Press release

One home so that no one is excluded

In the global difficult health moment we are experiencing, the Scalabrinian Missionaries of Europe and Africa, through their operational branch of the Scalabrinian Agency for Cooperation to Development, are launching an awareness and fundraising campaign aiming to continue the support to our "neighbor", especially migrants and refugees, who are suffering from the pandemic of indifference or marginalization, but who share "one home" with everyone.

Scalabrinians by involving their pastoral services and project programs operating between Europe and Africa, and the network generated by them, intend to reaffirm that the commitment to service and proximity put in place in what is called the third sector for decades never stopped to work; that the need for welcoming, protection, promotion and integration cried out by humanity on the move has undoubtedly been put to the test by the actual greatest destabilization in the world since the last world conflicts.

It has been decided to use the word home, where everyone in our old Europe is "forced" to stay in these days, linking also to Pope Francis' Message for World Migrant and Refugee Day 2020 focused on internally displaced persons, because this reality is still not taken for granted by a large part of humanity. The Campaign "One Home only" was therefore born with the aim of reflecting and acting together to confirm the commitment of service already in place and involve more and more people in "being home" for everyone.

The Campaign is structured around some short video and textual reflections dealing with different aspects of "building" one house with the other. Fr. Gaetano Saracino, a Scalabrinian missionary committed for years in proposing an ecclesial reflection through the complex world of media, will lend his voice and face to propose these themes. The Regional Direction itself of the Scalabrinian Congregation will be the first to offer a significant economic contribution that we hope will grow and bear fruit where it is most needed.

The funds raised will be used to address the emergency we are experiencing today, but above all the emergency we will be experiencing tomorrow, when this critical phase is over; when many of the beneficiaries of our services scattered throughout Europe and Africa will need extra support to get back on track, from basic food supplies to a resumption of work. The Campaign page visible at www.ascsonlus.org/una-sola-casa will be gradually updated with new content, all marked with the hashtag #onehomeonly, the key message of the initiative.

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