

Scalabrinians

40 Years of the Scalabrinians in the Philippines 1982 - 2022
Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini Province

Journeying with
migrants, refugees,
seafarers and fishers:
The Scalabrinians in the Philippines

Missionaries of St. Charles - Scalabrinians

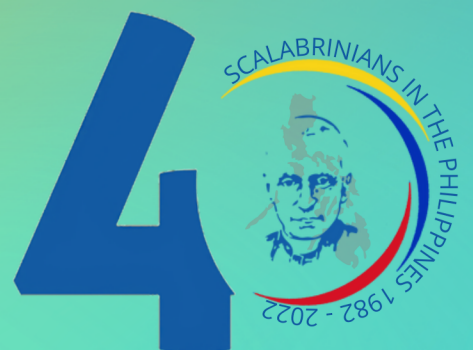


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The Congregation



The Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo – Scalabrinians – is an international community of religious men dedicated to the pastoral care of the migrants.

The Congregation was founded on November 28, 1887, in Piacenza (Italy) by Bishop **John Baptist Scalabrini**. The first missionaries were sent to Brazil and the United States of America, where many Italians were then emigrating in search of a better life.

With approximately **700** missionaries and around **400** seminarians, coming from **20** nations, the Congregation is now present in **34** countries.



The Scalabrinian Missionaries arrived in Australia on November 2, 1952. On October 7, 1957, the Province of **Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini** was officially established.

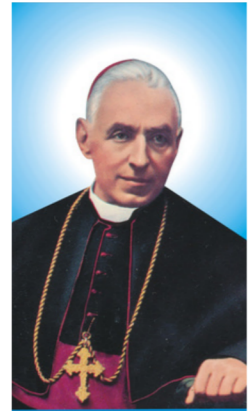
In 1982, with the opening of a mission in Manila, Philippines, the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Province started its expansion outside Australia. Soon after other new missions were established: Taiwan in 1994, Indonesia in 2002, Japan in 2003, and Vietnam in 2005



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The Scalabrinians in the St. Frances X. Cabrini Province provide a variety of services to the migrants: formation houses for Scalabrinian missionaries; pastoral care for migrants, OFWs, seafarers, fishers, human trafficking victims, and refugees; they are also into lobbying and advocacy for migrants and working in different church's sectors; they encourage the study of migration through research centers and the dialogue with political and civil groups through conferences and specialized magazines.



Stella Maris - Manila

Stella Maris in the Archdiocese of Manila is the first pastoral activity entrusted to the Congregation in the Philippines, in 1984. Formerly known as the Apostleship of the Sea, Stella Maris continues to provide services to the seafarers, fishers, and their families: Stella Maris Centers, pastoral care, para-legal services. They also organize activities on days devoted to these people of the sea such as the National Seafarers' Day and gives seminars to graduating maritime students.



Scalabrinian Center for the People on the Move (SCPM)

Opened on June 1st, 1993, the SCPM is a non-stock, non-profit organization which serves overseas workers, seafarers, and refugees, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnic background, religion or belief. Located in Quezon City, SCPM serves as their home away from home while they process their papers and are oriented for overseas employment.



Episcopal Commission for Migrants and Itinerant People (ECMI)

ECMI is a commission of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) for the pastoral care of people on the move. Since 1984 the secretary of ECMI has been a Scalabrinian missionary.

SMC Scalabrini Migration Center (SMC)

Established in 1987, SMC is a research center on center on Asian migration. SMC has a wide collection of articles and research studies. It publishes the quarterly Asian and Pacific Migration Journal, conducts research projects, and organizes conferences and seminars.



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The Founder

Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini 1839 - 1905

Bishop John Baptist Scalabrini is one of those figures who take on ever clearer and more striking features as time passes and they move from a newsworthy status to an historical one. Scalabrini has become an increasingly necessary reference point for those who want to know Church history, particularly that of the Italian Church, at the turn of the 19th century.

Fr. Stelio Fongaro, cs

1839
July 8

Born in Fino Mornasco near Como (Italy) in 1839 and ordained to the priesthood in 1863, he was professor and rector of the Como minor seminary until 1870, and pastor of St. Bartholomew's parish in Como until 1875. Consecrated bishop in 1876, he headed the diocese of Piacenza until his death in 1905.

1905
June 1

Scalabrini stands out among Italian bishops of the late 19th century: he had to battle against the current, but, as his friend Blessed Guanella rightly said, he belonged neither to the rearguard, nor to the center, but "to the vanguard, though always with the Pope."

Along similar lines, Paul VI said that he was "famous for certain positions that we can say anticipated events in the history of Catholics in Italy, because he had his own particular views - then hotly contested, but in fact far-sighted- on the position of the papacy in the Italian State and the participation of Catholics in the public life of the country- from which they were excluded at that time. This meant that he attracted greater controversy, but it also gained him the merit of having predicted the role Catholics were to play in this country."

1997
November 9

Bishop John Baptist Scalabrini was beatified by Pope John Paul II in Rome on November 9, 1997.

Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini will be canonized by Pope Francis in Rome on October 9, 2022.

2022
October 9

John Baptist SCALABRINI

CANONIZATION: OCTOBER 9, 2022



Bishop Scalabrini is known as:

Father to the Migrants

"Apostol of the catechism"
(by Pope Pius IX)

"Martyr of the truth and Father of the migrants"
(by Pope St. John Paul II)

"A truly apostolic man."
(by Pope Pius XII)

"Prince of Charity."
(by Pope Benedict XV)

THE SCALABRINIANS IN THE PHILIPPINES

40 YEARS JOURNEY OF LOVE AND SERVICE! 1982 - 2022



The Scalabrinian mission to accompany overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and their families started in the Philippines with the arrival in Manila of Fr. Anthony Paganoni on **21st September 1982**. He was later joined by Fr. Giovanni Iacono and Fr. Luigi Sabbadin. These three pioneers were fulfilling the missionary mandate to "**Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature**" (Mk 16:15)

In picture: Cardinal Sin with the Scalabrinian pioneers of the Philippines venture: Frs. Luigi Sabbadin, Michael Cagna and Anthony Paganoni.



1984

In **May 1984**, the Scalabrinian Formation program to train Filipino missionaries officially took off. A group of nine Filipino men responded to the invitation to start the formation process at No. 39 7th St., New Manila, Quezon City. This first formation house is now the Mission House. In **June 1984**, Fr. Anthony Paganoni was appointed as **Executive Secretary** of the Episcopal Commission on Migration and Tourism, one of the commissions of the Catholic Bishop's Conference of the Philippines. It is now known as the **Episcopal Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People** or ECMI.

In **September 1984**, His Eminence Jaime Cardinal Sin entrusted the **Stella Maris** ministry (then Apostleship of the Sea) to the Scalabrinian missionaries.



1985

In 1985, the seminarians moved to the newly built Scalabrini Formation Center at No. 41 7th St., New Manila.

1987

To better understand the migration phenomenon and how to respond to it, the **Scalabrini Migration Center (SMC)** was established on February 1987.

2002

As more Filipinos became interested to join the congregation, a new house on 13th St, New Manila was inaugurated on **1st June 1992**: the **Scalabrini Theological House of Studies (STHS)**. Since then, it has welcomed students from many parts of the world to prepare them to be Scalabrinian missionaries. Those who have completed their formation program are now serving migrants, refugees, and seafarers as missionary priests and brothers in different parts of the world.



On **June 1st 1993**, the **Scalabrini Center for People on the Move (SCPM)** opened its doors to provide shelter and other services to land-based and sea-based OFWs. SCPM houses refugees. The opening of SCPM marks an important milestone for the Scalabrinian mission in the Philippines.

1993

1997

In 1997 a new formation house was established in Cebu. At first, it was used to host the philosophy students, but from **2005** on, it became the permanent seat of the **Novitiate**. Some years later a new building, aimed to accommodate postulants coming also from countries like Vietnam and Indonesia, was added to the compound.

2022

With gratitude and renewed missionary enthusiasm the Scalabrinian Missionaries celebrate their **40th anniversary of presence in The Philippines**. As they do so, they also rejoice for the canonization of their Founder, **Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini**, on **October 9, 2022**.

They also look at the future with hope and pledge to continue serving the migrants, refugees and seafarers with the apostolic zeal of 'soon to be' **Saint John Baptist Scalabrini**.

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29th Anniversary

Scalabrini Center for People on the Move

1993 - 2022

1993

Opened on **June 1st, 1993**, the Scalabrini Center for People on the Move is a non-stock, non-profit organization which serves and assists overseas workers, seamen, and refugees, without discrimination to age, gender, race, ethnic background, religion or belief.

The Scalabrini Center is run by the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Charles, founded by Bishop **John Baptist Scalabrini** in 1887.

The mission of the **Scalabrinian missionaries** is to promote the human dignity of and to provide religious assistance to migrants, seafarers and refugees.

Today the **SCALABRINIANS** are serving the people on the move in Asia, Africa, Australia, Europe, North, Central and South America. Their work in the Philippines began in **1982**.

Scalabrini Center is entirely supported by donations and voluntary contributions of sponsors and friends.



We envision a society in which freedom of movement is guaranteed and people are not displaced by economic disadvantage or political oppression. Our mission is to help create a community of nations that respect and promote the rights of the people on the move. We dream of a society where differences are not divisive, where borders are not barriers, and where communities coexist in justice, peace, and solidarity.

102,474 PEOPLE SERVED IN THE LAST **3** YEARS



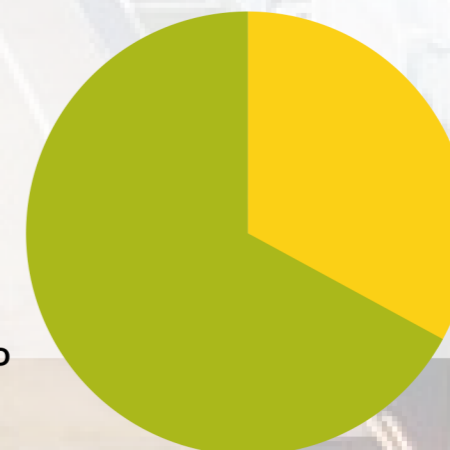
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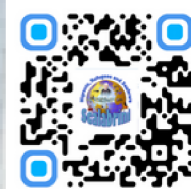
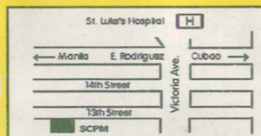
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SERVICES

- TEMPORARY SHELTER**
for overseas workers, seamen and refugees and for returnees in transit or stranded in Metro Manila.
- PREVENTIVE EDUCATION**
on the "gains and pains" of migration at the parish, high school, college and university levels.
- COUNSELLING & ORIENTATION**
to help people on the move cope with personal and family problems and to orient them to their country of destination.
- LINKAGES & NETWORKING**
with non-government organizations (NGOs), government institutions (GOs), and international organizations (IOs).
- LEGAL AID & REFERRALS**
for migrant workers, seamen and refugees whose rights have been violated.
- ENGLISH CLASSES**
for refugees only (beginners and intermediate levels).
- INFORMATION**
through newsletters to sensitize concerned persons and to foster networking.

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35th Anniversary

February 6, 1987 – February 6, 2022

The Scalabrini Migration Center aims to inform migration and public policies and to foster solidarity with migrants and stakeholders, with the end goal of promoting the rights and dignity of migrants and building inclusive societies.

SMC fulfills its goals through the following programs:

- Production of evidence-based research on migration in the Asian Pacific region
- Publication of the academic quarterly, the Asian and Pacific Migration Journal, and occasional books and monographs
- Maintenance of a library specializing in resources on Asia-Pacific migration
- Organizing conferences
- Establishing links and cooperating with migration stakeholders: government institutions, academia, international organizations, NGOs and migrants' associations.

Directors through the years:



Fr. Anthony Paganoni, CS
1987–1990



Fr. Graziano Battistella, CS
1990–2002 and 2010–2018



Fr. Fabio Baggio, CS
2002–2010



Dr. Maruja M.B. Asis, Ph.D.
2018–Present



MISSIONARIES OF ST. CHARLES
SCALABRINIANS
SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI PROVINCE

SCALABRINIAN MISSIONARIES IN THE PHILIPPINES



Fr. Alvirio Mores, CS
Brazilian



Fr. Paulo Prigol, CS
Brazilian



Fr. Roger Cortuna Manalo, CS
Filipino



Fr. Luis Antonio D Lamus, CS
Colombian



Fr. Blaya Bobila, CS
Filipino



Fr. Nguyen Quang Huynh
Vietnamese



Fr. Bao Tran Quoc, CS
Vietnamese



Fr. Maxensius Sebatu, CS
Indonesian

Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini:

Coat-of-Arms



Taking his inspiration from Jacob (Gn 28: 12), Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini chose, as the motto of his Episcopal Coat-of-Arms, the verse, "Video Dominum Innixum Scalae."

This was a metaphor of a man of God who wanted to be on the frontier of dialogue between Heaven and Earth, between God and his People, between the Church and the World, between Faith and Country. Hope as the journey, faith as the stairway, and love as vision.



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Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini Province

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Years of

Scalabrinian

PRESENCE IN THE PHILIPPINES

SEPTEMBER 21 1982

St. Charles Borromeo,
the Patron Saint of
Scalabrini Fathers

Wednesday

Thanksgiving Mass with H. E. Jose L. F. Cardinal Advincula, Jr., D.D., Archbishop of Manila, Presider and Homilist.

Day: September 21, 2022, at 1700H (Manila time)

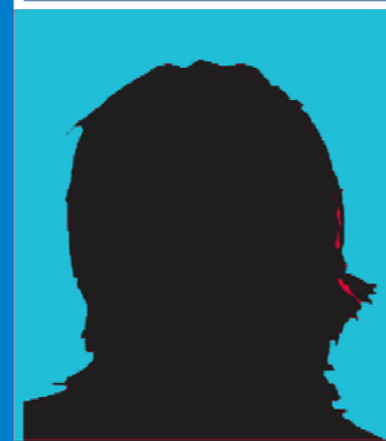
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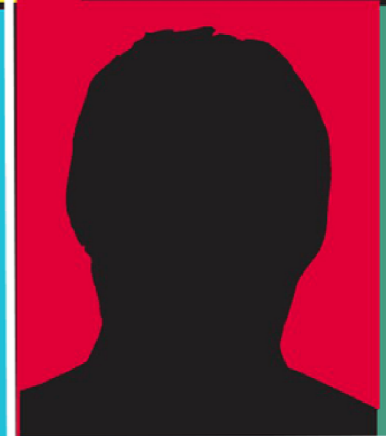
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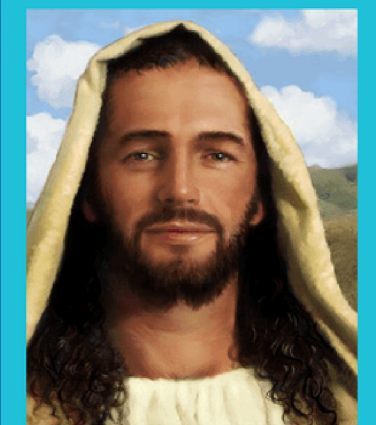
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AMONG
THEM?



Scalabrinians



Come!
Join us!



“The time has come, my dear friends, to definitively place our Congregation under the patronage of a saint, and (...) and to my mind there came – more radiant and gentle than ever – the figure of the great St. Charles. From now on, you will have the honor of calling yourselves The Missionaries of Saint Charles. St. Charles was an example of undaunted constancy, of generous patience, of enlightened, unrelenting and magnanimous zeal.”

VOCATION STORIES

MY VOCATIONAL JOURNEY AS A NEWLY ORDAINED PRIEST

I am grateful for the adventure of the religious, missionary and priestly vocation that the Lord has given to me. It started during the adoration of 2007 in which I experienced the love of God. In that adoration, I met the scalabrinians through the poster in the bulletin board of the Church. Having a name "Jovannie", the name of the founder "Beato Giovanni Battista" has called my attention and so I contacted the scalabrinians in Manila and they sent me some materials about the founder and the congregation.

Upon reading those materials, I got attracted to the life of the founder and the mission of the congregation. It came to my mind my relatives and friends who left their families behind searching for a better future in another country. After two years of discernment, I responded to the call of Jesus. On 21st of May, 2009, I entered in the scalabrinians in Manila where I studied philosophy and on the 8th of April, 2015, I took my first religious profession in Cebu. Then, I was sent to Rome to continue my theological studies. In 2019, at the dawn of the Covid-19 pandemic, I was sent to London for my pastoral year experience. On the 1st of June, 2021, I made my perpetual profession. Then, I was ordained deacon on the 25th of September in the same year. On August 6, 2022, I was ordained priest in St. Michael Parish of Matanao, Davao del Sur.

Almost thirteen years have already passed since I started my vocational journey and in these years, I have learned that being a missionary is really a blessing because I share the life experience of God's people on the move. I also discovered that being a human person means being in a journey that is called life.

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature”
(Mk 16:15)



Fr. Jovannie S. Postrano, CS.

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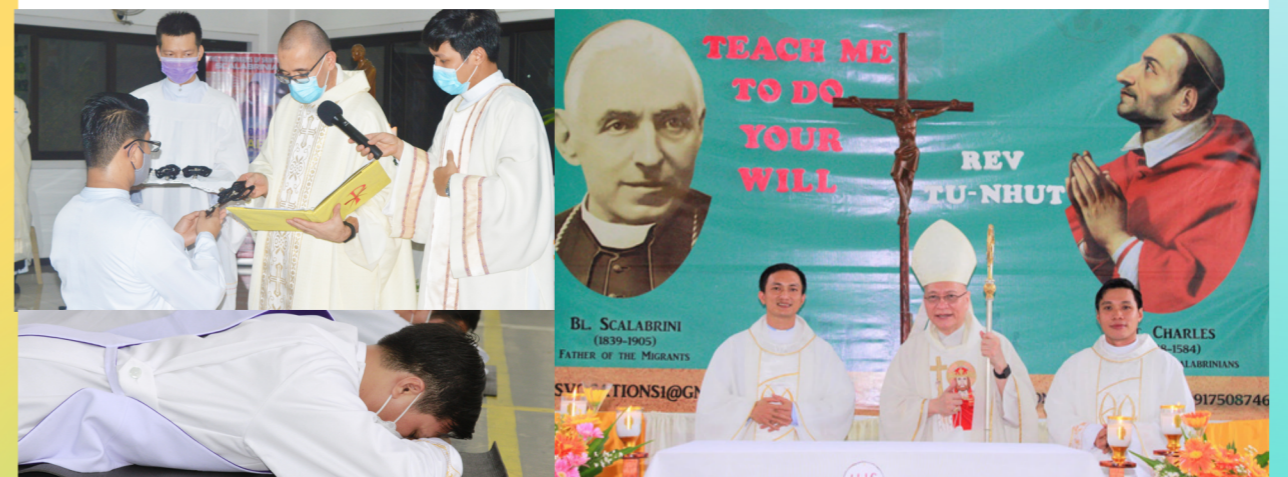
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