# **How Can You Help?**

- Be Informed Learn about human trafficking and share awareness.
- Pray Include victims of trafficking in your daily prayers.
- Support Migrants Welcome and accompany newcomers in our communities.
- Report Suspicious Activity If you suspect trafficking, contact local authorities.
- Volunteer & Donate Support organizations fighting trafficking and assisting victims.



#### **Call to Action**

#### **Our Mission**

 To follow Christ by serving migrants, refugees, and seafarers, defending their dignity against all forms of exploitation.

Join Us in Prayer and Action, Together, we can break the chains of trafficking.



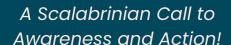
"but let justice flow like water, and uprightness like a neverfailing stream!" — Amos 5:24





# **Human Trafficking:**

# A WOUND TO HUMAN DIGNITY





"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed."

— Psalm 82:3

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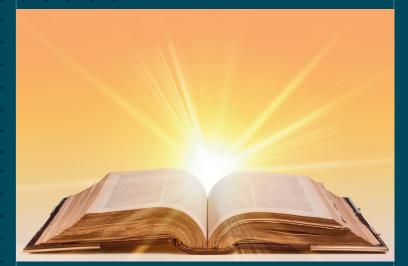
### What is Human Trafficking?

- Human trafficking is the modern form of slavery.
- It involves the exploitation of men, women, and children through coercion, deception, or force.
- Victims are often migrants seeking a better life.
- Trafficking denies human dignity and freedom, turning people into commodities.

#### Did you know?

- Over 50 million people worldwide live in conditions of modern slavery (ILO 2023).
- Migrants and refugees are particularly vulnerable.





# The Bible and Human Trafficking

- God created every person in His image and likeness (Genesis 1:27). Exploiting people is a sin against God.
- The Exodus story shows God as the liberator of the oppressed.
- Jesus proclaimed: "The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, liberty to captives" (Luke 4:18).
- St. Paul reminds us: "For freedom Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1).

The Bible is clear:

Christians are called to protect life, dignity, truth and freedom, rejecting every form of slavery.

## **A Scalabrinian Perspective**

- The Scalabrinian Mission, founded by St. John Baptist Scalabrini, is dedicated to migrants and refugees.
- Trafficking is an attack on migrants' dignity, freedom, and rights.

#### We are called to:

- Welcome the stranger.
- Protect the vulnerable.
- Promote human dignity.
- Integrate communities with justice and compassion.



Our Charism:

"To be Migrants within Migrants"