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"PRAYER IS TO THE SOUL
WHAT FOOD IS TO THE
BODY"

BERCEAU SCHOOL 2022

Heirs of the charism called to a common mission.



The Berceau School is a space of Formation in Vincentian Spirituality for Pastoral agents of the FamVin (Vincentian Family) sponsored by the Argentine Province of the Congregation of the Mission and the Province of Our Lady of the Mission South America of the Daughters of Charity. The meeting was held in the city of Lambaré - Paraguay, in the Retreat House of Our Lady of Betharram, from April 18 to 22, 2022. Fifty-seven people from five different countries participated in this meeting: Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina, Bolivia and Chile. The coordinating team was formed by the Missionaries of the Congregation of the Mission: Fr. Juan Carlos Gatti (Visitor), Fr. Hugo Ricardo Sosa, Fr. Gustavo González and by a Daughter of Charity Sister Juana María Araujo. In addition, it had the support of the speakers Margarita Henao of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Colombia and Remberth Falla of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Peru, both belonging to the International Team of VFCAP.

All the participants had in common the grace of the Vincentian charism, lived in different associations and groups of FamVin: Vincentian Marian Youth, Vincentian Secular Missionaries, International Association of Charities, Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Vincentian teachers and pastoral agents of parishes or social works of the Congregation of the Mission and the Daughters of Charity.

The school was made up of two groups, the first of 23 people, who graduated from the Berceau school after completing the four programmed modules. The second group consisted of 34 people, who began their training. It should be noted that the activities were carried out by integrating people from both groups and only at the end did we work with this group division.

The commitment adopted by the group of graduates was to carry out a mission in the Paraguayan Chaco in July of this year and write a synthesis of the contents developed in the four instances of the School. The second group had to write a report on the biography of St. Vincent de Paul, based on the book "Vincent de Paul, the Saint of Charity" by Luigi Mezzadri.

During the meeting we worked on the development of skills for effective collaboration between ministries. In addition, new opportunities to promote systemic change and action plan in view of a greater availability in working with others, all this following the methodology and content proposed by the International Team of VFCAP.

Cynthia Cabrera and Alicia Gutiérrez
Vincentian Teachers

CIF FOR THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY 2022.



Dear brothers and sisters the Vincentian Family:

The grace of Jesus Christ evangelizing the poor remain with you now and for ever!

As every year, I send you the activities of the CIF for the year 2022. Within the CIF we work to spread Vincentian ethics and spirituality.

We hope this information will better help to serve the poor. As you know, the meetings will be held at the Mother House of the Congregation of the Mission: 95, rue de Sèvres. Paris. FRANCE. The course will be developed simultaneously in English, Spanish and French. We invite you to participate in the last meeting we have left for the Vincentian Family.

V CIF FOR THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY. Sunday May 29 to June 22, 2022. Paris. Within this Meeting, classes are combined with visits to Vincentian places. We will learn more about the rich Vincentian theology and see possible solutions to the current problems that afflict us and the poor. We will also develop a serene life of prayer and pleasant fraternity. Cost 1950 euros.

Some practical tips. 1. The price of the meeting includes all expenses. There is nothing additional. Let me remind you that the best way of payment is for the participant to bring cash to the course. 2. As the Mother House in Paris has almost all the rooms reserved, we ask participants to arrive the same day or the day before, but not before. The same request will be demanded when leaving, since the rooms have already been booked for other groups. 3. Remember that many countries need a visa to enter France. This process is usually longer and complex than you imagine. For those who need a visa, the French government asks us to start the process with the following documents: Photocopy of the Passport; date of entry and exit from France; photocopy of the Travel Medical Insurance (not the photocopy of your social work). If we do it with enough time, there will be no problems. For those who do not need a visa, it is simple. You only have to complete the registration that we send you and a few days before traveling, we recommend that you take out a Travel Medical Insurance.

We are looking forward to receiving you warmly. We know that the participants will return to their places feeling they have strengthened their ability of coexistence and complete service to the poor. I shall be waiting for you at the CIF, our common home, so as to be able to walk together. Best wishes at this Easter time.

Pbr. ThD. Andrés MOTTO, CM
CIF Director

PS: to confirm the presence of the participants please, send me an email through these addresses: andres-motto@gmail.com or on our WEB www.AndresMotto.com

DEPAUL INTERNATIONAL: UPDATE ON UKRAINE (APRIL 14)

A statement from Matthew Carter, Group CEO of Depaul International, on the current situation in Ukraine:

As another week passes, we have seen the number of people fleeing their homes continuing to rise. Around 7.1 million people have been displaced internally, and 4.3 million have fled across international borders, bringing the total number of people displaced by the conflict to a staggering 11.4 million, according to The International Organization for Migration (IOM).

We continue our work, with our extraordinary team pulling together to reach those most in need.



Food baskets

To ensure the people we support receive a nutritionally balanced diet, we are reviewing the food included in our aid deliveries. Foods are grouped together into 'food baskets', which meet international humanitarian (Sphere) standards.

A typical food basket may include pasta, oil, tinned beans and meat, with vegetables that do not perish quickly, like potatoes, onions and cabbages.

The team will rotate the food baskets so there is variety in people's diets. We are ensuring people have the opportunity to feedback on the food items and can also make requests. It is important to deliver food in a way which enables people to maintain their dignity.

Kharkiv women's prison

Depaul Ukraine has a long history of supporting people serving prison sentences and ex-offenders living in the community. Prisoners face stigma and, without support, people leaving prison are often at risk of homelessness. Before the war, we helped offenders recover lost documents and supported them to find accommodation on leaving prison. Our Kharkiv legal team are now able to continue part of that work providing online consultations for offenders.

Prisoners in Ukraine now have additional needs: like many other people in the country, they are suffering as a result of food shortages. Our Kharkiv colleagues and volunteers have been delivering much needed food aid to a women's prison. This is an example of how our existing relationships and networks in Ukraine enable us to help the most vulnerable people, who would otherwise be forgotten.

Thanks again to everyone who has supported our work and to all those who have continued to do so. We will be back in touch again soon.

If you have not donated as of yet and which to do so please go to , donate today".

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Superior General Tomaž Mavrič completed the visitation of the Province of Slovenia



On Wednesday, April 6, Superior General Tomaž Mavrič completed the visitation of the Province of Slovenia. At the conclusion of the visitation, he met with the confreres at St. Joseph's in Celje.

The Superior General addressed the confreres and informed them of the conclusions of the visitation. He first thanked the leadership of the Province, headed by the Visitor Robert Petkovšek, and the confreres for all the work they had done so far. He recalled the forthcoming General Assembly of the Congregation of the Mission in June and July in Rome, whose main goal will be to revitalize the Vincentian identity. He reiterated the central importance of the three books for every Vincentian: the Bible, the Breviary and the volume containing the three fundamental documents of the Congregation of the Mission, which are: the Constitutions, the Common Rules and the Statutes. He encouraged us to be more fraternally connected and emphasized the importance of the Provincial Plan, which will need to be updated. He highlighted the priorities of the Province of Slovenia for the future: increased activity in the three spiritual centers (Mirenski Grad, Celje and Ljubljana with the church of the Sacred

Heart of Jesus and the St. Vincent's student dormitory), formation of the clergy, service to the poor (work with the homeless and people with special needs), revitalization of the popular missions, greater cooperation with the remaining branches of the Vincentian Family, culture of vocations and consolidation of the Vincentian presence in Croatia. However, the present situation, given the capacities, also dictates the abandonment of some of the activities, perhaps of some of the parishes currently under administration of the Vincentians.

At the end of the meeting, the Superior General handed each of the confreres a pocket-sized reprint of the Constitutions, the Common Rules and the Statutes.

This was followed by the Holy Mass, which was celebrated by the Superior General and the confreres. In his address, he reiterated his vision that the Vincentians would become "mystics of Christian charity", with a strong sense of all kinds of the poor, both materially and spiritually poor.

(Written by: Rok Žlender CM)

ETHICAL INVESTMENTS. ESG, FAITH-BASED, IMPACT INVESTING

Mr. Michele Mifsud. Chartered Financial Consultant of Italian “Organismo di vigilanza e tenuta dell’albo unico dei consulenti finanziari”

Part 2

Some historical notes.

Let's retrace some recent steps that have led to awareness of the importance of investing in a responsible and ethical way. In 1968 the Club of Rome was born, a non-governmental association of scientists, economists, businessmen who commissioned MIT to publish "The Limits to Growth", in which are theorized the sustainable growth and the management of non-unlimited resources, based on a mathematical model. In 1980, apartheid in South Africa pushes the international community to denounce the segregation and the poverty of the black population. The boycott of South African companies that follows will contribute to the end of apartheid. In the United States, the first motion of active shareholding takes place at the General Motors assembly criticized precisely for commercial relations with South Africa of apartheid. Also in the United States, in 1999, the first global ethical index was launched, the Dow Jones Sustainability Index, followed in 2001 by the Ftse4Good in the United Kingdom. In 1997, almost all countries signed and ratified the international treaty of the Kyoto Protocol on global warming. This treaty will be followed by the United Nations Conference Doha 2012 and in 2015 the Conference on Climate Change in Paris and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. In 2006, the United Nations, following the scandals of some multinationals, launched the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), six principles to spread sustainable and responsible investments. In 2018, the European Commission adopts an Action Plan in order to mobilize funding for sustainable growth. These are the first regulations that include: a uniform classification (taxonomy), disclosure obligations by managers, new low-carbon benchmarks (low-carbon emissions model) and advisory services to clients on the sustainability. Standards and certifications are created for Green Bonds and for the launch of "green" equity indices. In 2019, at the Business Roundtable, one hundred and eighty-one CEOs of the largest American groups declared that it was no longer necessary to maximize profits for shareholders but to maximize the interests of all stakeholders: shareholders, workers, community and environment.

How can you create strategies for an ethical investment?

The reference texts or publications are obviously personal choices of the investor. To give an example, an investor who follows a Christian morality might decide not to invest in companies that produce abortion products, while another investor always with an ethical but "secular" approach might not rule out an investment in companies that produce abortion products, evaluating these as ethical. Another example could be not investing in T-Bonds, US public debt securities, which could be judged unethical by an investor because the United States is a country where the death penalty is federal law for some states. A Christian investor could even decide to invest only in companies from Christian countries regardless of which those countries are. In deciding the ethics of an investment, the personal judgment of the investor and the chosen evaluation parameters have a great influence. An ethical investment is considered as such when it is not invested in controversial sectors, i.e. in sectors that can cause damage to reputation, in contrast with new regulations or that may face sanctions, or directly by not investing in these companies that are part of controversial business areas, both by not investing in their value chain and in their subsidiaries or holding companies. The controversial sectors are, for example, gambling, the tobacco industry, pornography, civilian weapons, unconventional weapons of war, nuclear power plants, coal power plants, predatory lending, research with the use of genetically modified organisms or with the use of fetal stem cells, animal tests for non-pharmaceutical products.

Ethical investment strategies.

There are different investment strategies that can allow to analyze ethical investments in a more specific way.

The Social Responsible Investing (SRI) strategy provides investors with a method of not investing in an unethical way or in a way that is not in line with certain values. This adopts a negative screening that excludes companies in certain business areas, such as companies that produce weapons for civilian use or unconventional weapons or that operate objectively unethical practices such as the exploitation of child labor. This strategy aims to pursue maximum financial returns and mitigate environmental, social and governance ESG risks.

The Sustainable Investing strategy, on the other hand, in addition to using negative screening also uses a positive one through the "best in class" approach that integrates ESG factors to seek greater earning opportunities. For example, by investing in less polluting companies, the best positioned ones will be selected in order to obtain a greater competitive advantage.

Other types of strategies are the norms-based screening which only follows internationally recognized standards; the thematic investment strategy; there is the activity of engagement, that, at the level of asset management, consists in intervening in the decisions of the companies through the exercise of voting rights in a responsible manner and in dialoguing with management and the board of directors of companies by promoting ESG values.

Finally, the Impact Investing strategy consists of investing in companies that allow the investor to hope for a good return while at the same time contributing to social and environmental growth, thus creating a positive economic and social/environmental impact.

The Congregation of the Mission at the United Nations Evangelizing and Serving the Poor on the Global Stage



WHAT: "to participate in commissions of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation in coordination with civil and ecclesial organizations and our representative at the UN (Gen Ass 2016)

WHY: Poverty in all its forms is a Global issue, the UN is the key Global Institution, the Congregation and its charism to follow Christ Evangelizer and Servant of the Poor is a Global Community.

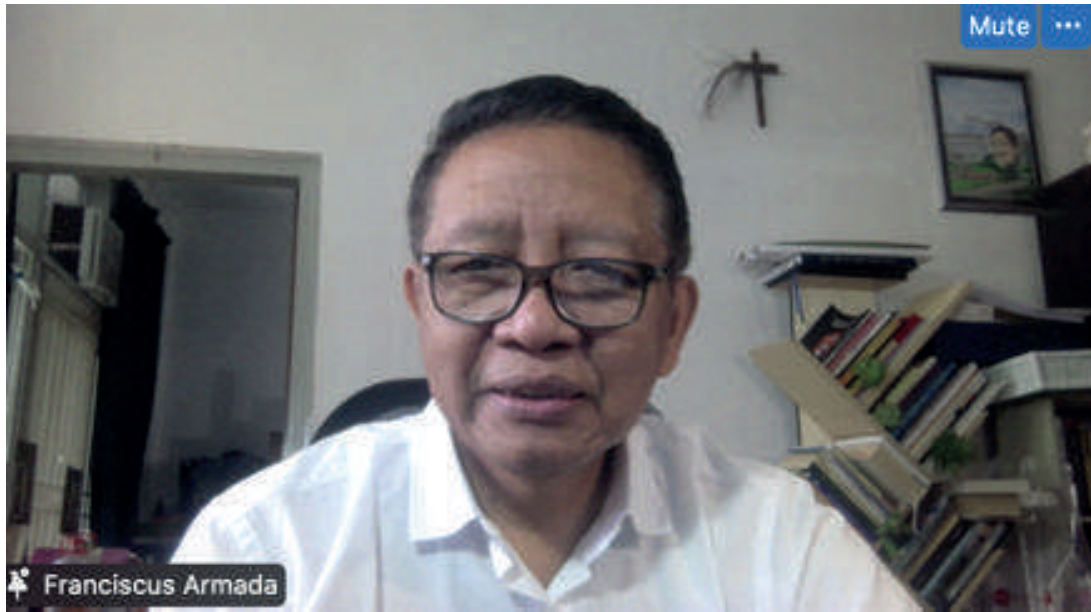
HOW: Join the Superior General, his Council and our representative at the UN on VIN-JPIC: the global advocacy network to advocate for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation, addressing all forms of poverty and discrimination.

Let's have every province represented! Let's use this 21st century expression of our charism on the global stage.

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Born in June 6, 1965; admitted in major seminary (1985) and ordained as the Vincentian priest of the province of Indonesia (1993). He completed his doctor in philosophy from the Gregorian University, Rome (1999). He is professor of philosophy in Widya Sasana School of Philosophy Theology, Malang, Indonesia. He spent a short semester in Solomon Islands to teach philosophy (2006). Franciscus Armada served as chairman of the Commission of the Vincentian Charism and Culture in Asia Pacific, an organizing body of formation for formators, formed by the Visitors of the Asian Pacific Provinces (2006-2016) and secretary of SIEV (2014-2020).

Together with his Indonesian colleagues he founded journal of *Studia philosophica et theologica* (<http://ejournal.stftws.ac.id/index.php/spet/about>) and *International journal of Indonesian philosophy and theology* (<https://aafki-afti.org/IJIPTh>). His major publication are in the fields of philosophy, interreligious dialogue, social teachings of the Church, and history of the Vincentian mission in Indonesia.

Concerning his new assignment as the director of *Vincentiana*, his personal wish is that there will be many confreres from different continents who are generously willing to write about Vincentian spirituality and charism and its dialogue with the local or international contexts in the world of today.

NOMINATIONES / CONFIRMATIONES

ROCHE Paul	13/04/2022	Director DC Rosalie Rendu (Reconfirmed)
SOBCZAK Marek Wincenty	15/03/2022 (start 27/09/2022)	Visitor New England

ORDINATIONES

AMBATTU Tibin Mathew	Sac	INM	24/01/2022
BAWANE Satyam Buddhiwan	Sac	INM	29/01/2022
GOMANGO Josiyo	Sac	INS	20/04/2022

NECROLOGIUM

Nomen	Cond.	Dies ob.	Prov.	Aet.	Voc.
ARREOLA MARTÍNEZ Luis	Sac	30/03/2022	MEX	76	57
ANGLADE Roger	Sac	02/04/2022	FRA	97	80
BOYLE Michael J.	Sac	03/04/2022	OCC	93	71
BIANCHI Benito	Sac	11/04/2022	ITA	84	64
JUNEMAN* Thomas	Fra	11/04/2022	OCC	68	23
QUIROGA QUIROGA* Ramón	Fra	14/04/2022	SVP	89	74
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