

FEATURE

Vincentian Solidarity

Presentation

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In its May-June 2007, no. 3 issue, **Vincentiana**, presented the International Meeting of Visitors of the C.M. in Mexico. That issue centered on the nucleus of the theme: "The Continuing Formation of the Missionary, Today." Even then, we foresaw the convenience of offering to the whole Congregation of the Mission, a reflection which was done at the Meeting of the Visitors in Mexico on other themes, perhaps not as central, but were part of the program and which were discussed by the Visitors during the whole second week of the meeting.

Vincentiana presents to you the topic of "Vincentian Solidarity." It is not so much a theoretical reflection as a practical exposition of what an expression of solidarity is, as it is being performed in the Congregation, from the point of view of the encouragement and animation of the Superior General and the Curia.

Everything started with the professorial exposition of the Econome General who, summarizing what had been communicated from the different offices of the Curia found in the various offices listed in the Catalogue, outlined what came to be known as "A Solidarity Plan on the Move." The reader will be able to see what the plan means by reading the articles of Fathers Gouldrick, Foley, Pieber and the communication of Bro. Campbell.

Speaking of the Vincentian Solidarity, one cannot leave aside the effort which the Congregation, with the whole Vincentian Family, is making in order to understand and put into practice Systemic Change. From the Commission on Systemic Change, Father Maloney and Mrs. Patricia Nava, speak of this point.

As happened to us with the issue of the **Vincentiana** dedicated to the central theme of the Meeting of the Visitors in Mexico,¹ the limitation of space prevents us from talking about the many activities which the Congregation of the Mission is performing around the world and which would merit to be pondered for the glory of God and the encouragement and animation of all.

This issue of **Vincentiana** is completed with the long study on the “Continuing Formation of the Religious.” This study was asked of Cyril de Souza, S.D.B., for the meeting on January 2007, on how to help the Confreres in difficulty, and which was not published in the issue which **Vincentiana** dedicated to that meeting. The interest which the Congregation showed on this theme, intensified with the reflection of Mexico, will surely find the publication of this article opportune.

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