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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

We are just entering into the Summer Season, we can feel it in the warm weather, the sunny days, the movement of people going away on vacation. For all of us Christians around the world, we are happy to celebrate Pentecost at the beginning of this wonderful time.

The Coming of the Holy Spirit renewing our Faith and our Hearts, brings us a lot of energy and makes us ready to celebrate this time of the year with a new spirit in Christ.

Pentecost is a beautiful experience in the early Church because the Apostles receive the Spirit of Christ in order to transmit their faith to the rest of the world, and to present an image of a living Christ for all the communities where they live and preach.

But Pentecost was not only a religious event, it was also where a magic understanding took place. People from different cultures could come together and were able to receive the clear message from St. Peter to them. They were able to put down their cultural barriers and be open to receive the Good News.

In Pentecost people put aside any difference to come closer and to listen to Peter and his message about Jesus Christ. The wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit and the disposition of everybody to come closer made the experience unforgettable and one of the pillars for the early Christian community.

For some people summer comes as a time to change their routine in the things they usually do. It is a time to enjoy the company of others, the sharing of families and friends and the blessing to come together and stay together. It is an opportunity to appreciate the beautiful gifts God gives us every day.

Summer is a nice opportunity to approach other people and to see the richness everybody has, in their culture, in their language, in their nationality and in their age. All the beautiful things all of us have to share with one another and the importance of getting closer, avoiding that our differences divide us but rather being an instrument for sharing and appreciating the wonderful gift we are for everybody.

Have a nice and wonderful summer everyone!!!

**Fr. Ramiro Sánchez Chan, c.s.
Executive Director**

The Missionaries of St. Charles-Scalabrinians offer Perpetual Masses through the Scalabrinini Mass League. Please ask the Front Desk at Villa Scalabrinini or call 818-768-6500.

FULFILLING GOD'S MISSION



In Loving Memory of Fr. Tony 1946-2014

With hearts full of sorrow we announce that on May 26 Fr. Antonio Deangelis, our Executive Director and Administrator for the past three years, passed away.

Fr. Tony was born in Londrina, PR., Brazil on April 10, 1946, the grandson of Italian immigrants. He was ordained in Brazil on December 20, 1981.

As a Scalabrinian, Fr. Tony covered many missionary assignment, starting in 1982 at Our Lady of Fatima, in Vancouver, Canada where he remained until 1994. From 1994 to 2004 he was the Pastor of Holy Cross Parish in San Jose, California, then a Vicar at Holy Rosary Parish in Kansas City, Kansas until 2005. From 2005 to 2007 Fr. Tony was the Pastor of St. Leo the Great Parish in Houston, Texas. From 2007 to 2011 he was again Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Vancouver, Canada and finally from 2011 to 2014 Fr. Tony was the Executive Director of Villa Scalabrin Retirement Center in Sun Valley, California.

His untimely death has left the Villa Scalabrin family with a great feeling of loss. We will miss his daily presence for Mass in the chapel, we will miss his blessings and prayers and the attentiveness with which he listened to the residents' concerns. While it is difficult at times to see beyond the sorrow, we find comfort in looking back to fond memories.

It is now the Lord's turn to look after Fr. Tony just the way he looked after his parishioners and the Villa's residents.

On behalf of the staff and the residents of the Villa, farewell Fr. Tony.

Laura Mesrobian
Admissions and Public Relations Director



WAYS TO GIVE

The quality of a society is judged by how well it treats its elderly

Pope Benedict XVI

We are grateful for the many gifts of financial support we receive throughout the year. These gifts help us meet the needs of our Retirement Center and the senior residents it serves.

Unrestricted donations will be used toward general facility improvements.

Restricted donations will be used for the purpose designated by the donor.

We appreciate your generous support.

Benevolence Fund - The Benevolence Fund supports one of our missions - to provide comfortable and dignified living choices to under-served or otherwise compromised seniors, whose income and assets are insufficient.

Special Projects - Funds donated towards special projects will be allocated for facility improvements.

Where Most Needed - We always appreciate unrestricted funding, which is directed to general operating costs. In the end, all our resources enable us to provide the best care and services to our residents that we possibly can.

Ways to Give: Cash, Check, Credit Card Gift or Online Donation – The easiest, most direct way to support Villa Scalabrini.

Make a Donation to Villa Scalabrini

To make a donation to Villa Scalabrini you can access our website www.villascalabrini.com/waystogive and donate using your credit card via Paypal, or you may print a donation form and mail with your check.

Through the philanthropic support of donors, Villa Scalabrini will be able to enhance its services and impact the lives of its senior residents.

Your generosity is vital and allows us to provide the excellent care and services you have come to expect from Villa Scalabrini.

Fathers of Saint Charles (Villa Scalabrini) is a not-for-profit, tax exempt organization as described in section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.



What if Villa Scalabrini earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Well, now we can!

GoodSearch.com is a new search engine that donates ad revenue, about a penny per search, to the charity its users designate. Use it just like any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get the same great results.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and enter Villa Scalabrini as the organization you want to support. Just 500 of us searching four times a day will raise about \$7300 in a year without anyone spending a dime! Please spread the word!



In the photo: Mrs. Oakley receives a certificate of recognition and appreciation from SCU Administrator Ardy Afshar and the SCU staff.

Welcome New Residents!

Joyce Arnett
Eugene Bohannan
Martha Ladisa
Mitchell Libov
Kathleen Matthiesen
Edita Reyes
Estelita Soriano
Vincent Villani

Thank you!

Thanks to a very generous donation by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Harriet Oakley, Villa Scalabrini patio area was recently renovated with the addition of beautiful sun shades, a new lighting system and new landscaping. The patio has been renamed Garden Pavilion.

ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS

From the Special Care Unit

"God is not unjust, he will not forget your work and the love
You have shown him by your service,
Past and present, to his people." Hebrews 6:10

Lenten Season

During this Lenten Season, we have learned and understood the different traditions and practices of our Resident's countries of origin. Some said they used to visit churches where a big cross is placed on the altar, especially on Good Friday. They do long prayers, they even visit seven churches and offer more sacrifices for the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. Here at the Special Care Unit we have daily Mass at the start of the day and towards the end the Holy Rosary. During the Lent and the Holy week we also had the veneration of the cross and Fr. Memo came to do the service for the residents and give each one of them a blessing. They very much appreciated it.

Dear Lord thank you for the gift of Yourself in our lives, you have made us in your image and likeness, forgive our failures and misgivings, and help us not to be drawn again from the temptation. Amen.

Easter Season

"The Lord is Risen, Alleluia!"

It was a beautiful and sunny day when we had a special Easter egg hunt with the residents in the Garden Pavilion. Staff and residents enjoyed hunting the colorful Easter eggs that were prepared ahead of time. A great time for everyone!

Mother's Day

For the dear mothers among us a special lunch was prepared and served in the Special Care dining hall to honor Mother's Day. Our residents' family members joined the celebration; what a nice moment to be shared among us, the Villa family. For mothers are a precious gifts from God. We thank you dear mothers, and we also remember the mothers who have gone ahead of us.

Outing Fun

The joy provided by fun activities cannot be measured. The residents went to the Hansen Dam for an outing. They treasured the beautiful scenery with the tall trees and the beautiful lake and especially enjoyed feeding breadcrumbs to the ducks. We were grateful to be able to visit such a beautiful place and look forward to go back some other time.

We join our hands to praised and thank the Lord for the wonders of His love for all of us.

Many thanks to everyone for everything you do to make our residents' life a beautiful life. Indeed God will not forget! *Amen!*

**Sr. Mavieve Joy G. Bernaldez, AR
Maria Bedoya, SSD**

From the Retirement Center

Our activities' highlight for March was the trip to the Getty Center; Sister Gemma accompanied the residents of Safe Care and everyone enjoyed the trip.

In April, once again Pizza Night was for many of the residents their favorite time.

A candlelight dinner to honor our mothers was held in May. All the ladies residents received a present from the Girls Scouts of Burbank and a beautiful corsage from the Villa's administration. Betty Bowden was named "Mother of the Year", as among our residents she is currently the mother who raised most children!

Father's Day and Flag Day were celebrated with a BBQ in the Garden Pavilion. Three fathers were chosen at random, from the Retirement Center, from the Special Care and from la Piazza to receive a prize.

A barbecue, live music and patriotic decorations all around made the Independence Day celebration fun for all.

The water paint class was a success, as was the first Ladies English High Tea, with the participation of twenty ladies, two chairladies and three wonderful volunteers.

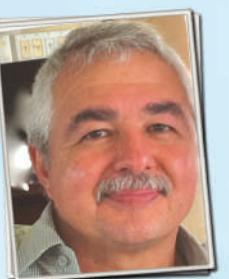
This summer many activities will be held in our beautiful Garden Pavilion; also outings are being planned to restaurants, museums, parks and shopping malls, but the summer highlight will be the annual Hawaiian Day next August.

See you then!

**Ricardo Alas
Programs Director/Social Services**

SCU NEWS

Dear families & friends,



Reimbursement for services is what keeps Nursing Homes in business. Nursing homes draw from a number of different payers for reimbursement, including Medicare, Medicaid, Private Insurance and a small fraction of private pay. There will be big changes as of July 1st for all our residents in this category.

Please communicate with our business office and make sure that you are making the right choice when selecting an HMO provider. It is extremely important that you make a thorough decision because other ancillary services such as Pharmacy, Lab, and the likes will need to mach.

A challenge that we are going to face this year is the increase in utility cost and insurance premiums (workers compensation and health insurance). The 4.3% increase on health insurance is attributable to the new Affordable Care Act (ACA) fees.

On another note, Villa Scalabrin continues to make improvements inside and outside the property. Our contractors have completed 70 percent of the work in our Retirement Center and have put in a new fire alarm system. The work in our Skilled Nursing is awaiting approval from the Office of State Wide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD).

Next, we removed the ivy that covered a large section on the side of the Garden Pavilion (formerly bocce court) and replaced it with 90 percent concrete and 10 percent planting area along the walkway.

Finally, we would like to welcome all of our new residents as well as give our deepest sympathy to the families who have lost their loved ones. They are always in our prayers.

We also welcome the new members of our staff.

Imelda Deus - Health Services

Lizbeth Arellano - Front Desk

Priscilla Reynado - Front Desk

Jacqueline Navarro - Front Desk

Marisol Torres - Dietary Server

Antonio Abad - Janitor

Alejandra Valles - Dietary Server

**Blessings to you all,
Ardy Afshar
Administrator/CFO**



La Piazza AT VILLA SCALABRINI

An exceptional living experience at an affordable price!

Individual homes make our community exclusive and special.

- Enjoy your own beautifully appointed home with more than 1200 square feet
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- Soaring 10' ceilings
- Full gourmet kitchen
- Attached carports
- Private patios
- Utilities included
- Pet friendly
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- Putting green, gym facilities, library, Club house
- Weekly wellness program, movie nights, games and more
- Secure premises, 24 hours a day



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Our Residents are saying.....

I am very happy to have joined the "La Piazza family." Three months have passed since my moving here and even though I am still settling in, my welcome has been warm and friendly. Roses abound around the property, with gardeners doing all the work. All the residents have to do is enjoy! Housekeeping once a week with the bed changed and washed; lunch and dinner served like in a restaurant, and no dishes to clean or wash! People here are friendly and a very enjoyable company. A person could not have a more relaxed retirement, as this is independent living at its best!

Marge Sklarsky

I simply and truly love La Piazza. It is a whole new home for me. I am filled with joy when I awaken to the incredible light surrounding me in the morning. It is like light from the angels greeting me warmly for a brand new day.

I look forward to walking my dog on the lovely paths so welcoming to us. But more than anything I thank my God for allowing me to live in this angel kissed place.

Donna Huckaby

I am so thankful for being able to live here. All residents and staff are warm and friendly. My unit is the right size and so many cupboards, although right now my walk-in closet reminds me of Fiber Ma Gee's closet (that shows you my age!) I feel secure here and the future stages of my life are set, so my children won't have to worry about finding other care places for me when needed.

Pat Appleby

I feel very safe here. All the residents are very friendly and the surroundings are beautiful! The staff is also very accommodating.

Rosemarie Miranda