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**SUPERIORE GENERALE**

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To the Visitors of the Congregation of the Mission

Dear Confreres,

May the grace and peace of Jesus be always with us!

In March, you received an invitation to join us in Rome, on 12-15 October 2017, for a Vincentian Family Symposium. As you know, there are many activities planned for this event, including an audience with Pope Francis. The website developed for this event, <http://famvin400.info/>, contains all the information you need to know regarding the Symposium, including a link to the Registration Form.

I am writing to check with you on how the promotion of this event is developing in your provinces. Our confreres are in so many of the locations where the leaders of the Vincentian Family in your provinces work. They are an essential link in getting information to the lay branches of the Vincentian Family and in encouraging their participation in the Symposium. In this regard, I would like to encourage you to ask our pastors to organize their parish groups to participate in the Symposium. Please encourage all the confreres of your province to participate in the Symposium in the largest number possible.

You received information a few months ago that, because of a wonderful gift from a donor, the General Curia will be covering the flight expenses for three young confreres – brothers or priests – and one seminarian from each province that is in need of financial help. The provinces concerned already have received this information.

Where it is financially possible, please encourage the participation of all the youth groups within your province for whom we have scheduled a special gathering. Please

encourage all the high school principals in your province to invite students, staff, and alumni to attend.


Along with the branches of the Vincentian Family, please encourage the participation of all those who feel close to the charism of Vincent, our Vincentian collaborators, to join us at the Symposium. Please encourage your men in different stages of formation – candidacy, internal seminary, seminary, etc. – to participate in the Symposium. We have scheduled a special gathering just for them.

Please make use of social media, websites, newspapers, radio, and TV to announce the Symposium in the areas of your province.

The registration for the Symposium started a few weeks ago. Please register as soon as possible and urge all the different groups to do likewise. This will be a tremendous help for the organizing committee, so it knows in advance the number of participants and will be able to prepare the logistics, in addition to the whole Symposium, as well as possible.

In this Jubilee Year of special grace, let us try to do all that we can to spread the word about the Symposium and encourage people to participate, trusting in Providence that all these efforts and all this work will also bring new young men to join us in our mission to evangelize the poor.

Your brother in Saint Vincent,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tomaž Mavrič, CM'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and a long horizontal stroke.

Tomaž Mavrič, CM  
Superior General