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**“GOD LOVES THE POOR
AND THEREFORE THOSE
WHO LOVE THE POOR.”**

Masters in Vincentian Studies

The General Assembly of the Congregation of the Mission, held in Chicago in 2016, approved the initiative of a Masters in Vincentian Studies and gave SIEV responsibility for actualizing this initiative:

The Master's Program will provide the Congregation and the Vincentian Family a path that will enable them to study Vincentian history and spirituality, will provide them with tools for their better understanding of this material and will provide them with the means for competency in pastoral animation as well as formation and accompaniment on behalf of the poor. This Masters Program will be done on-line in order to facilitate the participation of individuals from diverse cultures and countries.

The Congregation of the Mission and the University of Deusto have signed a collaborative agreement in order to develop this program:

First Session (Courses 2021-2022 and 2022-2023): in Spanish;

Second Session (Courses 2022-2023 and 2023-2024): in Spanish and English;

Third Session (Courses 2023-2024 and 2024-2025): in Spanish and French.

OBJECTIVES:

The Master's Program offers:

1. Systematic deepening of one's knowledge of the history and spirituality of the Vincentian charism, placing this knowledge in the context of history of the church and the history of Christian spirituality and understood from the perspective of contemporary theology.
2. Acquire tools and begin research on the Vincentian spiritual tradition, dialogue with various cultures and teamwork.
3. Engage in an updated and contextualized reading of the sources of Vincentian heritage in dialogue with theological disciplines.
4. Engage in pastoral ministry that encourages and accompanies others in service on behalf of the poor and in the missionary commitment of the Church.

REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in the Master's program, it is required

- An official university degree that enables one to participate in graduate studies.
- Knowledge of the language in which the material is taught (level B2)
- Availability with regard to time (25 hours a week) in order to respond to the academic demands of the program.



- Be a member of the Congregation of the Mission or any of the groups of the Vincentian Family and demonstrate a bond/relationship with the Family.

ADMISSION PROCESS

It is the responsibility of the Superior General and Council to propose to the University of Deusto a list of the 30 candidates who will be able to participate in the Master's Program in each of the three sessions. Interested persons must send the required documentation, by telematic means, to SIEV (Secretary of Vincentian Studies): siev@cmglobal.org

To participate in the second edition of the Master (In English and Spanish) the documents must be sent to SIEV before April 30, 2022.

SIEV members are at your disposal to provide you with the necessary information and accompany you in preparing the documentation.

DURATION ; The Second edition of Master which will be offered simultaneously in English and Spanish is consisting of two academic years; From September 2022 until July 2024.

MODALITY; On-line

CREDITOS: 60 credits [The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)]

DEGREE: Master in Vincentian Studies

Degree conferred by the University of Deusto.

FINANCIAL COST: 800 Euros. (Can be paid in parts during the course of the program)

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The organization of the Master's studies program contemplates the attainment of 60 compulsory ECTS credits, distributed throughout 2 years, 4 semesters, 15 ECTS/semester credits). Students will be able to carry out an optional subject of 3 ECTS credits in each semester: these 4 subjects are marked with an asterisk (*).

II CIF MEETING OF BROTHERS OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION

Dear Visitors: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with us!
We once again invite the Brothers from their provinces to participate in this event:
II CIF MEETING OF BROTHERS OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION.

Let us remember that Saint Vincent de Paul founded the Congregation of the Mission wanting it to be made up of priests and brothers. In addition, St. Vicente does not only connect with the brothers regarding practical matters. He is especially concerned about the ethical and spiritual growth of the brothers. He spends time with them. He writes them long and deep letters. He knows them personally.

These practices of our founder motivate us to propose this Encounter, which will be a wonderful formative experience for the brothers of the Congregation of the Mission. The experience will combine classes and visits to Vincentian places with an intense life of prayer and fraternity.

The team in charge considers their work an art of weaving good memories for those who participate in this meeting. We are waiting for you all!

Practical questions: It will be at the Mother House of the Congregation of the Mission in Paris, France. The date is from Sunday, October 2 to Monday, October 31, 2022. The course will be taught simultaneously in English, Spanish and French. The cost is 1800 euros. To confirm the presence of the participants please, send me an email through these addresses: andresmotto@gmail.com

Dr. Andrés R. M. MOTTO, CM.
CIF Director



Praised be Jesus Christ!

I would like to write a few words about the situation in our province of Saints Cyril and Methodius. Many of you have written and are calling about it. First, thank you for your remembrance, prayer, and solidarity. Thank you for your support and openness to help us here in Ukraine and the refugees who are forced to flee Ukraine.

As for our houses in the Vice-Province, the worst situation is in Kharkiv, where in the vicinity of the church and the houses of our neighbors everything has been destroyed completely by the bombing. Thank God, our church and house have not yet been damaged. Practically since the beginning of the war, the priests and parishioners were sitting in the cellars of our house. There were up to 160 people there, virtually under constant shooting and shelling. The confreres from the Provinces of Nigeria and India already had left during the first days of the war. A few days later, the last to leave the parish were the pastor, Father Yuriy Shpak, and the rest of the parish who were in our house. They headed for western Ukraine. Many of them arrived at our parishes in Sniatyn, others in Storozhynets, while a part went to Perechyn, in the Zakarpattia region. There was no way to stay. Kharkiv mostly is destroyed. Many people we know are still there and are not able to leave. They are extremely exhausted, intimidated, and hopeless.

Fathers Vitaliy Novak and Anatolij Tovkan were in Odessa. The rehabilitation center "Community in Dialogue," which we run in Buldynka (for men) and in Vyzyrka (for women) was evacuated to Sniatyn. Some of the young people returned to their homes and 12 young men joined the Ukrainian Army. Other young people, who have been involved in volunteer work, bring humanitarian aid from western Ukraine to Odessa, and also help bring people to the country's western border. Similarly, Father Vitaliy Novak is involved in the reception and distribution of humanitarian aid organized by Depaul International. Father Anatolij Tovkan, who is in Fontanka, has stayed with the parish and is watching over all our projects. In Buldynka, some young people took care of managing the center's farm. Depaul International in Odessa, which deals with the homeless, continues to operate, feeding those in its facilities and providing shelter to the homeless.

Kyiv is also under constant fire. Father Mykhaylo Talapkanych has remained in our provincial house. Several people, who found shelter there, have remained to collaborate with our house and with the activity of the Vincentian Family. Our theology student, Petro Mazur, took Father Oleksiy Shevchenko, who is disabled, to Storozhynets. He is in his family's home. Father Ján Martinček left Kyiv for a time for western Ukraine.

Our houses in western Ukraine have become the houses for refugees from eastern and central Ukraine. People are still on the move and seeking shelter.

Fathers Vasyl Zynych, Yan Vakulchak, and Serhii Penkivskyi are in Storozhynets. They welcome refugees in the "Kitchen for the Poor," the house they prepared and for which they care. In addition, the confreres carry out priestly ministry in the surrounding parishes, depending on their spiritual and material needs.

Fathers Vladyslav Kuchak, Tomasz Ważny, and Yerzhy Havliuk are in Perechyn. As in Storozhynets, they are involved in refugee reception and ministerial care in the parishes.

Dovhe is a parish in the Zakarpattia region, which the local bishop has entrusted to our temporary care because of the lack of diocesan priests. Our confrere, Father Anton Jedinák is there. The situation is similar to that of Perechyn and Storozhynets.

Our Visitor, Father Leonid Kuklyshyn, is now in Lviv. He is engaged with the staff of Lviv's Archiepiscopal Curia and "Caritas" in organizing humanitarian aid throughout Ukraine.

Father Stanislaw Irisik and I, Father Jan Trzop, are in Sniatyn. We too take care of the refugees in our house who were evacuated from our reception center, "Communities in Dialogue." We also take pastoral care of our parishioners.

As in all our houses, we keep an eye open and try to support, help, and organize all possible assistance. Of course, in all our houses, we are not limited to assisting only parishioners, but everyone else as well. We collaborate with ecclesial, state, and military organizations for safety and assistance.

Thank you again for your kindness and support.

Sincerely,
Father Jan Trzop, superior a Sniatyn

ETHICAL INVESTMENTS.
ESG, FAITH-BASED, IMPACT INVESTING
Mr. Michele Mifsud. Chartered Financial Consultant of Italian
“Organismo di vigilanza e tenuta dell’albo unico dei consu-
lenti finanziari”
Part 1

What does it mean to invest.

When we talk about investments, we mean the purchase of an asset or security with the hope that it will generate income or increase in value in the future. These purchased assets can be shares, bonds, real estate or investment fund shares.

It is possible to have two positions regarding these purchased goods, either you invest believing in your purchase with the intention of keeping it for a long time, or you speculate by trying to capitalize on the inefficiencies of the market to obtain short-term profit.

Why investing in an ethical way.

Economic growth has always had positive aspects: increasing in life expectancy, increasing in equality between women and men, increasing in the literacy rate, decreasing in poverty. However, there are also negative consequences such as side effects on the environment, repercussions on civil society and negative effects on Corporate Governance.

In recent years, the issue of globalization has changed the approach to economic systems. The financial crisis of 2008 caused enormous economic losses and led various financial operators to question the fact that profit alone, as an aim of economic activities, was not enough if not accompanied by the achievement of the common good. This led to the idea of an economic development that does not exclude the principle of sustainability, identified in the acronym ESG (Environmental Social Governance). With this new concept there are three aspects to take into consideration: first, respect for the environmental eco-system, there can be no sustainable development to the detriment of the environment; then there must be respect for human and social rights, common to all human beings; finally, respect for the law and a system of shared rules summarized by the term Governance.

Investing ethically means investing using strategies that allow a competitive financial return but also to mitigate and, if possible, cancel ethical risks, ESG risks.

The ESG approach, as a medium to long-term strategy in the field of investments, offers an even more in-depth analysis of securities if there is a "faith based" approach based on religious faith, by using a strategy that allows not only to consider the titles to be excluded but also those to be included.

An investor who follows a religious moral doctrine will pay even more attention to the ethics of their investments. For example, he will make sure that the listed companies in which he invests respect the values of life, of the environment, of work and family and, without seeking only profit, he will follow the principles of a religious faith.

The Daughters of Charity Facing the War in Ukraine

The war in Ukraine began in earnest in 2014 with a fratricidal struggle for the Donbass region. The situation in the country has been very difficult in recent years – war, industrial decline and the economic situation have led to unemployment, poverty and crime.

The Daughters of Charity have been present in Ukraine since 2019 in Smotrych – to help the elderly, sick and disabled in the House of Mercy and in the villages. In 2020, Sisters began ministry in Mariupol, caring for the poor and sick in the war zone, and volunteered at the hospital in Mariupol.

Since 24 February, the war has been destroying everything across the country and the situation is becoming tragic for the people. Air raid warnings followed by bombings are multiplying. Everyone is living in terror and uncertainty. It is becoming increasingly difficult to access basic necessities.

In Smotrych, the Daughters of Charity continue to care for the 30 sick, disabled and elderly people currently living in the House of Mercy and travel to the villages to help the most vulnerable, as soon as the situation allows.

In recent weeks, they have seen thousands of people fleeing eastern Ukraine flock to their homes, stopping for a few days before they can cross into Poland.

Sister Z.O's call for help

The situation is catastrophic:

The aggression of the Russian army is becoming more and more cruel and brutal. More and more towns and villages are completely destroyed.

People are beginning to suffer from hunger and cold, living in shelters without electricity or heating (in Ukraine the night temperature is currently below 0° C).

Some of our residents still remember the Second World War. Holed up in the corridor with the lights off during air raids, we see them upset at having to relive these traumas.

The villagers we visit are also very afraid. Few of them have the physical ability to flee or have no access to solid shelter during the bombing.

The war is pushing thousands of Ukrainians who have lost their homes or fear for their lives onto the roads. We welcome women with their children, the elderly and orphans in rooms set up as dormitories for the occasion.

All of them come to us exhausted. Some of them have recently arrived from Kiev after an arduous journey of more than 400 km. In our house, the refugees rest for a few days, regain their strength, eat, wash and are cared for. We also try to maintain a calm atmosphere before their departure to the border countries, the majority of which are heading for Poland.

Our great apprehension stems from the impossibility of purchasing supplies. When the alerts stop, a sister accompanied by Father P., the priest of the House of Mercy, goes out to buy what they can find, but the difficult transport of goods has led to a shortage of basic products. Food, medicine and hygiene items are becoming increasingly scarce.



Your help will allow us to buy these essential products, indispensable for the survival of all these people who are counting on us. These products will be bought in priority in Ukraine if we can find them, and if this is not possible, our sisters in Poland will bring them to us with a humanitarian convoy.

Without you, we will not be able to continue to welcome either residents or refugees. A big THANK YOU for your help and your indispensable support.

Diaconate ordination of Miguel Angel Palau CM.

March 19, 2022 Province of Argentina (Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay) Solemnity of St. Joseph.

From the beginning of our seminary journey, we have had the grace of witnessing several ordinations, each one very special. We are the generation of the pandemic, so you will understand that each ordination had a desert feel to it, almost like walking with the people of Israel; and each ordination gave us a consolation in this transit. Long distances, capacity limits, border impediments. Nevertheless, also the Promised land, after a trip with the community of St. Vincent de Paul Seminary from Asuncion, Paraguay, to Escobar, Buenos Aires, we arrived at St. Vincent de Paul College.

In this school there is a chapel dedicated to the Miraculous Medal where the ordination would take place. The ordination would be presided over by the bishop of Zarate-Campana, Pedro María Latxague, and Father Gustavo Gonzalez CM, who recently returned from his mission in Cuba, would be the master of ceremonies. Just like our encounter with Fr. Gustavo, we would meet many other confreres at the ordination.

This was an opportunity to renew encounters, and it is in this context that communally we begin to live, to palpitate that consecration, that yes to God that gathers the people of God, that gathers this Congregation of missionaries who seek to clothe themselves with the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Moreover, here too, we encounter our grain of wheat, our vocation. In the words of Miguel Palau CM "when you have the opportunity to participate in an ordination, do not forget that God calls you to be a witness, and also to nourish you in order to quench your thirst, as at a place of rest, where other brothers like you, led by Jesus, walk by your side".

The rehearsals are behind us, the seminarians of the boat and the thurible coordinate lighting the incense, the rest of us gather in a circle together with the master of ceremonies and the ordinand Miguel Palau. The bishop approaches us at the same time as the seminarians of the boat and the thurible, who are now carrying the candles. Although some fathers are missing, almost the whole Province is present. We are a small Province, and there is no lack of fatigue, but these moments have an essence of being at home, a caress of God for all.

The master of ceremonies invites us to pray, and in the melody of the voices of those who pray resounds a growing joy. The ceremony begins and on this occasion, accompanying those with the candles, I carry the cross, so I can see as I move forward in the central nave, the great Vincentian family, the people of God, and, I want to emphasize, the young people, there were young people from the school, something that caught my attention and gave me great joy.

In our places already arranged, we are living the liturgy, participating and observing Miguel, his family, his friends, and also those priests, as older brothers, as godparents, who have accompanied him during this time. There was an atmosphere of anointing, of fraternity; the assembly was filled with joy. The words of the bishop, on the gospel of the Samaritan woman, recall the mission, to bring the living water to those who are thirsty, and in this case the mission has a seal of deep service in the diakonia, which Miguel, at the end, will mention, visibly moved, is to serve, to accompany, all to Jesus in order to serve and in this service to contemplate Jesus.

To end, a Marian gesture, with the young people and the new deacon of the Church, to lift up the gift of the vocation to God. We prepare ourselves in procession to leave the temple. We all happily went to change, and to share with the people and Miguel this gift from God. Between songs, music and food, we shared with the whole community of the Congregation of the Mission, the school community, parents, students, directors, friends and members of the Vincentian family. For us it was a gift to be present, as seminarians we were moved to share this moment with Miguel and he gave us a blessed experience and previews of his diaconal experience until the priestly consecration. We will continue to pray for the brother's journey and for the priests of the mission. I entrust to St. Joseph the intercession for each member of the CM and also to St. Vincent de Paul. On this March 19, may they lead us in silence to Christ.



Seminarian Alvaro



France, Italy and Botswana join the “13 Houses” Campaign!



Botswana, France and Italy have joined the “13 Houses” Campaign with three very different projects. We are happy to have reached the benchmark of 50 countries with at least one “13 Houses” project, and even more to welcome France, the birthplace of the Vincentian Family and our founders.

Back in December the FHA launched the campaign “Embracing the homeless in a network of charity”, to take the “13 Houses” Campaign to the 160 countries with Vincentian presence. We are also challenging countries and branches that already have a project to bring more countries on board, taking Vincentian networks and connections to the next level. We are asking them to map their Vincentian connections with nearby countries and to act on them.

In France, the AIC, SSVP and the Congregation of the Mission have opened the “Accueil Louise & Rosalie” (Shelter Louise and Rosalie) near the CM Mother House. Named after Louise de Marillac and Rosalie Rendu, the shelter offers a welcoming place for women living on the streets, where they can escape from isolation and reconnect with society. Through the work of staff and volunteers, the Shelter Louise and Rosalie helps these women to start rebuilding their lives.

On the other side of the Alps, the Congregation of the Mission has partnered with other Vincentians and the local Caritas to open the project “Fratelli Tutti”, named after Pope Francis’s third encyclical. The Congregation has opened a fully furnished apartment in their Missionary House in Como to shelter sick homeless people. They let the people stay depending on their needs in an apartment with access to the facilities needed.

In Botswana, southern Africa, The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (SCN) and other members of the Vincentian Family are working in the capital Gaborone to rebuild one house and refurbish several others. Another element of the project is to bolster access to water and sanitation for the beneficiaries. They are hoping to help up to 60 people to prevent homelessness and to improve their lives.

We are very close to reaching our original goal of changing the lives of up to 10,000 homeless people, but there are still more than 100 countries with Vincentian presence without a “13 Houses” project. Join us to end homelessness. One house at a time!

NOMINATIONES / CONFIRMATIONES

DA SILVA Antônio de Assis	16/03/2022	Visitor Fortaleza (Reconfirmed)
JREIGE Ramzi	16/03/2022 (start 14/05/2022)	Visitor Orient
CANNATO Luigi	23/03/2022	Vice-Director DC Albania-Kosovo (Reconfirmed)

NECROLOGIUM

Nomen	Cond.	Dies ob.	Prov.	Aet.	Voc.
BALDA IMIRIZALDU Francisco Javier	Sac	24/01/2022	PER	81	64
OTERO VILLAR Sergio	Sac	01/03/2022	SVP	93	73
BRIAU Michel	Sac	05/03/2022	FRA	91	72
CATINI Filippo	Sac	05/03/2022	IDS	88	68
VELASCO Victor	Sac	06/03/2022	PHI	64	44
MORA JIMÉNEZ Luis Antonio	Sac	14/03/2022	COL	86	68
SOCORRO GONZÁLEZ José Manuel	Sac	17/03/2022	PER	95	76
TUIMAVULE Joseva Naqou	Sac	18/03/2022	AUL	50	27
McCORMACK James	Sac	25/03/2022	HIB	80	63
BOU-JAOUDÉ Georges (✠)	Ep	28/03/2022	ORI	78	60
RICHARDSON John T.	Sac	29/03/2022	OCC	98	79

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