

From the Vatican, 7 October 2025

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Dear Sister,

I am writing to express my sincere thanks and gratitude for the warm welcome given to me and Fr. Joseph by the Scalabrini Sisters and the Board of Bienvenu during the recent mission in Johannesburg, while I was returning from Manzini, Eswatini after participating in the Plenary Assembly of the Inter-Regional Meeting of the Bishops of Southern Africa.

My mission allowed me to experience, at first hand, the excellent work you are doing in the care and support of migrants and refugees. Both your Centres, Bienvenu Shelter and the Mother Assunta Training Centre, are concrete examples of your commitment to your vocation. In fact, these initiatives form part of what we can call “good practice” and need to be shared with other local Churches. As I indicated when we visited your Centre, be assured of the ongoing support of the Dicastery as you continue with welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees.

With gratitude and every good wish, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ



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