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RIYARTO ARMADA, C.M.
80th Romo-Romo CM Di Indonesia
(*80 Years of the Vincentian Fathers in Indonesia*)
Dicetak oleh Percetakam DIOMA, 268 pages

The *80th. Romo-Romo CM di Indonesia* is a book dedicated to the celebration of the 80th anniversary of the arrival of the first Vincentian missionaries in Indonesia. The first Vincentian missionaries were from the Dutch Province. They were called by *Propaganda Fide* to do the mission in the Eastern part of Java Island (1923), precisely in Surabaya Diocese. The book consists of three parts: 1) the kaleidoscope of the Vincentian apostolates; 2) the panorama of the missionary activities of the Vincentians; and 3) the album of photos of the Vincentian priests and bishops (foreign missionaries and Indonesians). The book shows some touching experiences of the first Vincentian missionaries especially in starting missionary apostolates in the villages inside parts of Eastern Java: their difficulties, sufferings, failures, hopes. The sufferings during the Japanese occupation in Indonesia were well shared in the letters and stories written by the missionaries themselves. The book does not offer merely the marvelous achievements in the apostolates, such as the increasing number of conversions in the diocese (in the beginning there were only 40 native Catholics, now there are more than 300,000 Catholics), but also depicts some pains and failures that happened in their mission. Hopefully, by reading it, people may cultivate a missionary spirit like that of the first Vincentians. The concluding part of the kaleidoscope puts forward the future of the Vincentian mission in Indonesia. The CM province of Indonesia, created in 1958, is now a province which sends out missionaries.

LOURENÇO BIERNASKI, C.M.
Quem foram, o que fizeram, esses missionários…
(*Who the missionaries were and what they did…*)
Gráfica Vicentina Editora Ltda. EPP, Curitiba, Brazil, 2003, 266 pages

The Vincentians of the Curitiba Province are celebrating the first centenary of the arrival of the Polish confreres in Southern Brasil (Paraná), at the invitation of the first bishop of Curitiba, José de Camargo Barros, to care for the Polish immigrants in Paraná. In 1820 the Portuguese confreres had already come to Brazil; the French came later. The bishops entrusted the care of various diocesan seminaries to the Vincentians. In 1896 they were asked to direct the Seminary of Paraná in Curitiba. They remained there until 1961. Fr. Biernaski relates the biographies of 96 missionaries who helped forge the history of the Province of Curitiba. The first four were: Tomás Coelho, Francis Chylaszek, Hugo Dylla and Br. Alexandre Wengrzyn. Later on more missionaries came and

they had, over the years, the care of some 20 parishes. To preserve the memory of so many missionaries, Fr. Biernaski, the first Brazilian priest of the Curitiba Province, describes in 266 pages the lives of these confreres who, like Abraham, left their homeland without knowing what awaited them, but trusting fully in the One who called them. (Taken from the preface written by Msgr. Pedro Fedalto, Archbishop of Curitiba).

LUCIANO DA COSTA FERREIRA, C.M.
Carisma vicentino en Moçambique. Memória e testimonio
(*The Vincentian Charism in Mozambique: Memorial and Testimony*)
Escola Tipográfica das Missões – Cucujães, 2003, 560 pages

"The purpose of this book is to remember the many spiritual sons and daughters of St. Vincent who dedicated themselves to the mission and to charity in Mozambique. It seeks to offer to the new generations in formation and to the new missionaries who come from other countries and cultures trustworthy and useful historical references, which link the past and the present and help shape appropriate responses for the future. This book also wishes to give testimony, through the words and actions of many confreres and sisters, of how the Mozambican land and people are a privileged place for the living out of the Vincentian charism." (Taken from the back cover of the book).

COLLECTION
Čas nam prinaša nove naloge. Lazaristi v Sloveniji 1852-2002
(*New Times Bring New Challenges: Lazarists in Slovenia 1852-2002*)
Zbornik, Sv. Jožef nad Celjem, 2003, 384 pages

In September of 2002 the Slovenian province of the CM celebrated 150 years of the arrival of the Vincentians in Slovenia. In 1852 Msgr. Anton Martin Slomsek, Bishop of Lavant (today Maribor) installed three Slovenian priests, who came from the Internal Seminary in Paris, in St. Joseph of Celje. This book brings together the presentations given in a symposium organized to celebrate this notable jubilee. Prepared by 17 confreres from the province together with outside collaborators, the presentations evaluate the past and present apostolates of the Province: popular missions, the preaching of retreats, work with the Vincentian Family, social commitment and their presence in the diaspora (Serbia, Macedonia, Kosovo), as well as their work with Slovenian immigrants in Argentina and Canada, etc. The book is amply documented with photographs and presents the basic lines of the Vincentian presence in Slovenia from 1852 up to our own time.

DIE VINZENTINER
1853-2003. 150 Jahre – Deutsche Provinz, 66 pages

On the occasion of the jubilee celebrations for the 150th anniversary of the Province of Germany (1853-2003), a memorial booklet of its history has been published in German. In 66 pages, with beautiful black and white photos, it recalls briefly, among other things, the history, and some personalities, houses and works of the province. The booklet also contains the program of celebrations of which the principal events were held in Trier on 19 and 20 July.

GIUSEPPE GUERRA, C.M. and PROFESSOR MARIO GUERRA
Storia dei Missionari Vincenziani nell'Italia Meridionale
Dall'arrivo a Napoli (1668) al Concilio Ecumenico Vaticano II (1962)
(*The History of the Vincentian Missionaries in Southern Italy*)
From the Arrival in Naples (1668) until the II Vatican Council (1962)
CLV – Edizione Vincenziane, Rome, Italy, 2003, 385 pages

"Life is richer than ideas." This phrase, feely translated from Erasmus, spontaneously came into my head when I read the manuscript of this volume of the history of the Naples Province. It is not a conventional history based on documents of foundation and lists of houses and worthy confreres. The authors of this history "start from the timid first steps, but allow the decided missionary direction to shine through. While in France the provinces must be understood by taking into account the seminaries and the parishes entrusted to them by the king, in Italy, the only reason for the confreres' presence was the missions and the activity on behalf of the clergy." "The present writer is familiar with the archives the authors worked from, and therefore can testify that this work is well documented. There is a rich bibliography. The appendixes offer many more recent notes. It is a valuable book." (Taken from the presentation, written by L. Mezzadri).

COLLECTION
Hacer efectivo el Evangelio y mundo actual
XXVII Semana de Estudios Vicencianos
(*To Make the Gospel Effective and the Modern World*)
XXVII Week of Vincentian Studies
CEME, Salamanca, Spain, 2002, 438 pages

"The book brings together the different presentations and seminars which took place during the XXVII Week of Vincentian Studies organized by the Salamanca Province of the C.M. Counting this one, there are now 44 volumes in CEME's *Evangelizare* Collection. All the presentations, centering on St. Vincent's well known and much discussed phrase: 'To make the gospel effective,' are interesting. Depending upon who each author is, each clearly wishes to make us understand what St. Vincent meant when he pronounced that famous phrase, and even more so when the phrase is taken from its original historical context. The work is preceded by an historical reflection on the Salamanca Vincentian Weeks which Fr. José Manuel Sanchez Mallo divides into

four phases; there are also nine conclusions to which the development of these same weeks has led. We must recognize the great good and the great interest these weeks have awakened in so many confreres." (Taken from *Anales de la Congregación de la Misión y de las Hijas de la Caridad,* No.1, January-February 2003, p. 96).

LUIGI MEZZADRI, C.M.
Dizionario Storico Spirituale Vincenziano
(Historical Spiritual Vincentian Dictionary)
CLV-Edizioni Vincenziane
Rome, Italy, 2003, 484 pages

"A dictionary is a tool for navigation. Like a compass which shows us where we are going, this Dictionary gives us the coordinates of our point of departure, but also indicates the progress of our journey in space and time. I do not think a dictionary should tell us only what things St. Vincent did or said. The significance of the dictionary, then, is not that of being a fixed star immersed in the past, but rather a bridge which joins us to the flow of history and projects us into the future. The Dictionary has not limited itself, therefore, to referring to St. Vincent's thoughts on basic themes and characteristics. It also strives to communicate a sense of forward movement, and to help people to feel themselves as protagonists in an ongoing adventure." (Taken from the Author's Introduction).

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The Vincentian Translation Project team is pleased to announce that Volume 13, *Documents,* of *Vincent de Paul: Correspondence, Conferences, Documents* is available, and that it is in two volumes, 13A and 13B. In these are found documents classified in five parts: I. "Documents pertaining to St. Vincent," II. "Documents pertaining to the Congregation of the Mission," III. "Documents Pertaining to the Confraternities of Charity," IV. "Documents Pertaining to the Daughters of Charity," and V. "Documents Pertaining to the Ladies of Charity." For more information, please contact Sr. Marie Poole: mpoolevtp@juno.com

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