

# nuntia

JANUARY 2022



LOVE IS INVENTIVE  
TO INFINITY

# "Young people, at the beginning of the 5th centenary of the Congregation of the Mission, you are the salt of the earth and the light of the world"

"It does not matter if in small quantities, as long as they are good. Lord, grant this grace to your Church." - St. Vincent de Paul

The Fortaleza Province of the Congregation of the Mission celebrated Vocation Week, December 8-12. During these days, 10 young people from the states of Ceará, Piauí, Maranhão, Pará and Rio Grande do Norte came from their parishes to experience and discern their vocation through counseling and living together with the Lazarist priests.

The theme of the week was: "Young people, at the beginning of the 5th centenary of the Congregation of the Mission, you are the salt of the earth and the light of the world". During the week, the vocations had the opportunity to reflect on their vocations and the search for discernment, especially in the Vincentian Charism, because to discern a vocation is to understand the purpose and the call that God makes to each young person through a charism. In the Congregation of the Mission we are called to experience the charism in St. Vincent de Paul, which proposes to follow Christ the evangelizer of the poor, serving our brothers who are impoverished and forgotten by society, as our founder tells us: "By serving the poor, we serve Jesus Christ in the person of the poor. This is as true as the fact that we are here... go and see the enslaved poor, there you will find God" St. Vincent de Paul.

Gilvan Manoel, CM who spoke about The Congregation of the Mission: Charism, actuality and challenges and Fr. Willan Medeiros, CM who spoke about the Vincentian spirituality in the vocational life. There was also a workshop with Ir. Luzinete, from the Calvary Congregation who through the theme Called to be light! He taught the young people and reflected on the symbolism of light through the manufacture of candles, as there was also an evaluative moment with the psychologist Prof. Gileno who worked on the theme Self-knowledge a necessity in the vocational experience.

Finally, to end the week of fellowship there was a visit to the beach of Iracema and after lunch the young people returned to their parish of origin in anticipation of a future entrance to the propaedeutic seminary to achieve and carry out their vocations following

the purpose of following Jesus Christ Evangelizer of the Poor.

"Love is inventive to infinity". "Let us love God, my brothers, with the strength of our arms and with the sweat of our faces." "Our Lord asks us to evangelize the poor; that is what He has done and wants to continue to do through us." (Senior Vice President)



St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us!

Our Lady Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

Erik Glaysom Bernardo da Câmara, Dedicated to the Congregation of the Mission.



# Promoting Micro–Projects as building blocks of Vincentian Solidarity and Systemic Change

To: Superiors of Provinces, Vice-Provinces, Regions and International Missions that are eligible for VSO services

Attn: confreres involved in social services and development work for the poor

Re: Call for Proposals for the VSO Micro-Project Grant for 2022

The Vincentian Solidarity Office (VSO) is pleased to relaunch the 'Call for Proposals' for micro-project grants for 2022. We are inviting confreres from eligible Vincentian institutions to submit applications for viable small-scale projects that have direct benefits or with potential for long-term transformative impact on the lives of the poor.

The Vincentian Solidarity Funds (VSF) for micro-projects are pooled from the annual contributions of several provinces that commit to support the works of fellow provinces with less resources. This provides an innovative way of building Vincentian solidarity with and for the poor. We strongly promote micro-projects as the very starting point and building blocks of our envisioned systemic change. Services are delivered fast and can directly benefit the vulnerable groups, while building up the capacity and accountability for bigger projects and broader solidarity networks. Over the years, micro-projects have helped confreres to respond to emerging needs and improve their ministries in formation and socio-pastoral services to the more disadvantaged sectors.

Confreres can apply for a VSO micro-project grant after receiving permission from their respective visitors or regional/mission superiors. The grant award is for a maximum of \$5,000 (USD) for an initiative that promotes the evangelization and service of the poor. The micro-project can be financed quickly and the funds sent directly from the Curia. Each eligible province, vice-province, region or international mission may present one micro-project per calendar year.

Whenever a grant is received, two simple reports need to be submitted concerning the implementation of the project and finances. The confreres are also asked to send photographs of the project and the beneficiaries.

Information for Application:

The Application form and guidelines can be accessed online at <https://cmglobal.org/vso-en/apply-for-service/> or requested by email ([VSO1@cmphlsvs.org](mailto:VSO1@cmphlsvs.org))

The Application must be filled up and supported with the following documents:

- Official Approval by the Visitor or the Superior of the Region
- Local Contribution
- Bill of Quantities
- Proformas

The completed application can be submitted at any time, without any deadline, to: [VSO1@cmphlsvs.org](mailto:VSO1@cmphlsvs.org)

For further information or questions, please let us know.

We look forward to working with you on micro-projects that can build up Vincentian Solidarity and Systemic Change from bottom up.

Fr. Joel Y. Bernardo, CM  
Executive Director, Vincentian Solidarity Office  
500 E. Chelton Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19144  
Email: [jbernardo@cmphlsvs.org](mailto:jbernardo@cmphlsvs.org)

# Let us rebuild a stronger future in the Philippines

## Famvin Homeless Alliance

Dear Vincentian Family Leaders,

A month ago, Typhoon Odette/Rai wreaked havoc in the Philippines, killing over 400 people. The Vincentian Family in the Philippines (VF Philippines) swiftly organized to provide emergency relief to the over 5.4 million people affected by the typhoon. As the emergency phase is evolving into the rehabilitation, they have prepared this videorequesting support for the rehabilitation phase.

The VF Philippines aims to:

- \*provide emergency shelter kits for upwards of 100 families affected in Malitbog, Limasawa Island (Southern Leyte) and Bolusao (Eastern Samar);
- \*build typhoon resilient family houses in the same areas. more equipped to deal with an ever-changing climate and adhering to the SPHERE international development standards for quality, size, clean water and sanitation.

Recognizing the power a home has to rebuild a stable future for a family, the Famvin Homeless Alliance (FHA) requests your support. Uniting with Vincentians in the Philippines, you can contribute to transform the lives of many poor people in the Philippines. Here's how:

\*Each shelter kit costs \$300

\*Each house costs \$ 7500

Please donate whatever you can to show solidarity with our VF Philippines in this time of desperate need. In order to help, you may:

\*Make a donation using the link <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/vincentian-philippines-appeal>.

\*Send us your donation by bank transfer or check, labeling it as "Philippines Appeal". Click hereto send a check or make a bank transfer.

\*Share this appeal and the FHA publications on your social media channels.

On behalf of the FHA, I thank-you for your support to the VF Philippines to rebuild a stronger future in the Philippines.

Mark McGreevy  
Coordinator, Famvin Homeless Alliance



# Servant of God John F. Gnidovec

In Slovenia, the first Sunday of the month of February is always celebrated as the Sunday dedicated to the Servant of God John F. Gnidovec, because that date is very close to the date of his return to the Father's House.

The celebration was in our church in the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In the same church are also the remains of the Servant of God John F. Gnidovec.

The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by our confrere Archbishop Anton Stres CM, with the concelebration of the new Visitor Robert Petkovsek CM.

In addition to confreres, priests and diocesan seminarians, other members of the Vincentian Family also participated in the Eucharist: Daughters of Charity, Sisters of Mary of the Miraculous Medal and other branches.

Let us pray to Jesus through the intercession of John Francis Gnidovec for the positive response of the doctors of the miracle that is being analyzed in these weeks and is attributed to the intercession of the Servant of God Bishop John Francis Gnidovec.

If you receive any grace or possible miracle through the intercession of the Servant of God John Francis Gnidovec, please inform the Postulator General Father Giuseppe Guerra:

[giuseppe.guerra@vincenziani.it](mailto:giuseppe.guerra@vincenziani.it)





París, January 20, 2022

To all the Visitors of the Congregation of the Mission,

May the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be always with us!

The Preparatory Commission of the 2022 General Assembly has prepared a consultation document for the young members of our Little Company. It hopes that their responses and their contributions will inspire us and will help us to revitalize our missionary identity. We have discerned that it will be these younger members who will carry forward in their hands the torch that will enlighten the fifth century of our history. Therefore, giving echo to the call of Pope Francis to listen to young people, we are asking you to help in motivating the young members of your province who have less than three years in vows and those members who are in the initial stage of formation... encourage them to fill out the consultation form. The survey is very simple and consists of one question which can be found in English at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/76zPWFRn56mAD38SA>

We request that the survey be completed by Monday, February 28th. May the approaching celebration of the foundation of the Congregation of the Mission, help us to dream with rejuvenated hearts.

Your brothers in Christ, The Preparatory Commission for AG2022

Gregorio Lapus Bañaga Jr.,  
Rolando Gutiérrez,  
Guenole Feugang,  
Jaroslav Jasso,  
Frederic Pellefigue,  
Thomas Stehlik,  
Miles Heinen.

# ACTIVITIES OF THE CIF FOR THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY FOR THE YEAR 2022.

Dear brothers and sisters the Vincentian Family:

The grace of Jesus Christ evangelizing the poor remain with you now and for ever!

As every year, I send you the activities of the CIF for the next year 2022. Within the CIF we work to spread Vincentian ethics and spirituality.

We hope this information will better help to serve the poor. As you know, the meetings will be held at the Mother House of the Congregation of the Mission: 95, rue de Sèvres. Paris. FRANCE. The courses will be developed simultaneously in English, Spanish and French. We invite you to participate in these two meetings:

## I CIF TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMY IN THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY.

Sunday March 20 to Saturday April 2, 2022. Paris. This is a course for all the congregations and associations of the Vincentian Family to learn techniques to: 1. Improve their economy. 2. Optimize the economy of projects with the needs. Especially in these difficult post-pandemic times. It includes Vincentian training and visits to Paris. Cost 950 euros.

## V CIF FOR THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY.

Sunday May 29 to June 22, 2022. Paris. Within this Meeting, classes are combined with visits to Vincentian places. We will learn more about the rich Vincentian theology and see possible solutions to the current problems that afflict us and the poor. We will also develop a serene life of prayer and pleasant fraternity. Cost 1950 euros.

Some practical tips. 1. The price of the meeting includes all expenses. There is nothing additional. Let me remind you that the best way of payment is for the participant to bring cash to the course. 2. If any congregation or association has a real economic problem, the CIF can manage a scholarship. 3. As the Mother House in Paris has almost all the rooms reserved, we ask participants to arrive the same day or the day before, but not before. The same request will be demanded when leaving, since the rooms have already been booked for other groups.

4. Remember that many countries need a visa to enter France. This process is usually longer and complex than you imagine. We must do it in advance, so as to present the documents that the French government requires from us. To start the process, the French government asks us for the following documents: Photocopy of Passport; date of entry and exit from France; Photocopy of the Travel Medical Insurance (not the photocopy of the social work of your country). If we do it with enough time, there will be no problems. For those who do not need a visa it is easier. You must only complete the registration that we will send you and then take out Travel Medical Insurance.

We are looking forward to receiving you warmly. We know that the participants will return to their places feeling they have strengthened their ability of coexistence and complete service to the poor. I shall be waiting for you at the CIF, our common home, so as to be able to walk together. Your brother in Mary and Saint Vincent.

Fr. Dr. Andrés MOTTO, CM  
CIF Director

PS: to confirm the presence of the participants (or in case of doubts) please, send me an email through these addresses: [andresmotto@gmail.com](mailto:andresmotto@gmail.com)

## NOMINATIONES / CONFIRMATIONES

SCHINDLER Eugen	01/01/2022	Visitor Austria-Germany (Reconfirmed)
GIBSON Alan Mark	07/07/2021 (home 25/01/2022)	Visitor Oceania
PETKOVŠEK Robert	28/01/2022 (home 06/02/2022)	Visitor Slovenia
BÓRIO Clístensen Natal	26/01/2022	Director DC Recife
MANJALY Joseph	26/01/2022	Director DC India Nord
MOLINA ROBALINO Guido	26/01/2022	Director DC Ecuador

## ORDINATIONES

AMANUEL Mulatu Mure	Sac	AET	04/12/2021
RAITA Bijendra	Sac	INS	04/01/2022
PALACKAL Jithin Mathew	Sac	INS	06/01/2022
KERKETTA Rajesh Bimal	Sac	INS	14/01/2022
KIPGEN Gregory Lalminsei	Sac	INS	15/01/2022
SINGH Seberian Bibekananda	Sac	INS	20/01/2022
SINGH Johnson Rajeeb	Sac	INS	24/01/2022
PATAMAJHI Paul	Sac	INS	26/01/2022



## NECROLOGIUM

Nomen	Cond.	Dies ob.	Prov.	Aet.	Voc.
WIEDEMER* Anthony B.	Fra	16/12/2021	OCC	79	57
MELCHOR VILLANUEVA Emilio	Sac	01/01/2022	COL	93	71
MANGULU MOBONDA Jean-Pierre	Sac	04/01/2022	CNG	61	34
SCHNEEBECK Paul O.	Sac	07/01/2022	OCC	79	61
RAKOTONIRINA Jean Lucien	Sac	10/01/2022	MAD	53	30
LAMERAND Daniel	Sac	16/01/2022	FRA	89	69
BAMBER William J.	Sac	23/01/2022	ORL	95	73
ROBLES GAMBOA Marvin Gerardo	Sac	26/01/2022	COS	53	25
PICCOLI Giuseppe	Sac	27/01/2022	ITA	96	78
LUNA PIÑEROS Ricardo	Sac	28/01/2022	COL	97	80

[www.cmglobal.org](http://www.cmglobal.org)



**Congregation of the Mission**  
**GENERAL CURIA**

Via dei Capasso, 30-00164 ROMA

Tel: +39 06 661 30 61

Fax: +39 06 666 38 31

Email: [nuntia@cmglobal.org](mailto:nuntia@cmglobal.org)