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Subject: Celebration of the 131st anniversary of the founding of the Congregation.

Dear Sisters, formees, and lay Scalabrinian missionaries.

*Let us embrace grateful remembrance,
creative fidelity, and hope that transforms into missio!*

Celebrating the 131st anniversary of the founding of the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo, Scalabrinians, means rekindling the flame of gratitude for the journey we have undertaken, recognizing God's enduring presence in our history, and embracing with renewed hope and courage the Spirit's call for our times.

Founded through the prophetic vision and evangelical feelings of St. John Baptist Scalabrini, embraced by Blessed Assunta Marchetti and Venerable Fr. Joseph Marchetti, and sustained by the generous dedication of the first Sisters, our Congregation carries a spiritual and missionary heritage that continues to challenge us. We are called to foster spaces of encounter, care, and Gospel proclamation: to see Christ in the migrant, to welcome life in all its diversity, and to transform human mobility.

As we mark the 131st anniversary of our founding, the call to creative fidelity resonates within us. Faithfulness to our Scalabrinian identity extends beyond repeating the past; it involves preserving the essence of our charism and, with discernment and wisdom, discerning how to embody it in today's world. Creative fidelity demands the courage to transform structures, renew relationships, cultivate spirituality, promote participation, and seek innovative responses to the demands of our mission.

This fidelity arises from attentive listening to the Word, openness to the Spirit, communion among us, and sensitivity to discern the signs of the times. It calls us to build welcoming communities where prayer sustains self-giving, sisterhood reveals the Gospel, and mission becomes a living expression of a Church journeying with the poor, the migrants, and those on the margins of society.

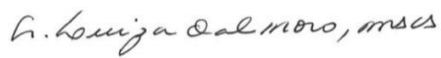
Thus, celebrating the past invites us to renew our commitment to mission in the present and to open paths of hope for the future. Today's challenges, including armed conflicts, forced migration, inequalities, xenophobia, humanitarian crises, exclusion, and profound social, cultural, and ecclesial transformations, require an inclusive, supportive, and bold evangelical presence. We are called to move beyond our comfort zones, listen to the cries of humanity on the move, and seek new ways of missionary presence while preserving the essence of our charism.

On this day, we remember with tenderness and gratitude the Sisters who preceded us, those currently dedicated to the mission, our sisters who courageously face the challenges of old age and illness, the young women in formation, the lay men and women who share our charism, and all who, throughout these 131 years, have provided the support necessary to keep the Scalabrinian flame alive.

We entrust our Congregation to the protection of Mary, Mother of Migrants, and to the intercession of St. Charles Borromeo, St. John Baptist Scalabrini, Blessed Assunta Marchetti, and Venerable Fr. Joseph Marchetti. May they inspire our journey as women of faith, communion, and hope, capable of recognizing God in the paths of humanity and responding with creativity and evangelical boldness to the calls of each era.

May this celebration renew in each of us the joy of our vocation within the Scalabrinian charism. May it inspire us, with renewed missionary zeal, to promote a peace that is both disarmed and disarming, a peace that springs from the heart, is manifested in concrete gestures of fraternity and dialogue, and is strengthened through care for all of the Creation.

In communion,



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