

Announcement of 2013 International Visitors Meeting

Rome, 12 March 2012

Dear Visitors of the Congregation:

May the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ fill your heart now and forever!

During this week's *Tempo Forte*, the Council met with the members of the Preparatory Commission for the 2013 Visitors Meeting. The members of the Commission are: Silviano Calderon (Mexico), Iyolo Iyombe Dominique (Congo), Simon Kaipuram (North India), Josef Lucyszyn (Poland), and Joseph Agostino, coordinator (USA East).

The theme of our Meeting will be "The Lines of Action in Action". We will be engaged in an evaluation process of the implementation of GA 2010 Lines of Action as we reach the half-way mark. We will also be discerning the new directions we are called to take as we continue to deepen our understanding of our Vincentian charism in the evangelization of the poor today.

The Visitors Meeting will take place at St. John's University, New York, USA from July 1 to July 13, 2013. You are asked to travel through JFK International Airport and arrive sometime on June 30th. The meeting will formally end with the mid-day meal on July 13th. Please do not plan to leave the University before 2:00 PM on that Saturday.

At different times over the course of this coming year, you will be asked to complete some tasks and send them to the Curia in preparation for our meeting. Please cooperate in the completion of them and respect the established timelines for them.

You will be hearing from the Preparatory Commission over the next few months with the details for our gathering. We will also be contacting you shortly regarding Visa information, etc.

I look forward to being with all of you in New York in July 2013.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide our Congregation and our work in preparation for this meeting.

Your brother in St. Vincent,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "G. Gregory Gay, C.M.". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

G. Gregory Gay, C.M.