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CHARISM AND THE NEW EVANGELIZATION



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## The Vincentian Family Reaffirms Its Charism At the European Parliament



On June 28th, 2017, the Vincentian Family participated in one of the most significant events in its recent history. At the invitation of the president of the European Parliament, Antonio Tajani, the International Office of the Vincentian Family reaffirmed the Vincentian charism and mission in the world as it spoke about its experience of service on behalf of those persons who are poor. This event also provided the Vincentian Family Alliance with the opportunity to launch its project on behalf of those persons who are homeless.

The participation of the representatives of the different branches of the Vincentian Family was coordinated by Joseph Agostino, CM, who also served as Master of Ceremonies at this event which was held in the Yehudi Menuhin Hall. The initial welcoming was given by Alojz Peterle (a member of the Parliament) and Tomaž Mavric, (superior general of the Congregation of the Mission). There was also a photographic exhibit which displayed the work of the Vincentian Family throughout the world.

This was a very cordial gathering during which all tho-

se who participated were very attentive to the various presentations which outlined the different ways in which the Vincentian charism is being lived as the members of the Family reach out to, accompany and minister on behalf of those men and women who are most poor.

The various testimonies and messages were an expression of the gospel of Jesus Christ as incarnated in the multiple present-day peripheries of the world: providing assistance to drug addicts in Italy, Peru, Colombia and the Ukraine; health programs in the United States; offering a new way of life and hope to the poor in Akamasoa, Madagascar and the many different programs that are presently in place and that are assisting people who are homeless.

Thus, in the place where decisions are made and public policy is formulated for the 28 member countries of the European Union, it was affirmed that the Vincentian charism is alive and active through the 225 branches whose members are at the service of the most vulnerable members of society and who have made this form

of service an option for their life. Nevertheless, people who find themselves in different situations of poverty (refugees, people living with AIDS, homeless people, single mothers, etc.) continue to cry out for justice and for expressions of ever-deeper solidarity.

In his presentation, Father Tomaž stated that as we live the charism of the Saint Vincent de Paul, we want to reach out to the poor in every part of the world, to every sister and brother who is in need. Father also called upon everyone to do everything possible to combat the various forms of poverty ... thus in accord with the plan of God we can make this work a better place. The superior general affirmed that many of these values are the values, goals, and priorities of the European Union.

Antonio Trajani proposed that we work together in order to recover that values that Saint Vincent instilled in the people of his era. He also highlighted the fact that it is important that the Vincentians help us find ways in which we can reach out to people and make the demands of the poor our own demands. There is a greater lack of love than a lack of money. We have money, but perhaps we lack the necessary love that will enable us to attend to the needs of those persons who are poor.

Father Pedro Opeka, CM, a missionary in Madagascar and a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize, stated that the Vincentian Family ought to join together to eradicate those situations of misery that continue to be an

embarrassment for the countries with so much wealth and possibility ... In light of his own experience, Father Pedro explained: the poor have transformed me and changed me ... when I was infirm, they raised me up.

Sister Carol Keehan, DC, President and CEO of Catholic Health Association of the United States reminded us that the experience with the poor changed the heart of Saint Vincent ... one form of poverty transformed other forms of poverty.

Mark McGreevy, President of DePaul International affirmed that the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the birth of the Vincentian charism is not only an invitation to remember the past but is also an invitation to reflect on the future, to reflect on how we, like Vincent de Paul, might be instruments of God in the midst of the present-day situation.

There have been many events and activities during this Jubilee Year yet this event which took place at the European Parliament will be remembered for a long time. You can follow this event at Facebook in Live Streaming on the fanpage of the superior general.

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## A meeting of the Vincentian Family in the Curia

Taking advantage of the beautiful environment around the Curia house in Rome, as well as the magnificent weather at the beginning of this summer season, Father Tomaž Mavrič, superior general, together with the other members of the curia, convoked the members of the Vincentian Family in Rome to come together on June 9<sup>th</sup>. This was a time for prayer and sharing and fellowship on the occasion of the celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the origin of the Vincentian charism.

This time together began with prayer that was led by Father Javier Álvarez (vicar-general). After a hymn in honor of Saint Vincent there was a presentation of the project: *let us promote integration* ... a project that will

be undertaken by the Vincentian Family in Italy.

All the participants shared a meal on the same premises where this project will be carried out. Present were the Daughters of Charity from the Provincial house and other houses in Rome, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Jeanne Antide, some students of the Congregation of the Mission whose country of origin is India, the Vincentian Volunteers from Italy, members of the AIC, the Vincent de Paul Society, the Frederic Ozanam Foundation of Saint Vincent de Paul, Sisters of the Holy Redeemer who live in the House at Nocietta, Italian missionaries, confreres studying in Rome, and many other friends connected with the Vincentian Family.



### Project: *let us promote integration*

The theme of the celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vincentian charism is *welcome the stranger* and what better way to engage in this celebration than to initiate a project from the General Curia with the support of the Vincentian Family. The coordination of the project is the responsibility of the Vincentian Volunteers, (the president of the volunteers in Rome and the regional president of the volunteers). In addition, the program will be advised by experts in the field of agronomy, members of the Linearia Foundation (an Italian organization that promotes care for the planet earth in an urban area). Another group will provide their expertise is “Le tre fontane”, (this groups is res-

possible for accompanying the refugees in Italy). The objective of the project is to help people, who have obtained or who are in the process of obtaining legal status as political refugees ... to help these individuals obtain employment. The natural resources of the curia will be utilized, that is, the orchard, a specialized nursery and a greenhouse where fruits will be grown. These products will then have to be marketed. The project will also provide training to ten young people, of whom four will be selected to carry out the project. As a representative of the Curia to the project, Father Giuseppe Carulli, CM, superior of the local community, will be in charge.

## ■ The Meeting of SIEV at the General Curia - Rome

The meeting of SIEV (International Secretariat of Vincentian Studies) at the General Curia, which took place in Rome on June 26-30, 2017, was a blessing for all the participants. Different activities populated our time together: prayer, study, sharing, discussion of topics, and making a couple of important decisions. Those present were fathers Javier Álvarez (Vicar General), Corpus Delgado (Province of Zaragoza), Nélio Pereira Pita (Province of Portugal), Emil Hoffmann (Province of Slovakia), Vinicius Teixeira (Province of Rio de Janeiro), Andrés Motto (Director of CIF), Guénolé Feugang (Vice-pro-

vince of Cameroon), Daniel Borlik (Western Province USA), and Armada Riyanto (Province of Indonesia). Absent was Daniel Pilario (Province of Philippines), who was participating in the Theological Seminar of Manila – CONCILIUM. All of the members were pleased with the great hospitality of the community of the Curia.

The first day of the meeting we talked about the articles published in *Vincentiana* that the members of SIEV wrote and that were related to the 400 years of the Charism. All of the articles were about going deeper



into the theme of “Mission and Charity”. Another theme we discussed was the progress of the agreements between the General Curia and Adamson University concerning the Masters in Vincentian Studies. The proposals were very interesting and the team will continue to bring the project together.

In the afternoon of the same day, Fr. Tomaž Mavrič and his council met with SIEV. After hearing a brief report from SIEV, Father General guaranteed his support and blessing to this team in their continued work that benefits the Congregation and the Vincentian Family. Fr. Tomaž encouraged us to continue spreading the knowledge of the Vincentian Charism, even to adding to the number of languages we use to do so.

To those waiting for the Masters in Vincentian Studies, SIEV will offer a new program called ‘Expert in Vincentian Studies’ which will not include an academic title. The program will begin in 2018; SIEV will conduct the courses by using an online platform. The program will involve confreres with different knowledge and specializations in Vincentian Studies as professors of the courses. The program “Expert in Vincentian Studies” will be free for those who participate. For the moment, the virtual center will be located in Paris. There will soon be more information concerning this program.

SIEV has taken up again the commitment to offer to the Provinces an instrument that will deepen the knowledge of the Constitutions. With the help of Fr. Celestino Fernández, of the Province of Saint Vincent de Paul – Spain, a number of one-page presentations will be offered for distribution in the communities. The notion

is that these pages will lead the reader to think more deeply about the topic treated. These work pages will be sent to the Visitors to distribute to the communities and, afterwards, these work sheets will be published in *Vincentiana* and [cmglobal.org](http://cmglobal.org).

The second day we discussed more at depth the ways to create and make available the so-called “Vincentian Bibliography”, that is, a common list of the existing works throughout the world, written by confreres, which have been published. This project will be done with the collaboration of the Librarians and Archivists of the Provinces. To make this program concrete, the members of SIEV have sent a letter to the Visitors asking that they name a confrere as librarian with whom SIEV will enter into communication. The Vincentian Bibliography will be available to researchers through [cmglobal.org](http://cmglobal.org).

The last day was dedicated to study other topics such as the preparation of the coming workshop of Vincentian Archivists and Librarians that will take place in Paris from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2017. The workshop is the fruit of the collaboration between SIEV and the International Center of Formation, CIF. “We are convinced that the libraries and archives help the missionary life and the service to the poor. History itself tells us how much time the missionaries spent reading in the library of San Lazare. And it is thanks to the work of the archive that “the true Saint Vincent” has been rescued. (Andrés Motto). The participants in the workshop will be from the Congregation of the Mission and from the Vincentian Family.

Some time was set aside to listen to Fr. Zerachristos CM, Assistant General, about the possible collaboration between the members of SIEV and COVIAM. His personal request is that SIEV would help to construct a model or offer a plan for the formation of Vincentian Formators in Africa and other continents.

There were other topics touched upon such as the Vademecum (a manual of Vincentian Charism), online

publications as part of the activity of SIEV and other matters that remained for another day.

At the end of the meeting, we finished the activities with a profound sense of gratitude, hope and prayer that God could bless the next “trip” of SIEV and with His grace benefit the Congregation of the Mission.

*P. Armada Riyanto CM*

## Paging through the catalogue



Recently, the new catalogue of the Congregation of the Mission arrived. I began to page through this latest edition and lovingly and out of curiosity I began to analyze the data and the numbers. I pondered the reality that is behind much of this information ... and as a result I would like to share with you some of the highlights of my “investigation”.

Without a doubt, the Congregation continues to be an incredible reality and there is a very significant presence of the Vincentian charism in the Church and in the world. We, as members of the Congregation of the Mission, are in 91 countries: 28 countries in Europe,

24 countries in the Americas, 21 countries in Africa, 13 countries in Asia and 5 countries in Oceania.

There has been a decrease in numbers, not a great decrease, but a decrease nonetheless. In comparing the numbers with those there were recorded in the 2014-2016 catalogue, we can state: previously there were 3,202 confreres and today there are 3,157 (45 less ... not a very significant number but one that represents the fact that we are declining in numbers).

Analyzing the previous data with regard to persons and works we discover that previously there were 2,931

priests and today there are 2,893 (38 less); there were 143 Brothers and presently there are 137 (6 less). Previously there were 39 incorporated members and today there are 38 (one less). Previously there were 50 provinces and today there are 43 (seven less ... obviously in this matter the situation of reconfiguration has to be taken into consideration). Previously there were 512 local communities and that number has varied very little since today there are 507 local communities. This next number is very disconcerting: there are only 16 provinces out of the 43 total provinces that have incorporated students (in other words, in 27 provinces there is not one single young person in formation who is presently incorporated) ... Colombia has the greatest number of incorporated students (6).

With regard to the number of confreres, there are 10 provinces that have more than 100 confreres and Colombia is third in this list. The provinces with 100 or more members is as follows: Poland, 260; Spanish province of St. Vincent, 200; Colombia, 187; Western USA, 158; Southern India, 149; Italy, 146; Eastern USA, 117; the Philippines, 117; Indonesia, 105; Northern India, 103

With regard to median age, the province with the highest median age is Ireland (77 years) while Cameroon has the lowest (42.3 years), Colombia with a median age of 54.6 is in 22 place.

Our brothers continue to be a richness for our Congregation and their number continues to be stable. The Provinces with the largest number of Brothers is as follows: Spanish province of St. Vincent, 20; Western USA, 16; Colombia, 12; France, 11; Madagascar and Rio, 8; Eastern USA, 6.

Another interesting piece of information is with regard to the permanent diaconate, there are only two permanent deacons in the Congregation, one in Western USA and one in Italy.

Yes, there is still more information that has to be gleaned and studied, but for the present time I share with you this information.

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## Asia Pacific Regional Formators Meeting (APRF)



One of the important initiatives of APVC is Asia-Pacific Regional Formators Meeting (APRF). To enable formators in Asia-Pacific Region to know and help each other, while at the same time to pursue ongoing professional development, the Visitors of Asia-Pacific Region decided to establish what is known as APRF in the year 1996. Ever since the Asia-Pacific Regional Formators Meeting (APRF) is conducted every eighteen months. This year the APRF is held in Prigen, Indonesia from 12-18 June. The six-day meeting is attended by 19 formators from the seven provinces of the APVC and the International mission of Papua New Guinea. The theme of this year's meeting was "welcoming the strangers in the context of formation."

The program commenced with Fr. Robertus Wijanarko, CM, the Visitor of Indonesia, celebrating the Eucharist and the inaugural ceremony with traditional Indonesian music and dance. Fr. Yustinus CM from the Province of Indonesia coordinated the six-day meeting with the help of confreres from his province.

The program had two speakers. Fr. Robertus Wijanarko, CM, talked on "the anthropological approach to formation in the context of globalization and welcoming the strangers." Fr. Serafin F. Peralta, CM, from the Philippine Province, spoke on "Welcoming the stranger-Vincentian Inspiration" and "Profile of Formators-Vincentian Inspiration and Ratio Formationis of CM."

Besides the talks, the participants from each province presented reports of the formation program of the respective provinces and shared their formation experiences in group discussions and personal interactions. Last two days of the program was a trip to the island of Bali. The Lazarist foundation and the Indonesia pro-vince sponsored the trip for the Formators.

At the end of the program, the Formators recommended the following points to the APVC for consideration and implementation;

One common Internal Seminary starting in 2019 (Ve-nue: Philippines)

Exchange of expertise among Formators

Have a common formation course for Vincentian formators of the APVC region, preferably a 2-3 month program.

Conduct APRF meeting annually to strengthen the formation ministry and encourage the Formators.

The Formators also suggested **North India** as the ve-nue for the next APRF meeting.

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*Executive Secretary, APVC*

## A Visit of the Vicar General to Enugu, Nigeria

From the 30<sup>th</sup> of May until the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, our Vicar General, Fr. F. Javier Álvarez, CM, visited the common formation house of the Conference of Visitors in Africa and Madagascar (COVIAM) in Enugu, Nigeria. He was accompanied by Fr. Zeracristos Yosief, CM, who, as Assistant General, has responsibility in the Curia for COVIAM, and by Fr. José Luis Azevedo Fernandes, the President of COVIAM.

The purpose of the visit was to observe and evaluate this project of formation in Africa that began in September of 2015, in a poor and timid way. The Vicar General had various meetings with all the participants in this project. He heard above all, the evaluation of our own seminarians and their formators, both indi-

vidually and collectively. How do our students evaluate these two years of common formation? What are the positive aspects and what needs to improve in the future? The positive aspects that were underlined are: the interculturality and the internationality achieved in a short time (*"We feel like brothers in spite of the diversity in both culture and mentality; it is a good formation that is individual, spiritual, pastoral and Vincentian; growing together we will be able in the future to collaborate better for the good of the Congregation of the Mission in the African Church and not be alone."*) What ought to be improved in the future, expressed with insistence, is: an adequate preparation before sending French speaking students to an English speak-



ing country; the welcome and the hospitality in Nigeria are very good, but the Formation house does not have enough space for us all (*“we have one room for two students, and the rooms are not big, we lack privacy”*); There is only one theological and Vincentian library and it is very poor; the quality of the food. All, however, were in agreement that in respect to last year, many things had improved; and they are content and serene.

Fr. Javier Álvarez, the Vicar General, has guaranteed both the students and the formators that the Superior General and his Council will do what is possible in order to give their moral support to this house of formation, because it is a unique initiative in the Congregation of the Mission, which is in perfect harmony with the directives of the last General Assembly of 2016; and, for this reason, is worthy of attention and help.

*“To guarantee a good and solid formation, above all in the continent of Africa, is our priority. We need youth well formed, open, dynamic and available to go where Divine Providence takes us. Our vocation –Fr. Javier continued- is to go everywhere. With our vows, you pertain to the Congregation of the Mission and not to one Province or continent.”* It has been a pleasure and has been comforting to hear the Vicar General, who on the one hand promotes this common formation project of COVIAM, but at the same time, shows forth the difficulty of accomplishing the task. Formation is our priority. The current general administration is committed to promote and to sustain the members of CO-

VIAM in this project.

*“If we dream together our dreams will become reality”* (Tomaž Mavrič, in the conclusion of the General Assembly of 2016 in Chicago). The content of the dream can be synthesized from what the philosopher and politician, Guan Zhong, says: *“when you plan for a year, plant cereals; when you plan for 10 years, plant trees; when you design a plan that ought to last a lifetime, form and educate the persons.”*

The true intention of COVIAM, with the moral help of the Curia, is ***think and plan a future that radiates our presence in Africa and Madagascar in a brighter way.*** And this cannot occur without guaranteeing a good, profound and solid formation of our candidates in all aspects of their lives.

To do this, the General Council makes this appeal: help us to improve this common project of COVIAM, so that ancient dream can become a full reality. As the Dalai Lama would say: ***“give the one you love wings to fly, roots to return and motives to remain”***. Together we can give wings to fly and roots to plant the Vincentian charism, thinking about a future more coherent, more solid and which gives a more credible testimony.

*By: P. Zeracristos Yosief, CM*

*Asistente General*

## Presentation of a book: Saint Vincent de Paul and the triumph of the light



On June 13<sup>th</sup> in the Colegio e Instituto San Vicente de Paul (Escobar – Buenos Aires) and within the framework of the celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the Vincentian charism and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the presence of the Congregation of the Mission in Escobar, a new biography of Saint Vincent de Paul was made available to the public. This book explores the life of Vincent as a herald of God's mercy and tenderness. This new, an illustrated biography, is titled: *San Vicente de Paúl y el triunfo de la luz* [Saint Vincent de Paul and the triumph of the light.

The Visitor of the Province, Father Gustavo González, many members of the Congregation of the Mission, the Company of the Daughters of Charity and the Vincentian Marian Youth Association, as well as administrators, staff, students and parents of students attending the Colegio ... all these different individuals were participated in ceremonies that marked the presentation of this book.

The books was written by Ivanna López Ampuero (a professor of Languages and Literature at the Instituto and a former student at the same institution) and illustrated by Nahuel (an artist and an also a former student at the Instituto).

The Prologue was written by the superior general,

Father Tomaž Mavrič who stated: *the desire to make the life of Vincent de Paul known to others is a sign of heartfelt gratitude for the charism that God has gifted to the Church and to humanity, especially those men and women who are poor/*

*The charism has been expressed in many different way and that fact reminds us of Vincent's words "love in infinitely creative". Thus, we commit ourselves to live in fa faithful manner this charism of service and mission.*

**About the book:** this is a hardcover edition, 72 pages, colored illustrations ... a history of the Saint of Charity that is intended for young people and children, but is also pleasant reading for adults. The selection of the colors is used to narrate the various stages in the life of the Saint. The image of the shadow is a symbol for the poverty against which Vincent struggled during the course of his life. Those interested in acquiring this book can write to the following email address:

[info@sanvicenteescobar.edu.ar](mailto:info@sanvicenteescobar.edu.ar)

Please specify the number of copies you desire. If you are requesting more than 50 copies, the price is \$15.00 (US dollars per book + postage). During the time of this Jubilee Year, let us make the life of this saint of charity and mission known to many other people.

## The heart of Vincent de Paul on pilgrimage



The heart of San Vicente returned to the place where it began to beat more than 435 years ago, to a place that today is called "Berceau" (La Cuna). A citizen of this country with a Cartesian, scientific and rational spirit, might view that event as strange.

What benefit can be derived from the pilgrimage of the heart of a human person who died more than 350 years ago? In fact, a rationalist cannot understand what has happened to so many people during the time of this most unique week in the land of M. Vincent. He would see people walking in front of an "object of precious metal" (that which the Christians call a reliquary), making gestures and therefore, presuming that all of this was some form of superstition. But then that is what happens when we reduce the human being to a group of cells and fluids ... we cannot understand that something out of the ordinary is occurring before our very eyes ... therefore ...

For people who are not familiar with this, devotion to the relics of the saints can appear as something that is outdated and old fashioned ... something for the weak minded. If all of this is seen as coded language

reserved for initiates, then such a view is a misinterpretation of popular piety and liturgy. But it is the language of symbols and meaning. To understand what is hidden behind this form of communication a simple experiment is enough. With any group of people, greet them with some gesture of the hand ... in other words, greet persons 1, 2 and 4 with some hand gesture and do not do the same to persons 3 and 5. You will soon realize that persons 3 and 5 become interested in a gesture that hides meaning from them and yet is meaningful to someone else. Those who are not greeted will feel excluded, and begin to wonder why they were not taken into consideration. We have to admit that such behavior is offensive. A rationalist, however, would simply see that one person did not shake the hand of another, but would not understand the many different reactions. The liturgy, the official celebration of the Church, is something similar to this. Seen from the outside, it cannot be understood. One has to be initiated, or at least be attentive to the reactions that the gestures produce in the people involved. In that way, one begins to see that some important is at stake.

For one week, the heart of St. Vincent was on pilgrimage in the Diocese of Landas. It was not expected that many people would come forward to participate in such an event. Yet during each celebration some twenty to fifty people gathered together, sang hymns in a very animated manner, were attentive to the scripture readings, and prayed a litany in honor of St. Vincent (a litany that referred this saint's love of God). The highlight of each of these gatherings was the veneration of the reliquary.

To understand this we might ask: What do we do when we love someone? We want to have a photo of them (just look at the number of photos we keep on our cell phones!). When these beloved people are far away from us, we want to make them present to us and we do so by viewing their photograph. If something is not right, we might find renewed strength by looking at that photo. When we are at a crossroad, we might also recall the counsel of this loved one ... such experiences provide us with inspiration to continue our journey through life.

The same thing happens with regard to this devotion to the relics of the saints. Those who, with faith and conviction, engage in this form of popular piety have something to teach us. There is an intensity that reveals itself on the physical level at the moment a devotee approaches the relic. For a few seconds there is a moment of deep intimacy, a communion with the one being venerated. It is as though some spiritual energy is moving between the relic and the individual standing in front of the relic. It is a moment in time that is both intimate and communal ... all those persons participating in such an event experience a certain joy and a desire to imitate this saintly person through deepening their relationship with God and with their sisters and brothers.

After such a celebration, usually some informal exchange takes place. It is interesting to see how many of those who have participated in this event cannot find words to describe their experience. There is no doubt that these persons have had an intense encounter in which they experienced on a deep level the out-pouring of God's love in the presence of a saintly person who had a far-reaching impact on history. Such an event opens people to the spiritual world, to that life that continues beyond their present life in this world.

While some participants might behave in a mechanical manner, it is easy to identify those who are sincere and

authentic ... the emotional experience is the same for almost everyone, for the elderly who can easily recall other traditional practices, for men and women in the prime of their life or children who might participating in such an event for the first time in their life. One need only see the joy, well-being, spontaneity, smiles, conviviality that are revealed at the conclusion of these traditional practices of the Church to understand that they are not things of the past, but respond to a need, a thirst that is difficult to express in our technological, mercantilist and materialistic society. For many it is a path to liberation in which they can be bold as they express their faith in something transcendent.

There may be some hesitancy in all of this ... the veneration of relics perhaps could be compared to the situation of that woman who had been sick for more than eighteen years and who said: *if I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured.* Jesus then turned to her and said: *your faith has saved you; go in peace and be cured of your affliction* (Mark 5:25-34),

The practice of this devotion means that we are willing to question our faith, our relationship with the divine, and our belief in the communion of the saints. In his letter Saint James provides us with a criterion to evaluate our faith, namely, our works (James 2:14-18).

In the midst of the world that often is lacking in solidarity toward the more vulnerable members of society, we pray that the veneration of the heart of St. Vincent de Paul might be the occasion to renew the practice of charity toward people who are abandoned and neglected. The veneration of this relic should make us more aware of the gospel message of unconditional love and the message to continue to build up the kingdom of God

At the end of this Jubilee Year, the heart of St. Vincent will have visited forty-five different dioceses in France. This is an extraordinary time of grace and we should all raise our voices in prayerful thanks to God.

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**NOMINATIONES / CONFIRMATIONES**

LÓPEZ MASIDE José María	10/05/2017	Director DC South Spain (Confirmed)
PEREIRA DA SILVA Jânio José	10/05/2017	Director DC Fortaleza
KETTELBERGER John	14/06/2017	Director DC U.S.A. - St. Louise
NOONAN Mark John	14/06/2017	Director DC Ireland (Confirmed)
PACHECO DACILLO Victor	14/06/2017	Director DC Thailand (Riconfirmado)
WITZEL Georg	14/06/2017	Director DC Cologne- Netherlands (Confirmed)
ARANA JIMÉNEZ Julián	22/06/2017	Director HC Spain-East
VAN DORPE Raymond	28/06/2017	Visitor U.S.A. Western (Riconfirmado)

**ORDINATIONES**

TELES ARÁUJO João Régis	Sac	For	03/06/2017
RABARISON Patrick	Sac	Fra	18/06/2017
VAKULCHAK Yan	Sac	SCM	24/06/2017

**NECROLOGIUM**

<b>Nomen</b>	<b>Cond.</b>	<b>Dies ob.</b>	<b>Prov.</b>	<b>Aet.</b>	<b>Voc.</b>
ZIOLKOWSKI Piotr	Sac	26/04/2017	Pol	52	33
TURNBULL Keith	Sac	20/05/2017	Aul	88	71
DEITZER Gerard E.	Sac	25/05/2017	Orl	88	68
COSTA NUNES Geraldo	Sac	28/05/2017	Flu	102	87
RUBIO CAMÍN Félix María	Sac	29/05/2017	Mex	82	65
MELO MOTA José Carlos	Ep	30/05/2017	Flu	86	69
HUGUET PERALTA Rosendo	Sac	19/06/2017	Per	78	59