

## MOTHER ASSUNTA: THE “YES” THAT MADE HISTORY

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**The “Yes” that made history:** Mother Assunta came from a simple and humble nest and began her noble mission on her own family, taking over responsibilities while preparing her missionary ideal in the silence of her heart with the spirit of donation and faith inherited from her parents. When reading Mother Assunta’s history we can picture her childhood, physically beautiful, open, bright and always alert to God’s calls. A simple, kind and very participative girl. This way she prepared her missionary ideal with hope and faith on accomplishing her dream at the right moment.

Mother Assunta’s “yes” has its source on Jesus’ heart. This YES was so generous it pushed her out of her motherland onto a big new mission at a foreign country: Brazil, even ignoring what was about to come. She lived and died in Brazil, donating her life to the orphans – migrant offspring.

**The orphans and abandoned servant.** Devoting herself completely to God’s will, mother Assunta was a fertile seed in the lives of the Congregation and her missionary dynamism made history MSCS. We acknowledge, at this party day, this brave woman capable of answering positively to God’s call, resigning everything for the migrants’ cause and becoming a “migrant with the migrants”. Leave everything for love.

**A woman of God.** As a missionary sister, she was always a woman searching for God’s will. A woman with incredible strength and kindness. She never lacked the courage to find ways out of life’s shadowy moments. She searched for God or to Bishop Scalabrini to help her. She wrote him and waited for response while reflecting on her orientations before God. The continuous contacts to God and the constant self donation to the unfortunate ones encouraged her at the difficult times.

**Testimony of a devoted religious life.** It’s also notable to verify, both through her notes and eyewitnesses, that she even when she was curved under fatigue from total donating herself to the others, she had a joyful look and a strong faith from an unlimited donation life, from the achievement of her duty, taking as her priority “put herself at the hands of God and do what He wishes”. Her aged face, yet serene and peaceful, pictures a life unlimitedly offered to the others, especially the orphans and the sick ones. A life of a total yes. “We can do no good without charity”, she used to say.

For Mother Assunta even the grater difficulties were signs of God. It was all about thanksgiving and by the Grace of God. Her life was a grace.

At present we see in her a caring mother who points the safer loyalty path to the consecration and to the congregation. She’s an example that overcomes and light up our way. She’s a star that doesn’t go out, but keeps shining, a strong pillar at the congregation that makes us stronger. She followed the example of Maria very closely and God has gifted her with many virtues. Now she is a luminous lighthouse for us – the Missionary scalabrinian sisters of Saint Charles Borromeo.

It’s worth it to follow her model of donation, courage, faith and love, as she teaches us how to love the congregation with charisma till the last consequences, because of the Kingdom.

Mother Assunta, intervene for our needs and for the migrants’ needs.

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