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VISIT OF THE SUPERIOR GENERAL- FR TOMAŽ TO THE PROVINCE OF NIGERIA





The Superior General arrived Enugu on the 19th of April. He was welcomed at the Airport by the confreres in Enugu community. In the evening of the same day, he had interactive sessions with the formators and the students of the International Vincentian theologate Seminary, Enugu (Coviam theologate). This session ended with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist which was presided over by Fr. Tomaž with the other priests concelebrating with him. This was followed by dinner which featured songs, dance, and presentation of gifts from the students. It was an evening well spent.

On the 20th of April, he celebrated the Eucharist at Coviam theologte Chapel in attendance were the confreres of the local community and the students. That same day, he proceeded to Ogan- Ossiomo in Edo state, Nigeria. He met with the Priests working at the Parish of St. Theresa Catholic Church and the Daughters of Charity who run a hospital and a care home for the elderly and the physically challenged.

On the 21st of April, he proceeded to Amakom Oraifite. He was received by the Confreres, students of James Cahalan Memorial Seminary, Students of De Paul Secondary school and St. Joseph Inclusive School. He celebrated the Eucharist with the community. He had an interactive session with the confreres and students. There were lots of entertainments and gifts from the members of this community.

On the 22nd of April, Fr. Tomaž met with the members of the Vincentian Family who were having their Annual General Meeting in Enugu. He celebrated the Eucharistic with the Family. After the celebration, he addressed the family during the meeting. He encouraged the members of the family not to grow cold in their zeal to serve the poor. He spoke extensively on being Mystiques of Charity. The members of the family also sought clarification on issues that border on our charism and our service to the poor.

On the 23rd of April, he celebrated the Eucharist with Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Maryland, Enugu. On the same day, he proceeded to Ikot Ekpene, in Akwa Ibom State in the company of the Fr. Cletus Kpalap, CM. He was warmly received by the confreres, Students of Philosophy, Daughters of Charity and our collaborators. He had interactive sessions with the formators and the students. There was an evening get-together in his honour.

On the 24th of April, he celebrated the Eucharist with the students. He paid a courtesy visit to the Bishop of Diocese; Most Rev Camillus Umoh. He also visited the community of the Daughters of Charity where they run a school for the deaf and the physically challenged. Fr. Tomaž in company of the Visitor; Fr. Cletus Kpalap proceeded to the Provincial House of the Daughters of Charity in Nchia, Eleme in Rivers State where he met with the Daughters of Charity working in different apostolates in this location.

On the 25th of April, he departed Eleme for Lagos. On arrival he was welcomed by the confreres working in Lagos. He visited all the communities of the CMs and the community of the Daughters of charity. He had interactive sessions with the confreres and Daughters of Charity. He also shared the table of the Eucharist with the members of the community and our collaborators.

On the 26th of April, he proceeded to Abuja where he was warmly received by the confreres and our collaborators. He celebrated the evening mass with the confreres and the lay faithful at St. Kizito's Parish Kuje, Abuja. This was followed by a get-together. It was an evening filled with merriments and lots of gifts. Fr. Tomaž also visited the community of the Daughters of Charity in Kubwa, Abuja where they have a hospital.

On the 27th of April, he proceeded to Ogobia in Benue State. He was welcomed by the confreres and the Students of St. Justin Internal Seminary Ogobia. He celebrated the Eucharist with the community, visited some of the projects of the local community. He also visited the schools owned by the Province. Before his departure on the 28th of April, he visited the Bishop of the Diocese; Most Rev Michael Apochi.

In the evening of 28th, there was get –together at the Provincial house, Enugu to thank him for the visit and to bid him fare well. This was attended by the members of the community and our collaborators.

On the 29th of April, Fr. Tomaž celebrated, the Eucharistic with the members of Enugu community and the Provincial councilors. After the mass, he had a meeting with the Provincial Curia before his departure.





CUBA DRESSES UP FOR THE PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF DAREL FERNÁNDEZ REYES, C.M. AND DAINIER LAZO DEUS, C.M.





On the day of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Old Havana, Cuba, is dressed up to celebrate the priestly ordination of two Vincentian Missionaries: Darel Fernández Reyes and Dainier Lazo Deus, C.M. by the imposition of the hands of Cardinal D. Juan de la Caridad García, Archbishop of Havana.

Prior to the spiritual retreat in the Priestly House in Havana, Cuba, from 11 to 15 June, directed by Fr. David Carmona, C.M. of the Province of Zaragoza (Spain), everything was meticulously prepared by the Regional Superior of Cuba, Fr.

At five o'clock in the afternoon, in the grand and beautiful Church of Our Lady of Mercy, there was no room for a pin, due to the large number of faithful. Religious communities (the nuns of the Order of the Most Holy Saviour of Saint Bridget, the Servants of Mary, and a large group of Daughters of Charity, among others). The Vincentian parishes from the centre and from the east, diocesan seminarians and people of all colours of habit were present.

With the warmth of this blessed Caribbean land and the warmth of the Cuban people, we began the solemn procession of more than twenty-five priests from all over the Archdiocese of Havana, from other dioceses and countries. Pauline Missionaries who work or have worked for years in Cuba. Cuban Fathers: Ricardo Carmona (Regional Superior of Cuba), Arturo Niño (Parish Priest in the East of Cuba) Valentín Sanz (Parish Priest of La Milagrosa). Non-Cuban Vincentians working on the island: Héctor Farfan and Bro. Jorge Barrera (from the parish of San Joaquín, Archdiocese of Santiago de Cuba). And the priests who came from abroad to the celebration: Pedro Duarte (Director of the HHC of the Caribbean Province), Luis Lusarreta, (Province of Mexico), Gilberto Walker (from the Province of Western USA), Gustavo González, (from the Province of Argentina, executive secretary of CLAPVI); José Ramírez (from the Province of Mexico who comes to work in Cuba), and David Carmona (Province of Saragossa).





After the Eucharist, which lasted more than two hours of celebration, all those present were invited to share in the joy of the two new priests of the church in the Congregation of the Mission. And as the celebration could not be without entertainment, the parish choir of La Milagrosa put the finishing touch of joy to the rhythm of Caribbean salsa.

The following days we participated in the first Masses of the Fathers: Darel Fernández in the Church of Our Lady of Mercy and Dainier Lazo in the Parish of La Milagrosa.

Ricardo Carmona, Regional Superior, for his efforts and generosity, for his welcome and willingness to have everything ready and prepared for this great day of the Region of Cuba. Likewise, to the student and seminarian of the community, Diosvany Ortiz, a tireless and hard-working servant who made sure that no one lacked anything in the midst of so many shortages.

This is a joyful people and an expert in waiting, laughing, dreaming and dancing life. Now it is our turn to pray and ask Our Lady the Miraculous Virgin and Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre to continue to accompany them and intercede with her Son so that he may send vocations and missionaries to this blessed land of Christian faith.

David Carmona, C.M.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF BROTHERS ADRIANO, FÁBIO AND RAMON





"Burning hearts, feet on the way" (Lk 24:32-33), the motto of the 3rd Vocation Year in Brazil, was also the motto chosen by Brothers Adriano, Fábio and Ramon for the celebration and diaconal ministry they would have and begin on 24 June 2023. The ordination mass took place at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary of Our Lady Mother of Men in the Complexo do Caraça. Presided over by Archbishop Airton José dos Santos, Metropolitan Archbishop of Mariana, who by the laying on of hands and consecratory prayer, became deacons of the Church, for the service of the People of God: Adriano Pires, CM, Fábio José, CM and Ramón Aurelio, CM.



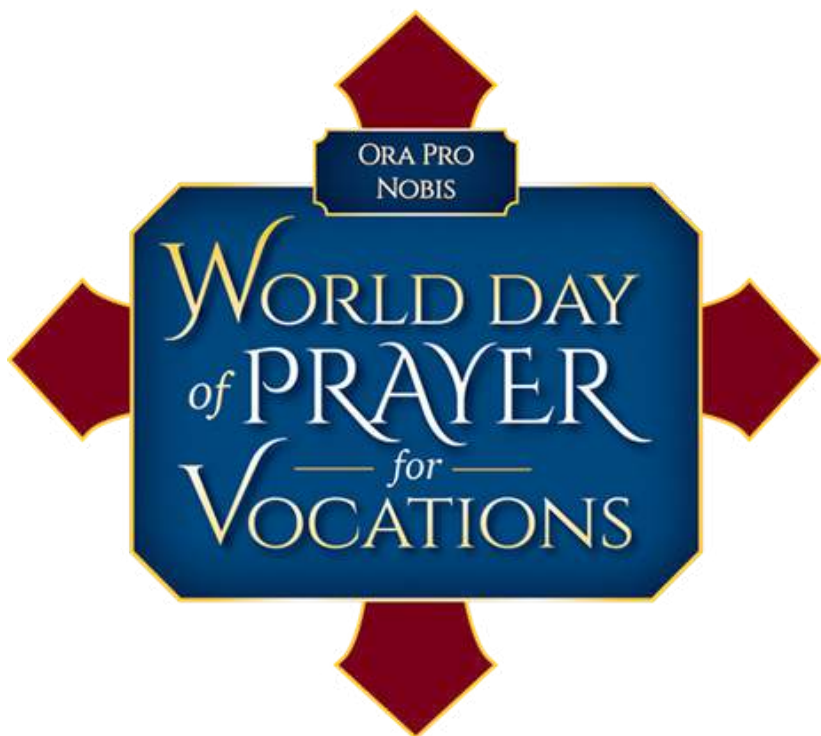


With today's celebration, the neo-deacons end one cycle and begin a new one, towards the second degree of the order, as they are transitional deacons until their ordination to the priesthood at a date yet to be defined. Before the ordination that took place today, the three deacons had vocational triduum celebrated in their mission communities: Adriano in Itapuã do Oeste - RO, Fábio in Campina Verde - MG and Ramón in Santa Bárbara - MG. It is hoped that they will continue to develop their diaconate in these works.

Eli Chaves, CM, and a good number of confreres, seminarians, students, diocesan and religious priests, as well as relatives of the neo-deacons, friends and parishioners of the works where they served during the time of initial formation of each of them.

Dom Airton took care to point out in his speech the examples that the candidates could have as a reference, pointing out as one of them the late Don Viçoso, as well as the greatest prophet of the First Testament, St. John the Baptist, since the celebration took place on the solemnity of your birth. Each one is called, like John, to point to Jesus, to diminish himself so that Christ may appear, in the service of the Word, of the Altar and of Charity, the greatest of these, according to Don Airton, Charity, so dear to Jesus and his followers. We wish the Deacons, like our founder, St. Vincent de Paul.

We wish Deacons Adriano, Fábio and Ramón, as ministers of the Church, to be very happy in their ministry, being faithful to the Church and to the Congregation, following the ways of the Master Jesus, allowing themselves to be reached by his light, and taking the light of Jesus to the poorest.



JORNADA MUNDIAL DE
LAS VOCACIONES 2023



Pope Francis shared profound reflections on priestly vocation and vocation in general in his message for World Vocation Day 2023.

The richness of his message can be of great inspiration to all of us who are called to the Vincentian charism.

Before delving into the thoughts of Pope Francis, it is important to recognise the importance of vocation for the Congregation of the Mission. St. Vincent de Paul saw vocation not only as a call to a particular service, but also as a call to love and holiness. His vision of vocation, rooted in charity and humility, continues to inspire and guide the missionaries of the Congregation of the Mission in their service to others.

Synodality as a fundamental vocation

The Pope underlines the importance of synodality, or the common path, as a fundamental vocation of the Church. He stresses that all the baptised, regardless of their position in the Church or their level of education in the faith, are agents of evangelisation.

This recalls the verse in Matthew 28:19: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit".

Vocation: a gift for all

Pope Francis makes it clear that the word "vocation" should not be understood in a restrictive sense, referring only to those who follow the Lord through a life of special consecration. Every man and woman, even before meeting Christ and accepting the Christian faith, receives through the gift of life a fundamental vocation: each of us is a creature willed and loved by God; each of us occupies a unique and special place in the mind of God.

This concept is in line with Psalm 139:13-14, "For you created my kidneys, you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am wonderfully made; marvellous are your works".



God's gaze: a call to vocation

According to Pope Francis, every vocation is an encounter with the gaze of God, who calls us. Vocation, like holiness, is not an extraordinary experience reserved for a few. There is a vocation for everyone, because God's gaze and call are addressed to each person.

This is in perfect harmony with Jeremiah 1:5: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you came to light, I consecrated you".

Conclusion

Vocation, as Pope Francis reminds us, is a gift that each of us receives from God. It is not limited to a call to a life of special consecration, but concerns each individual and his or her own unique and special call to holiness and service. This concept of vocation is in perfect harmony with the teaching of St. Vincent de Paul, who saw vocation as a call to love and holiness.

The charism, or spiritual gift that each of us receives, is closely related to our vocation. These gifts are given to us to help us live our vocation more fully and to serve others better in our faith journey.

Finally, mission is the active expression of our vocation and charism. It is the way in which we place our gifts at the service of the world, following Christ's example and responding to God's call. Both Pope Francis and St. Vincent de Paul remind us that our mission is rooted in love and service to others, and that it is through this mission that we live our vocation to the full.

In conclusion, Pope Francis' vision of the priestly vocation, together with the teaching of St. Vincent de Paul, offers us a profound understanding of how vocation, charism and mission come together in a powerful call to love, holiness and service.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF FR. JIMMY BELITA, CM



Fr. Belita's Golden Anniversary (June 2,2023). As expected, the Golden Anniversary of Fr.Belita was a great occasion to listen to the Master Theologian of the Province reflect on his 50 years of service in the Church and in the Province. He noted the words of Jesus from the reading of the day :”Peter do you love me?” and pointed out that Peter kept answering “yes” and yet Jesusasked the question thrice. All the time, Jesus was referring to sacrificial love rather than fraternal love. During his 23 minutes homily, ideas from all over his vast knowledge poured out including Cicero’s de Amicitia. The homily was indeed a theological tour de force. Fr.Richard Preuss related some stories as the classmate of Fr.Jim and remembered their long journey from USA to Canada. Fr. Preuss followed Fr.Belita to Asia and ended up as a lifetime missionary in Taiwan.



There were more than forty confreres including Fr. Solis, the Provincial and four other ex-Provincials present. The DC Sisters outnumbered both the priests and the Brothers as a testimony to Fr. Belita's great service as Director of the Sisters. The food was excellent and the songs and instrumentals provided by the Adamson Acoustic Band of Fr. Bayal entertained the guests. Earlier Cathie Tirado sang a beautiful rendition of the "Panis Angelicus" of Cesar Franck in Latin.

Among the tribute-givers were two former Provincial Visitors: Fr. Peralta and Fr. Agner. Both spoke lovingly and informatively about the confrere they knew for the past fifty years or more. Fr. Peralta was his companion in Perrville and Lemont where they studied and enjoyed the company of many confreres, mostly Filipinos and Americans. They enjoyed his friendly company not only in the Seminary but their many trips they had together. Fr. Agner, delivered an inspiring talk especially referring to the physical activities and intellectual discussions with Fr. Belita and also Fr. Preuss. He mentioned so many jogging partnership including one reaching Antipolo. What were they talking on the way? Somebody suggested that they did not have enough time to discuss the many books of Fr. Jimmy.

The catered dinner which was fully attended by Priests, Brothers, Sisters and Seminarians was delicious and special since it was served at the Bulwagan San Vicente of the Santuario. It was during the dinner that the "Adamson Acoustic Band" headed by Fr. Bayal entertained the guests. The several "lechons" that were specially ordered for the occasion were the center piece and long lines of Sisters were eagerly waiting for their turn. They were crispy and delicious as reported by confreres who said "bahala na" when reminded that the "lechon" is bad for the heart. After all once in 50 years will not matter much in evolutionary theory.

So it was that the Golden Anniversary of Fr. Belita was made happy and graceful for the accomplished Confrere who spent practically his whole life time in formation of Priests, Sisters and Bishops. Asked if he wants to travel to celebrate? Fr. Belita could have answered: "It has not crossed my mind" or in Spanish: "Ni pensar."

400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARIAN PILGRIMAGE OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL TO NOTRE DAME DE BUGLOSE



The commemoration of this anniversary is based on the account of our confrere Pierre Collet (1693-1770).

He writes: "After this mission (to Bordeaux), Vincent, who was at the door of his family, decided, on the advice of two of his friends, to pay a visit to his parents (h) . His intention was to strengthen them in virtue, to teach them to love the lowliness of their condition, and to declare to them once and for all that, being able to live as they had done until then, from the work of their hands, they should expect nothing from him.

He went down to see Sieur Dominique Dufint, the parish priest of Pouy, his relative and friend. He edified him and the rest of his family by his piety, wisdom, temperance and mortification (i) . He renewed his baptismal promises in the parish church. He rededicated himself to the Lord in this place, where he had received the first fruits of the apostolic spirit.

On the day of his departure, he went barefoot in procession from the church in Pouy to the chapel of Notre-Dame de Buglose, a league and a half away. His brothers and sisters, his other rich and poor relatives, and almost all the local children attended the ceremony. Vincent said a solemn Mass in this chapel, which was more famous than ever, because the statue of the Virgin, which a shepherd had miraculously discovered in a marsh*, where a few pious people had secretly buried it more than fifty years before, to hide it from the insults and fury of the Calvinists, had recently been brought back there.

After the ceremony, the Servant of God gave dinner to all his relatives. He then took leave of them, and after bidding them farewell forever, he gave them his blessing...". (Collet, Book 1, 109-110)



The story recounted by this 18th century Lazarist theologian, Pierre Collet, tells of St Vincent's only family visit. Before returning to Paris to continue to freely and radically live out his vocation to serve the poor of France and elsewhere, he made a pilgrimage to Notre Dame de Buglose.

How could we forget this event of 1623 in this year 2023? In this year 2023, aren't the people of Auvergne celebrating Blaise Pascal, a contemporary of Monsieur Vincent and a key figure in Auvergne?

We, the spiritual brothers and sisters of St Vincent, want to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Marian pilgrimage of this son of the Landes de Gascogne.

This native of the Landes who worked for the evangelisation of the countryside and for the formation of vocations of priests and lay people in the service of the poor. He worked so hard to combat the poverty of the 17th century that Pope Leo XIII proclaimed him Patron Saint of Charities in 1885.

Providence

It is worth remembering that St Vincent would not have been proclaimed Universal Patron of Charities or Apostle of Charity if he had not collaborated with the members of the various foundations he set up: the Daughters of Charity, the members of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists) and the Ladies of Charity, especially one of them, Louise de Marillac.

Providence willed that it should be in the same year, 1623, on 4 June, that Louise de Marillac was illuminated by the Light of Pentecost. This light definitively disposed her heart to put itself at the service of the poor.

In this year 2023, we would like to commemorate the Marian pilgrimage of Monsieur Vincent in communion with the commemoration of the Light of Pentecost of Louise de Marillac.





2023, One year, two events to celebrate!

These two events in the lives of our founders lead us to become aware once again that, in order to live our different vocations, we are invited to be attentive to 3 points:

1/ Listen to the Holy Spirit like St Louise.

2/ Give an important place to human and spiritual accompaniment.

3/ Strengthen our ties with the Virgin Mary, our Mother, like St Vincent.

At Le Berceau, we had the joy of celebrating the event of the Marian pilgrimage with Vespers on 2 June 2023 in the chapel where our founder was baptised and where he renewed the promises of his baptism in 1623. Vespers were presided over by Mgr Souchu Nicolas, Bishop of Aire and Dax.

On Saturday 3 June, we continued the celebration with a pilgrimage on foot, from the Berceau to Notre Dame de Buglose (about 6 to 7 km).

Taking part in this walk, both physically and spiritually, were Mgr Souchu, Mgr Pierre Molères (aged 90), son of Les Landes, Bishop Emeritus of Bayonne, the permanent deacons of the diocese of Dax, the Vincentian Family: AIC (Mrs Tayde, International President, Laurence de la Brosse and the Regional Teams); CM, FdIC, SSVF and other Christians.

We are confident that Our Lady of Buglose, St Vincent and St Louise will support us in our vocations as mothers, fathers, priests and people consecrated to God.

Through the prayer for the celebration of the 400th anniversary of this pilgrimage, we maintain the joy of being united by the same spirit.



"Sólo a Dios corresponde elegir a los que quiere llamar a la Misión y al servicio de los pobres". Coste VIII,287

Dios, Padre nuestro, te alabamos y te damos gracias por el día en que San Vicente fue descalzo en Procesión, con sus hermanos, hermanas y otros parientes, desde la Iglesia de Pouy hasta la Capilla de Nuestra Señora de Buglose.

En este año de celebración del 400 aniversario de esta peregrinación mariana, que el testimonio de vida de este hijo de las Landas siga inspirando nuestra Misión y nuestro servicio a los pobres.

María, Nuestra Señora de Buglose, intercede por nosotros ante tu Hijo, para que nuestro modo de servir a los desfavorecidos atraiga a nuevos y jóvenes voluntarios, sacerdotes y consagrados de toda la Familia Vicenciana.

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Emmanuel Typamm, cm



Welcome

to the new website of the

Congregation of the Mission

400TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION:

OUR WEBSITE TO KEEP
THE CONFRERES
INFORMED!

400th anniversary celebration: our web page to keep the brethren updated!
 The Congregation of the Mission is celebrating the 400th anniversary of its foundation, a significant event that deserves to be lived with enthusiasm and devotion. For this reason, the CM's communication office has decided to create a web page that collects all the documents needed to live this time of Vincentian spirituality in the best way!
 Clothed in the spirit of Christ
 This anniversary is an invitation to return to Christ, our 'First Love', following the inspirations of St. Vincent de Paul. It is an opportunity to renew our faith and devotion.



Charity Mystics

The goal is to become "Mystics of Charity" in the 21st century and beyond. This requires deep conversion and spiritual renewal.



Celebrate the 400th anniversary of the founding of our "Little Company"

Dear conferes, let these first three years leading us to the 400th Anniversary of our "Little Company" be for each one of us a time of conversion, of renewal, of returning with utmost fire to our "First

From 2023 to 2025, we will focus on the first point of the Final Document of the General Assembly: SPIRITUALITY. From 2025 to the next General Assembly to be held in 2028, our attention will be

Revitalising the identity of the Congregation of the Mission:

This anniversary is an opportunity to open new paths to revitalise our Vincentian identity in its missionary spirituality and synodality, according to the proposal of Pope Francis. These themes represent important challenges, especially to adapt our charism to the times we are living and to revive our hope. The proposal to worthily celebrate this great event is to "exploit the years 2023, 2024 and 2025-26" as a time of preparation, study, reflection, learning and consolidation of the 43rd General Assembly. The general objective is to "walk together in the animation, formation and consolidation of Vincentian missionary spirituality, to revitalise the identity of the Congregation of the Mission". The specific objectives include thanking God for his support to the Congregation of the Mission in these 400 years of existence, asking for forgiveness for our failures and asking for his blessing to continue, with new ardour, the mission of God in Christ.









Focus on spirituality

From 2023 to 2025, the focus will be on spirituality, as outlined in the Final Document of the General Assembly. This will be followed by a focus on the last four points of the Final Document from 2025 to 2028. On the page you will find [the programme for the next three years!](#)

In addition to the programme there is a Working Documents section where various downloadable pdf documents are available to help missionaries prepare for these three years of celebrations and reflections.

Vincentian spirituality is a missionary, synodal and prophetic spirituality and this will be the focus of the retreats (one per month) in this first year. This is an invitation to live our faith in an active and engaging way.

Working Documents
Download the necessary documents for these three years

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|  <p>Liturgy Working into the 4th Centennial Celebration</p> |  <p>Spirituality Examination of Conscience</p> |  <p>Document The 400-year celebration program</p> |  <p>Document Reflections to Begin the Preparation for the Centenary of the 4th Centenary of the Founding of the CM</p> |
|  <p>Theme of the May 2023 retreat Vincentian spirituality a missionary, synodal, and prophetic spirituality</p> |  <p>Theme of the June 2023 retreat Vincentian spirituality a missionary spirituality</p> |  <p>Theme of the July 2023 retreat Vincentian spirituality a special spirituality</p> |  <p>Theme of the August 2023 retreat Vincentian spirituality a prophetic spirituality</p> |

Dear Brothers, we invite you to visit the webpage for further details and to download the documents needed to prepare for the celebrations and formation events.



Vincentian Solidarity Office

VSO



BUILDING SOLIDARITY FOR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The country of Papua New Guinea, an island nation in Oceania, does not provide pre-school education for its children. In 2015, the poor communities of St. John's parish in the western part of the country decided to take responsibility for themselves. The parish, under the care of Vincentian Missionaries of the Indonesian Province, established Yenkennal Kindergarten - a temporary kindergarten programme for children aged 4-6 years in the villages of Yenkenai, Matkomnai and Dande.

The programme successfully prepared pupils to enter primary school and also helped to instil Catholic values. After four successful years, the community members

community members wanted a better building to hold classes, a safer and more spacious

safer and more spacious environment that would allow them to accommodate even more children.

children.

With the help of VSO, they were able to construct a new building with two classrooms and two offices for the teachers. They also installed a 5,000 gallon water tank for the school.

On 27 March 2023, the inauguration and blessing ceremony was held, attended by the children, parents, community members and four resident Vincentian Fathers. The new building allows them to expand the programme and reach more children. The building will also be made available to the parish community for training and meetings.

SOWING THE SEEDS OF RESILIENCE IN HONDURAS

The Escuela Agrícola Virgen de Suyapa in Laguna de Tembladeras, San Pedro Sula, Honduras, is a mission of the Province of St. Vincent de Paul in Spain. The school is attended by boys and girls between the ages of 15 and 23. They are children of farmers and come from agricultural areas close to the school.

At this school, practical classes link the students' education with the community. One such project teaches students how to process vegetable seeds to germination and then sell the seedlings to the community. The sale of seedlings has become very popular in the community. There is a great demand. So a VSO project helped build a new building to process, house and sell the seedlings.

The Agricultural School germinates seeds of parsley, celery, beetroot, peppers, carrots, cabbage and onions. Proceeds from the sale of plants help defray the school's operating costs. The new building improves the conditions, quality and cultivation process of the plants.

With this project, the pupils not only receive excellent practical lessons, but the community's growing need for plants is met, which ultimately contributes to increasing their food security.





HARNESSING THE COMMUNITY'S RIGHT TO SAFE WATER IN HAITI

Access to safe drinking water is one of the most basic necessities of human life. The inhabitants of St Anne's parish in Cornillon, Ca- Eli, Thomazeau, Haiti, did not have plenty of drinking water nearby. They have to walk several kilometres to collect it and then carry it back. There is no infrastructure in this part of Haiti. They are far from the city. All the inhabitants of the parish agree that they can help with the necessary works to build a well. However, outside help was needed to complete it. The local Vincentians asked OSV for help to buy the pump and the rest of the equipment. Now the road to fetch water is much shorter.



The History of the
Congregation of the Mission
in China, 1699 – 1950



遣使會在華傳教史

Octave Ferreux, C.M.

PUBLICATIONS

The History of the Congregation of the Mission in China, 1699-1950, originally published in French by Father Octave Ferreux, C.M. in 1963 is now available in English for the first time. It was recently published by New City Press in December 2022.

Father Ferreux was among the many missionaries compelled to leave China in 1950. Returning to Paris, he spent the remaining thirteen years of his life writing the history of the Congregation in China. It was a labor of love for the Chinese people as well as love for the mission of proclaiming the Good News for the eternal salvation of the people.

The Chinese Province in collaboration with the Eastern and Western provinces USA have been responsible for this edition. Why now? It was a hundred years ago when the Superior General asked the two U.S. provinces to send missionaries to the China Mission. The Eastern Province sent five priests and four seminarians to Ganzhou, Jiangxi Province in the south of China in 1921. The Western Province sent three confreres to the North of Jiangxi in 1923, who sailed together with three Daughters of Charity to the mission in China. Granted this volume focuses on the Congregation of the Mission in China, yet, at the same time it charts the mission and works of the Daughters of Charity in China after their arrival in 1847 and the arrival of the American Daughters in 1923.

For years and years, the China Mission held a special place in the hearts and the imagination of the confreres and Daughters worldwide. Many confreres and Daughters teared up in 1993 when Father Maloney in his first year as Superior General, accompanied by Father Victor Bieler, visited the Daughters and confreres in China and their joy in “being found” after so many years.

Many have been surprised, even amazed, to learn that there were well over a thousand Vincentian priests and brothers on the China Mission. Remarkably also is the fact that more than forty percent of the Vincentian priests and brothers were Chinese.

Father Ferreux's vision was ecclesial. He placed the Vincentian Mission in the context of the larger evangelical mission that began centuries before with the Nestorians first bringing the Gospel to China in the seventh century, the Franciscans in the thirteenth century and the Jesuits in the sixteenth century. What Father Ferreux didn't say-- because it was not yet evident to him or to anyone else - - was that after these several historical waves of missionaries to China, the evangelization of China is now today entirely in the hands of Chinese bishops, priests, sisters and lay people. It is no longer a missionary church. The Gospel and the Church are at home in China.

Our goal has been to tell the story of the Vincentian Mission in China as it touched the hearts and captured the imagination of generations of followers of Saint Vincent. It is a compelling history with its lights and shadows, its trials and tribulations, its successes and failures, its insights and oversights, above all, it is a story of Vincentian simplicity and single-minded devotion to the formation of apostolic priests and the preaching of the Gospel for the eternal salvation of the people, especially the country people and the poor.

We hope to reach all interested in the China mission.

We will be happy to send you a complimentary copy upon request.

Please fill out the following application form and send it to Father Hugh O'Donnell, C.M. at hodonn2011@icloud.com.

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