II. Emigration: Its Necessity and Usefulness

Emigration is a natural, providential phenomenon. It is a safety valve given by God to our troubled society. It is a self-preserving force that is far more powerful than all the moral and material restraints devised by legislators to ensure public order and to safeguard the life and property of its citizens. We all know the proverb: "mala suadet fames" (uncontrolled hunger). Who could hold in line a nation that is convulsed by the pangs of hunger and had no hope of finding its daily bread elsewhere?

For people who see the suffering caused by emigration and bitterly ask: "Why are so many people leaving?" there is a very simple answer. In almost every case, emigration is not a pleasure but an inescapable necessity. Of course, among the emigrants there are some bad individuals who are vagrant or depraved, but these are a minority. The vast majority, not to say all, of those who emigrate to far-off America do not fit that description. They are not fleeing Italy because they don't like work but because there isn't any work and don’t know how they and their families can make ends meet.

One day a wonderful man, an exemplary Christian, from a little mountain village where I was making my pastoral visitation, came to see me and to ask me for my blessing and a memento for himself and his family, on the eve of their departure for America.

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Welcome!
If you are new in our parish, registration forms can be found on the table in front of the Sacristy when you enter from the outside doors. You may place your completed form in the collection basket at the weekend Masses or drop it off at the Parish Office. Donation envelopes will be left on that same table for the next weekend, if they are requested. Please join us for refreshments after the 8:00am & 10:00am Sunday Mass in St. Joachim’s Room of the Parish Centre. Please notify the Parish Office if you are moving from the parish.

Sacraments
Baptism
Baptisms usually take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 11:15am. A baptism course is required for parents and Godparents. Registration is required. Teenagers & adults are asked to contact the RCIA coordinator.

Marriage
Contact one of the priests through the Parish Office before making any plans for your wedding. We require at least 6 months advance notice before your wedding date, since a marriage preparation course & paperwork are required.

Pilgrimage or Religious Life
Please contact the Vocations Office at rcav.org/vocations, or for Scalabrinians at emeija@rcav.org

Conflict
Monday - Friday 20 min. before Mass Saturdays 10:00am - 11:00am & 4:00pm - 4:30pm

Other
Spanish Mass - 2nd Sat of month 7:00pm Korean Mass - Last Sat of month 7:00pm (served by St. Andrew Kim Parish) First Fridays 8:00am & 7:30pm Saturdays & Holidays 9:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Fridays 8:30am - 6:00pm Benediction to follow 6:30pm - 7:00pm