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**“ALLONS-Y ET OCCUPONS-
NOUS D'UN NOUVEL AMOUR
AU SERVICE DES PAUVRES”**

Among the latter, in the " Social Coffe Bar "



In Catania, the inclusion project that offers work (but also listening and hospitality) to those who have no possibilities".

A soup kitchen, a listening and counselling centre and a men's dormitory for the homeless are the new places and spaces of the Locanda del Samaritano in Catania, to focus on the dignity and uniqueness of the person.

Founded ten years ago from a happy intuition of the Vincentian Missionaries, since 1 October it has relaunched its services with these new challenges of hospitality and human promotion. "This project," says the director of the Samaritan Inn, Father Mario Sirica, "was born of God's Providence. In fact, a lady who had lost a son to leukaemia came to see me and, after making me an offer, told me that her son wanted to be a waiter and work in a cafeteria; then I realised that it had to be done. The café was born because at the heart of our activities is the promotion of the brothers and the certainty that work restores their dignity. It will employ four people from the inn and allow them to be self-sufficient, because thanks to the work of Caritas and many others, we are able to welcome many brothers in difficulty. This new challenge could not and cannot go on alone, and Providence has put in my way the Associazione Mediterraneo Sicilia Europa and other foundations that have supported us. You can't go anywhere on your own".

The facility, housed in premises offered on loan for use by the municipality, consists of a space adjacent to the men's dormitory, which is the new listening centre to accompany people in difficulty, the fruit of the valuable collaboration between lay and religious associations to work in a network. The social cafeteria will also offer services, products and a small catering service, as well as the presence of the adjacent day centre where any patron can mingle with the poor brother and chat without barriers. On the other hand, the refurbished male dormitory - which reopens after Covid - will have 24 beds, although it is currently starting with half of them in order to maintain the space and get the reopening underway. The inauguration was attended by Monsignor Luigi Renna, the new Archbishop of Catania, for the blessing of the premises, who said: "I thank the Lord, because this beautiful sign of Providence that the Vincentians of Catania have realised is their work; they had a vision and shared it with lay people and foundations, and so this place fully responds to the verbs that Pope Francis recommends especially for immigrants and the poorest: welcome, accompany and integrate".



Marco Pappalardo

From Nigeria

On the 23rd of September, six deacon confreres in the Province of Nigeria were ordained priests by Most. Rev. Peter Chukwu, the Catholic Bishop of Abakiliki, Nigeria.

We congratulate

Rev. Fr. Chukwudi Agunweje, CM

Rev. Fr. Henry Okere, CM

Rev. Fr. Matthew Clement, CM

Rev. Fr. Callistus Mede, CM

Rev. Fr. Kingsley Anakwe, CM

Rev. Fr. Ericmary Umeh, CM

Kindly remember them in your prayers as they work in the vineyard of the Lord.



October devotion at the International Theological Seminary, Enugu-Nigeria.

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of our Lady of the Holy Rosary that is celebrated October 7th. The best way to celebrate this feast is to pray the rosary. To understand this feast we need to go back to 16th century when the Islamic Ottoman Empire presented a serious military threat to Western Europe and sent a fleet of ships to attack Christians defenses in southern Europe.

Pope Pius V called the Holy League to confront the navy of the Ottoman Turks. On October 7, 1571 the two navies engaged in a pivotal battle that would determine who controlled maritime traffic in the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Aegean seas. The fate of Western Europe depended upon the success of Christians in this navy battle.

Pope Pius knew he needed more than just military strength to defend Christian Europe, so he asked that all the faithful pray the rosary, requesting the intercession of the Blessed Mother. At the end of the Battle of Lepanto, the Holy League was victorious and the maritime expansion of the Ottoman Empire permanently prevented. The next year pope Pius V established a feast on October 7 in honor of the Blessed Mother, originally called Our Lady of Victory. After a few centuries, the name was changed to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

For us at the Theologate, during the month of October devotion we offered 5-decades of the rosary daily with the prayer of St Joseph, husband of Mary. On the last day of the October devotion, we offered 20-decades of the rosary in procession round the Theologate compound and concluded with the Evening Prayer 1 of the Solemnity of All Saints.



The Sustainable Development Goals in the USA: How Are We Doing?



The 17 Sustainable Development Goals are the backbone of the United Nation's global plan for People, Prosperity and the Planet, with a target date of 2030 and the promise to leave no one behind.

Spoiler Alert: we aren't going to make it. Not in the US, and not globally.

The pandemic didn't help, of course, but COVID doesn't get all the blame. Social programs and policies everywhere are not up to the task. Bureaucratic decisions continue to favor the wealthy and connected. The impoverished—no surprise—are left out. Pledges are made, photo-ops and press conferences make promises that then rarely make it into real practice.

The UN has the practice of calling for Member States to do Voluntary National Reviews of their progress on the SDGs. Reports typically highlight—exaggerate?—progress while glancing over—hiding?—the bad news.

In this article, let's take an unofficial look at the US in this regard. Not because it's more important than other countries, but because it's the wealthiest. The US experience might enlighten other developed nations on the realities of progress.

So how is it doing on the road to 2030 and a healthier more prosperous people while protecting the planet?

The UN Development Program publishes a well-regarded report ranking countries on such key issues as the absence of poverty and hunger, good health and education, gender equality, clean air and water, and reduced inequality. Not a bad quick summary of the SDGs. The report indicates that nine of every 10 countries slid backwards on the Index for the first time in three decades.

The US ranks 41st. Not first, as many uninformed might naturally think. Not the model the country so often presents itself to be. One of the most common Poverty Myths is that the US doesn't have much poverty, yet last year 112 million, or 34% of the country, lived at or below the poverty line. And other millions live one emergency away from joining them. Not to mention a falling life expectancy. Great GDP overall, but an economy only works well for the wealthy.

Is the US now an “un-developing” country, as suggested by Richard Eskow (Common Dreams, 9/17/2022). Is the American Empire unraveling in some significant ways? Journalists and commentators increasingly mention this possibility, and not only in the growing threats to democracy and electoral politics, but also on important measures of health, education and standards of living. But there is always hope for the future. As Nelson Mandela and others remind us: Poverty is made by humans and can be eliminated by humans.



Clearly a new mindset is absolutely required. Treating symptoms of social issues without seeking the root causes, without addressing the systemic causes of poverty, racism, homelessness etc. will never foster real, permanent change. I once heard a leader in the Vincentian Family opine that systemic change was for the Developing World. A closer look tells us we need system/structural change in the US as well.

The UN General Assembly recently issued a call for an urgent return to the foundational principles of the UN Charter to stem the world’s retreat from global solidarity and collaboration, to avoid greater polarization and to strengthen joint efforts for the common good in the (only) eight years remaining until 2030.

The Ford Foundation recently proposed three principles for reform that align well with the VinFam approach to systemic change:

1. Growth is good...but not good enough. GDP AND human rights/dignity!
2. Think bigger and bolder—invest in equitable development;
3. Ensure that people affected by 21st century crises have a voice in shaping policies and programs that serve them.

Great suggestions. Number 3 is key: we must, especially as Vincentians, believe in the capacity of people at the grassroots level to make real change, and that solid change comes bottom up and not any other way.

If a country gets its priorities straight about just, equitable socio-economic development for all its citizens, the troubling current negative trends can surely be reversed, if not in time for the 2030 target, but in the decade to come.



Jim Claffey
NGO Representative of the Congregation
of the Mission to United Nations

Province of China



Vincentian Youth Music Festival

After canceling the event for two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the annual Vincentian Youth Music Festival (凱歌) was held again on October 22, 2022. Different youth groups from Vincentian parishes participated in the event to showcase their musical talents in the spacious grounds of St. Joseph Church in Nanningjie, Tainan City. The organizers also invited some local youth groups to participate as a way of evangelizing them. The two Vincentian parishes in Tainan - St. Vincent de Paul Parish (Kaiyuan) and St. Joseph Parish (Nanning) - are the organizers of the event.

SAH celebrates 50 years with music

St. Anne's Home, a well-known institution in Taiwan for people with mental and physical disabilities, held a musical concert on October 30, 2022 as part of a series of activities to celebrate its golden jubilee. Fr. Gerard Beunen founded St. Anne's Home in 1972, during the years when Taiwan was economically poor and when numerous children with disabilities were abandoned. Since then, Father Beunen provided them with a home and treated them like family. Through the management of the Beunen Foundation, St. Anne's Home improved its services over the past decades in accordance with the standards set by the government. As one of Taiwan's excellent institutions, it continuously seeks ways to expand its services. St. Anne's Home will officially celebrate its 50th anniversary on December 25, 2022.



Annual Retreat

The confreres of Taiwan held their annual retreat from October 17-22 at Beatitude Retreat Center, Kaohsiung. Fr. Raphael Lin, vicar general of the archdiocese of Taipei, led the 5-day retreat for 16 confreres. Two sessions a day were devoted to spiritual input and the rest of the day to prayer, silence and personal reflection. The retreat is, in a way, a relief from the hectic ministries of the confreres.



Ad Gentes in Laos

Joyful and hopeful Mission

Tuesday, September 20 in 2022 was a historical milestone of the Congregation of Mission, Province of Vietnam. This event was marked by the approval of the Ordinary of the Lao church through His Eminence Luy-Marie Cardinal LING MANGKHANEKHOUN to “give the green light” for Vietnamese Vincentian confreres doing official missions in Laos.

On September 20/2022, in the afternoon, an encounter between Cardinal Ling and Rev Fr Francis Xavier Nguyen Thanh Ly CM, (the visitor of the province) took place at the Cathedral of Vientiane accompany by two missionaries Fr Joseph Nguyen Van Hung CM and Deacon Joseph Nguyen Van Toan CM. The cardinal was very cheerful, open, and very happy to welcome and accept the Vincentian presence in Laos following a simple lunch.



In fact, to have official approval, a long journey was taken more than 10 years of dreaming and receiving. This manifests the Providence of God in our mission brighter and brighter.

In 2012, Fr Francis Xavier Nguyen Thanh Ly CM accompanied a group of Priests of the diocese of Hue from Lao Bao Border Check Point to visit Fr Phonsavan and Fr Tinh (the former seminarian of Pontifical Institute of St. Pius X in Da Lat). From this event, the idea that the Vincentians would come here to be present and serve the people of God in Laos blossomed.

In 2014, Fr Francis Xavier Nguyen Thanh Ly CM took another visit together with Fr John Nguyen Duc Hoa CM to Laos in order to create a new relationship with the Lao clergy and lay people.

In 2019, Fr. Francis Xavier Nguyen Thanh Ly CM (assistant of the province) together with Fr Peter Cong Tuan CM (visitor), Fr Peter Van Thuyen (Master of Noviciate), and Fr Joshep Tuyen Huan (the secretary), Mrs. Cao Oanh (who know the way well in Laos) had a trip to learn more about the people, country, and church in Laos.

In 2022, Fr Francis Xavier Nguyen Thanh Ly CM (visitor), Mrs. Cao Oanh, and friends went to Laos to participate in the ordination ceremony of the auxiliary bishop of the diocese of Pakse (southern Laos). Fortunately, on this occasion, Fr Francis with the introduction of Fr Thao OMI had a meeting and friendly conversation with Cardinal Ling to give the desire to serve and present in Laos. And an appointment would be taken in Vientiane to discuss this process.



On the night of September 17/2022 at Yen Luong church (the parish of Nam Du, the archdiocese of Hanoi), where the confreres are serving on a mission, a thanksgiving was celebrated to pray for the new mission in Laos all the best.

On September 18/ 2022, our confreres said goodbye Yen Luong community to go to the airport and take a flight to Vientiane – arrived at the international airport Wattay at 11:25 pm. We were welcomed cordially by a Vietnamese family here and stayed with this family for several days.

On September 20/2022, Cardinal Ling welcomed Fr Francis Xavier Nguyen Thanh Ly CM (visitor), Fr Joseph Nguyen Van Hung CM, and Deacon Joseph Nguyen Van Toan at the Cathedral church and the Cardinal accepted officially for Vietnamese Vincentians to live and serve in Laos.

The present address of our confreres in Laos: Village Khamsawat, Capital Vientiane, this is an apartment for rent.

During this time, Our two confreres are studying Lao language and taking the experience about the country, people, and culture of Laos. The pastoral ministries will be under the guidance of the Cardinal.

On October 17/2022 Fr Peter Vo hai Dien, a missionary in Laos for more than 12 years was invited to Vietnam by Fr Francis Xavier to share the missionary experience in Laos for the Vietnamese seminarians at the Durando Institute. Hopefully, there will be more volunteer missionaries from our province to go to Ad Gentes mission in Laos in the coming years

Fr. Francis Xavier Nguyen Thanh Ly, CM.



National Youth Day (NYD) Youth Mission from Merciful Father Parish



With the theme: "Youth and Vincentian Charism: an ideal to live", the celebration of the National Youth Day (DNJ) of the Parish of Padre Misericordioso (Belo Horizonte - MG, Brazil), took place on 22/10/2022, from 08:00 to 21:00 hours, in the community Virgen Rosa Mistica with a "Youth Mission".

The event was attended by young people from the parish area and from different branches of the Vincentian Family, namely: VMY, MISEVI and SSVP, assisted by members of the Daughters of Charity and the Congregation of the Mission and pastoral agents of the communities.

The day was full of activities, beginning with a prayer prepared by the internal seminarians, followed by a training in missionary practice and the message of the Miraculous Medal given by Deacon Cleber, CM and Student Raimundo, CM, shortly after which a snack was served and the missionaries were sent to visit the homes of the young, elderly and sick. During the lunch break, which thanks to Dorisnei, and the students Celso, CM and Cristiano, was very tasty, there was animation in the square in front of the church with Student Manuel, CM. In the afternoon, one group continued with the visits and the other, led by the youth of VMY Paul VI (Arturo, Cinthia and Gabriel), stayed for the "Children's Party", an event for which they had carried out a campaign to acquire toys, obtaining more than 100 toys, and sweets and snacks for the children who came to the place.

At the end of the day, the missionaries welcomed the Vincent'Soul Band, contacted by student Ibson, CM for a Moment of Praise, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament given by Deacon Allan, CM, with Marian Rosary led by Sister Lucia FC. The DNJ concluded with the Eucharistic Celebration presided by Fr. Hugo, CM and concelebrated by the other confreres and people of God present. The Mass was liturgically animated by MISEVI Paulo VI and the VMY groups Paulo VI and Capitão Eduardo, as well as the choir of the local community, Rodrigo and his Vincent'Soul.





Father Gentil, CM was behind the scenes of the event, supporting it before, during and after, with the structure, transport, logistics and organisation in the company of the Rosa Mistica Community Council and the other members of the Missionary Team, especially Fr Francisco, CM and Fr Wander who were present throughout the event, as well as the theology students Fábio, CM and Adriano, CM who served there afternoon and evening, because in the morning they had pastoral commitments in other communities.

The meeting was wonderful. God's Providence, Mary's protection and St. Vincent's work of charity were present at all times. In every family visited, in every smile generated, in every meeting of brothers and sisters, we saw that we can be witnesses to the love of Jesus in the world. The power of his Spirit is at work and is alive in his Church, which goes out to meet the most needy; it is also present in the people, who, interdependent of the problems, remain firm in their faith in God; in the children, who manage to find in the simplicity of play a reason to brighten their day. Thank you all very much for everything.

Maria Victoria, from VMY Paul VI, testifies: "This DNJ was more than special, because I could see the joy in each one of those children who were with us in the afternoon, and see how available each one of them was to do God's will".

Ana Clara also shared that "seeing the smiles of the children having fun with the games, receiving gifts and sweets, is priceless. Every thank you in the homes of the people who accepted our visit to bring the Word of God and the heart to listen to them is very gratifying, and to be part of such an important action for us and also for the people who participated. To arrive at the end of the day and see that we achieved our goal, it gave us a wonderful feeling, a sense of accomplishment and to see the whole community happy in this mission. Thank God for this day!"



Public art project under Fullerton 'L' stop honors DePaul University's 125-year history

After seven years of work with dozens of DePaul University art students, Vincentian Brother Mark Elder recently completed work on 25 murals that wrap the cement support pillars at the Chicago Transit Authority's Fullerton Red, Brown and Purple Line L stop.

The murals celebrate the 125-year history of DePaul University, which has been called "the Little School Under the L." The Fullerton stop is located next to DePaul's Lincoln Park campus, adjacent to Cacciatore Stadium and Wish Field.

Many of the murals depict figures from the university's history, such as Marion Amoureux and Rose Vaughan, the school's first African American graduates; and legendary men's basketball coach Ray Meyer.

Other murals show the CTA, which connects the university's Lincoln Park and Loop campuses, and the DePaul "Victory Song."

Each mural is 10 feet tall and 8 feet wide and painted on polytab, a material created specifically for murals that is similar to that used in parachutes, and installed like wallpaper.

The idea for the project dates to 2010 when Elder, who has been an art professor at DePaul for 28 years, brought another artist who specializes in public art to speak to students. When walking across campus, the artist noted the pillars and suggested he do something there.

Elder also created the large mural of St. Vincent de Paul that overlooks Wish Field. The largest portrait of the saint in the world, it is made of two-inch images of the faces of DePaul faculty and students, and it is easily seen by those awaiting northbound trains on the platform at Fullerton.

Elder fleshed out the idea for the L stop murals over five years, while he decided how he could best use the project to teach the students in his Creating Murals class and to help the wider community. In the past, his students would create



murals for nonprofits around the city, but this project had the advantage that no transportation was required. Elder sought input from the DePaul community about who and what to feature by holding gatherings where people could learn about the project and offer suggestions.

"That allowed people to tell me what they thought was important, and that's how I work as a public muralist," Elder said. "Before I take on any real project, it's a matter of discourse to hear just what the community sees as valuable that they want to portray to the rest of the world and people coming into that area. To me, that's evangelization, because I'm there to serve. By doing that, you get those Catholic values coming out anyway."



Then, Elder created the designs and students helped him paint them in class. He and the students would complete a couple of murals each year.

"I think, if anything, it has shown the community around DePaul what public art can be, and that there really isn't anything to fear about it," Elder said. "It's a matter of 'OK, let's come together as a community. Talk. Find the common ground and show our values through the common ground that everybody believes in.'"

He hopes the project inspires more public art, especially at the parish level.

"Schools especially and parishes can really profit from doing communal art projects like the one that I just did under the L, and it can be a really great force to bring all people together and kind of rediscover their roots and their parish values and school values and make them visible to everybody," Elder said. "Once you get a lot of people involved doing that, the precedent is set as to how other discussions and explorations can be done."

DePaul senior Tayvia Ridgeway has helped Elder on the mural project since she was a freshman. Born and raised in South Shore, as a junior in high school, she created a mural through After School Matters that is on display at the Metra Station at McCormick Place.

"I worked with him basically every year since my freshman year installing murals, helping him paint them in his studio, just planning for that, helping them install them in his classes," she said. "Because I'd been involved for so long, he gave me the opportunity to design the last one."

The last mural is dedicated to all of the people who participated in the mural project. The names of all the students who worked on the project are included in the mural.

"It was really an honor to be given the opportunity to do that with him," Ridgeway said. "I took it in the direction of having it represent everything that the pillars are, having it show the train, the L, having it show elements of DePaul in there."

She is proud of the work she has done.

"I spent four years here dedicating my studies here and my hard work to those murals. It means a lot just to have my mark on DePaul and my city. I'm from Chicago, born and raised, from the South Side," Ridgeway said. "It just means so much to put my own little mark on my hometown."

The murals have benefited the community too, she said.

"It's really just nice to see a whole layout of the history of DePaul and important figures at DePaul and people who really helped it become what the university is today and how they've impacted the school community and just the community of Chicago," she said. "I think it's very important that we do have public art because it's not only paying tribute to who's involved in the community and surrounding it, but it's also community involvement."

From Jan. 10 to March 9, 2023, the university will host an exhibit about the mural process at the gallery inside the John T. Richardson Library on the Lincoln Park campus. The exhibit will be free and open to the public and will include video of the murals' installations and names of the students who worked on the murals.



Movements

NOMINATIONES

DA SILVA GUIMARÃES António	07/10/2022 (start 17/10/2022)	Visitor Portugal
TADELE Piuos Gebremeskel	07/10/2022	Director DC Ethiopia
SOLIS Peter	17/10/2022 (start 25/10/2022)	Visitor Philippines
GUTIÉRREZ ZÚÑIGA Rolando	17/10/2022 (start 31/10/2022)	Visitor Costa Rica

ORDINATIONES

KIDINZI Henry Timothy	Sac	INM	25/08/2022
TESFAGHIORGHIS Kfleyesus Kidane	Sac	SJJ	05/09/2022
NIBA Yulianus	Sac	IDS	22/09/2022
RENDA Martinus	Sac	IDS	22/09/2022
AGUNWEJE Chukwudi Joseph	Sac	NIG	23/09/2022
ANAKWE Kingsley Onyebuch	Sac	NIG	23/09/2022
CLEMENT Matthew	Sac	NIG	23/09/2022
MEDE Callistus Iorwuese	Sac	NIG	23/09/2022
OKERE Henry Chinedu	Sac	NIG	23/09/2022
UMEH Ericmary Chukwunonso	Sac	NIG	23/09/2022

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KEIGHER* Francis Leo	Fra	02/10/2022	OCC	92	62
MONEDERO RUJAS Otilio	Sac	06/10/2022	PER	95	76
RUIZ DÍAZ Manuel	Sac	16/10/2022	COL	94	74
MULASSANO Giacomo	Sac	25/10/2022	ITA	92	75

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