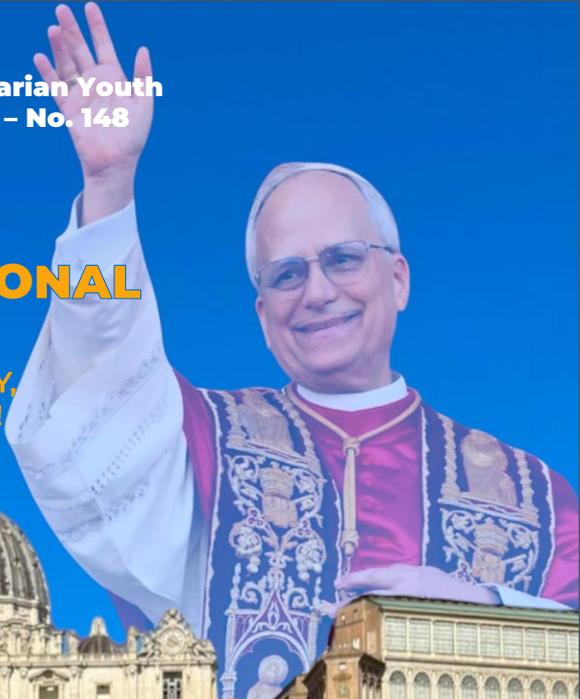




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TO JESUS WITH MARY,
PILGRIMS OF HOPE!



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EDITORIAL

The 2025 Jubilee of Hope stands as an essential moment of celebration and renewal within the Church – a time when all members, from every walk of life, are invited to rediscover the virtue of hope rooted in Christ. For the Vincetian Marian Youth throughout the world, the Jubilee is not only a time of celebration, but above all, a time of renewal – a moment when we are called to look forward in hope, drawing ourselves closer to the Cross of Christ.

In today's world, where society seeks comfort and flees from even the slightest form of discomfort, we as Christians are called to hold ever tighter to the Cross of Christ. In the Cross, we find our hope and

our strength to endure, the joy to serve like Mary when our feet grow weary, and the grace to fully give our all – our total being – to God, just as Christ did upon the Cross.

As we near the end of the Jubilee Year of Hope, we are invited to be witnesses of hope: to celebrate with true joy, to grow deeper in our faith – both personally and as a VMY community – and to become beacons of hope, sharing the hope we find in the Cross with everyone we meet.



Timothy Daniel Kuenzel
VMY English-Speaking Volunteer

FORMATION

Jubilee: Hope That Renews Lives and Transforms Realities

The Jubilee is more than a special date in the Church; it is an invitation to open the doors of the heart, of faith, and also of society. For Christians, it is a time of grace that calls for personal conversion, but also for a commitment to a more just world. For young people, who carry dreams and a spirit of restlessness, the Jubilee reminds us that following Christ is not an escape from reality, but a way to transform it in the light of the Cross.

On the Cross, Jesus embraced human suffering and made it a place of hope. Looking at it, young people cannot remain indifferent; it liberates and impels us to act wherever there is suffering. The love that springs from the Cross becomes a force to confront inequality, violence, and exclusion, opening new horizons for the future.

Mary is our companion on this mission.



A young, courageous, and committed woman, she lived open to God's surprises and attentive to the needs of others. "They have no more wine" – her sensitivity in the face of scarcity. At the foot of the Cross, she remained steadfast, believing that life would triumph over death. Her presence inspires a generation of young people who are compassionate, who serve with tenderness, and who build bridges where there are walls.

Thus, the Jubilee is not limited to celebrating memories but poses concrete challenges: to open ourselves to the mercy that heals personal and social wounds; to commit ourselves to peace, human dignity, and inclusion; to be a prophetic voice in the face of indifference.

May every young person discover himself or herself sent forth to radiate hope – in the outskirts, in schools, in digital spaces, and in social causes – bringing the joy of the Gospel to where life seems stifled.

With Christ and Mary, the Jubilee becomes not only a time of forgiveness but also an impulse to build new stories of love, justice, and reconciliation.

Catarina Érika Morais
International Councilor for America

TESTIMONY

VMY Mission: Bringing Love and Hope to Families

On the afternoon of August 16th, the VMY team from the Miraculous Medal Chapel carried out an important mission in the city of Almirante Tamandaré. Initially, we collaborated with missionaries from the Our Lady of the Conception Parish to sort donations for a local family that had lost everything in a recent fire, ensuring that aid arrived in an organized and efficient manner.

Later, we divided into two groups to visit different families in the community.

These visits consisted of profound moments of active listening, allowing us to directly understand the reality in which they live, offering presence and emotional support, which is fundamental for strengthening community ties and personal accompaniment.



The day ended at the Teresa Araújo Community, a home named after one of the pioneering sisters in the creation of integration homes in the Province of Curitiba, belonging to the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. There, Sister Neriuzza shared with the group the story of Teresa Araújo and explained the dynamics of her community work.

The meeting ended with coffee shared among the sisters and a moment of prayer, invoking Mary's intercession to keep us faithful to the mission of proclaiming and bringing Jesus into people's lives.

We are deeply grateful to all who made this mission possible. May these experiences rekindle in each one of us the flame of the Vincentian Charism.

To Christ with Mary: Be, Love, and Build!

VMY BRAZIL

TESTIMONY

A Testimony of Hope and Faith

After months of preparation and a year full of challenges, the Jubilee arrived. And amid the heat, fatigue, and all my responsibilities as group leader, something happened: before the Blessed Sacrament, for the first time, I had no doubts – it was Jesus there. It was like a moment of silent certainty, which did not erase all my questions, but brought me a peace that I had not felt for a long time.

Rome and the Vatican became more than sacred places: they were a real encounter with the One who, even when I doubt myself, continues to be at my side. Passing through the Holy Doors, in reconciliation, in the words of the Holy Father, I felt as if Jesus were saying to me: “I know you, and I am with you!”



My faith is not always constant, and I continue to have crises. But the Jubilee showed me that hope is not born of perfection, but of the encounter with Christ, who lifts us up, even when we fall. It was also the certainty that what I received is not only for me – it is to be shared with those who could not be there, with those who have lost their faith, with those who need a hug or a little peace.

And none of this would have been the same without my family – the VMY Portugal. Being there with them, living and praying together, was a gift from God. I returned home with more courage, more peace, and the certainty that, even in my weaknesses, Jesus continues to call me to serve.

**Diana Leonor
Morais Rodrigues**
VMY PORTUGAL



GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

VMY Community of St. John Bosco, Santiago, Chile

For eight years, I have been an advisor to the Association, accompanying the young people of the VMY in their spiritual and personal challenges. I am an accountant and auditor by profession and currently coordinate the Little Refuge Project in Viña del Mar, an initiative that, together with FamVin Alliance Chile and the Famvin Homeless Alliance (FHA), is part of the 13 Houses for the Jubilee Project.

This Jubilee Year has been a deeply revealing experience for me. On a personal level and as part of the Vincentian Family, I felt how the Spirit renews hope and impels me to serve with greater conviction.

The formation I received at the Berceau School of the Daughters of Charity (Province of Our Lady of the Mission South America) provided me with tools to take on new challenges with young people and to strengthen the mission in Viña del Mar.



The Jubilee encouraged me to be courageous and to pursue with greater strength the dream of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac: to live charity as a witness of life, to see Christ in the poor, and to serve with joy from the laity.

Participating in the Youth Jubilee in Rome was a moment of grace. Experiencing this no longer as a young person but as a companion allowed me to experience the living hope of the Church and to confirm that we adults are also called to be guides in the faith.

The recent canonization of our patron saint, St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, inspires me to follow his example: to serve with joy in everyday life and to always remember that with love we can make charity a reality. This Jubilee Year has transformed my perspective and reaffirmed that the Lord always gives us new opportunities to start over.

Ana María Jara
VMY CHILE



VMY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

AFRICA

Mozambique

VMY Mozambique (JUMAR), founded in 2005 in the Diocese of Xai-Xai, celebrated its 20th anniversary in the Parish of Our Lady of the Conception, Chokwe, and in the Community of Our Lady of Amparo, Machel. It is an association of Marian youth, divided into subgroups, which promotes faith, service, and love. It holds Masses, visits, prayers, and training sessions. It has 198 members, regional leadership, and religious guidance.



AMERICA

Bolivia

The National Meeting of VMY Bolivia brought together young people from all over the country in Cochabamba to share their faith, friendship, and Vincentian charism. For several days, they experienced moments of prayer, formation, service, reflection, and joy, which strengthened their Christian and missionary commitment to serving those most in need.



OCEANIA

Papua New Guinea

On the feast of St. Vincent, the VMY played an active role in the Ordination and Installation of Most Rev. Jacek Piotr Tendej, C.M., the new Bishop of Alotau-Sideia Diocese. VMY members joined the choir, lending their voices to the celebration, and enhancing its solemnity, showing their dedication to serving the Church during significant milestones.



VMY INTERNATIONAL

The Director-General of the VMY, Fr. Tomaž Mavrič CM, confirmed and issued the following appointments:

National Presidents

- Javier Alonso Herrera Sotomayor (Chile)
- Raymonda Philippe (Egypt)

National Sister Advisors

- Sr. Antonija Bernardica Delonga, DC (Croatia)
- Sr. Dina Elizabeth Rosales Mira, DC (Honduras)

National Priest Advisors

- Fr. Rolando Adalberto Vera, CM (APU - Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay)

The International Council of VMY announces the venue for the 2026 General Assembly

The International Council of the Vincentian Marian Youth (CIJMV) is pleased to announce the official venue for the VI General Assembly in 2026, which has now been confirmed. The event will take place in Salamanca, Spain, from August 17th to 23rd, 2026.

II International Meeting of VMY Advisors

The International Council of Vincentian Marian Youth (CIJMV) expresses its deep gratitude for the success of the II International Meeting of Advisors, held in Paris from August 5th to 10th. The event achieved its goal of providing a comprehensive overview of the role of the advisor in the spiritual, pastoral, and organizational dimensions, based on the Vincentian Marian tradition.

Our sincere thanks go to the Daughters of Charity, the Congregation of the Mission, the participants, and all those who collaborated with the organizing committee. Thank you very much for your support and dedication!



Visit to Vietnam

From September 19th to 22nd, Fr. Francisco P. Nicolás Magnaye Jr., CM (Deputy Director-General) and Marie Claire Balo (Councilor for Asia and Oceania) visited Vietnam at the invitation of VMY Vietnam. They participated in the Vincentian Family meeting, strengthened bonds, shared experiences, and visited local groups in Ho Chi Minh, the city of Saigon, and Ke Sach in Dai Hai.

