400th anniversary of the founding of the Congregation of the Mission

Marked by the spirit of Jesus Christ

What happened during these 400 years?

St. Vincent de Paul 1581 is born in Pouy (France) April 17, 1600 1617 1648 1625 St. Vincent is St. Vincent discovers Founding of the Sends the first missionaries ordained a priest. the need to Congregation of to the Missions "ad evangelize the poor. the Mission gentes" to the island of Madagascar. 1737 1792 1660 19th century Vocations increase, allowing the opening of new missions in France, Asia (mainly China), the Middle East The French St. Vincent is St. Vincent and South America. Revolution causes canonized by Pope dies.

the dispersion of

the missionaries.

Charism of the Congregation

21st century

There are

currently 3,000

members in

almost 100

countries.



20th century

The Congregation

continues to be active

throughout the world,

carrying out missions

Marked by the spirit of Christ himself

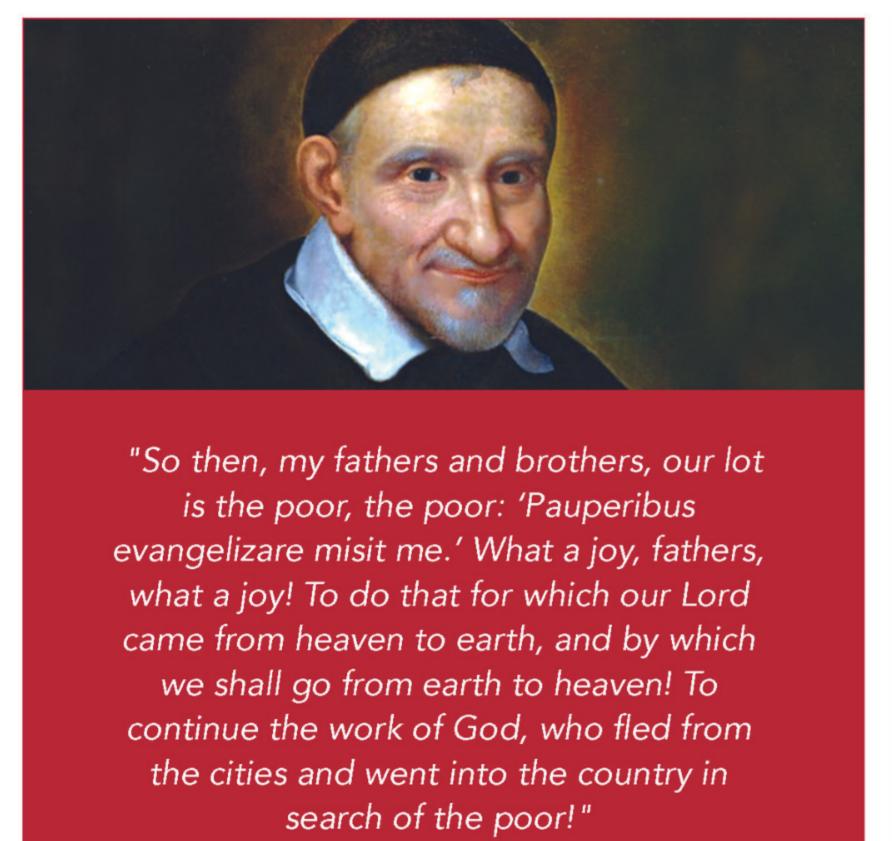


Evangelizing the poor



Clement XII.

Formation of clergy and laity





Father General proposes for the 400th anniversary:

- 1 Involvement of all members in a global mission.
- To make the charism of the Congregation known.
- To encourage vocation ministry in the provinces.
- To accompany this new mission with prayer.



Agenda of the 400th anniversary

AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL:

JANUARY

25

Pilgrimage to a local shrine.

A UNIVERSAL LEVEL:

APRIL

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Meeting of Vincentian cardinals, archbishops, and bishops at the Maison Mère in Paris.

A UNIVERSAL LEVEL:

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Triduum in Paris.

AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL:

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Mass at a significant place in the

province.

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Solemn Eucharistic

Celebration.

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