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Dear Confreres

“Jesus Christ comes out of the tomb glorious and immortal... thus, the Church, in the persecutions, we see her rise up more glorious, stronger, more beautiful than before.”
(Easter Homily, 1880, St. John Baptist Scalabrini)

As we come to the end of our Lenten journey, and at a time when the world becomes increasingly fragile, we find several profound inspirations that spurn us to move forward with faith and hope: the Easter celebration, the central mystery of our Christian faith; the recent celebration of the Annunciation to Mary, the wonderful message that begins our salvation and the arrival of Spring, which brings new life and beauty to the natural world.

I would like to share with you the deep sense of joy and satisfaction that these past few months have brought through the Canonical Visitation. It gave me the opportunity to get closer to each and every one of you and to visit the pastoral situations in which you live day by day.

Having had the occasion to visit the various realities of our Province, I realize that it is important to remind everyone that, while in several missions everything goes smoothly and relatively steady, in others, daily life is uncertain due to the difficult and fragile contexts in which our confreres find themselves. This is why, once again, I invite you all to be united in spirit and prayer, as we face daily challenges. The example and model offered by our saintly Founder should be the inspiration and guide in every situation.

As we continue to prepare for the Convention on our Founder's Spirituality, that will take place from October 9 to 14 in Italy, I trust that you have had the opportunity to read and meditate on the documents provided by Fr. Walter Tonelotto. They have been sent monthly.

Please, also remember that the Interprovincial Assembly in Houston – Texas is approaching. It is the first in person assembly since the pandemic. It gives us the opportunity to come together in prayer and fellowship and it will be a good opportunity to share communally and spiritually with our confreres from St. John the Baptist's Province.

Finally, I would like to remind you of the message of Pope Francis, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the publication of the encyclical *Pacem in Terris*:

“Let us develop a culture of peace. Culture of peace! Let us remember that peace begins within each one of us, so we must first find and cultivate it in our hearts, then practice it in personal relationships with our immediate environment and finally try to become true generators and multipliers of peace, so necessary and transcendental for humanity.” Pope Francis.

Grace and Peace!
Fr. Angelo Plodari, c.s.



Father Redemtus Aquirino Anarki Natal (Fr. Rino), new Parochial Administrator of the Santa Ana Parish, Gualey, Santo Domingo, Archdiocese of Santo Domingo



On February 7, 2023 in the parish of Santa Ana, Gualey, Archdiocese of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Monsignor Francisco Ozoria Acosta presided over the Eucharist in which the Rev. Redemtus Aquirino Anarki Natal (Fr. Rino) was installed as the new Parochial Administrator, according to the norms of canon law: canon 519.

The parish community was enthusiastic and welcomed the new parish administrator.



"Flight Into Egypt"... A cute image generated by the "A.I." DALL-E

Perhaps some of you have tried DALL-E, a computer program that creates images based on the user's text descriptions. We asked to create an image of the Flight into Egypt, DALL-E produced this colorful drawing of the Infant Jesus tucked into Mary's robe as she and Saint Joseph ride their donkey through the night.

Ok... maybe not a perfect piece of art as we may expect from an artist, we think DALL-E has opportunities to improve some things like the faces but as Elon Musk twitted once "this is scary good" referring to another A.I. software called ChatGPT.

Keeping in mind that this is Artificial Intelligence creating things from scratch it is amazing and very promising technology for the near future.

We are experiencing an early boom on A.I., a point where A.I. just started bringing results and productivity to the people. This technology could help humans in many aspects on their everyday tasks if A.I. developers keep working on good purposes.



Interprovincial Formators' Meeting

St. Charles Borromeo Province and St. John the Baptist Province

Summoned by the Provincial Superiors of St. Charles Borromeo Province and St. John the Baptist Province to the first Interprovincial Meeting of Formators after the pandemic, we joyfully gathered 19 Scalabrinian Missionaries. From St. John the Baptist Province, there were the presence of Fr. Miguel Alvarez, c.s., the Provincial Superior, the formators of initial formation stages in Mexico City (Fr. Jaime, rector; Fr. Antonio, spiritual director; and Fr. Rigoberto, vocation promoter), in Guatemala (Fr. Francisco, rector; and Fr. Candelario, vocation promoter); and the formators of the formative communities of postulancy (Fr. José Durante) and novitiate (Fr. Humberto Barrio, novice master and Secretariat of Formation of St. John the Baptist Province).



On the other hand, the Province of St. Charles Borromeo has the presence of the 3 Vocational Referents in the United States (Fr. Victor Cordova, Noe and Khiet), the formators of initial formation in Haiti (Fr. Rubens Sylvain, rector of the Propaedeutic, vocation promoter and Secretariat of Formation of St. Charles Borromeo Province; and Fr. Gustot Lucien, rector of Philosophy), and in Colombia (Fr. José Guevara, rector; Fr. Stephen Hoang, animator; Fr. José Plascencia and Fr. José Quyen, vocation promoters) and the formators of the Theology community (Fr. Dominic Quynh, animator; and Fr. Maurizio Maifredi, spiritual director).



After the opening prayer and fraternal sharing on the first day, we entered the second day with the reflection of Fr. José Juan Cervantes, c.s. on the theme “Challenges in the Formation of Scalabrinian Missionaries - On new paths of the New Evangelization”. In this reflection, he reminded us of our identity (XV GC, 21, 2; RL 5), our role (XV GC 36, 1. 4) and showed some challenges in formation so that we can seek a new style of Formation (XV GC, 37). In addition, he offered us some challenges that we need to reflect on and confront in formation (RL 11. 83; Guidelines of the Congregation for the Guardianship of Minors, 7-8). Finally, he gave us some questions to dialogue about the formation.

From the afternoon of the second day until the afternoon of the fourth day of the meeting, we shared with each other our realities, the lights and shadows we encountered in each stage of formation. Those who went to the Formators’ meeting in Loreto also shared their experiences so that those who are going to the Formators’ meeting in Asia this year can reflect and add something better in the General Project of the Scalabrinian Formation.

We ended our meeting with the Holy Eucharist in the Novitiate together with the novices.



Hope Community Center – Apopka - FL

On February 1st, 2023, we held a meeting with representatives of the Hope Community Center in Apopka, Florida (FL), located near the city of Orlando, which is also very close to our Winter Garden, FL mission, where Fr. Heitor Castoldi, c.s. (third from the left in photo) and Fr. Noé Vera, c.s. are working.

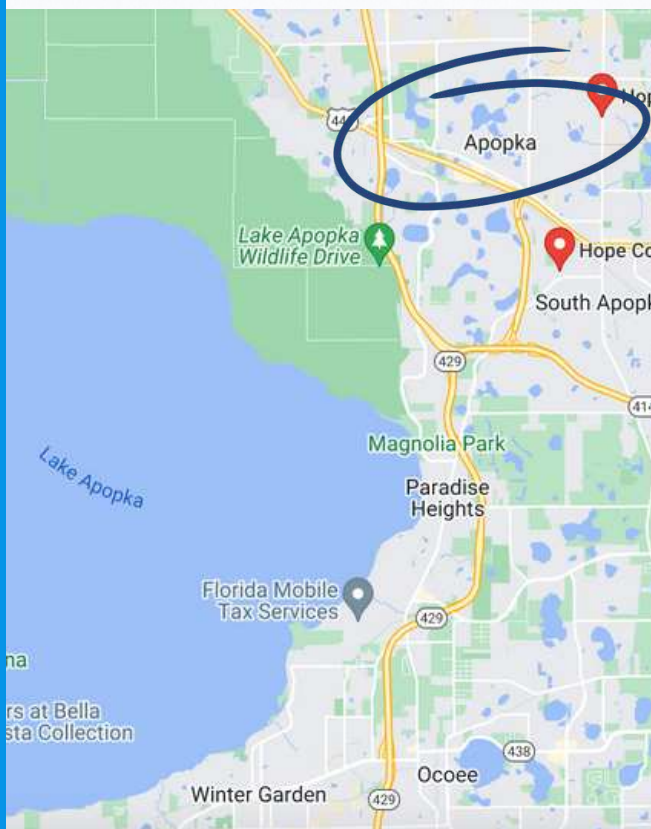
The purpose of our visit was to learn more about the center since it is a great point of reference in the region. The Apopka center has more than 50 years of service serving the migrant and underprivileged population. The person in charge of the Apopka center, Sr. Ann Kendrick, told us about having had to adapt and update over the years due to the constantly changing needs of the new groups of migrants. Currently, there are countless services and resources provided by them, helping us to identify the most sought-after and most relevant programs during these current times.

Thus, the Hope Community Center serves as an inspiration, with the objective of starting our own Pastoral Center in our mission in Winter Garden, FL (Resurrection Catholic Church), institutionalizing the services already provided by the existing Migrant Pastoral and expanding various others. One of those responsible for this ministry is Gloria Russo (in the center of the photo), under the guidance of the current parish priest, Fr. Heitor.

To make progress in this project, it is necessary to establish the actual and urgent needs of the people who seek our services, typical of the neighborhood of our scalabrinian mission.

This migrant public has changed considerably in the last 10 years, and we must take into account this new face with its new needs, among them legal services being the most notable.

Fr. Andrei Zanon, c.s.,
Coordinator of the Network of
Scalabrinian Centers in the USA



Meeting of Local Superiors

On March 7th and 8th, we had the Local Superiors Meeting at Casa San Carlos in Delray Beach, Florida.

Provincial Father Angelo Plodari CS, Father Ezio Marchetto CS, Father Edison Osorio CS, Father Lino García CS, Father Carlos Anklan CS, Father Matteo Didone CS, Father Carl Jean CS, Father Mark Escobar CS, Father Yves Michel Touzin CS were present, and virtually accompanying the meeting were Father Rubén Sylvain CS, Father Jesús Salinas CS, and Father Gustavo Lozano CS.



The meeting was conducted in a fraternal manner. The Provincial and his council presented their report related to each commission they have within the province.

There was time to listen and ask questions. Then each Local Superior had time to present the report on the different areas and to answer questions regarding the different missions. Several concerns arose regarding the future of our province, and a commitment was made to work in the different areas of vocational promotion.

We must invest in accompanying young people in our parishes and missions, bearing witness to our Scalabrinian identity. Let us pray to St. John Baptist Scalabrini that he continue to intercede to the Lord for us.

Village Scalabrini, Montreal: Completed

The building of the Village Scalabrini in Montreal, started in 2019, is finally finished with only some cosmetic exterior landscaping to be done this Spring. There were some delays and an increase in costs due to the discovery of hazardous material in a sizable section of the soil. All issues are now resolved and the 51 apartments are all rented out. Beside the apartments' rental, other sources of income will be the rental of indoor parking spots; rental of lockers; rental of meeting rooms, community activities, sponsorships, government grants and others.

This new real estate project was built as an investment of the Province for the purpose of assuring a steady and profitable source of income for our missions and their projects. The funds for the project were provided as a loan from the Province to be repaid starting on October 2023.

The day-to-day management of Village Scalabrini will be carried out by a professional company that will report directly to Les Missionnaires Scalabrinien (Montreal), and Les Missionnaires Scalabrinien (Montréal) will report directly to the Provincial administration. More details will be presented at the assembly.

Under construction



Finished



Photos: <https://forum.agoramtl.com/t/village-scalabrini-3-etages/2674/5>

CMS appoints C. Mario Russell as its next Executive Director

On April 3, 2023, the Center for Migration Studies of New York's (CMS) Board of Trustees and Corporate Board announced the appointment of C. Mario Russell as the next executive director of the organization. Mr. Russell will begin his tenure with CMS on June 12, 2023.

Mr. Russell has worked for over 20 years for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, having served during the past eight years as Director of the Immigrant and Refugee Division. As the head of the division, Mr. Russell oversaw the provision of legal, resettlement, and case management services to immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, unaccompanied minors, and day laborers, among other vulnerable populations. He also engaged with all levels of federal and local government on matters of migration policy and practice. Prior to that, Mr. Russell conducted litigation in the immigration and federal district and appeals courts and managed the asylum defense clinic at St. John's Law School, where he also taught seminars on immigration law.



Mr. Russell also previously worked as Regional Director for the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), conducting national trainings for practitioners. He has consulted with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on asylum protection in Eastern Europe and has worked to advocate on behalf of newcomers as a board member of the New York Immigration Coalition and in other capacities. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law and Haverford College and served as a public interest fellow at Harvard Law School. Mr. Russell also speaks Italian fluently.

"We are very pleased to welcome Mario Russell as our next executive director," said Karen Grisez, chair of the Board of Trustees. "His combination of skills and experience, plus his intimate knowledge of the challenges faced by immigrants and the Catholic networks serving them, will serve CMS well in the days ahead."

Mr. Russell added: "I am very excited to join the Center for Migration Studies of New York and look forward to working with the Board, the staff, and the founders of CMS, the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo, Scalabrinians, in moving the organization forward. The policy and education objectives of CMS, as part of the Scalabrini International Migration Network, are particularly important today as migration realities have become global in scope and concern."

<https://cmsny.org/>



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The new Scalabrinian Yearbook 2023 is now available online! This is the latest edition of our annual publication that provides information about our Scalabrinian family. The Yearbook contains a wealth of information about our missions, history, members, and more.

It contains information such as contacts, addresses, our new missions and locations. You can also find a QR code to scan with your phone and a website link that will take you directly to our webpage where you can find even more resources related to our Province.

We invite you to check out the Scalabrinian Yearbook 2023.

Remember the Password to access this section of the website is: Scalabrinini1887



or visit

<https://scalabrinisaintcharles.org/yearbook>

Scalbrinian Literature

As a reminder to all of our confreres and readers, all Scalbrinian Books and Writings that has been made in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and French are being collected and centralized on our website, we have a large collection organized by Scalbrinian Spirituality, Immigration/Life and History.

You can access the Collection here:

www.scalbrinisaintcharles.org/literature

They are also available on our app "Scalbrini Mobile". Install the app by scanning this code:



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Changes of Personnel

New Assignments:

- **Fr. José Pepe Plascencia Callejas:**
Vocations Promoter of Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela, effective February 1, 2023
- **Fr. José Gabriel Forero Martinez:**
Vocations Point of Contact in Canadá, effective February 1, 2023
(while remaining Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church, Mississauga, Ontario)
- **Fr. Felimon Rodriguez Sixtos:**
Administrator of St. Bartholomew Church, Providence, RI, effective March 8, 2023
- **Fr. Gregorius Primus Ama Maia:**
Vocations Point of Contact in Ecuador, effective April 1, 2023
(while remaining Vicar of parish Santísima Trinidad, Montecristi, EC)
- **Fr. José Ramos Guevara Arias:**
Director of the Scalabrinian social works in Cúcuta and Vicar of Santa Maria Madre de los Migrantes, Cúcuta, Colombia, effective April 1, 2023
- **Fr. Stephen Hoang Pham:**
Local Treasurer of Philosophy Seminary Scalabrini and Propaedeutic Seminary San Rafael in Bogotá, Colombia, effective April 1, 2023



Exclaustration Decrees:

- **Fr. Feliciano Merchán Mendez:**
Indult of Exclaustration (Archdiocese of Toronto), from March 11, 2023 until March 10, 2024
- **Fr. Wilner Durosier:**
Indult of Exclaustration (Diocese of Venice, FL), from March 11, 2023 until March 10, 2024
- **Fr. Julián Zapata Betancur:**
Indult of Exclaustration (Diocese of Engativá), from March 11, 2023 until March 10, 2024



Ordinations to the Priesthood:

The General Administration has ratified the admission to the order of Priesthood of the following Deacons of the Theology Seminary (Bogotá):

- **Danilo Alves de Lima (RGSB)**
- **Juan Pablo Navarro Domínguez (PSCB)**
- **Nguyen Van Tien (PSCB)**
- **Raymundo Ernesto Alvarez Garcia (PSJB)**
- **Saverinus Harto (PSFC)**
- **Tran Dinh Du (PSJB)**

Condolences

To Fr. Pierangelo Paternieri, c.s., for the death of his brother Mr. Jean-Marie Paternieri (age 59) who passed away on January 15, 2023.

To Fr. Sergio Dall'Agnese, c.s., for the death of his brother Mr. Jose Dall'Agnese (age 69) who passed away on January 21, 2023.

To Fr. Wilner Durosier, c.s., for the death of his sister Ms. Kettelie Durosier (age 42) who passed away on March 4, 2023.

Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love. **"To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul" (Psalm 25:1)**



Birthdays

• APRIL

Germán Vargas Acevedo 1-Apr-77
Joseph Pranzo 9-Apr-43
Tiziano Paolazzi 9-Apr-59
Sergio Morotti 11-Apr-41
Teófilo Ramírez Moreno 17-Apr-79
Mario Antonio Titotto 18-Apr-46
Jairo Alfonso Ávila 22-Apr-63
Jesús Antonio Manzo Madrigal 25-Apr-91



• MAY

Felimon Rodriguez Sixtos 4-May-81
Jesús Salinas Hernández 7-May-77
Adriano Tezone 7-May-82
Aloisius Albert 8-May-91
Santo Cigolini 16-May-29
Mario Lorenzana 17-May-58
Petrus Pitol 18-May-82
Alvaro Cordero 20-May-74
Carl Jean 25-May-81
Moacir Balen 29-May-49

• JUNE

Le Duc Dat 05-Jun-86
Roberto Maestrelli 09-Jun-47
Carlos Andrés Reyes 16-Jun-70
Vincenzo Ronchi 21-Jun-63
Sergio Dall'Agnese 28-Jun-49



Ordinations to the Priesthood:

Ordination of Saint J.B. Scalabrini: 30 May 1863

• APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

José Hernando Mendoza 6-Apr-02
Gustot Lucien 12-Apr-08
Vincenzo Ronchi 13-Apr-91
Juan Manuel López García 16-Apr-16
Horécio Carlos Anklan 19-Apr-97
Rivaldario Silva Santos 23-Apr-22
Teófilo Ramírez Moreno 25-Apr-15
Nguyen Van Hoang 30-Apr-16

• MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Petrus Pitol 6-May-15
Ngov Nguyen Van 12-May-22
Carlos Andrés Reyes 14-May-05
Pham Hoang (Stephen) 14-May-19
Walter Tonelotto 18-May-74
Adriano Tezone 26-May-12
Joseph Pranzo 29-May-71
Carlos Eduardo Villasano 31-May-97

• JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Mario Lorenzana 01-Jun-92
Febrianus Samar 01-Jun-22
Quynh Hoang Van 02-Jun-22
Alvaro Cordero 09-Jun-12
Alexander Dalpiaz 10-Jun-56
Giuseppe Fugolo 10-Jun-67
Isaia Birollo 11-Jun-66
Peter Paul Polo 15-Jun-68
Vilmar Orsolin 15-Jun-80
Maurizio Maifredi 18-Jun-83
Sergio Dall'Agnese 23-Jun-79
Alfredo Mosquera 24-Jun-00



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