



MISSIONARIES OF SAINT CHARLES

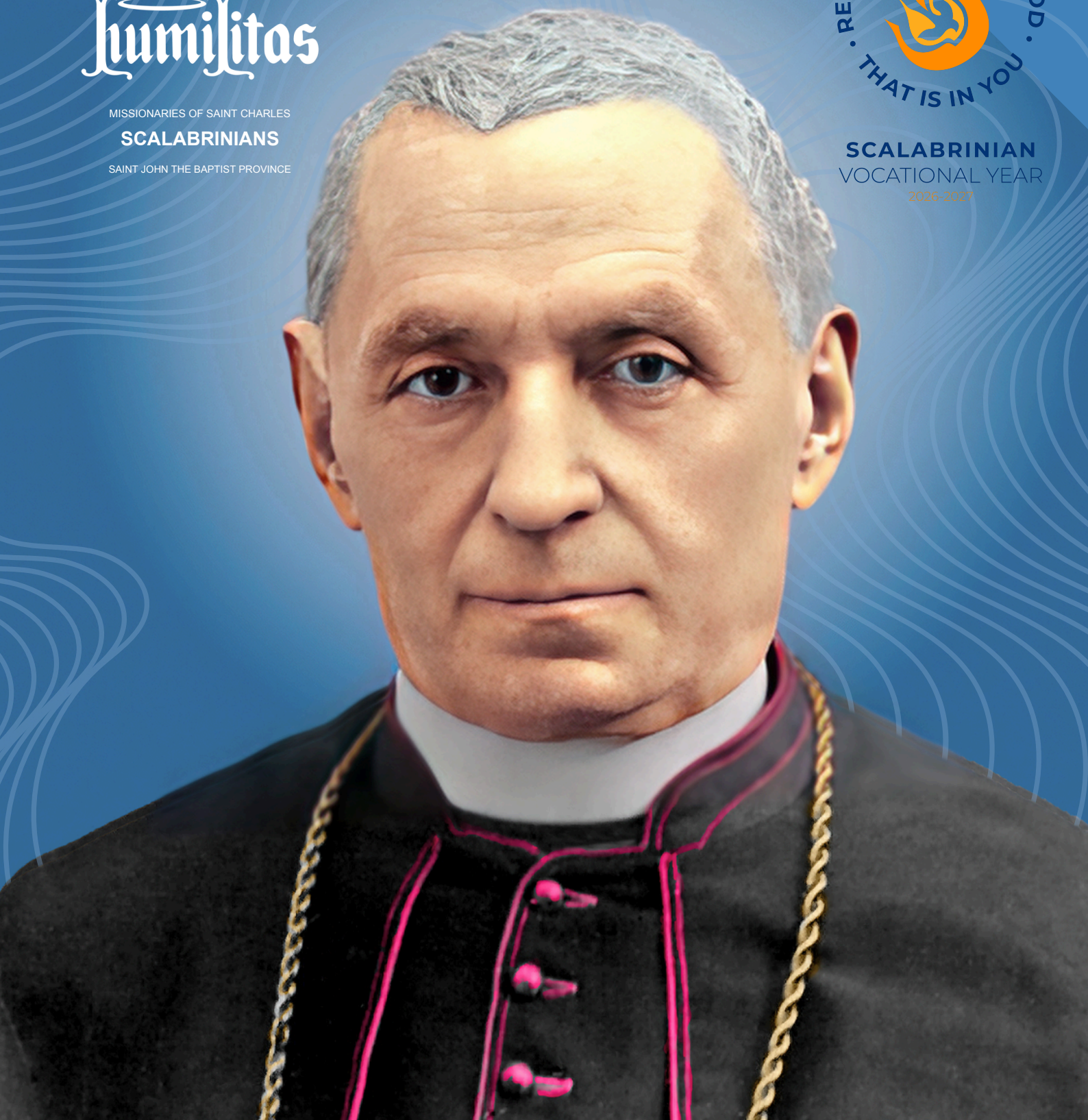
SCALABRINIANS

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PROVINCE



**SCALABRINIAN
VOCATIONAL YEAR**

2026-2027



Vocational Eucharist
SCALABRINIAN

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

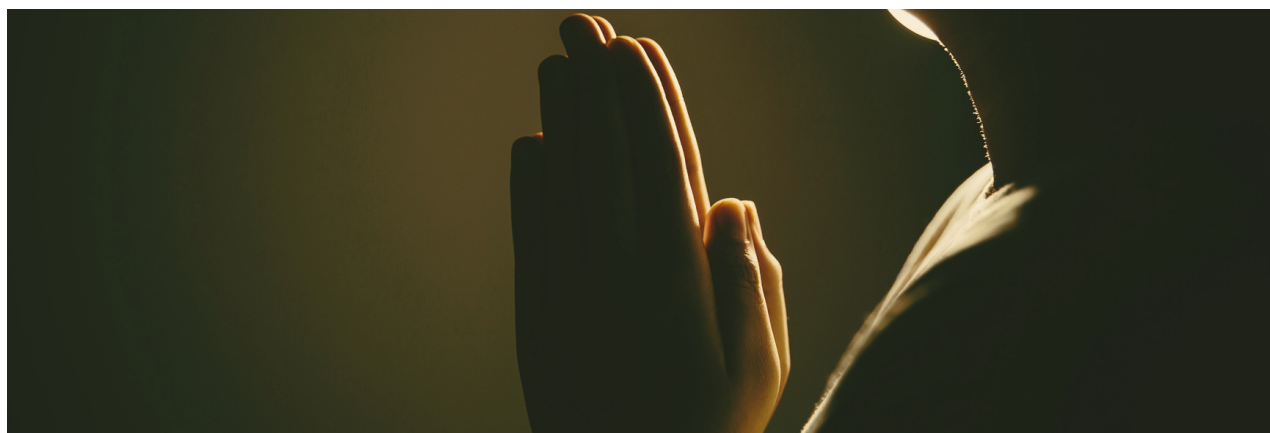
The celebration of the Eucharist gives us the opportunity to gather as brothers and sisters, to share the Bread of Life and to be nourished by the Word that saves. In this gathering, we will pray with confidence for vocations to the priesthood and to religious and missionary life, especially a life of service to migrants and refugees. Let us also remember that each of us has a vocation: we are people called by God to live in holiness, so that the life of Jesus may shine through us. Let us ask God, who sustains every vocation, to grant us the grace to participate fruitfully in this celebration.

Penitential Act
Gloria

COLLECT

Holy Father, you called Saint John Baptist Scalabrini to live the Gospel in the perfection of charity toward migrants and refugees, and you continue to call many young people to follow more closely in the footsteps of your Son. Grant that those called to the Scalabrinian vocation may live in such a way that they become an eloquent sign of your Kingdom for the Church and for the world.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah (1:4-9)

The word of the Lord came to me: “Before I formed you in the womb, I chose you; before you came forth from your mother’s womb, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” I answered, “Ah, Lord my God! I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth,’ for you shall go to everyone to whom I send you, and you shall say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you,” says the Lord. Then the Lord stretched out his hand and touched my mouth, and said to me, “See, I have put my words in your mouth.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 40 (39)

R. Here I am, Lord, to do your will.

I waited eagerly for the Lord; he inclined toward me and heard my cry. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God.

R. Here I am, Lord, to do your will.

You do not desire sacrifices or offerings; instead, you have opened my ears. You ask for no sacrifice for sin. Then I said, “Here I am.”

R. Here I am, Lord, to do your will.

As it is written of me in the book: “To do your will.” My God, this is my desire, and your law is deep within my heart.

R. Here I am, Lord, to do your will.

I have proclaimed your salvation before the great assembly; I have not closed my lips, as you, Lord, know.

R. Here I am, Lord, to do your will.

Lord, do not withhold your compassion from me; may your mercy and faithfulness always keep me safe.

R. Here I am, Lord, to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men. (Cf. Matthew 4:19)

R. Alleluia.

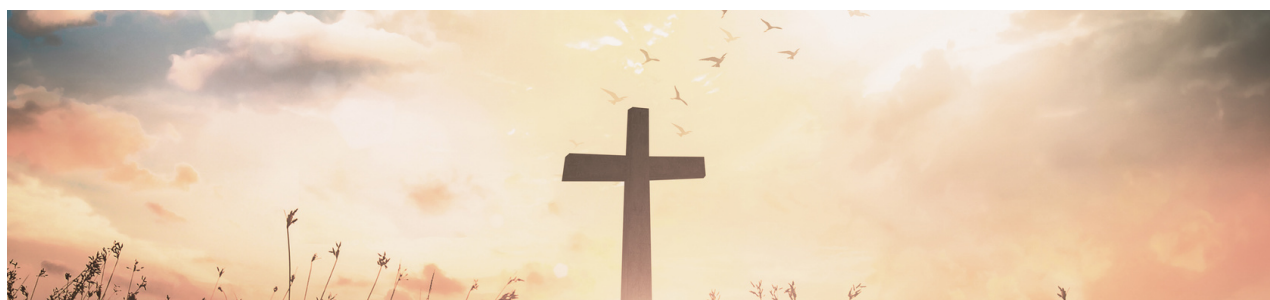
GOSPEL

† **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (1:35-42)**

At that time, John was again standing there with two of his disciples. Looking at Jesus as he passed by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples heard him say this and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and, seeing them following, said to them, “What are you looking for?” They answered, “Rabbi” - which means “Teacher” - “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour.

Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who had heard John and had followed Jesus. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” - which means Christ. He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon, the son of John; you shall be called Cephas” - which means “Rock,” or Peter.

The Gospel of the Lord.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Guided by the Gospel of Jesus, who is still alive, let us call upon the Lord, who enriches us with the strength of the Holy Spirit, saying:

R. Father, hear us.

That the Church may continue to proclaim Jesus and make it possible for many young people to encounter him. Let us pray. **R.**

That there may always be young people willing to follow God's call and dedicate their lives, like Jesus, the prophets and the apostles, to serving migrants and refugees as witnesses of hope. Let us pray. **R.**

That you may call many young people, and some of us as well, to become Scalabrinian missionaries, following your Son and relieving the suffering of migrants and refugees throughout the world. Let us pray. **R.**

Additional petitions may be added.

Celebrant: Graciously hear our prayers, O Lord, and grant what we ask in trustful confidence in your goodness. Through Christ our Lord.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, holy Father, the gifts we present to you, and grant freedom of spirit and true fraternity to all who have resolved to follow your Son with enthusiasm along the path of Gospel perfection.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PREFACE

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

You created humankind in your image and likeness, to give glory to you, our Creator and Father. Yet through sin, humanity was divided and the confusion of languages arose. But in your infinite love, O Father, you sent your Son to redeem, by his blood, people of every race, language, people and nation, and, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, to form a new humanity with one heart and one soul. Thus you would make all peoples one people, and the whole human race one flock under the guidance of one shepherd.

Through this mystery of salvation, we cherish the joyful hope of sharing in the indescribable joys of the vast multitude of the chosen. Therefore, united with the angels and saints, we sing with one voice the hymn of your glory:

Holy, Holy, Holy...

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Truly, those who have left everything and followed me will receive a hundredfold and inherit eternal life, says the Lord. (Cf. Matthew 19:27-29)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Strengthen your servants, Lord, with spiritual food and drink, so that, always faithful to the call of the Gospel and to the Scalabrinian vocation, they may show everywhere a living image of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.



PRAYER FOR SCALABRINIAN VOCATIONS



*Gracious God,
you have blessed us
with so many gifts and talents.
Grant us the wisdom
to recognize them
and place them generously
at the service of the glory
of your name.*

*Bless your Church with hearts
that are open and willing,
inspired by the Holy Spirit,
in the likeness of the missionary zeal
of Saint John Baptist Scalabrini.*

*Awaken in us a burning desire
to serve your people, especially
migrants and refugees,
in priestly, religious and lay life
within our Scalabrinian Congregation.*

Amen.

**REKINDLE THE GIFT OF GOD
THAT IS IN YOU**

HOMILY

As we listen to and welcome the Word of God, we discover God the Father, who in the First Reading chooses and calls Jeremiah to be a prophet. In the Gospel, we see Jesus inviting John and Andrew to come to him and see where he lives. The heartfelt response of all three is beautifully summed up in the psalm: “Here I am, Lord, to do your will.”

Jesus’ invitation to his disciples, “Come and see,” calls them to see Jesus, experience his love, and go out to share his presence with their brothers and sisters. Seeing Jesus: this is how we all begin. Someone teaches us who Jesus is at home, in catechesis and in church; and, like the apostles in today’s Gospel, we begin to follow him, perhaps without quite knowing why. After some time, however, Jesus asks us, “What are you looking for?” This is the call, and we must discover our reasons for following Jesus. We must truly come to know and love him.

With the words “Come and see,” Jesus invites us into his home, as he invited John and Andrew, to spend an afternoon with him. Which home? His home is not the house in Capernaum, but the Church, the home of the poor, those in need and migrants. Through this invitation to come and see, we invite you to get to know our Congregation of the Missionaries of Saint Charles - Scalabrinians - and thus experience his love more closely.

We are a religious congregation serving migrants, refugees and seafarers, founded by Saint John Baptist Scalabrini, Father and Protector of Migrants, on November 28, 1887, in Piacenza, Italy. Our charism, inspired by the Gospel, is to provide spiritual, social and pastoral care to those who are far from home: “For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me into your home” (Matthew 25:35).

The Scalabrinian charism is grounded in the teaching that every person, regardless of origin or immigration status, has inherent dignity and fundamental rights that must be respected and protected. We Scalabrinians strive to witness to God’s love and promote justice and solidarity among migrants, refugees and seafarers.

We are present in 33 countries on five continents, and our missions include:

- Migrant shelters
- Intercultural parishes
- Study centers
- Houses of formation
- Apostleship of the Sea
- Communications media
- Assistance to Episcopal Conferences

These are our missions and our charism. Echoing Jesus’ invitation, “Come and see,” we invite all of you, especially young people, to come and get to know our congregation, and to discover the call the Lord has for you. Take courage; do not be afraid.