

## YEAR OF THE PRIEST

Rome, 15 October 2009

### *To the Visitors of the Congregation of the Mission and Superiors of International Missions*

My dear brothers in Saint Vincent de Paul.

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

In our most recent *tempo forte* meeting we had an open dialog regarding the Pope's designation of this year as the Year of the Priest. I am attaching to this note, a letter that we received from the Congregation of the Clergy. I want to encourage you as Visitors to look for creative ways of implementing some of the aspects or contents of this letter and to do so in the context of our Jubilee Year, the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Saint Vincent, "the light of the clergy."

I have asked Father José Antonio Ubillús to coordinate different activities or articles to make available in the web page [www.cmglobal.org](http://www.cmglobal.org). We have considered things like the edition of *Vincentiana* a number of years ago that was dedicated to Saint Vincent the priest, a letter from Father Maloney regarding Vincentian priestly qualities. I have also asked a number of other confreres of the Council to contribute short articles, that in some way speaks about their experience of priesthood in the context of their Vincentian vocations.

I hope that this will be a year of grace for all the priests of the Congregation and in a special way a year of grace for those who may be struggling in their priestly vocation. I pray for each and every one of you, that through your leadership you might help the members of the province/mission be strengthened in their call to serve as missionaries in their priestly vocation following Jesus Christ, the Evangelizer of the Poor.

Your brother in Saint Vincent,



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