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Some days ago, we were told that the Holy Father would come to the General Curia on 2 March of this year to share lunch with the confreres. However, a few days before the scheduled date, came the call from his private secretary who, apologizing, canceled the meeting because it was impossible for Pope Francis to leave the Vatican that day, due to his multiple commitments. Nevertheless, he informed us that the Pope would receive the members of the Curia that day at 11:00 for a private audience.

The meeting was attended by Fathers Tomaz Mavrič (Superior General), Javier Álvarez (Vicar General), Aarón Gutiérrez, Mathew Kallammakal, Zeracristos Yosief (Assistants General), Giuseppe Turati (Secretary General), Giuseppe Carulli (Superior of the Curia House), Jorge Luis Rodríguez Baquero (Communications

Director), Alvaro Mauricio Fernández Monsalve (Director of Vincentiana), and Brother Gerardo Fajardo Belciña (Treasurer of the Curia House).

It was a moment of real grace to be able to share time in a simple and serene way with Pope Francis, a very welcoming and close man. In an open and spontaneous dialogue, we were able to present the reality of the Congregation of the Mission. The audience had two significant moments, a first meeting with the confreres and a second with the presence of the Daughters of Charity who work in Domus Santa Marta in the Vatican, where the Pope lives. The Superior General offered him a poster with the inscription 1%, which signifies the response to the missionary call made by the Pope last year. The Congregation will assign 1% of its missionaries to this end, which is equivalent to the gift of 30



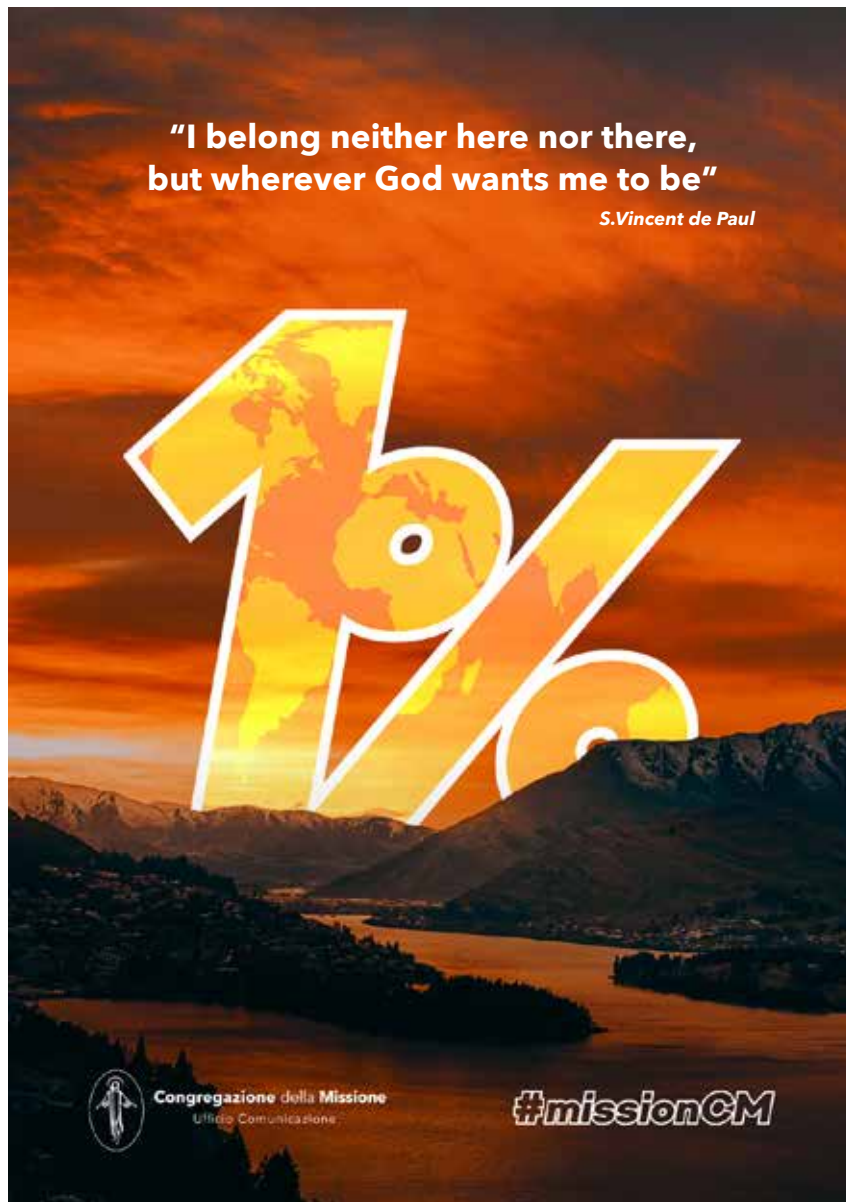
conferes from different provinces who will live this missionary experience.

Another present given to the Pope was from the Mediterranean Project. Father Giuseppe Carulli brought some of the products of the project that has been operating at the General Curia for a year with the presence of six migrant refugees in Rome.

The Pope told us about his future trips to different countries of the world and recalled the names of some missionaries of the Congregation, telling us about the enormous service they provide in different places. During the audience, His Holiness also flattered us by giving a personal definition of a Vincentian missionary: "The Vincentian missionary is a person who works tirelessly, but without making noise."

*Alvaro Mauricio Fernández Monsalve, CM
Director of Vincentiana*

What does the gift we gave to Pope Francis mean?



Everything started with the words of St. Vincent: "I am neither here nor there, but everywhere it will please God that I am". Our vocation, dear Confreres, leads us to go where the voice of the poor grows stronger. Our charism impels us to go out and leave all our comforts to bring the Gospel to places where there is an urgent need for God's love, to the existential peripheries of which Pope Francis speaks himself.

There is no better opportunity to increase the "zeal for souls" than our International Missions. And this is precisely what the 1% which I asked in my letter refers to: I would like 30 confreres to leave their ministries for current missions or for the new places where our presence is required. 30 missionaries makes about 1% of all members of the Congregation.

But what is behind this graphic design which raised so much admiration and attention of the Pope? The poster reminds of the Mission Appeal and does it with great elegance. The scenery invites us to travel, to leave our homes and depart, as did the apostles and the first missionaries in the time of St. Vincent. What may seem like a sunset is, instead, a dawn towards which we aspire. It is Christ who resurrects and illuminates the darkness. But there is more. The colors represent both the joy of being missionary and the flame of the missionary spirit that burns in the heart of the Congregation. It was touching moment to give His Holiness the poster and name first missionaries who responded to the call. But even more beautiful it was to see the face of the Holy Father enlightened by the look of our humble 1%!

Fr. Tomaž Mavrič, CM - Superior General

The Vicar-General and the Econome-General Visit Mozambique

On January 20, the Vicar-General arrived in Maputo. From January 21-25, Father led the confreres in a formation session at the house in Matola. The time was spent in dialogue about community life. The session concluded on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul and on that same day two young men made their Good Purposes and the Internal Seminary was initiated with six young men (there is a new Director of the Internal Seminary). Present for this celebration were the Bishop-emeritus, Germano Granchane, many Daughters of Charity and members of the Vincentian Family.

There are six houses in the Vice-Province of Mozambique: Malhangalene, Johannesburg (Republic of South Africa), Matola, Magude, Xirrundzo. Tete and Nacala.

The Vicar-General, accompanied by the Visitor, began his visit in Magude, a community that is located some 153 kilometers from the city of Maputo. Father Álvarez took advantage of this opportunity to speak with the members of the community, to visit the Agraria School and to celebrate the Eucharist. This time was characterized by fraternal sharing.

On January 28th. Father continued his journey by traveling to Xirrundzo where he had the opportunity to familiarize himself with the projects of Gado and the Agraria School. The Internal Seminary of the Vice-Province is located here (and the six young men reside at this house).

On January 29th, accompanied by the Econome-General (who arrived in this country the previous day) and by the Visitor, Father Álvarez traveled to Tete (1,528 kilometers). They were welcomed in the airport and went immediately to visit the Apostolic Administrator, the Daughters of Charity in Matundo and went to Mayudzi (about 50 kilometers from Tete). In a fraternal spirit, the visitors were welcomed by the two priests and the deacon who minister in this area. The group of travelers visited the Mission, were able to come to a greater understanding of the reality of this area, celebrated the Eucharist there and the day was concluded with a sharing with the Daughters of Charity.

On the 30th, the visitors continued their journey to Maputo and the following traveled to the northeastern part of the country, about 2,037 kilometers from Maputo. The visitors were



welcome in Nampula, but they still had to travel another 200 kilometers in order to arrive at Nacala, where they were awaited. After settling in the house and taking breakfast, they left for Naherengue where they visited a health clinic administered by the Daughters of Charity. After lunch they continued their journey to Nacuxa where the interdiocesan house of discernment is located (this house is administered by the confreres of the Vice-Province). The group visited the Polytechnical Institute and there the Sisters provided the guests with some refreshments.

The local bishop was away from the Diocese, but the Diocesan Vicar provided the visitors with information. At about 6:00pm the group celebrated the Eucharist in the parish church of Saint John the Baptist and then shared a meal with the Daughters of Charity and other members of the Vincentian Family.

The following day, February 1st, after celebrating the Eucharist with members of the local community, there was a dialogue which concluded with lunch and a return to Maputo.

On February 2, after Morning Prayer the formal visit was concluded. The Vicar-General met with the members of the council and expressed his joy with the visit and congratulated the confreres for the ministry that is being accomplished in the Vice-Province. He encouraged the confreres to continue to live a common life and to seek the common-good in order to serve those men and women who are poor. For his part, the Econome-General presented an overview of the financial situation and encouraged the confreres to develop sustainable projects that would strengthen their financial position. The members of the Council thanked the Vicar-General for his visit and they concluded their time together with prayer. After lunch the Vicar-General and the Econome-General returned to Rome (their visit was viewed in a positive and encouraging manner).

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AMBASSADORS TO THE HOLY SEE VISIT THE CURIA



Some months ago, Fr. Tomaž had the opportunity to meet the Ambassador to the Vatican from China, One thing led to another and the Ambassador was able to help fund a project for one of our provinces. This led Fr. Tomaž to be open to the suggestion of organizing a meeting between the Congregation of the Mission and the Ambassadors of Europe to the Holy See proposed by his friend from Slovenia, H.E. Mr. Jan TOMBIŃSKI, an ambassador who represents the European Union and has a coordinating function among the ambassadors to the Holy See from Europe. On Thursday afternoon, February 14, representatives from 10 Countries joined Mr. TOMBIŃSKI here at the Curia. We began with a short prayer in the Chapel. The group then passed to the meeting hall of the General Council for a formal welcome by Fr. Tomaž, two short and well-

received videos about the statistics and works of the Congregation presented by Fr. Jorge Rodriguez, an overview of the Congregation of the mission and the Vincentian Family and a time for questions and answers. We learned of the interest of the ambassadors in our work and began to discover that threads that weave us together. From this more formal setting, we passed on to the refectory, prepared by Fr. Giuseppe Carulli and Bro. Gerardo Fajardo, for a more informal setting where food and drink aided the sharing. Fr. Tomaž ended the encounter by gifting each of the ambassadors with a medallion of St. Vincent. We are hopeful that these relationships will grow and benefit the people we serve.

*Fr. Miles Heinen, CM
Assitant General*

Meeting on the protection of minors in the church



21 - 24 February 2019



The struggle against child abuse is one of the priorities of Pope Francis. For this reason he has convoked Presidents of Bishops' Conferences from around the world and those responsible from religious congregations for this unprecedented meeting.

There will be three Confreres representing the Congregation of the Mission at the meeting. Fr. Tomaž MAVRIČ, C.M., Superior General, Mgr. Jack YOUSSEF, C.M., Apostolic Vicar of Isfahan, Iran and Mgr Markos GEBREMEDHIN, C.M., Apostolic Vicar of Jimma Bonga, Ethiopia.

In this infographics we present part of Pope's Francis concluding address:



On the path of Lent, your steps count! Let's walk with Saint Vincent!



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MALONEY James Anthony	Sac	23/11/2018	AUL	90	71
BELLONI Wilson	Sac	28/12/2018	FLU	85	67
RODRÍGUEZ BARIÁIN José	Sac	11/02/2019	CAE	83	67
MORYTO Jacek Ryszard	Sac	24/02/2019	POL	64	44
LORENZO VILA Berardo	Sac	25/02/2019	SVP	91	74



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