

Survey of Vincentian Schools

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Dear Visitors,

May the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ fill our hearts now and forever!

As I write to you, I extend my greeting to you and also ask for your collaboration in creating a database for Pre-K and K as well as primary and secondary schools of the Congregation of the Mission. One of the ways in which we carry out our Vincentian mission and implement the process of systemic change is through education in the schools and universities that are administered by the Congregation. At this time when we are searching for ways of “creative fidelity to the mission” and in the context of an on-going invitation to provide further encouragement to the mission of the Church, it seems important to be mindful of the document of Aparecida and its statement concerning Catholic schools:

“Catholic schools are called to deep renewal. We must restore the Catholic identity of our schools through a courageous and bold missionary impulse, so that it becomes a prophetic option shaped in a pastoral practice of participatory education. Such projects must promote the comprehensive formation of the person, having its foundation in Christ, with ecclesial and cultural identity, and with academic excellence. They must also bring about solidarity and charity to the poorest. Oversight of educational processes, parent participation in them, and teacher training are priority tasks of the educational ministry” (Aparecida, #337).

We need the following information to create the database:

Name of school	
Year of establishment	
How many confreres are directly involved in the school	
Name and address of confrere responsible for the administration of the school	
Number of students	Pre-K and K / Primary / Secondary / Total:
What is average social class of the students	
What percentage of students continue their studies at a university	

Thank you for your collaboration.

Your brother in Saint Vincent

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