

Managing the Patrimony of the Poor as Wise Stewards

A Workshop for Members of the Vincentian Family Examining Principles and Practices of Vincentian Asset Management

This workshop, sponsored by the Vincentian Studies Institute of DePaul University, will take place at the Motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity, rue du Bac, Paris on August 9-11, 2013 with an optional excursion day to Folleville and Amiens on August 8. Three days of workshop will include presentations, case studies and discussions centered on five key themes of asset management, as seen from the perspectives of Catholic Social Teaching and Vincentian tradition. There is no fee to participate in the symposium. Lodging is available, at a very reasonable cost, at rue de Sèvres and rue du Bac. Cf. online registration information, as below.

The key themes to be presented will be

- **Transparency:** featuring Christine Peeters, Former Treasurer for AIC International, Belgium
- **Stewardship:** featuring Roger Playwin, Executive Director, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, USA
- **Sustainability:** featuring Sr. Joyce Weller, D.C., Executive Director, Daughters of Charity Foundation, Los Angeles, California, USA
- **Collaboration:** featuring Mark McGreevy, Chief Executive of Depaul International, London, UK
- **Corruption:** featuring Susan Braatz, Senior Forestry Officer for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, Italy
- **Key Note Address:** will be delivered by Dr. Carolyn Woo, President and CEO of Catholic Relief Services, USA. The workshop will conclude on Sunday, August 11 with an evening reception

Expected Outcomes

Participants will reflect upon the spiritual insights of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac, and Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and contemporary Catholic Social Teaching. The goal is to use the patrimony of the poor wisely through a practice of careful and sustainable asset management. Participants will reflect upon management of specific types of assets: human, financial, investment, property, physical plant, fund-raising, governmental, green practices, etc. Participants will share experiences through case studies (including means by which provinces/institutions have become self-sustaining, dealing with corruption, and sensitivity to cultural and ecological concerns). Participants will envision a contemporary model for sustainable Vincentian asset management to share with the international Vincentian family.

Symposium Website and Registration

Please visit the Vincentian Family Symposium website for further information. *Admission to the symposium is free of charge.* If you are interested in attending, register now. Participants can register for the optional Folleville and Amiens excursion, three-day workshop and lodging at the St. John's University Center at the Maison-Mère des Lazaristes at rue de Sèvres (for any participants) or the Maison-Mère de la Compagnie des Filles de la Charité at rue du Bac (for Daughters of Charity, other Sisters, and lay women). For those attending the CM Provincial Treasurers' Gathering, you may use the Provincial Treasurers' Gathering Registration Form to register for the Treasurers' Gathering, optional Folleville and Amiens excursion and three-day workshop. For more information, contact Scott Kelley at (skelley6@depaul.edu).