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A Jubilee Year of Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini

Dear Villa Scalabrini Family,

November 9, 2022 will mark the 25th anniversary of the beatification of John Baptist Scalabrini. The superiors of the three Institutes of the Scalabrinian Family have announced a Scalabrinian Year which began on Sunday November 7, 2021 and will end on Wednesday November 9, 2022.

This initiative is conducted under the patronage of the diocese of Piacenza, Italy, where Scalabrini was Bishop for 30 years. The theme of the Scalabrinian Year is: Making the world everyone's homeland, a theme that fits in with the recent teaching of Pope Francis.

Since April 22, 1979, Villa Scalabrini has been dedicated under the name and protection of Bishop Scalabrini. We are grateful for the many blessings received throughout these years and for the devotion, faith and prayers placed on his behalf for our needs and to the care of the elderly. May this year be for us a special opportunity to continue to pray and ask for his grace, protection and sanctification.

Many people still remember with joy that day November 9, 1997 when the Church recognized John Baptist Scalabrini as an exemplary witness of Christian life. We remember in Saint Peters Square, in Rome the words with which Pope John Paul II honored him: "Deeply in love with God and extraordinarily devoted to the Eucharist, he was able to transfer the contemplation of God and his mystery into an intense apostolic and missionary endeavor, making himself all things to all people in order to proclaim the Gospel. This ardent passion of his for the Kingdom of God made him zealous in catechesis, pastoral activities and charitable work, especially towards those most in need."

Certainly, the beatification of John Baptist Scalabrini is not just a remembrance. It is an invitation to follow in his footsteps: "May I sanctify myself and sanctify all the souls entrusted to me." It is also a commitment to make him known, to talk about him, to tell of his passion for migrants so that others may feel the same passion and intervene, at all levels, in the Church and in society, in favor of these uprooted and scattered brothers and sisters.

You are kindly invited to intensify your prayers to Blessed Scalabrini that he would be proclaimed a saint: a proclamation to give glory to God and to make his testimony as a missionary bishop shine with greater prominence, a voice for those who have no voice, help for those in need, inspiration for those who are inclined to give their lives to Christ and to the people.

May the Holy Spirit, who guided Blessed Scalabrini along the many paths explored by his great charitable heart, guide us so that we may grow tirelessly in love and charity.

Even though we are still showing the beauty of ourselves behind the masks due to the uncertainties of the covid 19 pandemic, we realize once again that Christmas is around the corner and the year of 2021 is ending.

Christmas is a joyful season and a special gift from God to all of us. It is the celebration of the birth of Jesus. May the Lord who was born poor and in a manger in Bethlehem continue to be your guiding light during this blessed season and may the certainty of his lovely presence in our midst bring to you and your family the gift of joy, and the promise of peace throughout the year of 2022.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Fr. Adilso Luiz Balen, cs
Executive Director

Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center



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ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS

Retirement Center

Our RCFE welcomes a new Activities Team, Yolanda Vega and Marilyn Hernandez, a truly creative team!

The last couple of months have been cautious but optimistic and now with vaccination rates increasing and the proper COVID safety guidelines, our team is thrilled and excited to reintroduce most of our fun activities.

In September, our residents had a lovely trip to Descanso Gardens. This was also the month we finally started going on our shopping trips once again! The month of October was filled with lots of Halloween activities such as our Halloween Sing-Along, Booze & Brew Socials, and Pumpkin Carving. Our residents also celebrated World Pasta Day and enjoyed a delicious Chicken Mostaccioli with Pink Sauce and freshly baked Garlic Bread! It was certainly one of our Residents' favorite events!

On Halloween Day, we had our traditional Halloween Costume Parade and our Halloween Monster Bash, where RCFE and SCU Residents were finally able to reunite! It was certainly fun and memorable.

The month of November is also filled with many great events, such as our biweekly shopping trips and lunch outings to Denny's. We will have a couple Friendsgiving Socials where our residents will come together to celebrate the friendships that have flourished here.

As for December, our Holiday programs will be filled with fun activities and cherished traditions while the Villa transforms into a Christmas Wonderland!

As we welcome new residents, our Activities Team looks forward to the continued enthusiastic participation in all upcoming events.



WAYS TO GIVE

Start your Holiday Giving Season with an end-of-year charitable gift to Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center and Special Care Unit

A heartfelt Thank You to all our benefactors. Your donations of all sizes are greatly appreciated and make a big difference!

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.

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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!

Prayer to Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini



O Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini, with the heart of a bishop and the zeal of an apostle, you gave yourself completely to all.

You listened to the cries of migrants, spoke in their name, and defended their rights.

You found sustenance in the Eucharist, solace in the cross of Jesus and comfort in Mary, Mother of the Church. Through your intercession may God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, grant peace to all humanity, protect those who cross seas and borders sustained by hope, bless us and our loved ones and grant us the grace that we entrust to your fatherly love. Amen



The Scalabrini Fathers. In memory of Fr. Luigi Gandolfi
10.14.1937 + 8.5.2021

ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS

Special Care Unit

After a long hiatus, the Special Care Unit finally opened activities with much less restrictions.

The staff, along with our activity team (Sr. Mavieve Joy, Maria Ibarra, and Sr. Geri), revamped the calendar and ensured that the time spent will be more enjoyable for the residents.

Our Spa Day was a huge success as Katherine and Philline donated facial masks and aroma therapy for the month of October. The residents' skins were glowing and dewy after the relaxing session. They enjoyed that so much that they wanted the spa day to be every day. We can't blame them, right?



We also did the classic Mexican Loteria and it was a remarkable sight to see our Hispanic residents really getting into the game. Memory issues did not stop them from finding the called card. Amazing! Our other residents too were having fun learning new Spanish words. It was a unique break from the usual bingo game.

Our residents had their cooking classes, whipping some donuts and making some pumpkin spice coffee. Move over Starbucks! The SCU residents are the new baristas now! They also joined the Halloween festivities and presented a chair dance number for the staff and RCFE residents.

We try to get their creative side out by giving them an avenue to express themselves, whether by painting, drawing or by singing. They are keeping their mind sharp with Trivia Time and Wheel of Fortune Wii game while keeping their bodies fit with ball games and exercise time.

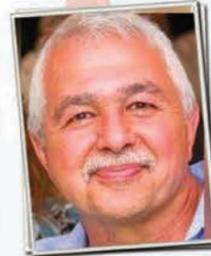
Our Sisters' daily individual visits are indeed a divine ministry in showing the residents God's love and mercy.

We are thankful for our activities team's dedication to enhancing the lives of the SCU residents.



SPECIAL CARE UNIT

Dear Villa Scalabrini family and friends,



The Special Care Unit and Retirement Center are looking forward to a busy holiday season with plenty of activities planned for our residents.

As of the second week of November 2021, 98% of our employees and 99% of our residents have received their first and second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. The COVID-19 booster vaccine has been given to 75% of our employees and 95% of our residents. These percentages exceed California Department of Public Health expectations, and we are proud to announce that we have received the Certificate of Achievement from Medicare Health Care Advisory Group.

The future continues to look brighter as the long threat of COVID-19 pandemic wanes, and I can assure you that our team—and certainly our many beloved Villa Scalabrini residents—welcome more opportunities for interactions and positive energy.

Whether in our Assisted Living or in our Special Care Unit, our many residents greatly appreciate and cherish the gift of smiles, conversations, and the sharing of special memories and simple pleasures.

Your engagement and visits either in person and/or virtually are deeply treasured. We appreciate your continued friendship and vital support!

Finally, we would like to warmly welcome our new staff members and residents.

Blessing to you all,
Ardy Afshar
Administrator/CFO

Great News!

Villa Scalabrini has been voted 2021 Best Senior Living Community by the readers of the Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Daily News. We are very proud of having earned these recognitions and we thank our voters, past and present residents, and their families.



Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center is now processing new admissions. Application forms can be found at www.villascalabrini.com Do not miss our Virtual Tour! For more information, please contact Laura@villascalabrini.com or call 818-660-0531.

La Piazza AT VILLA SCALABRINI

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- Utilities included
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- Lunch and dinner served Monday/Friday
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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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DEAR RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES,

We have officially entered the Holiday Season and for most of us this means a joyous time to share with family and friends. It can also be a time of apprehension as we may feel overwhelmed by the demands of planning, decorations, gift shopping and all that is expected at this time of the year. But it does not have to be this way.

We can still feel joyful and festive by focusing on some simple ways to enjoy this special time, such as listening to Christmas carols, watching heartwarming Christmas movies, sending messages and re-connecting with family and friends that we have not seen for quite some time.

The ongoing global pandemic has certainly changed our normal daily lives and our holiday plans might not be the same as in previous years. Nevertheless, we can still connect with our loved ones if not in person, via FaceTime, Zoom, Hangout, etc.

Once again Villa Scalabrini will deck the halls with lovely decorations, will set up the tall and gorgeous Christmas trees, provide activities that focus on holidays traditions and the beautiful nativity scene will be tastefully arranged by the Sisters in the chapel, giving us all the chance to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

It is worth noting that Villa Scalabrini was one of the first communities in the nation to fully vaccinate its resident population and workforce and in doing so was able to maintain the highest level of safety among all parties involved. Most of our residents have now received a third dose of the vaccine, the booster shot. We are all grateful to the Management for the prompt response and to our wonderful nurses who skillfully administered the shots.

Let us now face the coming New Year with renewed confidence and a sense of wellbeing! Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Laura Mesrobian
Director of Admissions and Marketing

Check us out!

To check for residence availability, to take a tour or to request a brochure please contact Laura Mesrobian, Admissions Director, at (818)768-6500 ext. 228 or Laura@villascalabrini.com

