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# NEWSLETTER

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I Am the Resurrection and the Life  
(John 11:17-44)

*Dear Villa Scalabrinini Family,*

Easter is for us Christians the most important feast of the Church year, yet somehow in our culture it is not treasured as important as Christmas or some other feast. And yet we realize that if there were no Resurrection, we would be dealing with a holy man who lived and died and left a lovely message for us to reflect on. The Resurrection raises Jesus' death to miraculous, but also to a victory over the forces of evil in the world. Resurrection is the emergence of the new human being; the evil gets organized and transformed and culminates into transfiguration. It took some time for the Easter miracle to register in the minds of the followers of Jesus and it wasn't until Pentecost that they really understood.



In the reading from the Acts 3:13-19, Peter is preaching a sermon in which he was finally able to put together everything that had happened with Jesus in line with the Prophets and what had been foretold. He determines that Jesus is "the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead" and that "everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness and everlasting life through his name."

Saint Luke Gospel present the well-known story of the two disciples who were on the road to Emmaus, probably escaping from the dangers of Jerusalem for the followers of Christ. Jesus came to them and they didn't recognize him, but they gossip and talk on the way. They told him all about what people have been saying happened, that Jesus was buried but wasn't in his tomb the next day and that women had come to visit and found only an angel who told them that Christ rose. This was very hard to believe. It is hard for us to believe it today as well. So, Jesus began to teach them on the way. He explained how the death and resurrection were foretold by the Prophets. They asked Jesus to stay the night with them because they were so entranced by what he said, and at the table that night, when Jesus blessed the bread and he gave it to them, they finally had their eyes opened and recognized that this was the Lord. As quickly as they understood, Jesus disappeared from them. They gathered their strength to return to Jerusalem where they found Peter and the apostles assembled. When they arrived, they were told that Peter had seen Jesus, that he was alive. Then they recounted to the others their meeting of Jesus, verifying all their hopes.

It is difficult to believe in miracles though we all pray for them. Sometimes we see something happen that can only be explained as miraculous. But most of the time it is difficult for us to believe in unnatural things happening. I think that many Christians hide from the reality of the Resurrection because it is miraculous and doesn't make scientific sense. But the accounts that we have in the Scriptures of people who were also incredulous and changed their minds ought to help us to do so as well. To believe in something we must get our minds around it, study it and understand it. We also need to rely on the experiences of others who were involved in the event. That is why it is so important that we had numerous witnesses at different times all saying the same thing. Jesus is alive! We have the accounts of the women, the account of Mary Magdalene, the account of Peter, the account of the disciples going to Emmaus. These accounts can strengthen our belief so that as Paul says, we can keep our minds on heaven and be sure we are resurrected with Christ as well. Christ is risen. Christ is with us. The question of Jesus to Martha is ours also: Do you believe that I am the Resurrection and the Life?

*Happy Spring Season!*

**Fr. Adilso Luiz Balen, cs**  
**Executive Director**



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# VILLA'S NEWS



In Loving Memory of  
Fr. Joseph Vicentini,  
cs 1929-2018

Father Joe was born on April 18, 1929 in Gazzolo d'Arcole, Verona, Italy. He was ordained priest to the Missionary of Saint Charles/Scalabrinians May 15, 1955 at St. Andrew Church in Chicago, Illinois after completing his Theology Studies at Sacred Heart Seminary in Stone Park Illinois.

#### Missionary journey:

1956-1957 Associate Pastor - St. Callistus, Chicago, Illinois  
1957-1961 Associate Pastor - St. John's, Kansas City, Kansas  
1961-1962 Aggiornamento, Rome, Italy  
1962-1964 Associate Pastor - St. Rita Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
1964-1973 Associate Pastor - St. Maria Goretti Church, Edmonton, AB, Canada  
1973-1982 Pastor - St. Rita Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
1978-1984 Provincial Councilor  
1982-1984 Vice-Novice Master and Novice Director, Chicago, IL  
1984-1985 Spanish studies, Guadalajara, Mexico  
1985-1988 Pastor - Holy Cross Church, San Jose, California  
1988-1992 Pastor - St. John Church, King City, California  
1992-1999 Pastor - St. Patrick's Church, Windsor, ON, Canada  
1999-2000 Associate Pastor - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Melrose Park, IL  
2000-2012 Pastor - Holy Rosary Church, Kansas City, Missouri  
2012-2018 Retired - Villa Scalabrini Retirement House, Sun Valley, California  
+ Fr. Joseph Vicentini died on April 4, 2018 at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, CA.

He liked sports, especially golf, good Italian food and wine. He loved to say: "For the wonder of who I am I praise you" ... For his funeral service he chose Psalm 27 to show his faith in God everlasting life "I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."

Fr. Joe was a very lively and happy priest and he touched the heart of many in his ministry journey. We offer our gratitude and prayers to him. May he rest in peace.

## Scalabrini Seminary House 20th Anniversary Banquet

The 20 th Annual Fundraising Banquet benefitting the Scalabrini-House Seminary took place at Casa Italiana in Los Angeles on Saturday April 28. With a record attendance of 430 guests, this year's successful event surpassed all expectations.

The Scalabrini House of Discernment is a Formation House for the Missionaries Saint Charles Borromeo-Scalabrini where young men wish to deepen their spiritual development in a community environment and in an atmosphere of prayer.

While they are here discerning a possible vocation, they are working, serving, studying and deciding their future in religious life and Priesthood with the Missionaries of St. Charles-Scalabrinians. Located in Sun Valley, California this is the only House of Formation for the Scalabrinian Missionaries in the whole United States and Canada.

The annual fundraiser supports financially both the formation and the vocation promotion in the USA and Canada.

A sincere thank you to all the supporters and to the organizing committee for a job well done to the benefit of a very worthy cause.



## WAYS TO GIVE

*"Let us do good while we still have time"*

St. Padre Pio

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](http://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](http://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!

## Welcome New Residents!

Eugenia Beccarelli  
Jerry Delaunay  
Gary Dwyer  
Gregory Dumas  
James and Patricia Fryman  
Arthur Haight  
Aura Montoya  
Irene Mulvehill  
Colleen Spear  
Anthony Vacca  
Antonio Vecchione  
Sandra Wogatzke



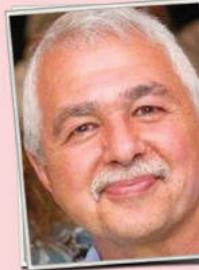
## ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS



A special day to show our  
mothers how much they  
mean to us.

"God could not be everywhere,  
and therefore he made mothers"

## SPECIAL CARE UNIT



### Dear families & friends,

We hope you are all enjoying the spring season. In the coming months we are going to face a challenging task in our long-term care and assisted living workforce and work performance.

The major challenge we are faced with is the changing workforce demographic.

As stated in a recent report, "As millennials represent a greater percentage of the long-term care workforce, it is important to understand this generation's values different things than the generations that preceded them" Says Kathy Douglas, RN, workforce strategy at ABILITY Network. Millennials rely heavily on technology to manage all aspects of their lives; Villa Scalabrini will be adopting the use of modern tools that will enable more modern ways of staff engagement. Furthermore we plan to update associated policies and practices in order to create a work environment in which our staff can thrive.

With the use of the right technology and by updating policies and practices to better match the desires of our staff, our hope is to change the way we approach our workforce and work performance output.

The ultimate goal is for Villa Scalabrini to create a more transparent and collaborative environment that matches the needs of our employees and the ever-changing technological advances we encounter.

On another note, Villa Scalabrini is preparing for a new survey processed by the Department of Health Services. This new survey process will be challenging for both surveyors and our facility staff. I am very confident that the outcome will be favorable.

Finally, we would like to warmly welcome our new staff members:

Esperanza Cruz, CNA  
Victoria Garcia Covarrubias, CNA  
Brenda Moya, CNA  
Esther Nwachukwu, CNA  
Andrea Palomares Ponce, CNA  
Abigail Morales Dietary, server  
Nora Ramirez Dietary, server  
Yesica Sandoval Front, desk  
Jasmine Diaz Front, desk  
Irais Ramirez Cruz, Housekeeping  
Jannette Cardona RCFE, health services  
Cristina Mata Padilla, RN

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



# La Piazza AT VILLA SCALABRINI

The Best in Retirement Living

An exceptional living experience at an  
affordable price!

## RESIDENTS' OUTINGS



Individual homes make our community exclusive and special.

- Enjoy your own beautifully appointed home with more than 1200 square feet
- 2 bedrooms, 1 bath all on ground level
- Soaring 10' ceilings
- Full gourmet kitchen
- Attached carports
- Private patios
- Utilities included
- Pet friendly
- Complete maintenance, including weekly housekeeping and linen service
- Two gourmet meals a day, 5 days a week
- Landscaped grounds, walking paths
- Putting green, gym facilities, library, Club house
- Weekly wellness program, movie nights, games and more
- Secure premises, 24 hours a day

*Check us out!*

To check for residence availability,  
to take a tour or to request a brochure  
please contact Laura Mesrobian,  
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## LIFE AT LA PIAZZA

