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Editorial



A month with St. Vincent, heart and memory of our mission

For us Vincentian missionaries, the month of September is a time that smells of memory, gratitude and renewed momentum. On September 27, in fact, we celebrate St. Vincent de Paul, father and inspirer, who traced a path of the Gospel lived in charity and mission.

In him we see a man capable of allowing himself to be disturbed by the concrete needs of his time, of seeking new answers for the poor. Vincent did not live charity as an isolated gesture, but as a work of communion: he brought together priests and laity, men and women, rich and poor, showing that holiness is always choral.

Today, our Congregation is called to carry out that same dream: "to evangelize the poor" not as a slogan, but as a daily choice of service and witness. In a world wounded by wars, inequalities and indifference, Vincenzo's words continue to sound like a provocation: "It is not enough to love God if my neighbor does not love him."

May this month of September be an opportunity for us to return to the sources: to put Christ and the poor back at the centre, to listen to the challenges of our time, to make creativity grow in charity. And, like Vincent, let us allow ourselves to be "stolen" by the people the Lord entrusts to us.

From the heart of the feast of St Vincent, let us renew our joy at being "missionaries of mercy", certain that his example continues to guide us, not as a memory of the past, but as a living force for the present and for the future.

Fr. Salvatore Farì, CM

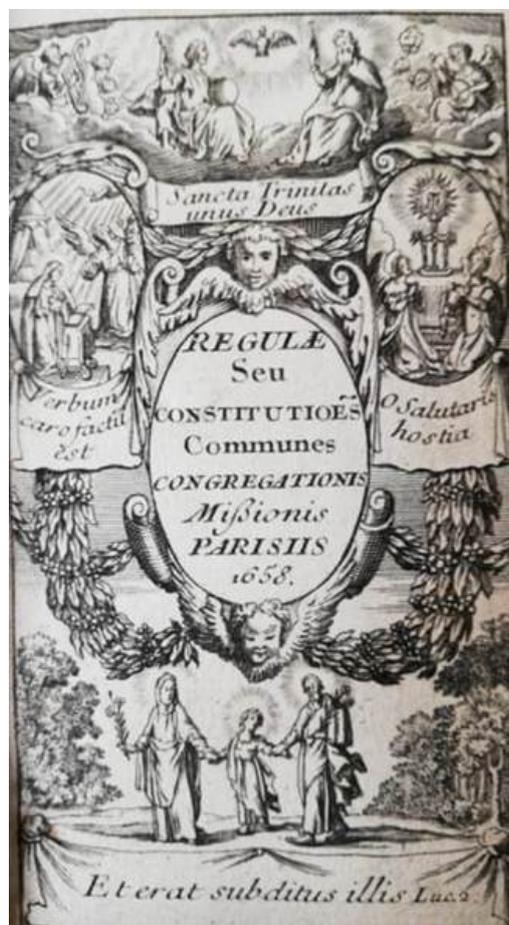
The missionary "will choose even death rather than be separated from the charity of Christ... and as long as he remains rooted in this charity... he will always remain under the protection of the God of heaven" (CR II, 2). With these words, the Common Rules outline the missionary's inner identity. It is marked by an affectionate and radical belonging to the charity of Christ through an "election"—that is, an act of self-surrender to the Lord in freedom. However, when we use words like "charity" and "love," we face "worn-out and uncontrolled words, a kind of sieve that leaks everywhere" (Von Balthasar). Yet, within the constellation of meanings—tenderness, affection, bond, dedication—that characterize these two words lies the decisive experience of human existence. "To love" and "to feel loved" are, in fact, the warp and weft of the fabric of life, whose generative principle is the event of Christ assimilated to the point of feeling the impossibility of separating from Him (cf. Rom 8:29; Gal 2:20). Upon this existential sentiment are founded all the behaviors suggested by the second chapter of the Common Rules. From it arise the virtuous actions it proposes, preventing them from becoming mere formal and lifeless acts. It is to this sentiment that one must return at every crossroad of missionary life when the path becomes dark and complicated. It must be felt bubbling up like fresh water in the depths of prayer. Outside of it, there is boredom, routine, distraction, and emptiness. This is the radical stance of the missionary: "to prefer death rather than be separated from the love of Jesus." And as long as one remains united to this love, nothing can disturb them.

As a corollary of this belonging, there is the need to "make familiar—in our consciousness—the fulfillment of the entire will of God." This means serenely and docilely surrendering to "everything that may unexpectedly happen to us, taking it from the paternal hand of God" (CR II, 3). Abandoning oneself to the fatherhood of God, who guides our life, is one of the key themes characterizing the identity of a missionary because it stems directly from following Christ, "who always acted in this way and with this purpose, doing what was pleasing to the Father" (CR II, 3). It is not easy to "let ourselves be led" when everything around us suggests that we must act, engage, and build. "Letting ourselves be led" seems like an intolerable passivity to the lazy man. But adherence to God's designs for our lives is nothing of the sort. Rather, it is acting in harmony with the Mystery of God, who does all things, allowing Him to guide our history in a kind of "passive activity"—which involves the free energy of a will that does not seek to take ownership of life. In this way, a missionary can fully embrace life, experiencing the vitality of a continuous rebirth both for themselves and for the world.

But how can we develop this familiarity with God's will? By following the directions that the virtues of the Vincentian spirit imprint upon the soul—especially simplicity and humility. "It shall be for us a sacred and inviolable rule... to think and judge things according to the thoughts and judgment of Christ, never of the world; and never according to the weak reasoning of our intellect" (CR II, 5). This way of facing life's events and relating to others implies, on one hand, prudent simplicity—that is, the authenticity of our disposition oriented toward Christ; and on the other hand, being, according to His model, humble, meek, and mortified. These virtues have humility as their foundation and missionary zeal as their peak. Humility cannot be superficial because there is no humility without suffering humiliations. Rather, humility is a descent into self-abasement through three steps: "Sincerely considering oneself worthy of the contempt of men; rejoicing when others recognize our defects; hiding our achievements as much as possible, and when that is not possible, attributing them to others or to God. This is the foundation of all evangelical perfection and the axis of all spiritual life" (CR II, 7). This is how God reigns in a missionary, and it is through this means that the principles of the Gospel radiate from their personality.

However, the spirit of evil will do everything possible to distract the missionary from Christ's lordship in their heart through five temptations: "1st, the prudence of the flesh; 2nd, vanity before men; 3rd, the desire for others to always submit to our judgment and will; 4th, the pursuit of natural satisfaction in all things; 5th, insensitivity to the honor of God and the salvation of others" (CR II, 15). The victory against these temptations lies, beyond personal asceticism, in "helping one another as members of the same mystical body" (CR II, 17). Such mutual support implies certain constructive attitudes of fraternal charity, whose principal acts are: "granting and approving everything in the Lord; bearing with one another without murmuring, and honoring one another ahead of ourselves" (CR II, 12). Thus, fraternal charity becomes the seal of a practice of the evangelical maxims that is concrete, sincere, and effective.

Fr. Erminio Antonello, CM



Visit of Fr. Tomaž Mavrič, C.M. to the Province of Chile

A moment of grace and communion

On July 30 and 31 and August 1, we joyfully and gratefully welcomed the 24th successor of Saint Vincent de Paul, Fr. Tomaž Mavrič, C.M., during a brief but deeply meaningful visit to our Province in Chile.

In communion with all members of the Vincentian Family, we shared meetings with the Provincial Council, the Daughters of Charity, FAMVINCH, and personal moments of animation and faith.

The central Eucharist was celebrated in the chapel of Our Lady of the Rays, gathering priests, sisters, lay people and young people in a gesture of unity and hope.

A whole day dedicated to our mission filled us with strength: encouraged to move forward in humility, simplicity and service.

Thank you, Fr. Mavrič, for your witness and missionary heart!



European Meeting of Young Missionaries and Students in Paris



From July 22 to 26, the Mother House in Paris was filled with joy and jubilation in a spirit of grateful remembrance and present celebration of the Vincentian charism. Around seventy-five young missionaries – priests, brothers, admitted and aspirants from different Provinces of the Congregation of the Mission in Europe – gathered at Saint-Lazare, on Rue de Sèvres, in Paris. Confreres from Poland, France, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Lebanon, and missions such as Honduras, along with guests from Costa Rica, came together to celebrate the Jubilee of the 400th anniversary of the foundation of the Congregation of the Mission.

This celebration was guided by two key intentions: to drink from the original sources of our founder, Saint Vincent de Paul, and to seek new and contemporary paths for inculturating his original intuition, while also strengthening unity within the diversity of cultures, customs, and countries.

For walking the halls of this Mother House of Saint-Lazare represents a profound commitment to our past, present, and future. It brings us back to the beginnings of our Congregation to be renewed. As the Visitor of France, Fr. Frédéric Pellefigue, stated at the opening of the meeting: may we open new paths with bold and courageous hearts like Saint Vincent in his time; may these days help us follow in the footsteps of the founder and discover God's presence in our lives and in the Congregation; and may they also equip us with new tools to proclaim the first announcement of the Gospel.

Stepping into this Mother House also means opening ourselves to the signs of the times. This idea was well articulated by the Visitor of the Province of Saint Vincent de Paul-Spain, Fr. José Manuel Villar Suárez, who emphasized the need to be rooted in the spiritual foundations of our Congregation in order to be a presence of God's love among the poor and to bring them the hope and comfort that flow from the Gospel of Jesus. It was also emphasized that we need communities where everyone lives the Vincentian spirit with fervor: welcoming, promoting, integrating, and accompanying one another. These should be living and fraternal communities with a desire to work together for the cause of the Kingdom of God, especially among the poorest of the poor.

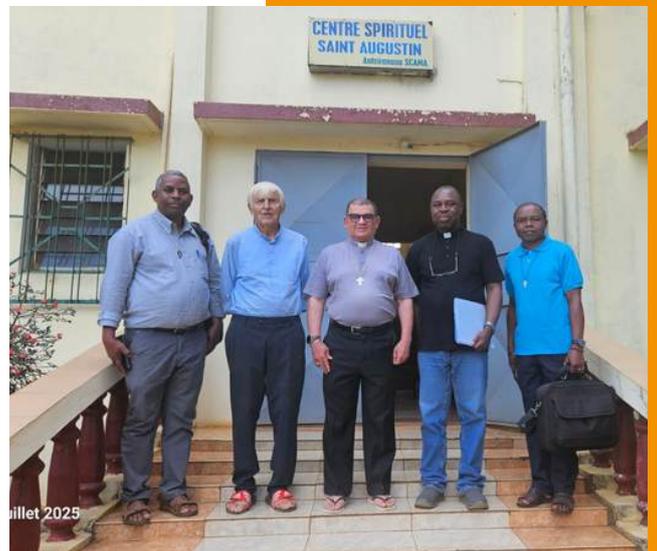
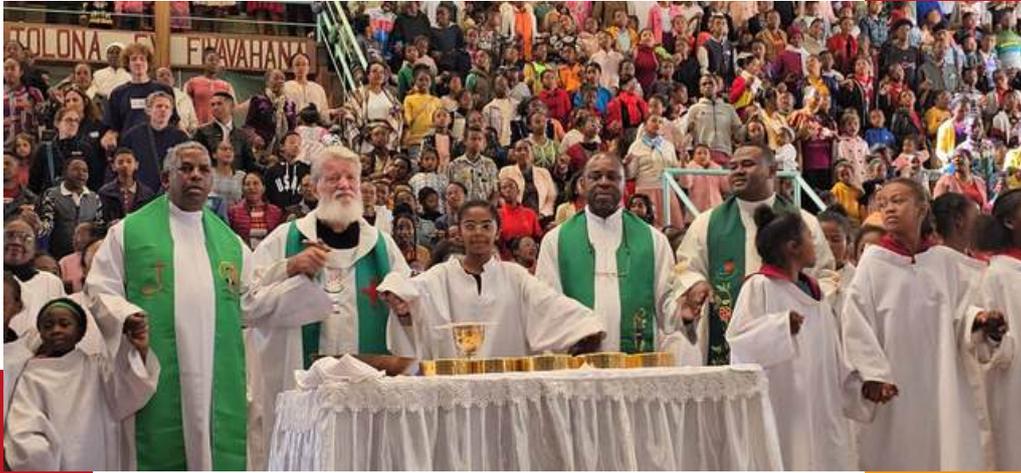
The Superior General, Fr. Tomaž Mavrič, spoke to us about "returning" to the beginnings of our Congregation of the Mission: to return means to remember the places where Vincent de Paul walked doing good, as our Lord did; to return is to prepare to drink from the sources of Vincentianism; to return is to be consistent with our vocation and radical in living the Gospel; to return means to be apostolic men of prayer who help others move beyond comfort and worldly securities, offering themselves to God and becoming missionaries of hope amid the many forms of darkness in life.

In conclusion, these days will serve as pillars that push us to look to the future with hope, centering our lives on Jesus Christ, evangelizer of the poor. May the commemoration of these 400 years of the foundation of the Congregation of the Mission help us give thanks to God and to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal for the Vincentian charism.

José Antonio Urrea Ramírez



Visit of Fr. Dominique Iyolo, CM Madagascar



Visit of Fr. Gregorio Bañaga, CM India, Tanzania, and Malawi

Tanzania



Malawi



“Mission Birthday” Vincentian Family Gathering in Poland

From July 4 to 6, 2025, the village of Piekary near Krakow, Poland, hosted a special event titled “Mission Birthday,” celebrating the 400th anniversary of the Congregation of the Mission, founded by St. Vincent de Paul in France in 1625. The meeting brought together representatives of Vincentian parishes from Poland, Belgium, Austria, Germany, and Kazakhstan, as well as members from all branches of the Vincentian Family.

The Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission, Fr. Tomaž Mavrič, CM, participated in the event and emphasized that “the most precious gift we can offer the Church as a Congregation is our charism.” He encouraged reflection on how the charism is lived today and firmly called for personal and communal conversion where Vincentian communities have deviated from their mission. He invited everyone to a renewed openness to the Holy Spirit so that the charism might be revitalized with new evangelical strength.

The weekend in Piekary was rich with prayer, conferences, workshops, and liturgical celebrations. The central theme was the relevance of the Vincentian charism today. Sr. Anna Świtalska, DC, shared her experience working with children who have suffered abuse and violence, urging participants to preach the Gospel not only in words but above all through their lives, while also caring for their physical and spiritual well-being.

Fr. Piotr Klimczak, CM, shared the story of “Projekt a Paulo,” a Vincentian initiative where university students from Krakow accompany and care for the elderly and sick in a spirit of Gospel service.

Various thematic workshops were held: prayer with Scripture in the style of St. Vincent, the evangelizing potential of parish coffees, leading parishes with genuine Vincentian spirit, with emphasis on beautiful liturgy, thoughtful preaching, community life, and service to the poor. Other sessions focused on biblical reflection and Gospel-based responses to today’s societal chaos.

The highlight of the event was the gala ceremony, during which “Pater Pauperum” statuettes, St. Vincent figures, and medals were awarded to individuals and institutions for their outstanding service to Christ in the poor and for promoting the Vincentian charism. Honorees included Prof. Edward Wylęgała, a renowned ophthalmologist and promoter of the Vincentian legacy in China; Fr. Wacław Szuniewicz, CM; the St. Vincent de Paul Hospice in Słubice; and Jan Ustupski from Zakopane.

“The Jubilee gathering is not just about celebrating the past,” said Fr. Paweł Holc, CM, Visitor of the Polish Province, “but above all about strengthening our sense of community as we take on the new missions entrusted to the spiritual sons and daughters of St. Vincent.”

May this Jubilee inspire us to walk confidently into the next century, step by step, led by Divine Providence as we continue to follow Christ, the Evangelizer of the Poor.

Fr. Michał Radziwiłł CM

PRESENTATION OF THE VINCENZIAN MISSION FOUNDATION

The Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission, Father Tomaž Mavrič, in fidelity to the charism of St. Vincent de Paul and in response to the challenges of the contemporary world, has established the

Fondazione Missione Vincenziana ETS

with the purpose of promoting, supporting, and developing the missionary and charitable works of the Congregation, particularly in favor of the poor, the excluded, and people in vulnerable situations. The Foundation was created as a practical and supportive instrument at the service of Vincentian missions around the world, with the following aims:

- to coordinate and strengthen evangelization and human development activities;
- to support educational, healthcare, and social projects;
- to encourage the formation of missionaries and lay people engaged in the mission;
- to raise resources and build collaborations to effectively respond to new forms of poverty.

In this way, the Vincentian Mission Foundation ETS seeks to be a tangible sign of Vincentian charity and a living presence of the Gospel among the poor, in the spirit of the Founder.

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The logo of the Fondazione Missione Vincenziana ETS visually expresses the vocation to service, hospitality, and the promotion of human dignity, in accordance with the charism of St. Vincent de Paul.

Two large hands in the color golden-yellow, centrally placed and facing upward, symbolize welcome, protection, and service.

The hands, a sign of concrete and active charity, support three stylized human figures in different colors (red, blue, and green), representing the diversity, vitality, and universality of humanity served by the Vincentian mission. These figures are drawn with dynamic lines that evoke energy, life, and mission.

A blue arch above the image evokes the sky, God's protection, and the spiritual dimension. The arch also resembles the globe, pointing to the universal nature of the Vincentian mission.



3rd Provincial Symposium of Vincentian Communicators

The 3rd Provincial Symposium of Vincentian Communicators, held from June 27 to 29, 2025 in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais (Brazil), brought together more than 60 participants from Brazil, Latin America (CLAPVI Provinces) and Italy (CM General Curia), representing various branches of the Vincentian Family. With the theme "Digital Vincentian Missionaries, Communicating Hope in the V Centenary of the Congregation of the Mission", the meeting included moments of spirituality, conferences, exchange of experiences and workshops on digital communication, including podcasts, videos, press relations and the use of Artificial Intelligence.

Among the speakers were: Father Salvatore Farì, CM, Rohnald Oliveira, Father Vero Urbina, CM, Janaína Santos and Father Cleber Teodósio, CM, who reflected on the mission of evangelizing in the networks, the need to be present with those who suffer, communication as an openness of heart and collaboration with the poor, and the challenges of proclaiming Jesus Christ in the digital context. In the end, a Final Document was approved with commitments to strengthen the Vincentian network of communication, with a view to social justice, the organization of charity and the care of the common home, in the synodal and missionary spirit of St. Vincent de Paul. Father Salvatore had specific meetings to listen and exchange experiences of communication with the Latin American missionaries present at the symposium.



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RODRÍGUEZ GAUCÍN Juan	15/07/2025	Visitor Mexico (reconfirmed)
CARMONA LEMUS Ricardo	15/07/2025	Regional Superior Cuba (Reconfirmed)
EID Abdo	25/07/2025	General Assistant
KUKLYSHYN Leonid Vasyl'ovyč	25/07/2025	Visitor St. Cyril and Methodius (Reconfirmed)
NGUYEN THANH François Xavier Ly	25/07/2025	Visitor Vietnam (reconfirmed)
GIL YÉPEZ Luis Hernando	05/09/2025	Director of DC Prov. Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
CURRAN Eugene	02/10/2024 (start of September 2025)	DC Director Prov. Rosalie Rendu (Great Britain and Australia)

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DOBOSIEWICZ Jan	Sac	03/07/2025	POL	59	39
MESKELU* Dender Ayidan	Fra	14/07/2025	AET	55	21
BOOTO BOMPANGA Adémar	Sac	21/07/2025	CNG	48	25
MĘDALA Stanisław	Sac	21/07/2025	POL	90	72
PIWOWARCZYK Kazimierz	Sac	29/07/2025	POL	85	67
BARABASZ Roman	Sac	30/07/2025	POL	87	67
CHAP Robert William	Sac	06/08/2025	SIN	85	68
RAMANANDRAIBE Noël	Sac	08/08/2025	MAD	63	35
BALBUS Jan	Sac	13/08/2025	POL	78	62
IBORRA GARCERÁ Juan Bautista	Sac	16/08/2025	CAE	82	63

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