To the Visitors,
To the Directors of Vocational Ministry,
To all the Missionaries of the Congregation of the Mission

May the grace of Christ be always with us!

With great joy we share with you the news that the time has arrived to initiate our virtual formation project on the theme of a culture of vocations. This formation session had been previously announced by the Superior General on March 12th. During these months we have been working on preparations for this event and now everything is ready to begin for our three-year formation program. We want to motivate everyone to register immediately on the Google Forms platform.

We summarize here the information about this project in three questions:

**What is this project all about?**

This is a systematically organized process that will take place during five days each year (for the next three years) during the month of September. This involves virtual formation with distinct presentations, followed by an opportunity for group work (according to the various Visitors’ Conferences). Finally, material will be offered so that confreres can work together (face to face) in their local community and/or province.

**Who is invited to participate?**

An invitation has been extended to all the missionaries of the Congregation. A special invitation is extended to those confreres engaged in vocational ministry. On a personal level, [this program] can be of great assistance in renewing ourselves in our own vocation. At the provincial, regional, or international mission level, it will be an excellent opportunity to “vocationalize” the province’s ministries and thus attain a “vocational culture” (letter of the Superior General, March 12, 2021). We hope that the greatest number of confreres are motivated to participate in this program.

**When and how will this session take place?**

This formation session will take place in two distinct blocks of time (one for the West and one for the East). We will use ZOOM and you can register by clicking the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCNDuAGLd1UN_jt3E2WCOj9o1-1mAh8oOf5wYISHw8DZ6-iw/viewform?usp=sf_link

La scadenza per la registrazione è il 10 agosto.
The dates and time for this first year are as follows:

**Day 1:** A vocational culture for distinct cultures?
- **WEST:** Monday, Sept. 6: Fr. Rolando Gutiérrez CM. – Costa Rica
- **EAST:** Monday, Sept. 13: Fr. Rolando Gutiérrez Costa Rica

**Day 2:** Anthropology of the Christian Vocation.
- **WEST:** Tuesday, Sept. 14: Sister Rosaura González-Mexico-Italy
- **EAST:** Tuesday, Sept. 14: Fr. Armin Maxsensius Favre – Indonesia

**Day 3:** A soteriological model for Vocational Ministry.
- **WEST:** Wednesday, Sept. 8: Fr. Amedeo Cencini – Italy
- **EAST:** Wednesday, Sept. 15: Fr. Amedeo Cencini – Italy

**Day 4:** Permanent formation and Vocational Ministry.
- **WEST:** Thursday, Sept. 9: Fr. Erwin Rodríguez CM – Colombia
- **EAST:** Thursday, Sept. 16: Fr. Erwin Rodríguez Colombia

**Day 5:** Create vocational programs from the perspective of a Vincentian integral
- **WEST:** Friday, Sept. 10: Fr. Justin Emene CM - the Dem. Rep. of the Congo
- **EAST:** Friday, Sept. 17: Fr. Justin Emene CM - Dem. Rep. of the Congo
- 4:00 pm Rome
- 9:00 am Bogotá
- 10:00 am New York
- 3:00 pm Brazzaville
- 5:00 pm Klev
- 10:00 am Rome
- 11:00 am Beirut
- 1:30 pm New Delhi
- 3:00 pm Hanoi
- 3:00 pm Jakarta

Let us motivate the members of our provinces so that this resource becomes an opportunity to revitalize our vocation in such a way we become individuals who call others and thus challenge the world to follow Jesus Christ, the evangelizer of the Poor.

Your servant in Christ and Saint Vincent, P. Rolando Gutiérrez C.M.
Coordinator of the project.
New Subdirector of the VMY

The International Assembly of the Vincentian Marian Youth took place during the month of July. This event was originally scheduled to take place in Poland, but because of the current situation, the Assembly was held via ZOOM.

During the Assembly, our confrere, FRANCISCO NICOLAS MAGNAYE, JR, CM was officially presented as the new Subdirector of this branch of the Vincentian Family. His term of office is for five (5) years.

The date of his appointment is recorded as February 4, 2020, but because of COVID-19, Father Francisco was only now able to take up this position. His appointment became effective at the close of the General Assembly, July 18, 2021.

At the same time, we want to thank Father Irvin Gabriel Amaro Ramayo, CM for his effective service during the past six (6) as Subdirector of the VMY and Director of the International Secretariat.
"Charity cannot remain inert and inactive."

St. Vincent de Paul

Many thanks to all of you who "Gave a Goat" this year!

It took a while, our goat-herding partners in Rwanda now have matched about 500 families with goats. Yup, 500! This is nothing short of amazing. Thank you for helping us knock this one out-of-the-park. We couldn't have done it without you!

I love to think about who the children in these families who are, right now, becoming friends with these goats. They, the children, will learn to care for them and, eventually, to milk them. I watched this happen with my brother's children and now his grandchildren. Goats make good friends and change lives.

Please give yourself a pat on the back for helping make many good things happen by being very Vincentian through your care for people we'll probably never meet. Still, thanks to your kindness, a whole lot of people are able to take a few more steps forward.

St. Vincent de Paul taught us, "Charity cannot remain inert and inactive." Clearly you believe that. Thank you for trusting us enough to partner with us.

Let's see, over the last year, we have "Give(n) a Goat" and put a lot of Shoes and Socks on feet was well as filled the toolboxes through our "If I Had a Hammer" campaign. Each of these campaigns helped to transform lives. Thank you!

Of course, we haven't met all the needs yet. We'll be in touch soon with a new story. In the meantime, here are some goat photos to make you smile.

May all be well.

- Father Mark
VIMS
What’s in a Name?

Often quite a lot.

Look at name changes among major sports teams. In an effort to (finally) drop names offensive to Native Americans, the football franchise in Washington dropped “Redskins” and baseball’s Cleveland team stopped using “Indians.” Recently the Global Catholic Climate Movement changed its name. Discerning that GCCM was a mouthful, that it didn’t translate well to different cultures and languages, and that it had sort of a corporate or institutional feel, the board and organizational leaders consulted widely, prayer about this move, and finally decided on “Laudato Si Movement” as its new name. One of those consulted, who blessed the new name on Pentecost, is the author of Laudato Si, a document considered by many the most outstanding accomplishment of Pope Francis to date. It’s an interesting change. Often a “movement” achieves some success and then becomes more institutional, or at least is considered as such.

In this instance, a “movement” very much remains one with a name indicating even less institutionalization and more action, walking together, creating something, pushing forward—well, moving! The change also has a fascinating feature. “Laudato Si” is a prayer praising our Creator God: praise be to you. Not a God who once created, but One who is creating. Who’s not finished. Who works through us to continue creating, or re-creating, the face of Mother Earth, our Common Home. So when we say “Laudato Si” we’re doing a lot more than referencing a great document; we’re praying. So let us celebrate the name change in the best possible way: by becoming real stewards of creation, and by consciously praying that name. Laudato Si!

Jim Claffey
NGO representative of the Congregation of the Mission to the United Nations
"Having verified that Father Alloatti - said Archbishop Cesare Nosiglia, Archbishop of Turin, on June 16, 2021, opening the process of beatification - has had and has more and more acquired a great reputation for holiness, recognizing how he can be a luminous model for the Vincentian Family and for the whole Church, and wanting to accept the request of the postulator, Father Giuseppe Guerra, steps were taken to request the nulla osta from the Congregation for the Cause of Saints, which granted it on February 26, 2019. Likewise, a favorable opinion was obtained from the Piedmontese Episcopal Conference on March 2, 2021."

On Monday, July 12, 2021, with the second and third Sessions, the Diocesan Investigation of his Cause continued. The sessions were held at the House of the Daughters of Charity of San Salvario, where Archbishop Cesare Nosiglia established the seat of the Tribunal. Therefore, the witness hearings began in San Salvario. However, before the witnesses began, the members of the Historical Commission appointed by the archbishop (Father Luigi Mezzadri, Father Luigi Nuovo and Sister Maximiliana Nikolova Proykova) had taken an oath to fulfill their task with fidelity and rectitude.
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