



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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FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Guess the Christmas season is over, since the Three Kings have come with their gifts and have left, and the decorations are now put away for another year. But the spirit lives on in you, and I know in the efforts of the Vincenian Parish Mission team.

We begin this year of 2015 with great hope for all the people, Parishes, and Dioceses that we will visit and minister to while we prepare for another great season of Lent.

As director of the Parish Mission Center, it is with great pride that I write to you. You are the great laity who support what we do and you continue to pray that our ministry is blessed.

Thank you for that.

Our ministry as you know is about St. Vincent de Paul's great love of evangelization. It is about the Gospel, and in the great prophetic words of Pope Francis, it is also about joy. Eucharist is at the heart of what we do and then of course the preaching. We work hard at this and hope to move people closer to the Lord.



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.



FROM THE DIRECTOR... (CONTINUED)

Today I present to you what I believe is at the heart of what we do. It is a word that is essential to every aspect of living not only in preaching, but in marriage, friendship, relationships and in everyday living.

The word is COMMUNICATION. We thrive on this and the better that we are in this the more effect we will have on the lives of others. The reason marriages fail is because the communication is not there and without communication, love is extremely difficult to share. Friendships without good communication don't last very long. Relationships begin to die and people look to move on.

Our culture doesn't really help with this because we move at such a rapid pace, we don't leave time to communicate and it takes a commitment of time to be good at communicating.

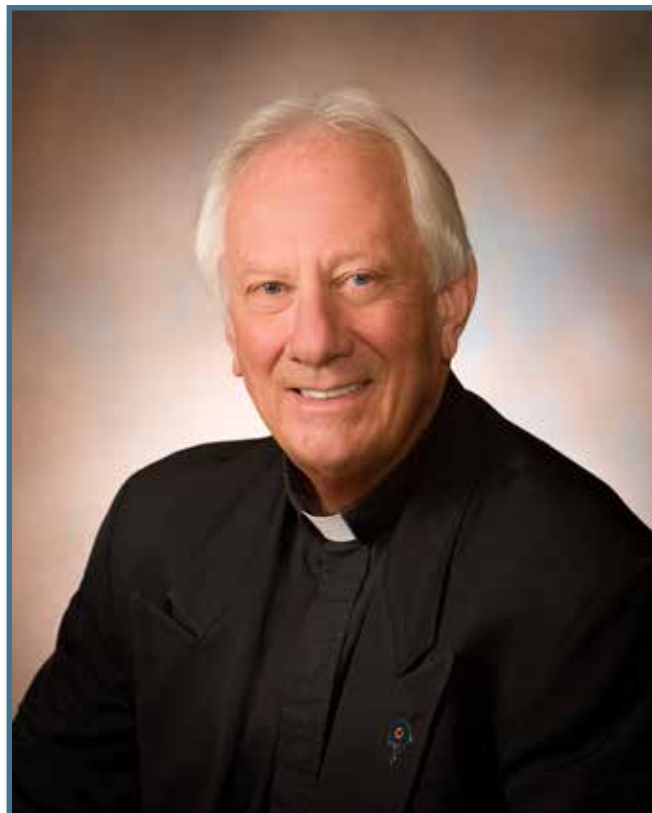
The reason there are good communicators is because they are convinced when they communicate it is always about the other; make them laugh, compliment them, tell them you love them. It is not about themselves.

Interesting phenomenon about texting... People text to get a response... And will continue texting until they get a response. The focus becomes the response and the beauty of communication is not to seek a response but to make the other person happy. And I know that this will always lead to better relationships, stronger friendships and truly lasting marriages. People kid me by saying, "what do you know about Marriage?" The two most important qualities in marriage are love and communication and I KNOW a great deal about both of those.

I recently heard from someone... "I'm not very good at communicating". And many say that as if they can't get better. Communication is an art and a skill... But most of all it is a COMMITMENT. Good preachers make this Commitment to the congregation.

The word Homily comes from the Greek word, homileo, which means a conversation and comes from the Scripture Passage when Jesus was walking to Emmaus with two of his disciples. They were conversing as they walked and communicated their love, interest and faith. Good preachers have a conversation with their audience even though the audience doesn't verbally speak but they respond and the preacher connects.

So my prayer and hope for all of us is that we get as good as we can in communicating. It has profound results even when we don't know what the other will respond. It is a commitment and it always takes time, but "time well spent" as the phrase goes. Pray for all the marriages that struggle with this. I pray for all the friendships that thrive because of this and I continue to pledge to you that we on the Vincentian Parish Mission Team will work as hard as we can to communicate to you God's love for us and our love for you. As the great Robert Schuller says to conclude all his sermons, "God loves you and so do I."



Fr. Richard Gielow C.M.



UPCOMING MISSIONS

IN THE NEAR FUTURE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET INFORMATION ON UPCOMING MISSIONS IN YOUR AREA AT OUR "SOON TO BE RELEASED" NEW VINCENTIAN PARISH MISSION CENTER WEBSITE AT:

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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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MISSION TEAM UPDATE

Recently we were blessed with the announcement by Very Reverend Raymond Van Dorpe, Provincial Superior of the Western Province of the Congregation of the Mission, that two Vincentian priests have decided to join the Parish Mission Apostolate with the Vincentian Parish Mission Center.

The Vincentian Parish Mission Center continues the original work of St. Vincent by conducting parish missions for parishes throughout the United States and Canada to educate and evangelize. Fr. Bill Rhinehart and Fr. Jeffrey Harvey, as members of the Congregation of the Mission, desire to be part of this great work and follow in the steps of St. Vincent.

Fr. Bill Rhinehart was born in 1952 in a small town in Missouri to a large family and was ordained a member of the Congregation of the Mission in 1979. For his first eight years of priesthood he ministered parishes in Taiwan. For the next 27 years he worked with parishes in Colorado and most recently in Missouri. Fr. Bill looks forward to using his knowledge and experience of parish life and community needs while conducting his parish missions.

Fr. Jeffery Harvey was born in 1964 and was ordained a member of the Congregation of the Mission in 1993. For the next 20 years, Fr. Jeffery was assigned to numerous parish communities in California and Arizona. During his service to these parishes he served in many roles and became known for his powerful homilies. For the past several years, Fr. Jeffery has been teaching homiletics to seminarians. He is committed to the work of St. Vincent in serving and evangelizing the poor, and working with the Parish Mission Apostolate where he will be able to utilize his homiletic skills to positively impact parish communities.

Please watch for Fr. Bill and Fr. Jeffery conducting parish missions in your area where you can stop in and say hi and welcome these men to our Mission Team.



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