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To all the confreres of the Congregation of the Mission

Dear confreres,

May the grace and peace of Jesus be always with us!

We are happy to present to you the new website of the Congregation of the Mission. This “virtual” place will strengthen communication about our life together and witness to our charism and our ongoing renewal, as we continue following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, evangelizing the poor.

We began this work several months ago in order to offer you a site through which you can learn about and come to a deeper understanding of the ministry and commitment of the Congregation of the Mission on behalf of those people who are poor and marginalized.

This website presents the multi-cultural and international dimension of the Congregation and, as such, it is multi-lingual (the official languages of the Congregation: French, English, and Spanish). Because, however, the General Curia is located in Italy, it is necessary that we publish information in its language too.

The website is a “virtual” place, one link in a large global network, a place of encounter and of communication, which unites the various realities of the Congregation. We hope to foster dialogue on themes of common interest and, therefore, we feel it is important to reinforce participatory communication.

On the website, you will find a variety of content. It is predominantly informative. Themes are related to various projects and ministries. You will find studies, reflections, biographies, histories, and descriptions of events that take place in the various provinces too. We also share information from the General Curia, the various commissions of the Congregation, the International Missions, the Conferences of Visitors, etc.

As a result of some new technology, the Communications Office now can provide information about the Congregation's mission to the poor (both those who are near to us and those who do not know us). You also can access this site from the many devices that are available to you, thus increasing our ways of sharing this information with you.

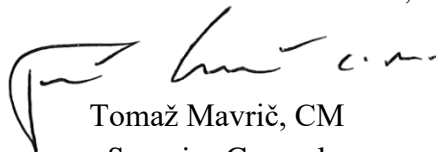
Pope Francis said *I like to refer to this power of communication as "closeness". The encounter between communication and mercy will be fruitful to the degree that it generates a closeness which cares, comforts, heals, accompanies and celebrates* (Message on the Occasion of World Communications Day 2016).

In this sense, we recognize the work of the Communications Office at the General Curia as it now places before us a newly designed website. I express my gratitude to the many people who have been involved in this effort. I too am deeply grateful to all those who worked on CMGlobal from its inception to the present. Their efforts also helped to make this new website a reality.

This new site is composed of six sections (presentations of the Congregation and the Curia, news, a culture of vocation, formation – with direct access to our publications: *Nuntia* and *Vincentiana* –, commissions, and the Vincentian Family). Each of these sections offers multiple possibilities regarding organization and information. This new site is a living means of communication and will be in constant evolution, thus nourishing its users with new and relevant content. The platform for this site has been developed at the Curia, but you, the confreres, and your ministry among the poor are the content. I invite you to share with us your reflections, the events that take place in your province, the history of your provinces and works, the manner in which you are ministering throughout the world. I also invite you to join with us in this work by serving as a translator, a reporter, and/or by contributing to the content of this site. You can contact the Communications Office through Jorge Luis Rodríguez Baquero, CM, at the following email address: nuntia@cmglobal.org.

In launching this website, we follow the example of our Holy Founder. Although such means of communication did not exist in his time, we know that Saint Vincent made every effort to be in regular contact with his confreres. He usually wrote to each of the local superiors once a week, giving them news of the Congregation. He also told the Daughters of Charity, "*O mon Dieu! yes! That's a real need: close communication with one another; sharing everything. Nothing is more necessary. It unites hearts, and God blesses the advice received, with the result that things go better*" (CCD XIIIb, 281; Document 160, Council of 20 June 1647).

Your brother in Saint Vincent,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tomaž Mavrič', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tomaž Mavrič, CM
Superior General