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Newsletter of the Congregation of the Mission

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STATEMENT OF THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY IN THE FACE OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

The Vincentian Family is a worldwide movement made up of more than 4 million believers and more than 160 ecclesial institutions which, for more than 4 centuries, has served the most needy in our world.

As members of Vincentian Family, we do not want to nor should we remain impassive in the face of the discrimination that millions of people still suffer today as a result of the color of their skin, their national origin, their gender, their sexual orientation, their beliefs or their culture. Racism is a cancer that corrodes our society and is present worldwide, in every country and in every society. Not only is it a severe offence directed at anyone who is different, but it is also an insult to our humanity and to the intrinsic dignity of every human being, and a very serious sin.

As members of the Vincentian Family and as believers, we trust in a God who created all people equal and thus, all are God's children. Racism is therefore the complete opposite of faith in the God who gave us life. As Christians, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, who never made distinctions among people and treated everyone with dignity and respect.

As members of the Vincentian Family, we want to continue to stand by the most forgotten in our society and, among them, especially those who suffer discrimination because they are different. Saint Vincent de Paul, our founder, reminds us that we must love our neighbor simply because our neighbor is "the image of God and the object of his

love." We reaffirm our commitment to serve the excluded, the needy, the homeless, all those who suffer discriminatory treatment for any reason. We commit ourselves to reinforce our actions and take measures so that no one has to suffer harassment or death because of discrimination. We commit ourselves to raise our voices in all forums where we are present to denounce these injustices. We commit ourselves to giving a voice to those who are excluded and discriminated against, so that they can be the protagonists of their own history.

Racial prejudice has no place in our society, in any public or private institution and must be combated vigorously. The evil it causes not only affects the person who is abused and even killed, but corrupts and destroys the social fabric and dehumanizes relationships, generating irrational hatred. We therefore urge all authorities to take firm measures to ensure that cases of segregation, racism, differential treatment and violence against any person, based on discrimination of any kind, are not repeated.

Human life is important, whatever the color of the skin, their national origin, their gender, their sexual orientation, their beliefs or their culture.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRIESTHOOD OF CARDINAL FRANCO RODÉ

On June 29th we had a feast at the General Curia. It was a celebration that spoke of fidelity to the priesthood, to the vocation and to Vincentian charism:

Apart from the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, we celebrated the 60th priesthood anniversary of Cardinal Franco RODÉ, CM, Archbishop Emeritus of Ljubljana, the 37th ordination anniversary of Father Tomaž Mavrič, CM, our Superior General and the name day of Father Paul Parackal, CM, Treasurer General. Here are some photos of the celebration and information about the life of our confrere Cardinal Franco Rodé, CM.

He was born on September 23, 1934 in the Archdiocese of Rodica, Ljubljana, Slovenia. In 1945 his family took refuge in Austria, and then moved to Argentina in 1948.

He entered the Congregation of the Mission in

Buenos Aires in 1952 and was ordained a priest on June 29, 1960 in Paris. He was appointed Archbishop of Ljubljana on March 5, 1997 and consecrated to the episcopate on April 6, 1997 in the Cathedral of Ljubljana. On February 11, 2004, he was appointed Prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. He attended the XI Ordinary General Assembly of the World Synod of Bishops in the Vatican taking place from October 2 to 23, 2005.

In the Consistory of March 24, 2006, he was made a cardinal deacon. That same day he received the red biretta and the diaconate of St. Francis Xavier in La Garbatella.

THE VISIT OF CARDINAL LUIS ANTONIO TAGLE, TO THE CM GENERALATE

On Wednesday, 17 June 2020, the General Curia of the Congregation of the Mission was honored by the visit of Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. The Superior General, Tomaž Mavrič together with other Curia members welcomed Cardinal Tagle to the house. The General Curia community had the privilege of having a dialogue with Cardinal Tagle on the theme of New Evangelization. He started by saying that the Gospel remains the same for all ages. However the method of transmitting the gospel message has to be creatively attuned with the changing situations and circumstances. The best way of transmitting the gospel message is not only by preaching but also by our life and our works of charity.

In all important historical moment and changing situation the Holy Spirit continues to inspire us to come up with effective methods of conveying the message of the gospel to others. We need to listen to the promptings of the spirit. During the time of Covid-19, for example, we see an increased demand from the faithful for gospel reflections. We should be prepared to give spiritual nourishment to people through the increased use of modern technology. We need to come up with methods which work in the changing situations.

He also emphasized the need of forming dedicated and convinced evangelizers for modern society. We all are entrusted with a great mission and our mission is to continue the work done by the apostles and disciples of Christ. In our formation houses and in our formation programs maximum emphasis has to be given for discipleship without ignoring, however, the importance of other academic disciplines.

The Superior General, during his dialogue with Cardinal Tagle, explained to him the new initiative taken by the Congregation, that is, finding 1% of the confreres for mission *ad gentes*. This is a program for encouraging the confreres to opt for the mission *ad gentes*. Please delete Cardinal Tagle said the more we give importance for mission *ad gentes* the stronger the Church becomes. He said he had the occasion to see the works of the Vincentians in the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea. It was a joy, he said, to see priests from different cultures and different countries working together with the single aim of giving the gospel message to the people. That is new evangelization.

He described his familiarity with the Vincentians in the Philippines and the great contribution they made and continue to make in the field of formation and in the field of social action.

JULY 12: VINCENTIAN FAMILY DAY OF PRAYER FOR A WORLD IN NEED (FACEBOOK LIVE)

The Executive Committee of the Vincentian Family invites you to join in a moment of prayer on Facebook Live, to ask God in community for a world that faces serious challenges and suffers from serious global problems.

The meeting will take place on Sunday, July 12, at 3 pm in the afternoon (EDT, New York time), or, which is the same, 9 pm at night (CETS, Madrid, Rome or Paris time).

The meeting will be broadcast on the OzanamTV Facebook channel <https://www.facebook.com/ozanamtv>

Several Superiors General and Presidents of different branches of the Vincentian Family will

be present on this occasion. The musical group, Gen Verde International Performing Arts Group of the Focolare Movement, will also accompany us. But, most importantly ... we will come together to ask God to send his Spirit and renew this world wounded by the pandemic, selfishness, racism and so many other serious problems that afflict, above all, the poor, "our masters and lords".

Vincentian Family Office

Your presence is very important.

Do not forget the date!

We are counting on you!

CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION EARMARKS \$250,000 FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY COVID-19

On June 15, the Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission, announced to the Visitors, and shortly thereafter to all the missionaries of the Little Company, the initiative to offer a hand in solidarity to the people who have been most affected as part of the consequences of the pandemic of COVID-19.

"As the weeks and months go by, while the pandemic decreases in some countries but continues to grow in others, where the sorrows and sufferings in the world are very present, we want to remain on the front lines, in total harmony with our charism, being inventive and seeing what more can be done for our brothers and sisters" expressed Father Tomaž Mavrič, CM.

For this purpose, a total of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) has been allocated and will be distributed in grants of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the provinces that require economic support for the benefit of the poorest who are suffering the consequences of the pandemic.

This initiative was born thanks to the fundraising campaign carried out by the Vincentian International Mission Services (VIMS) office, "When did we see you" with clear inspiration from the biblical text of Matthew 25 and is intended to raise more funds in order to continue helping those who are affected by the current pandemic.

In this way, the Congregation of the Mission takes advantage of the difficult situation of the present time to enter into a time of "revitalization of its identity", as announced by the motto of the 2022 General Assembly, through its service to the poorest who have been victims of the socio-economic effects of COVID-19; and feels challenged in its fidelity to its vocation to follow Jesus Christ, the evangelizer of the poor.

Using words from the book of Revelation, "I make all things new," it is in this precise moment of grace that we have been given here and now that we are invited to reflect, pray, and meditate on what Jesus means by His words that "I make all things new" for me personally, for my community, for the Little Company," expresses the Superior General.

The complete letter can be found at the link:

<https://cmglobal.org/es/2020/06/25/carta-del-superior-general-para-el-lanzamiento-de-la-campana-cuando-te-vimos-como-respuesta-a-la-crisis-del-covid-19/>

VINCENTIAN INTERNATIONAL MISSION SERVICE

Who We Are

VIMS is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit corporation governed by a volunteer board of directors that supports the growth and development of provinces, vice-provinces, regions, and missions of the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians) especially in countries where resources are few and progress is difficult.

The Superior General, Fr. Tomaž Mavrič, C.M., the 24th successor of St. Vincent de Paul, established VIMS in 2019 as an expansion of the mission of St. Vincent dePaul begun in 1617 in France. VIMS raises and distributes funds in support of projects approved by the Vincentian Solidarity Office as well as others approved by the Superior General. True to its Vincentian character, VIMS funds projects that serve people living in poverty, advancing their God-given dignity, and fostering full human development.

Who We Help

Vincentians serve the people who are on the margins, people who live in poverty, people whom the world thinks unimportant. St. Vincent de Paul taught us to see the face of Christ in these people, to regard them as our lords and masters. Our donor-partners make it possible for Vincentian priests and brothers serving in the poorest provinces of our worldwide community to shine the light of God's love on:

- People who want to live holier lives
- People who are hungry, thirsty, poorly clothed
- People who are insufficiently educated
- People who are homeless
- People who are young, old, and in-between
- People who long for something better for themselves, their children, their neighbors.

How We Help

Vincentian priests and brothers around the world staff parishes, seminaries, schools, health clinics, job training centers, and other kinds of service centers so that all God's children, all our brothers and sisters can live in greater dignity. Like St. Vincent himself, we invite the people we serve to join us in our service so that everyone grows, learns, heals, and rejoices. Our ministry focuses on the presence of God in each person and builds from there.

History of VIMS

In 1617, Vincent de Paul began to see poor people in a new way. This grace came to him so powerfully that he reoriented his service as a priest, adding to his

sacramental duties providing for the needs of people living in poverty in whom he saw the face of Jesus. The congregation of priests and brothers he founded in 1625, commonly called Vincentians, follow in his way, seeking out people who are lonely, lost, forgotten, marginalized and abandoned or, simply put, those who are poor. The Vincentians, as a world-wide community of 3,000 members and part of an ever-expanding family of organizations made up of people who are inspired by St. Vincent, have St. Vincent, have developed systems and structures to help meet the needs of the people they serve. In 2002, (then) Superior General, Fr. Robert Maloney, C.M., established the Vincentian Solidarity Office (VSO) to help provide funding for projects in Vincentian missions in developing countries. Since then, the VSO has helped build churches and seminaries, funded transportation for priests and school children, provided the means to open job training programs and so very much more. In 2019, Fr. Tomaž Mavrič, C.M., now Superior General, established Vincentian International Mission Services (VIMS) charging it with the responsibility to raise funds in support of the VSO's projects as well as others. The response has been nothing short of amazing, and humbling. Donor-partners want St. Vincent's way of serving, of seeing, to grow and thrive. Under the guidance of its board and staffed by a small, mission-driven team, VIMS is helping Vincentian priests and brothers in the developing world do what Vincent did 400 years ago.

And we'll keep doing it until it doesn't need to be done any more.

Fr. Mark Pranaitis, C.M., PhD

Executive Director

Reporting to Fr. Tomaž Mavrič, the Superior General of the Vincentians, and closely collaborating with the Vincentian Solidarity Office (VSO), Fr. Mark ensures your gifts to VIMS support the projects you care about most.

During his more than 25 years as a Vincentian priest, Fr. Mark has worked individually with hundreds of donors who contributed millions of dollars in support of many different projects, from small soup kitchens that provided meals for a few dozen people to the building of houses, churches, schools and more.

Having studied, taught, and preached about the spirituality of stewardship, he is firmly rooted in the belief that everything we have is God's gift to us and God calls us to share these gifts prudently and

generously, putting them at the service of the least among us. Little gives Fr. Mark more joy than helping people discern the call they hear to be generous. He wants everyone to give the right gift, at the right time, to the right ministry.

Fr. Mark has served in parishes, as a leader within his province, a director of stewardship and development for a diocese, and an executive at DePaul University, Catholic Charities USA and the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. He has offered consultation services in dozens of organizations helping them align resources to achieve their stated mission. When not at work he enjoys biking, reading, the Jersey shore, and old-fashioned letter-writing.

Rob Silbaugh

Major Gifts Officer

Rob works with donor-partners interested in giving major gifts and planned gifts that support the VIMS mission. His long relationship with the Vincentians makes it easy for him to help donors understand the good their gifts accomplish.

With his strong connections to the Niagara University community and alumni group, Rob has many friends who are part of the Vincentian Family. He has spent much of his 30-year career working with organizations that, like the Vincentians, serve people living in poverty.

Rob's extensive experience guiding Catholic and

secular organizations regarding branding, capital campaigns, communications, administration, and fundraising make a valuable resource to VIMS. He has a proven track record of financial success, having raised hundreds of millions of dollars for different nonprofits to ensure they can carry out their mission. Key to his success is fostering a strong relationship between the donor and the organization.

The nonprofit organizations he raised money for include: World Villages for Children, The Catholic University of America, Messenger Eagle Communications, the Archdiocese of Baltimore, The Central Association of the Miraculous Medal, the Wounded Warrior Patrol, Harvest for the Hungry, Our Daily Bread, St. Vincent's Hospital in New York, Niagara University, and the National Ski Patrol.

When not at work, he enjoys time on the ski slopes, cooking, biking, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

NEW REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Born in a Vincentian parish in Philadelphia, educated and trained by Vincentians, Jim Claffey has been connected to St. Vincent de Paul's charism to evangelize and serve the poor his entire life in different ways both home and abroad.

Jim holds certificates in Spanish language fluency and community organizing, and a master's degree in psychology. He worked for many years with the St. Vincent de Paul Society on Long Island, and currently also serves as the coordinator of the Vincentian Family's International Commission to Promote Systemic Change.

This position as the NGO representative of the Congregation of the Mission at the United Nations will provide an opportunity to present the charism and

values of St. Vincent de Paul on a wider scale as he joins other Vincentian Family NGOs to advance an agenda of justice, peace and integrity of creation. He will concentrate initial efforts on the issues of global homelessness and poverty, as well as advocacy training.

NOMINATIONES / CONFIRMATIONES

COSTA MARTINS Weliton	24/06/2020	Director HC Belo Horizonte
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ORDINATIONES

HOANG VAN Joseph Tri	Sac	VTN	22/06/2020
LUU XUAN MINH Joseph Truong	Sac	VTN	22/06/2020
NGUYEN ANH Peter Dung	Sac	VTN	22/06/2020
NGUYEN HUU HIEN Joseph Minh	Sac	VTN	22/06/2020
NGUYEN QUOC Peter Duong	Sac	VTN	22/06/2020
NGUYEN THANH Peter Phuong	Sac	VTN	22/06/2020
NGUYEN VAN Peter Chinh	Sac	VTN	22/06/2020
PHAM VAN John the Baptist Thuyen	Sac	VTN	22/06/2020
ŽLENDLER Rok	Sac	SLN	29/06/2020

NECROLOGIUM

Nomen	Cond.	Dies ob.	Prov.	Aet.	Voc.
WHALEN Michael D.	Sac	02/06/2020	ORL	65	44
PISABAJ RIVERA José Luis	Sac	08/06/2020	FRA	82	60
KONSEK Augustyn	Sac	10/06/2020	POL	76	58
ATALLAH Naoum	Sac	11/06/2020	ORI	93	74
SÁNCHEZ SÁNCHEZ Melchor	Sac	12/06/2020	SVP	85	67
BRADBURY Henry M.	Sac	13/06/2020	ORL	89	69
DALY Joseph V.	Sac	14/06/2020	ORL	88	68
O'KEEFE John Bernard	Sac	19/06/2020	AUL	88	70
DOSADO Jesus Armamento	Ep	23/06/2020	PHI	80	63
WEBER Herbert	Sac	25/06/2020	AUG	67	33

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