



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."

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL MAY 30, 1659

DECEMBER 2016

SEASON OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EDITION



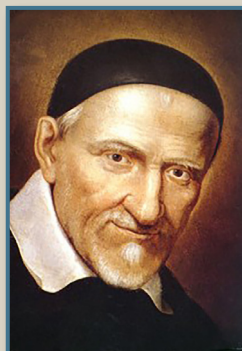
Fr. Richard Gielow C.M.

FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Now that we have completed Advent, started the Christmas Season and the new year is quickly approaching, I realize just how fast 2016 seemed to go by for me.

I reflect back on this past year and the many rewarding Vincentian Parish Missions our mission team conducted, the many other spiritual works we have done and the wonderful and fun time we had on our Mission Cruise with so many of those who pray and support us in our works.

As we enter 2017, we are still reminded that even though The Holy Doors of Mercy have officially closed, the doors of God's mercy are always open. His mercy is available for all, guaranteed, no limit and always leads to forgiveness. Our mission team will continue to spread this message of hope and love from God for everyone.



For over 40 years the missionaries 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.

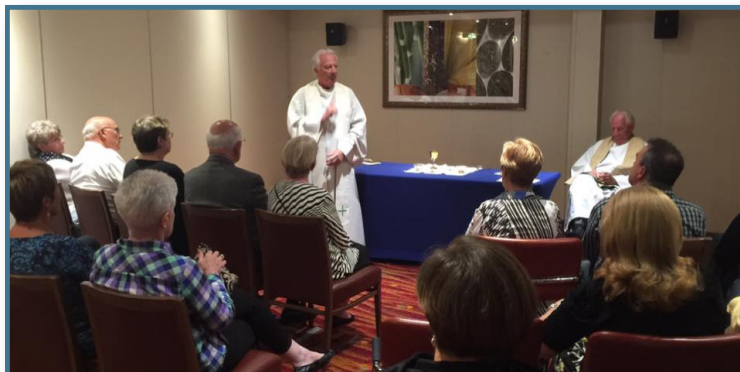
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FROM THE DIRECTOR... (CONTINUED)

Many of our upcoming parish missions will surely bring a message of this hope. St. Vincent de Paul was so committed to bringing a message to the people of France that would give them reason to trust in God and a willingness to help others. We will continue to spread this challenge to those we evangelize and know we will be evangelized by them.

We thank you in advance for your prayers, your support and generosity as we continue to work for you. We believe that Vincent's work is your work as well. God bless you for your faith and let us pray for one another as we enter this new year God has given us.



400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF THE VINCENTIAN CHARISM

In August of 2017 the Vincentian Family will celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the birth of the Vincentian charism (a charism is defined as a divinely conferred gift or power).

In August 1617, as St. Vincent de Paul was preparing for Sunday Mass, a parishioner brought news of the illness and destitution of an entire family in the parish. He preached on their need, and that afternoon the people responded in overwhelming numbers by carrying them food and supplies. Vincent then called a meeting of interested women, and urged them to put order into their generosity by taking turns. With rules drawn up by Vincent, they established a group known as the Ladies of Charity which became the first Confraternity of Charity (which today is known as "International Association of Charities" (IAC). As a result, Vincent had a great realization that for charity to be effective it must be properly organized – an event which has changed the world for the last 400 years.

This is the start of the Vincentian Family and Vincentian charism, which is to teach and care for the poor and needy in communities around the world. During the passing 400 years the Vincentian Family has grown into numerous Vincentian organizations, both religious congregations and lay associations including the Ladies of Charity, Daughters of Charity, Sisters of Charity, Congregation of the Mission (Vincentian priests and brothers), Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and many others. These various Vincentian organizations have many thousands of members and serve the poor and needy in over 191 countries.



The Vincentian Parish Mission Center continues one of the original works of St. Vincent by evangelizing and educating the faithful and those in need by going to various parishes and conducting parish missions.

During 2017, the Vincentian Family will be gathering and celebrating this major milestone and we ask that you pray for all Vincentians around the world that they may continue their incredible works and care for those in most need.



VPMC MISSION CRUISE

If you are interested in joining Fr. Dick and Fr. Bob Gielow for the upcoming Mission Cruise in October of 2017 cruising the Pacific Coast with a couple of days following in the Los Angeles area, please email admin@vpmc.org for further information and details.



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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RECENT PARISH MISSIONS

Fr. Bob Gielow, C.M. & Fr. Dick Gielow, C.M.
Mission Cruise 2016



Fr. Bill Rhinehart, C.M.
Saint Mary's Catholic Church
Shelbina, Missouri

"Dear Fr. Bill Rhinehart, Thank you so much for accepting our request to have a Parish Mission here at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Slidell, Louisiana. The mission was successful as we have had several new Adorers sign to commit to an hour of Adoration. It was a pleasure to meet you and I personally enjoyed your homilies very much. I love your meaning of the word P.U.S.H. (Pray until something happens.) It will stay with me forever. May God bless you in your future missions."

- Jan, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
Slidell, Louisiana

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