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Feast of the co-founder, Blessed Assunta Marchetti

*Dear Sisters, novices,
and Scalabrinian Lay Missionaries!*

The approach to the liturgical feast of Blessed Assunta Marchetti invites us to deepen our understanding of her spiritual experience, reflect on it, and live it more intensely. I believe that the phrase that best expresses her spiritual identity is: **“I place all my trust in the Most Loving Heart of Jesus.”** This statement is not limited to a devotional expression uttered in moments of serenity. It is a profession of faith forged amid the challenges, uncertainties, and responsibilities that characterized Blessed Assunta’s life.

We know that Mother Assunta faced migration, poverty, the loss of loved ones, resource scarcity, and challenges inherent to the mission. On several occasions, she did not know how to provide food for the orphans, assist the most vulnerable migrants seeking support, or deal with the internal difficulties of the Congregation. Despite this, she did not allow discouragement to limit her charity. Her strength came from the “heavenly Spouse,” from the Most Loving Heart of Jesus. By stating, *“All my trust...,”* she excludes doubt. It is not a matter of “a part,” “a little trust,” or “only when everything is going well.” She entrusts everything. Her trust is complete, radical, and unconditional. What does this truth mean for me? And for us?

Contemporary religious and missionary life presents countless challenges: cultural transformations, a decline in vocations in certain regions, growing apostolic demands, and personal and communal weaknesses. Faced with this scenario, we may be tempted to rely exclusively on our own abilities, plans, or resources, or even to become complacent. However, the Co-Foundress reminds us that the mission bears fruit only when we place our trust in God and put our lives and the Congregation at the service of the Kingdom, which belongs to God and not to us.

The Heart of Jesus, whom she called **“Most Loving,”** is a heart that loves without limits, welcomes everyone, forgives continually, and



remains faithful even in the face of our uncertainties. It is the heart of the Good Shepherd, who knows his sheep; of the Father's Missionary, who came for the most vulnerable, forgotten, and distant; it is the heart of Jesus the friend, who never abandons us. The trust of the "Tender Mother of Orphans," as Pope Francis affirmed, was not passive. She prayed and worked. She trusted and fought. She hoped in God and dedicated her life to her neighbor. Her trust took shape in service, especially to orphans, migrants, the sick, and the poor. Perhaps, if she were among us today, she would ask us: "Where are you placing your trust?"

The Blessed's spiritual legacy invites us to renew our commitment and to collaborate with the resources at our disposal. When we cannot see the way forward, when challenges seem overwhelming, or the future appears uncertain, we are called to proclaim with her: "**All my trust I place in the Most Loving Heart of Jesus.**" May this trust transform us into women and men of hope, missionaries of tenderness, and witnesses to divine providence. May we, like Assunta, believe that the Heart of Jesus continues to guide the Congregation, sustain the mission, and open paths where, from a human perspective, none seem to exist.

Indeed, those who place their trust in the Heart of Jesus are never alone. This was true for Blessed Assunta and remains true for every missionary who, even in the face of challenges, believes that the love of Christ overcomes every difficulty.

Blessed Assunta Marchetti,

*You who placed all your trust in the
Most Loving Heart of Jesus,
teach us to trust when the path becomes difficult,
to hope when results do not appear,
to love when service demands sacrifice.*

Obtain for every Sister, formand, and LMS.

a heart free from fear,


full of hope and surrendered to Providence.

May we, following your example, place our whole life,

our entire mission, and our whole future in the

Beloved Heart of Jesus. Amen!

We wish you a blessed feast and pray that, through the intercession of Blessed Assunta Marchetti, new blessings from the Most Loving Heart of Jesus may be granted.



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