



# VINCENIAN PARISH MISSIONS

"OUR VOCATION IS TO GO NOT INTO ONE PARISH, NOR INTO ONLY ONE DIOCESE, BUT THROUGHOUT THE EARTH. AND TO DO WHAT? TO INFLAME THE HEARTS OF MEN. IT IS NOT ENOUGH FOR ME TO LOVE GOD IF MY NEIGHBOR DOES NOT LOVE HIM AS WELL."

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Fr. Richard Gielow C.M.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR...

A special greeting from the Vincenian Parish Mission Center in Independence, Missouri.

Fr. Bob and I have just returned from our Mission Cruise to Rome, Assisi and the Mediterranean. It truly was a memorable occasion and one that touched our people in many different ways. Our theme was the "Great Awakening" which I can honestly say that all of us experienced in our own personal way.



For over 40 years the missioners from the Mission Center have been conducting "Parish Missions" throughout the United States and Canada. During that time they have conducted thousands of missions and have provided their parish communities with very unique and rewarding experiences which have made a tremendous impact on their lives and their communities.



There were so many highlights, too many to mention. However, there were a couple that stand out. Of course the papal audience on June 17th, 2015 was very special, as we were in the presence of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, which is an honor and privilege.

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR... (CONTINUED)

Our trip to Assisi, Italy where Fr. Bob and I were able to say Mass in the special chapel of St. Francis that proved to be meaningful and very moving.

On the cruise in the Mediterranean we went to many wonderful places which included Florence, Cannes, Barcelona and Naples.

The time we spent as a group each evening at Mass and dinner, have provided memories that will last forever.

The most moving time of our trip was the morning we visited the headquarters of the Vincentian Fathers and Brothers in Rome. Our Superior General, Very Rev. Gregory Gay, C.M. was there to greet us and gave us a most welcoming talk. Rev. Joseph Geders, C.M., the Treasurer of the worldwide Vincentian community, was our host. It was one of those moments that captured all of us.



In the chapel of the Motherhouse we celebrated Mass, and during the Mass Roger Johnson was baptized and received our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time, which was witnessed by our group including Suzanne Johnson, Roger's wife. We will never forget this.

As always, our parish missions are unique. Not only this one in Rome, Assisi and the Mediterranean, but all the Vincentian Parish Missions conducted throughout the United States and Canada. We are humbled by the opportunity to affect lives in the ministry we are called to do by Vincent DePaul our founder.

Thank you to all of you who continue to support our work with your prayers and generosity. May God bless you for your faith and dedication.



## THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY

Very Reverend Gregory Gay, C.M. is the Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission, making him the successor of St. Vincent DePaul as the leader of the Vincentian Family.



Fr. Gregory has called for a Year of Collaboration for all of the Vincentian Family that began on May 24, 2015 (Pentecost) and will end on May 15, 2016 (Pentecost).

During this Year of Collaboration Fr. Gregory has called all Vincentians to come together in their communities to learn more about the various Vincentian Organizations and how they may work together to improve and expand the way they serve the needs of the poor.

The Vincentian Family comprises organizations formed by St Vincent or inspired by the life and work of St. Vincent DePaul and is made up of many organizations working to continue the charism (a divinely conferred extraordinary power given a Christian by the Holy Spirit for the good of the church) of St. Vincent to educate, care and serve the poor around the world.

The Vincentian organizations include:

- **Ladies of Charity / AIC**  
*(the Association of International Charities)*
- **Congregation of the Mission**  
*(Vincentian Fathers and Brothers)*
- **Daughters of Charity**
- **Sisters of Charity**
- **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**
- **Association of the Miraculous Medal**
- **National Vincentian Marian Youth**

These organizations have many branches doing many great things to further the work of St. Vincent through hundreds of thousands of Vincentians in many countries around the world.



SAINT JOHN GABRIEL PERBOYRE, C.M.



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**VINCENTIAN MISSION PRAYER**

BY SAINT JOHN GABRIEL PERBOYRE, C.M.

Divine Savior, transform me into Yourself.  
 May my hands be Your hands.  
 May my tongue be Your tongue.  
 Grant that every faculty of my body  
 may serve only to glorify You.  
 Above all, transform my soul  
 and all its powers,  
 that my memory, my will and  
 my affections, may be the memory,  
 the will and the affections of You.  
 I pray You to destroy in me,  
 all that is not of You.  
 Grant that I may live but in You,  
 and by You, and for You,  
 and that I may truly say with St. Paul,  
 "I live now, not I, but Christ lives in me."

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**LADIES OF CHARITY**

Since our very own Fr. Dick Gielow is the National Spiritual Advisor for the Ladies of Charity of the United States we thought we should remind all the Ladies of Charity USA about their 2015 Annual National Assembly to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on September 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>.

**"VINCENTIAN WOMEN CHANGING COMMUNITIES WITH JOY AND HOPE"**

You can expect to be inspired by Sr. Helen Prejean, who is known around the world as a tireless advocate of compassion and care for prisoners, victims of crime, and for the elimination of the death penalty. Sr. Prejean began her prison ministry in 1981 when she dedicated her life to the poor of New Orleans. She is the author of the book "Dead Man Walking", which later became a major motion picture.

In addition, you will be enriched and enlightened by Sr. Frances Ryan as she presents "An Historical View of the Spirituality of the Women who Answered St. Vincent's Call." Sr. Fran will give a brief overview of the talent and commitment of the first Ladies of Charity in France and in America, emphasizing their spirituality, roles in service of people living in poverty, and relevance to our mission today.

For more information please go to the National Assembly Invitation and Information Package at the internet link below:

<http://www.vpmc.org/ladies-of-charity-invitation/>

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