



CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION WESTERN PROVINCE

You are a partner in our mission to bring the Gospel to the poor, as we celebrate 200 years of service in the United States.





"Let's preach Jesus Christ and let all our actions tend toward God, who is the Spirit of simplicity."

– St. Vincent de Paul

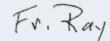
Dear Friend.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating our 200-year legacy of service in the United States! Together with our friends and benefactors, the priests and brothers of the Western Province continue the work of St. Vincent de Paul today. Your ongoing prayers and generosity allow us to reach out to the poor, the lonely, the sick and vulnerable throughout the western United States and in Kenya, East Africa. Thank you.

As we celebrate this milestone in our Vincentian history, we look ahead to our third century of service. Now more than ever, our lay partners and collaborators play a crucial role in supporting our Vincentian works. Your willingness to walk with the poor, to feed the hungry, to visit the sick, to welcome the stranger and to care for the least of God's people is an inspiration for all of us.

This province report highlights the many ways you have impacted the lives of those we serve this past year. I invite you to read about the direct impact of your generosity and the works of prayer, sacrament and service that your support helps make possible. I hope that the stories in this report bring you great joy and the satisfaction that you have reached out to those in need.

Yours in St. Vincent,



Very Reverend Ray Van Dorpe, C.M Provincial Superior

MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL



Vincentians Elect New Superior General, Successor of St. Vincent

This past year, Vincentian leaders from throughout the world elected the Very Reverend Tomaž Mavrič, C.M., as Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission and of the Company of the Daughters of Charity. Fr. Tomaž is the 25th Superior General in the history of the Congregation, and previously served as Vice-Visitor of the Vice-Province of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Belarus, Ukraine and Siberia.

The pastoral leadership of Fr. Tomaž will enliven the work of the priests and brothers of the Western Province and the Vincentian Family across the globe. Please pray for Father Tomaž, successor of St. Vincent, and for our mission throughout the world.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS -VINCENTIANS, THEN AND NOW

When the Vincentians first arrived in the United States in 1816, the nation consisted of only 19 states and Abraham Lincoln was only seven years old. Within a year of their arrival, the Vincentian pioneers had made their way to Bardstown, Kentucky, and by 1818 they had established their home in Perryville, Missouri.

A small country town on the American frontier, Perryville proved to be a spiritual hub for the Vincentians in the United States. Before long, a vibrant ministry to the poor took root from coast to coast and from border to border. Vincentian priests and brothers established colleges and universities, led parishes, built shrines, taught in seminaries and served the poor in urban centers and rural towns.

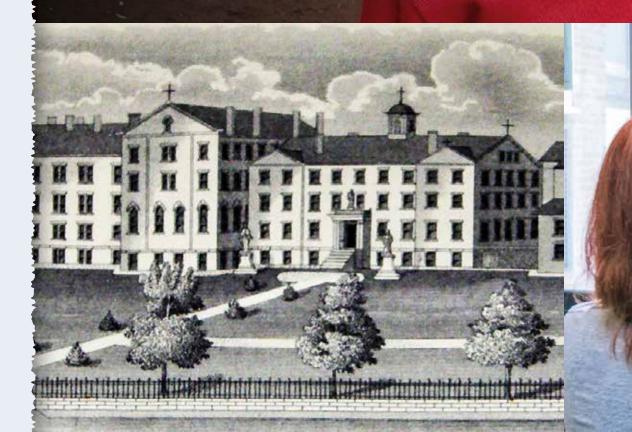
We give our joyful thanksgiving to God for all the graces he has showered on us for two centuries of service in America!

Today, the Vincentians are celebrating our 200th Anniversary in America. Over the years, the priests and brothers, together with their lay collaborators, have created a distinctive spiritual way of life that can still be witnessed in parishes, shrines and schools, in communities and through devotions, in their preaching and teaching.

We give our joyful thanksgiving to God for all the graces he has showered on us for two centuries of service in America! We thank our faithful friends and donors for their prayers and support of our ministries, as we look ahead to our third century in America.

"Let's give ourselves to God, then, once and for all, let's work let's go to the assistance of the poor."

– St. Vincent de Paul





Association of the Miraculous Medal **Celebrates 100th** Anniversary

In 2018, the Association of the Miraculous Medal will celebrate its 100th anniversary. With more than 300,000 members currently and 36,000 prayer requests each year, the Association is a powerful witness of faithful dedication.

"Many of the people we serve are searching for Christ's mercy - for themselves and for their loved ones. They begin by sending prayer requests for others, but soon realize that they've been transformed as well," says Don Fulford, **Director of the Association** of the Miraculous Medal.

Since its founding in 1918, the ministry has encouraged countless people to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ through Mary. The Association seeks to "unite people in prayer and help them grow in holiness while supporting the apostolic mission and charitable work of Vincentian priests and brothers."

INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE TO SERVE

The "Youth Serving the Poor" Program at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Los Angeles, CA, provides opportunities for young people to go into the streets to help the homeless. The youth group prepares **200 to 300 meals twice a month** for poor, homeless and unemployed people in the neighborhood.

"Feeding the homeless is very important to me. Many people tell us that they **would not have anything to eat** without our help."

- Laura Alonso, St. Vincent Parish





IGNITING THE SPIRIT'S FIRE

The Vincentian Parish Mission program reaches **more** than 100 parish communities throughout the U.S. each year. Vincentian priests preach, teach, celebrate Mass, visit the sick and offer spiritual guidance.

"Our parish missions are rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ and have a practical application in people's lives. We want people to experience God's love, and then to go out and share it with the world."

- Fr. Ron Hoye, C.M., Vincentian Parish Missions

The Vincentian mission in Kenya is thriving, with more than **30 seminarians** and many more young priests serving in parishes, schools and outstations. This past year, a new parish was established, **three men were ordained** priests and six became deacons. The Vincentians have launched the Welcoming the Stranger partnership with the Daughters of Charity to better serve the needs of the poor.

and their families."

FINDING CHRIST IN KENYA

"Our partnership with the Daughters of Charity will allow us to better serve the poorest in our community – to provide the services they need to build better lives for themselves

- Fr. Humphreys Okumu, C.M., Region of Kenya



CARING FOR OUR SENIORS

With your help, we provide high-quality care for our senior priests and brothers. More than **60 retired Vincentians** live in community at the Apostle of Charity Residence, in Perryville, MO where they celebrate the sacraments, share meals and enjoy activities and day trips. Fifteen senior Vincentians participate in the Prayer Ministry program, praying daily for friends and benefactors.

"Our senior priests and brothers have **dedicated their lives** to prayer and service. Now, it is up to us to help care for their physical and spiritual needs during their retirement."

- Fr. Mike Joyce, C.M., Apostle of Charity Residence, Perryville, MO

As a partner in our mission, you share the Vincentian charism and play a central role in advancing our Vincentian mission.

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PARTNERS IN OUR MISSION

Thanks to the prayerful support of our donors and friends, the Vincentians of the Western Province have accomplished much in service to the poor this past year. Your generosity touches the lives of those served in our parishes and schools, soup kitchens, retreat centers and in villages around Nairobi, Kenya.

Here are just a few of the ways your support has impacted the lives of those in need:

- You helped the Vincentians provide additional housing options for more than 60 homeless people in St. Louis, MO, through a partnership with Depaul USA.
- You helped Sacred Heart in Patterson, CA, reach out to the migrant community through the newly established *Pastoral Migratoria* program.
- You supported a mother in Nairobi with assistance to start a modest sewing business in order to send her children to school.
- You provided resources to serve Hispanic families at St. Vincent Parish in Perryville, MO, spreading the joyful message of Jesus to thousands.

Now more than ever, our partnership with lay leaders, volunteers, donors and the entire Vincentian Family helps to enliven our work. As the number of priests and brothers declines, we look to people like you to carry out the work of St. Vincent.

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Thank you for making these works of mercy possible for those we serve.

Associates of the Little Company

The Associates of the Little Company is a group of dedicated individuals and families, named after the original followers of St. Vincent de Paul, who he called his "little company."

Associate	\$500-\$999
Servant	\$1,000-\$2,499
Companion	\$2,500-\$4,999
Disciple	\$5,000-\$9,999
Evangelizer	\$10,000+

FISCAL YEAR 2017: DEVELOPMENT REPORT (*July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017*)

We extend our prayerful gratitude to all who share the mission of the Western Province in many ways. Your prayers, your time, your friendship and your financial support — with God's grace — strengthens our ability to reach out every day to those God loves: the poor, the marginalized, the outcast and those suffering in any way.

This year in celebration of the dawn of our third century of service in the United States, we are publishing this report that demonstrates the many ways our ministries continue to be vibrant and vital to those we serve. The charts below illustrate our sources of revenue and how gifts are making an impact.

Thank you for your ongoing confidence in our work and ministries. Please continue to join us in following the exhortation of St. Vincent and the example of Jesus who came not to be served but to serve his brothers and sisters.

Revenue Allocations

Kenya Mission - **\$938,466**

Care for Seniors – **\$85,231**

Education and Formation of Priests and Brothers – \$508,177

Total: \$3.809.214

Service to the Poor, Young People

and Evangelization - \$1,412,269

International Outreach to the Poor – \$865.071

YOUR GIFTS At Work

Number of Gifts in Fiscal Year 2017:

2,348

Gifts Received in Fiscal Year 2017: \$3,809,214

Income Charitable Gift Annuities – \$555,000

- Bequests **\$723,748**
- Development Projects \$2,530,466

Total: \$3,809,214

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"One way to ensure the continuing blessings of the Lord is to use them as soon as we receive them, according to his good pleasure for the greatest benefit to our neighbor."

- St. Vincent de Paul

"Charity ... is the life of the soul."

- St. Vincent de Paul



God bless all of you.

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- St. Vincent de Paul



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