rome, January 09, 2023

SR. Neura de Fatima Mariano mores Sr. Neusa de Fátima Mariano, mscs General Superior

Sn. Eva Loccir Brocce, maco Sr. Eva Lecir Brocco, mscs General Secretary





Prot. nº 590/2023

# DECRETO DE NOMEAÇÃO

Irmã Neusa de Fátima Mariano, Superiora Geral das Irmãs Missionárias de São Carlos Borromeo, Scalabrinianas, no uso de suas atribuições, nomeia:

## Irmã Marlene Elisabete Wildner, mscs

Diretora do Centro Scalabriniano de Estudos Migratórios - CSEM, com sede em Brasília, DF, Brasil, para o triênio 1º de abril de 2023 a 31 de março de 2026, com todos os direitos e deveres inerentes ao fiel desempenho de suas funções.

Agradece à Irmã Marlene a generosa disponibilidade e roga ao Senhor que a ilumine, fortaleça e derrame copiosas bênçãos para que, no desempenho de suas funções, respondam amplamente à missão do CSEM, na Congregação e na Igreja, no serviço evangélico e missionário aos migrantes e refugiados.

Roma, 10 de março de 2023

In Neura de Fátima Mariano, mess Irmã Neusa de Fátima Mariano, mscs Superiora Geral

L. Eva Loccir Brocco, mois Ir. Eva Lecir Brocco, mscs Secretária Geral

