



St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini

June 1

Who was St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini?

St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini, also known as the "Father of Migrants," was a remarkable figure in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He was dedicated to serving the needs of migrants who left Europe for the New World. Born in Fino Mornasco, Italy, in 1839, Scalabrini rose to become the Bishop of Piacenza in 1876, where he dedicated himself to the pastoral care of migrants.

Scalabrini's deep concern for migrants led him to found two religious congregations: the Missionaries of Saint Charles and the Mission Sisters of Saint Charles. These congregations were specifically focused on providing spiritual assistance and practical support to migrants as they journeyed to new lands.

Throughout his tenure as bishop, Scalabrini tirelessly advocated for legislative and institutional measures to protect migrants from exploitation and to ensure their rights were upheld. He saw migration not only as a social challenge but also as an opportunity for evangelization, viewing it as a chance to spread the Gospel to those in need.

Scalabrini's holiness and dedication were widely recognized, both within and outside the Church. His efforts to reform seminaries, organize pastoral initiatives and provide aid to the needy earned him praise and admiration from his contemporaries. He was known for his deep prayer life, spending hours in Eucharistic adoration and offering comfort to the sick and imprisoned.

Despite offers to be elevated to higher positions within the Church, Scalabrini remained humble and dedicated to his work in Piacenza. He declined these promotions, preferring to continue his mission of serving migrants and the marginalized.

After his death on June 1, 1905, Scalabrini's legacy continues to inspire others. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1997, who praised him as a model shepherd and a champion of migrants. On October 9, 2022, Pope Francis canonized Scalabrini as a saint. Today, the Scalabrinian congregations and their members continue to follow in the footsteps of their founder, offering witness to Christ's love for migrants and working tirelessly to support them in their journeys.

More information: Video [Here!](#)

[St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES](#)

Quotes

"Place God and the good of souls above all things; the rest counts very little"

- Father Scalabrini

"Jesus must be the beginning and the end of our actions, the soul of our souls, the life of our lives"

- Father Scalabrini

"He who has faith, he who lives by faith not only loves God but feels compelled to lead others to love him also, because love can never resign itself to indifference"

- Father Scalabrini

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Heavenly Father,

On this sacred Feast Day, we gather in humble reverence to honour Blessed Giovanni Battista Scalabrini, whose life was a testament to your boundless love and mercy.

As we reflect upon his unwavering faith and tireless dedication to serving the marginalized, we are inspired to emulate his virtues of compassion, courage and charity.

Blessed Scalabrini, you laboured tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of migrants and refugees, recognizing in each person the dignity bestowed upon them by your Divine hand. Through your intercession, may we open our hearts and extend our hands to those in need, offering solace to the weary, refuge to the displaced and hope to the downtrodden.

Grant us the grace to follow in your footsteps, seeking justice for the oppressed, advocating for the voiceless and building communities of solidarity and inclusion. May your example guide us in building a world where all are welcomed, valued and cherished as beloved children of God.

Blessed Scalabrini, pray for us, that we may be instruments of your peace, channels of your love and heralds of your Kingdom here on earth.

Amen.

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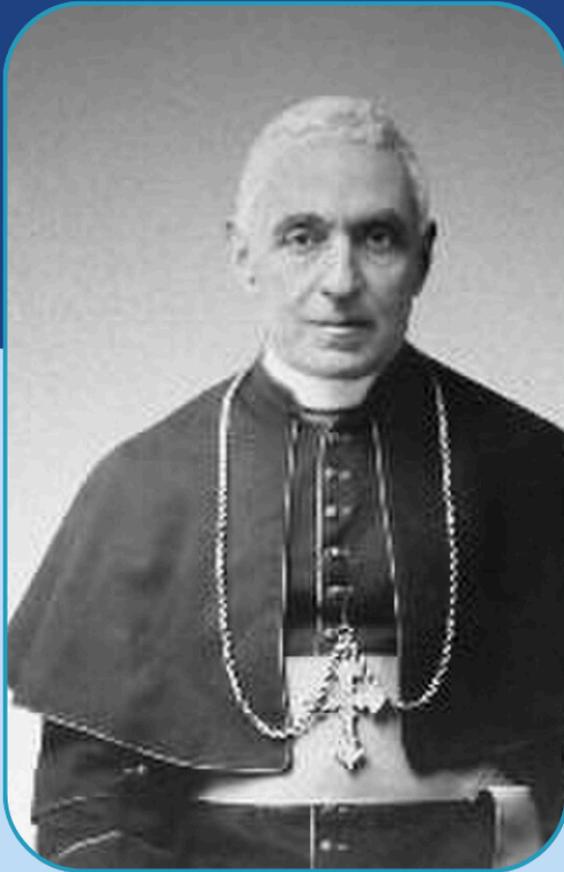
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**FEAST DAY:
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**SCHOOL LOCATION:
Thornhill, ON**

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