

# NUNTIA

Congregation of the Mission



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## International Missions

### CHAD AND TUNISIA: TWO AFRICAN MISSIONS MAINTAINED BY OTHER AFRICANS

By: Fr. Zeracristos Yosief, CM

What image do we have of Africa and of the African people? If we want to be honest, it is probably not a very attractive image. Africa is a poor continent where many people live in misery and are afflicted by various diseases ... and from a spiritual perspective, the continent is in the developmental stage of "adolescence". It must be stated, however, that Africa is a large continent (three times larger than Europe) and is composed of many nations, many cultures and numerous Christians. It was on this continent that monastic life was established by Saint Anthony (an Egyptian and, in fact, an African).

The Congregation of the Mission in Africa is experiencing a time of growth. I

feel blessed to have witnessed, some twenty years ago (July 1994), the birth of COVIAM. At that time there were only two African Vincentian Missionaries: Father Timothy Njoku (Nigeria) and Abba Weldemarian Zerayohannes (Eritrea). During the past two decades, I however, the situation has changed in a most dramatic manner. African Missionaries are not only in positions of leadership in their provinces, vice-provinces and regions, but together they have begun a process of formation and, above all, they have become engaged in the mission in a more decisive manner. Is not all of this wonderful and a reason to rejoice! In the past decade, under the leadership of Father Gregory Gay, two vice-provinces have become provinces: Saint Justin de Jacobis (2006) and Nigeria

(2011). With the help of God, Cameroon will soon become a vice-province and Kenya will become a region. It is hoped that in the near future Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda-Burundi will become vice-provinces (in reality, there are very favorable conditions that seem to foster such a move). In conclusion, during the past two decades we have witnessed a miracle on our continent: the Congregation of the Mission, which began as a small, delicate seedling, has now become a great tree that has begun to produce fruit. The first two missionary fruits are Chad and Tunisia (two African missions maintained by other Africans).

Who would have thought that the Africans were capable of initiating an International Mission and moving that mission forward with conviction and tenacity! Nevertheless, the missions in Chad and Tunisia are two missions that project a different image of the African Missionaries and it is hoped that this reality can change the image of “the doubting prophets”. It should be stated that these are two very distinct missions.

**The Missionaries are accomplishing wonderful things and thus revealing their human and spiritual maturity as they incarnate our Vincentian charism in their ministry.**

Chad is a country in which people practice very different religions: Islam, Christianity and Animism while the people in Tunisia are predominantly Muslims (98% of the population is Muslim). The national Constitution allows for the freedom of conscience and therefore, in principle, people are free to practice another religion without fear of being prosecuted from some crime ... in reality, however, that principle is a dead letter. As a result, ministry in Tunisia is quite different from ministry in Chad. Nevertheless, in both places the Missionaries are accomplishing wonderful things and thus revealing their human and spiritual maturity as they incarnate our Vincentian charism in their ministry.

During my last visit to these two missions (November - December 2014) I was able to share in the ministry of the confreres. The two bishops with whom our confreres minister, that is, the Bishop in Chad and the Bishop in Tunisia, are very satisfied with the commitment and the dedication of our confreres. For example, Bishop Joachim Kouraleyo, the bishop of Moundou, has requested the presence of more Vincentians in his diocese, he wants the Vincentians to take

responsibility for the seminary and for a parish in the city of Moundou. The bishop has also asked the Vincentians to take charge of the diocesan radio station which has not functioned for several years. The parish which has been entrusted to the Congregation is, according to the bishop, a “model” parish because those persons who live at a distance from the parish center are pastorally provided for. In addition to the central parish of Bebalem, there are thirty-eight other mission stations. There is also much collaboration between the Missionaries and the Daughters of Charity who are present in Chad and Tunisia.

If the missions in Chad and Tunisia are examples of the human, spiritual and pastoral maturity of the African Vincentians, the confreres should nevertheless be mindful of their predecessors who journeyed through the forests and the deserts of Africa. These two International Missions show that the African confreres are able to accomplish many things and are, in fact changing the attitude of the people in those countries who were accustomed to see “white missionaries” with all that that evoked in the memory of the African people. That color, that is, white, is identified with economic power ... the white missionary is the person who distributes food, shoes, clothing, money, and at times, a rosary or a medal.



Our confreres, who are part of COVIAM, must continue to commit themselves to the task of presenting a different image of the missionary, one who comes with empty hands ... they must be authentic witnesses who proclaim the Word ... they must follow the example of the poor missionary par excellence, Jesus, who had no place to rest his head and thus they must be poor in the midst of those who are poor. At times this will be a difficult task, but there is no alternative. Sooner or later we must learn that very often we will be able to do very little in light of the misery that is presented before us and so it is wonderful to be the missionary of the poor Jesus who in silence shared our destiny and entered into solidarity with all of humankind. We have the example of Saint Justin de Jacobis: an Italian by birth, but an Abyssinian by vocation and choice, one who was first viewed as an heroic missionary and then seen as an Abyssinian with the Abyssinians.

We continue to pray that our brother Missionaries in Chad and Tunisia continue to follow in the footsteps of Saint Justin de Jacobis!



## Philippines

### POPE FRANCIS IN THE PHILIPPINES (JANUARY 15-19)

By: Fr. Rolando Delagoza

The recent visit of Pope Francis to the Philippines was a grace-filled, joyful and life-changing experience for the people in the Philippines and, in particular, for the members of the Vincentian Family. His *persona*, his smile, his gestures and actions spoke more than a million words. In fact, his presence in our midst was a source of inspiration and love as he communicated a message of mercy and compassion to all whom he encountered, who listened to him or who simply watched him on television. Wherever he went he communicated God's word and touched millions of people. For many people the papal visit was an event that changed their lives ... an event that was not only inspiring but also formative as well.

What was the experience of the Vincentians during the visit of Pope Francis? The Vincentian Family, including the members of the

Congregation of the Mission, the Company of the Daughters of Charity, the Ladies of Charity and the many people involved in some way with the various Vincentian institutions: the schools, parishes, etc. were silent contributors to the success of the papal visit. For example, very few people knew that Kristel Pasadas, an alumnus of Adamson University and a volunteer in Tacloban, was killed in that city. Kristen had obtained a degree in psychology and was an only child. Her parents, like so many others, worked abroad. She left her previous work in order to minister as a volunteer with Catholic Relief Services and thus she was in Tacloban during the visit of the Pope. She was killed when the strong winds toppled construction materials on top of her. The Holy Father visited her family and on January 28<sup>th</sup>, the Papal Nuncio presided at the celebration of the Eucharist in memory of Kristel. May she rest in peace!



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Some of our seminarians participated in the various events that were scheduled during this time. They were called upon to serve as guides, liturgical ministers, etc. They spent many hours preparing for this events and endured many sleepless hours on the streets where the Holy Father was scheduled to pass. They were aware of the many problems related to the security of the Holy Father but nevertheless they were the courageous individuals who placed themselves on the front lines. They had to undergo a screening process that was conducted by several governmental agencies and we give thanks to the Lord because they were able to contribute in their own way to the success of the papal visit. Now each of these young men has many memories and stories to recount as a result of this hidden ministry

Many of the volunteers were members of the Vincentian parishes located in Manila: Saint Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, the Shine of Saint Vincent de Paul and the parish Ina Ng Lupang Pangako. The Missionaries accompanied the volunteers during the time of preparation and on various occasions spoke about the

importance of the person of the Holy Father.

In one of the local houses the Papal visit brought all the confreres together as they watched the events unfold on television (on this occasion it was not a tennis match between Federer and Nadal or a basketball game or a boxing batch which featured Pacquiano). During the meals the theme for discussion and dialogue was the Pope and there were countless memories and stories to be told.

**Note:** It was estimated that around six million persons participated in the celebration of the Eucharist which took place in Luneta, Manila.

**“There is the challenge, the concern for the environment. And finally, there is the challenge for the poor, to love the poor, (...). Do you think of the poor? Do you feel with the poor? Do you do something for the poor? Do you ask the poor to give you the wisdom they have?”.**

**Pope Francis**

## INTERNAL SEMINARY – GOOD PURPOSES

By: Fr. Angel Palma, CM



On January 25<sup>th</sup>, during the time of the visit of the superior General who participated in a meeting of the International Council of MISEVI, there was a celebration to commemorate the foundation of the Congregation of the Mission. Father General presided at this event and was accompanied by some confreres and members of the Vincentian Family.

There were two celebration on that day ... the first celebration took place in the chapel of the major seminary. During solemn Morning Prayer on the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, six young men completed their time in the Internal Seminary and made their Good Purposes.

Father Gregory reminded the young men about the importance of the commitment that they assume as they pronounced their Good Purposes, especially in a province such as Colombia which has been blessed with many vocations and which has also experienced the departure of many Missionaries. Father focused his reflection on the words of the formula which state: ***I declare my intention of faithfully dedicating myself in the Congregation of the Mission, for the whole of my life.*** It is not easy, Father stated, to pronounce those words, but through the grace of God we are

able to make such a firm decision. The Vincentian vow is STABILITY and this implies that from the beginning we have a clear and unambiguous disposition. Many other proposals will be presented to us but we should never forget that these proposals, our Good Purposes, are solemn and later will be proclaimed as vows.

The second celebration was the Eucharist in which Father General reminded us that the Synod on the Family will continue this year and also stated that vocations are born in the heart of the family. Therefore, we should not neglect ministry on behalf of the family. Father also referred to the fact that we celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life ... a time during which we are invited to renew our commitment so that we are credible witnesses before the world. Father concluded his homily by announcing that on the Feast of Pentecost we, as a Vincentian Family, will initiate the Year of Collaboration.

At the conclusion of the celebration Father sent forth the students who had concluded the Internal Seminary and who, during 2015, will engage in a year of pastoral ministry and ministers in the various works of the Province.



Chile

## CONCLUSION OF THE INTERNAL SEMINARY AND THE TAKING OF GOOD PURPOSES

The celebration of the Eucharist that occurred on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the Saint Vincent de Paul chapel of the Seminary in Macul, a celebration presided by the Visitor, Father Fernando Macías marked the conclusion of the Internal Seminary for the year 2014 for the candidates from the Provinces of CLAPVI-South. Also in attendance were Father Javier Gamero, CM (Assistant Provincial – Peru), Father Juan Carlos Gatti, CM, (Visitor Argentina) Father Carlos Arley Cardona, CM (director of the Internal Seminary), Father Jorge Aguirre, CM and Father Alejandro Fabres, CM.

During the celebration six seminarians pronounced their Good Purposes: Alvaro Tamblay (Chile), Diego Martinez (Argentina-Paraguay), Roger Mamani (Peru), Vero Urbina (Peru), Bryan Palomino (Peru) and Jorge Gallardo (Peru). On the occasion of pronouncing their Good Purposes the admitted members of the Congregation of the Mission expressed their commitment to persevere in their vocation and to dedicate themselves to the evangelization of the poor and to live a life of

poverty, chastity and obedience. This commitment will later be ratified at the time when they take vows and are incorporated into the Congregation (at a time to be determined and when the superiors find them sufficiently prepared to take that step).

During this celebration we also bid farewell to and expressed our gratitude to Father Carlos Arley Cardona Salazar from the Province of Colombia. For the past three and a half years Father had ministered in our province, in the area of formation and more specifically as the Director of the Interprovincial Internal Seminary. The Province is grateful for Father's service and we pray for his success in his new ministry. We also express our gratitude to the Province of Colombia and to the Visitor for their generous assistance.

On January 5<sup>th</sup> Father Carlos Arley Cardona left for Bogota. At the same time the students who concluded their time in the Internal Seminary traveled back to their respective Provinces. God speed and good luck!

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DE NUESTRA LA EVANGELIZACIÓN  
VOCACIÓN VICENTINA Y LA ESPERANZA

**THE VINCENTIAN YEAR OF VOCATIONS  
PROVINCE OF COLOMBIA**

By: Fr. Erwin Geovanny Rodríguez C., CM

As coordinator of the ministry of Vocational Promotion for the Vincentian Family in the Province of Colombia and in conjunction with the other members of the team we want to propose a year dedicated to promoting vocations. We want to do this as we also celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life and (on a Vincentian level) the Year of Collaboration. From January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 until January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 we want each local house of the Province to focus on vocations. Together with the Daughters of Charity we want to present an “attractive face” of the Vincentian charisma to the many young men and women that we encounter. In light of this initiative we have planned special activities in which we hope that the members of the Congregation of the Mission, of the Company of the Daughters of Charity, and of the other branches of the Vincentian Family are able to participate in an active manner through their presence and their prayers,

The following activities have been planned:

- Distribution of prayer cards for vocations;
- A formation session for advisors to the various youth groups and for advisors in the ministry of vocational promotion;
- Formation sessions in the various youth groups that are organized to help the members understand the different stages of formation in the Congregation of the Mission and the Daughters of Charity;
- Vocational missions in some parts of Colombia.



Italy

## “MUSIC FOR THE MISSION” SUPPORTING THE MISSION IN ERITREA

By: Sister Raffaella Spiezio DC

Some years ago a group of young Italians, accompanied by Father Francisco Gusmeroli, CM and Sister Raffaella Spiezio, DC, became involved in the mission in Eritrea ... most recently during the month of September 2014.

Besides being a very practical experience, that is, in the sense of developing and accomplishing various projects, the mission has provided the individuals with a spiritual experience (an experience of prayer and the presence of God and an encounter with other brothers and sisters as a community is established). This year the mission has made us questions ourselves and we have been profoundly touched.

The time of mission is a *tempo forte*, a privileged moment in which we are able to take a moment to pause and to reflect on life, a moment to pray and then balance our life in God ... opening ourselves to the newness which each day presents to us, giving witness to the gospel and to all that we have learned during our time on the mission.

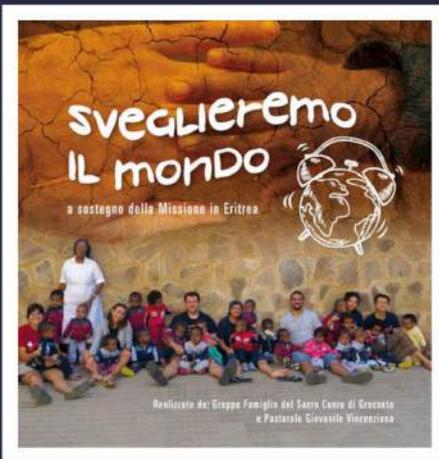
In essence, the mission became a life-changing experience, an experience of faith that began with our time of prayer together and continued as we reached out to the members of the Eritrean community. All of this made us aware of the historicity of our faith, a faith that questions and encourages us.

In the neighboring villages each day began and ended in the presence of God. Before sunrise, at about four o'clock in the morning, the church bells rang and people gathered in church to pray and to celebrate the Eucharist ... and they did this before leading out their animals into the fields. Despite the numerous difficulties that they encounter in life (the lack of material

FOR ERITREA

### “Music for a mission”

Saint Vincent's youth group



In the CD:  
The song “we'll take the world up” (Italian version) anche three Eritrean music tracks

Multi-media contents:  
“Well'wake...” video-clip, sound track, text and chords.

Singing together:  
Young Eritreans, missionaries and parish groups of “Sacred Heart Church” of Grosseto.

*svegliaremo  
IL MONDO*  
a sostegno della Missione in Eritrea

Realizzato da: Gruppo Famiglia del Sacro Cuore di Grosseto e Pastorale Giovanile Vincentiana

goods, including food) the Eritrean people have a great dignity and even though they suffer, they do not become discouraged but rather trust in God: *Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more important than they? ... Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides* (Matthew 6:26, 33).

Our contact with the Eritrean people enabled to discover that they had everything even though they had nothing.

Some ten years ago and in an attempt to share the little that they have, the Daughters of the Charity and the Vincentian Missionaries who minister in Eritrea have allowed young men and women to engage in this missionary experience on a yearly basis. Their hope is that these young people will then be able to accompany the Eritrean people in their suffering. The images that are commonly viewed picture young men and women from Eritrea on the top of a mountain ... and there they look out toward Europe and Italy and dream that if they could go to that far distant land, they would be able to forget the suffering that they experience on a daily basis in their own country.

In this experience of “becoming neighbor” various projects have been initiated with the intention of sustaining the people in this mission. For example, the construction of wells and cisterns to collect rain water, supporting an orphanage, projects that provide formation to young men and women, supporting students during the time of their primary and secondary school years, projects designed to combat malnutrition and famine.

In reality the missionary experience does not end when the various individuals return to their homeland. Through the efforts of these “returning missionaries” many projects on behalf of the people of Eritrea have been financed. After this recent mission, the individuals began to look for resources that would enable them to continue to support the various projects in Eritrea. Thus came the inspiration to record a CD with the support of the Parish of the Sagrado Corazon de Grosseto. This is a musical CD that contains a song in which the children of Eritrea sing and alternate with the voices of the Missionaries and some other individuals. The song is called “*Despertaremos el mundo*” (Let us awaken the world!) and was inspired by the words that Pope Francis addressed to the young people: *the fundamental question that is raised by the*

*missionaries as they confront the various forms of injustice and poverty is this: is it possible to awaken the world?*

Three months have passed since the return of the missionary team from Eritrea but now, as a result of that profound experience, they have been able to engage in certain activities to support the mission in Eritrea. The CD, *Despertaremos el mundo!*, has created much interest and has involved many people ... this in turn has enabled the group to sell many CD's resulting in the collection of 5,935 euros for the mission. That amount, together with the money from other activities, has enabled the missionaries to establish a fund of 10,370 euros which will be sent to the Missionaries in Eritrea.

On January 15, this group of young men and women, together with the members of the Association Chebi with whom they have worked for some time, sent a 40 foot container to the Daughters of Charity. This container was filled with medicine and many other health care and sanitary items that will be used in the clinic that is administered by the Daughters. At the same time five solar panels were sent to the mission in Asmara (the Provincial house and house of formation) and to the mission in Dekamerè (a school).

## **MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY**

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, in the Motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity in Paris the members of the Executive Committee of the Vincentian Family held their meeting. Present at the meeting were: Father Gregorio Gay, CM. (Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission), Sister Evelyne Franc, DC (Mother General of the Daughters of Charity), Sister Rosa Miró, DC, (Assistant General), Ms. Laurence de la Brosse, (International President of the AIC), Alette de Mareouds, (International Vice-president of the AIC), Doctor Michael Thio (International President of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society), Mr. Brian O'Reilly, (International Vice-president of the Saint Vincent Paul Society). Also invited were Father Joseph Agostino, CM (Coordinator of VFCAP, VFHI) and Father Jorge Luis Rodríguez, CM, (Coordinator of the Vincentian Family Office).



we highlight the following: an evaluation of the letter that was published by the superior general on the occasion of the feast of St. Vincent de Paul (2014) and the celebration of the feast itself; reports from the various commissions: the Haitian Initiative Commission, the Commission on Collaboration in the Vincentian Family, the Commission on Islam, the Commission for the Promotion of Systemic Change. There was also a report on the webpage ([famvin.org](http://famvin.org)) and a report on the preparations for the celebration of World Youth Day (2016). During this meeting the Committee approved the activities that will occur during the Year of Collaboration within the Vincentian Family (2015).

The meeting was held in an atmosphere of dialogue and communion. The next meeting of the Committee will take place in January 2016 in Rome. This meeting will include a formation session for the leaders of the branches of the Vincentian Family and then the formal meeting.

Among the various themes that were discussed

## Vincentian Family - MISEVI

# MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATING TEAM OF MISEVI IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

César Alonso Saldaña Moreno  
International President



foundation of the Congregation of the Mission was commemorated. In the afternoon all participated in the celebration of the Eucharist that was presided by our director, Father Gregory Gay, CM. This celebration took place in the Provincial House of

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the Provincial House of the Congregation of the Mission, the first meeting of the International Coordinating Team of MISEVI was held. The meeting began with the celebration of the Eucharist in the chapel of the Provincial House and was presided by Father David Fernández, CM (subdirector of MISEVI), Father Gregory Gay (director of MISEVI) and the priests from the Province of Colombia concelebrated.

During the meeting the members reviewed the final document of the IV General Assembly and the progress of the Association. They noted the importance of the means of communication, the presence of MISEVI in the midst of the world and then discussed some of the challenges. They also revised and approved the current Statutes.

On that same day the members shared in the prayer and the community of the Vincentian priests and brothers and seminarians. They shared a common meal and the wine made for a lively exchange among the members. Sharing in the community life enabled them to experience the fraternity and the solidarity that exists among the members of the Vincentian Family.

On January 24<sup>th</sup>, after the work had been finished, there was a celebration with the members of the larger community in which the

the Daughters of Charity. Sister Nubia Quintero, DC (the Visitatrix) invited the members of the Coordinating Team to dine with the members of that local house and with some other members of the Vincentian Family. At the same time, Sister Rosa María Miró, DC (an assistant to Mother General and a member of the International Team) was present during all these various events. The meal and the music from a local group made for an unforgettable time.

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, we were invited to participate in the celebration during which six seminarians pronounced their Good Purposes in the Major Seminary in Villa Paul in Funza. We then participated in the celebration of the Eucharist during which those who had completed the Internal Seminary were sent forth to begin a year of pastoral ministry.

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, in the company of Father General and some of the confreres from the local community, we visited the parish of Nuestra Señora de Merced (Our Lady of Mercy). We want to thank the Visitor of the Congregation in Colombia, Father José Orlando Escobar, CM and all the members of the Provincial House for their help and their hospitality ... we will never forget the kindness and generosity that shown to us.



## Vincentian Family- VFCAP

### **THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY AND ADAMSON UNIVERSITY HOST FIRST VFCAP CONFERENCE IN ASIA**

**By: Pamela B. Mantuhac**  
International VFCAP

From January 8-11, 2015 at the Canossa House of Spirituality, located in Tagaytay City, the Vincentian Family in the Philippines and Adamson University recently co-hosted the Collaborative Action Program (VFCAP) for the Asian-Pacific region. VFCAP, created by the Vincentian Family Collaboration Commission, responds to the desire to search for innovative way to engage the branches of the Vincentian Family and encourage them to work together on global, regional and local levels in order to transform the lives of those living in poverty.

Forty-six leaders from the various branches and institutions of the Vincentian Family in Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Bangladesh, South India, Vietnam, and the Philippines participated in this gathering. This was the first time, since its inception in 2013, that such an event was held outside of Paris, France.

The participants had the opportunity to engage in formal sessions that were followed by collaborative meetings with the coordinators of the different teams, namely, the Philippine Vincentian Family Team, the Philippine Systemic Change Team and the Asian-Pacific Vincentian Family Team. Among the facilitators were: Fr. Manuel Ginete, CM (member of the International Vincentian Family Commission); Dr. Marty Martin and Ms. Pamela Mantuhac

(members of the VFCAP Design Team); Ms. Ana María Picornell Escaño and Ms. Melodee M. de Castro (participants in VFCAP 2014); Sister Maria Teresa Mueda, DC, (member of the International Commission on Systemic Change); and Father Gregorio Bañaga, Jr., CM, (President of Adamson University and coordinator of Systemic Change Commission for the Asian-Pacific region).

The last day of the conference was dedicated to a Vincentian Heritage Tour which included a visit to the Provincial House of the Daughters of Charity, the National Shrine, the parish of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Adamson University, and the ruins which mark the site of the foundation of the Vincentians in the Philippines.

All of these activities strengthened the bonds of solidarity among the participants and it is hoped that this will lead to greater collaboration among the various branches of the Vincentian Family so that the poor, "our lords and masters" might be better served.

The gathering was concluded with the celebration of the Eucharist and a sending forth of the participants to be evangelizers/missionaries.

## Vincentian Family

# MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE VINCENTIAN MARIAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION

**Yancarlos Carrasco**  
International Volunteer



From January 16-18, 2015 the members of the International Council of the Vincentian Marian Youth Association met in the offices of the International Secretariat of that same association in Madrid, Spain.

This meeting was coordinated by the Director of the Association, Father Gregory Gay, CM. Also present at the meeting were Father Irving Amaro (International Sub-Director), Sister Bernardita García, DC (International Delegate representing the Daughters of Charity), Sister Rosa M. Miró (representing the Mother General of the Daughters of Charity), Yasmine Cajuste (International President), Argelys Vega (Councilor for the countries in the Americas), Karmen Kunc (Councilor for the countries in Europe) and Anh Thu (Councilor for the countries in Asia). During this meeting the activities of 2014 were reviewed and evaluated and some of the activities for 2015 were planned. Special attention was given to the IV General Assembly which will take place in July in Salamanca, Spain and during which representatives from the various countries will gather together. At this Assembly a new president and council will be elected.

## CONGREGATION OF THE RELIGIOUS OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

On January 27<sup>th</sup> the members of the General Council of the Congregation of the Religious of Saint Vincent de Paul visited the Curia. These included: Brother Bertin Sanon (Superior General), Alain Fiset (Vicar-General), Cléber Polizer, Roger Leberge, Anthony Royon, Yvon Sabourin (procurator) and Bernardo Palot.



The Religious of Saint Vincent de Paul were founded by Jean-Léon Le Prévost, one of the first members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Jean Léon was a member of the first Conference and it was he who proposed naming the group *The Saint Vincent de Paul Society* ... thus replacing the name, *the Society of the Conferences of Charity*.

Later he was inspired with the idea of founding a new religious family which he called the Brothers of Saint Vincent de Paul. The members of the new Institute dedicated themselves to a missionary ministry that was intended to evangelize the masses through the exercise of charity which is turn revealed God's love for all people. On September 11, 1844 Jean-Léon met Clément Myionnet, a member of the Conference in Angers who had the same vision and desired to consecrate his life to the service of the poor in the new religious Congregation. On December 21, 1998, Jean-Léon Le Prévost was recognized for his heroic practice of virtue and is honored with the title, Venerable.

At the beginning the members of this institute were known as the Brothers of Saint Vincent de Paul and later as Religious of Saint Vincent de Paul. The community has always lived the Vincentian spirituality and charism.

## Nominaciones / Confirmationes

|                                |            |                            |
|--------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| KANGLER Franz                  | 01/01/2015 | Visitor<br>Austria-Germany |
| ILUKU MOTYA BIKOPO Justin      | 14/01/2015 | Director DC Congo          |
| YOKA MONGU Bernardin           | 14/01/2015 | Visitor Congo              |
| PAULINO PERALTA Alejandro Juan | 25/01/2015 | Visitor Puerto Rico        |

## Ordinationes

|                    |     |     |            |
|--------------------|-----|-----|------------|
| SOREN Joseph       | Sac | InS | 01/01/2015 |
| BILUNG Anil        | Sac | InS | 11/01/2015 |
| MAROTTIKUDY Sinobi | Sac | InS | 11/01/2015 |

## Necrologium

| Nomen                        | Cond. | Dies ob.   | Prov. | Aet. | Voc. |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|-------|------|------|
| MARTÍNEZ SAN JUAN Luis María | Sac   | 01/01/2015 | Cae   | 68   | 52   |
| CLYNE Simon                  | Sac   | 22/01/2015 | Hib   | 80   | 62   |
| HODNETT John J.              | Sac   | 26/01/2015 | Orl   | 83   | 63   |
| MENIG Walter J.              | Sac   | 26/01/2015 | Orl   | 97   | 74   |
| VAN BROEKHOVEN Jan (M.)      | Sac   | 26/01/2015 | Hol   | 77   | 57   |

## Ordinaciones 2014

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------|------|
| <b>ABIAGOM</b>           | Augustine Nwaobuje         | 11/07/2014 | NIG  |
| <b>ABREGO BONILLA</b>    | Norberto                   | 25/01/2014 | ORL  |
| <b>AMBUNGA BOMWENGA</b>  | Lucien                     | 26/10/2014 | CNG  |
| <b>ANDREWS</b>           | Francis                    | 06/01/2014 | INM  |
| <b>ARPUTHARAJ</b>        | Xavier (Peter Arputha Raj) | 05/01/2014 | INM  |
| <b>BACULI</b>            | Edilberto Jurado           | 22/03/2014 | PHI  |
| <b>BEHERA</b>            | Subir (Dominic)            | 29/12/2014 | INS  |
| <b>BEJARANO SABORÍO</b>  | Reynaldo                   | 01/02/2014 | BAR  |
| <b>CEPEDA MONTALVA</b>   | Carlos Maximiliano         | 09/04/2014 | CHI  |
| <b>CIAPPA</b>            | Giuseppe                   | 31/05/2014 | NEA  |
| <b>DASAN</b>             | Tharthees                  | 29/04/2014 | INM  |
| <b>DEMETS REYES</b>      | Isaac                      | 13/12/2014 | BAR  |
| <b>DÍAZ SÁENZ</b>        | Daniel                     | 15/08/2014 | COL  |
| <b>DUNGDUNG</b>          | Valerian                   | 09/02/2014 | INSO |
| <b>DURANDETTO</b>        | Lorenzo                    | 04/10/2014 | TAU  |
| <b>EHO EPANDA</b>        | Jean Marie                 | 28/06/2014 | PAR  |
| <b>ELIAS FADEGA</b>      | Uqbay                      | 30/11/2014 | SJJ  |
| <b>ESTHEPPAN</b>         | Thomas                     | 24/04/2014 | INM  |
| <b>ESTINOR</b>           | Élicien                    | 25/01/2014 | POR  |
| <b>EZE</b>               | Kenneth                    | 11/07/2014 | NIG  |
| <b>EZENWA</b>            | Peter Emeka                | 11/07/2014 | NIG  |
| <b>FAHANTSOA</b>         | Jovier Edwin               | 08/08/2014 | MAD  |
| <b>FERNANDEZ</b>         | Jarvicks                   | 07/01/2014 | INM  |
| <b>FERRETTI</b>          | Enrico                     | 20/09/2014 | TAU  |
| <b>GAO</b>               | Xiang Thomas               | 25/03/2014 | SIN  |
| <b>GARCÍA GARCÍA</b>     | John Mario                 | 15/08/2014 | COL  |
| <b>GUERRA CARCHERI</b>   | Carlos Manuel              | 07/06/2014 | PER  |
| <b>HAVLIUK</b>           | Yerzhy                     | 27/06/2014 | SCM  |
| <b>IGBANGI</b>           | Richard Terfa              | 11/07/2014 | NIG  |
| <b>IMAMA MOMA</b>        | Joseph                     | 26/10/2014 | CNG  |
| <b>INGEBE LOPUMBWA</b>   | Stephane                   | 26/10/2014 | CNG  |
| <b>JAKUBOVIC</b>         | Ján                        | 21/06/2014 | SLK  |
| <b>JESURAJ</b>           | Arockia Dos                | 15/01/2014 | INM  |
| <b>KALOKI</b>            | Nicolas Kasomo             | 24/05/2014 | OCC  |
| <b>KERKETTA</b>          | Subal                      | 15/01/2014 | INS  |
| <b>LAZARRE</b>           | Luc                        | 25/01/2014 | POR  |
| <b>LÓPEZ OSPINO</b>      | Breiner Enrique            | 15/08/2014 | COL  |
| <b>LOSUO YALE</b>        | Jean Luc                   | 26/10/2014 | CNG  |
| <b>LOYOKO-BOLAMPUMBU</b> | Adolphe                    | 26/10/2014 | CNG  |
| <b>MARGJONI</b>          | Agustin                    | 06/09/2014 | NEA  |

## Ordinations 2014

|                           |                                  |            |     |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|-----|
| <b>MONEO COLMENAR</b>     | Ignacio                          | 29/03/2014 | MAT |
| <b>MORENO MALLA</b>       | Yofre José                       | 15/03/2014 | AEQ |
| <b>MPOLO MBULA</b>        | Pascal                           | 26/10/2014 | CNG |
| <b>MVAKA GADONDU</b>      | Stephane                         | 26/10/2014 | CNG |
| <b>MWAMI LISANGA</b>      | Jose                             | 26/10/2014 | CNG |
| <b>NAMANDA</b>            | Joseph Nyongesa                  | 24/05/2014 | OCC |
| <b>NDOJI</b>              | Arjan                            | 06/09/2014 | NEA |
| <b>NGOMA NGOMA</b>        | Pierre                           | 26/10/2014 | CNG |
| <b>NGUYEN DUC</b>         | Joseph Thoai                     | 03/12/2014 | VTN |
| <b>NGUYEN PHAT</b>        | Joseph Thanh                     | 03/12/2014 | VTN |
| <b>NGUYEN VIET</b>        | Joseph Ut                        | 04/08/2014 | MAT |
| <b>NKUMU MBALAKA</b>      | Espérant                         | 26/10/2014 | CNG |
| <b>NWALOKA</b>            | Emmanuel Chibueze                | 11/07/2014 | NIG |
| <b>OKONKWO</b>            | Kevin Ugochukwu                  | 11/07/2014 | NIG |
| <b>OKONOSKY</b>           | Eliézer                          | 27/09/2014 | CUR |
| <b>PALLIKKAMALIL</b>      | Jobin                            | 13/01/2014 | INM |
| <b>PAVLISH</b>            | Sergiy                           | 27/06/2014 | SCM |
| <b>PRAKASH</b>            | Francis (Dominic Rosario)        | 18/01/2014 | INM |
| <b>PUTHANKUDY</b>         | Anish                            | 11/01/2014 | INM |
| <b>RAMÍREZ ÁLVAREZ</b>    | Carlos Armando                   | 07/06/2014 | PER |
| <b>RAYAPPAN</b>           | Benjamin                         | 17/01/2014 | INM |
| <b>ROMÁN HERNÁNDEZ</b>    | William Anderson                 | 13/12/2014 | PER |
| <b>RUDA CELIS</b>         | Alcides de Jesús                 | 15/08/2014 | COL |
| <b>SARIHADDU</b>          | John Sunil Lakshmi Srinivasa Rao | 04/01/2014 | INM |
| <b>SCHELBAUER</b>         | Guilherme                        | 22/06/2014 | MOZ |
| <b>SILVA MACHADO</b>      | Antonio José da                  | 31/05/2014 | FOR |
| <b>SURESH PRABAN</b>      | Siluvayya                        | 02/01/2014 | INM |
| <b>TADJIKAM SONTAMADA</b> | Chrétien                         | 28/06/2014 | PAR |
| <b>TESFAYOHANNES</b>      | Berhane Kidane                   | 30/11/2014 | SJJ |
| <b>TRAN VAN</b>           | Paul Lanh                        | 03/12/2014 | VTN |
| <b>VÍLCHEZ PECHE</b>      | Celso Enrique                    | 20/09/2014 | PER |
| <b>VU NGOCHOANG</b>       | Joseph Thai                      | 03/12/2014 | VTN |
| <b>ZEBROWSKI</b>          | Mikolaj Milosz                   | 20/09/2014 | POL |
| <b>ZERDARUIZ</b>          | Rubén Americo                    | 15/11/2014 | ARG |
| <b>ZINYCH</b>             | Vasyl                            | 27/06/2014 | SCM |

## Necrologium 2014

| NOMEN                            | COND | PROV | DIES OB.   | AE<br>T | VOC |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------------|---------|-----|
| ARTERO HELLÍN* Pedro Rocío       | Fra  | Mat  | 09/12/2014 | 81      | 63  |
| BARBOSA FERREIRA Geraldo         | Sac  | Flu  | 03/04/2014 | 68      | 41  |
| BERSET Victor Germain            | Sac  | Ids  | 30/01/2014 | 93      | 74  |
| BIELER Victor Emile              | Sac  | Ids  | 19/11/2014 | 85      | 64  |
| BOLJKA Stanko                    | Sac  | Sln  | 29/11/2014 | 93      | 75  |
| BOYERO VICENTE Marcelino         | Sac  | Mat  | 01/05/2014 | 87      | 69  |
| BRAGA Carlo                      | Sac  | Rom  | 16/08/2014 | 87      | 71  |
| CAMPOS Jose Izabel da S.         | Sac  | Flu  | 12/01/2014 | 87      | 68  |
| CANTORE John A.                  | Sac  | Occ  | 19/08/2014 | 80      | 57  |
| CARBALLO CARBALLO<br>Francisco   | Sac  | Sal  | 29/11/2014 | 89      | 73  |
| CARCELLAR LAGROSA<br>Norberto    | Sac  | Phi  | 13/05/2014 | 63      | 42  |
| CAWLEY John P.                   | Sac  | Occ  | 31/03/2014 | 75      | 57  |
| CHENG WEN CHING<br>Augustin      | Sac  | Sin  | 20/09/2014 | 91      | 51  |
| CICCONE Lino                     | Sac  | Rom  | 14/02/2014 | 94      | 79  |
| COMBARROS MARTÍNEZ<br>Laurentino | Sac  | Sal  | 25/06/2014 | 84      | 64  |
| CURTIN Cornelius                 | Sac  | Hol  | 03/07/2014 | 97      | 77  |
| DILIBERTO Peter J.               | Sac  | Occ  | 09/09/2014 | 96      | 79  |
| DOMOND Osner                     | Sac  | Por  | 04/05/2014 | 49      | 15  |
| ERMERS Jacques Mathieu           | Sac  | Hol  | 10/06/2014 | 83      | 61  |
| FLOERSH Philip M.                | Sac  | Occ  | 13/08/2014 | 78      | 61  |
| GALVIS NIETO Arturo              | Sac  | Col  | 09/12/2014 | 77      | 57  |
| GÓMEZ PÉREZ José                 | Sac  | Sal  | 28/08/2014 | 93      | 74  |
| GONZÁLEZ CAMEAN Juan             | Sac  | Arg  | 14/08/2014 | 87      | 69  |
| GONZÁLEZ FERNÁNDEZ<br>Juan       | Sac  | Ven  | 22/11/2014 | 78      | 61  |
| HERNÁNDEZ ALCÁZAR<br>Francisco   | Ssc  | Per  | 05/10/2014 | 82      | 66  |
| INCERTI TADDEI Giuseppe          | Sac  | Tau  | 17/09/2014 | 81      | 65  |
| KUKUH DONO BUDOMO<br>Petrus      | Sac  | Ids  | 16/05/2014 | 51      | 20  |
| KUZHICKATTUCHALIL<br>Michael     | Sac  | InS  | 21/11/2014 | 82      | 57  |
| LÓPEZ TORRE Maximiano            | Sac  | Mat  | 01/12/2014 | 75      | 59  |

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| NOMEN                                      | COND | PROV | DIES OB.   | AET | VOC |
|--|------|------|------------|-----|-----|
| LUNA PIÑEROS Gustavo                       | Sac  | Col  | 30/06/2014 | 85  | 68  |
| MacKAY* Gordon Edward                      | Fra  | Aul  | 18/06/2014 | 76  | 53  |
| MARTIN James Dennis                        | Sac  | Occ  | 01/10/2014 | 78  | 61  |
| MARTÍN RUIZ José María                     | Sac  | Mat  | 15/10/2014 | 78  | 61  |
| MELITO Ignatius M.                         | Sac  | Occ  | 18/07/2014 | 88  | 71  |
| MULLIN Edward J.                           | Sac  | Occ  | 15/02/2014 | 86  | 68  |
| NICOLAI Lino                               | Sac  | Rom  | 01/10/2014 | 85  | 65  |
| NOS MURO Luis                              | Sac  | Cae  | 23/02/2014 | 76  |     |
|  |      |      |            |     |     |
| OLMOS FIGUEREDO José Vicente               | Sac  | Col  | 04/09/2014 | 78  | 60  |
| PIOTROWSKI Wladyslaw                       | Sac  | Pol  | 11/10/2014 | 78  | 62  |
| PROL RODRÍGUEZ José                        | Sac  | Sal  | 22/07/2014 | 90  | 72  |
| QUIRINO QUINTAL<br>RODRIGUES Luis Oliveira | Sac  | Moz  | 22/02/2014 | 78  | 61  |
| REVIGLIO Aldo                              | Sac  | Tau  | 23/08/2014 | 77  | 60  |
| RODRÍGUEZ IGLESIAS<br>Ambrosio             | Sac  | Sal  | 20/06/2014 | 82  | 61  |
| RODRÍGUEZ PANIAGUA<br>Enrique              | Sac  | Sal  | 28/04/2014 | 91  | 75  |
| ROSAS ROA César Flaminio                   | Sac  | Col  | 15/05/2014 | 91  | 74  |
| ROSENBERGER Oswald                         | Sac  | Aus  | 28/07/2014 | 75  | 55  |
| RUA RODRÍGUEZ* José                        | Fra  | Sal  | 26/12/2014 | 81  | 61  |
| SÁEZ JIMÉNEZ Amador                        | Sac  | Mat  | 10/11/2014 | 92  | 76  |
| SARASOLA ERÓSTEGUI<br>Ventura              | Sac  | Arg  | 10/09/2014 | 90  | 73  |
| SLIWINSKI Pawel                            | Sac  | Pol  | 20/12/2014 | 56  | 36  |
| SMITH James E.                             | Sac  | Orl  | 31/03/2014 | 82  | 60  |
| SOTO JIMÉNEZ Juan Antonio                  | Sac  | Col  | 25/06/2014 | 96  | 75  |
| SWAIN Robert J.                            | Sac  | Phi  | 28/02/2014 | 81  | 62  |
| SZUMILO Julian                             | Sac  | Nan  | 07/04/2014 | 90  | 70  |
| TERPSTRA Sybrand                           | Sac  | Hol  | 08/11/2014 | 96  | 76  |
| THEIKANATH James                           | Sac  | InS  | 29/03/2014 | 72  | 49  |
| TS'IEN I YEN Taddeo                        | Sac  | Tau  | 18/03/2014 | 93  | 61  |
| UNGARINI Giovanni                          | Sac  | Rom  | 26/04/2014 | 88  | 72  |
| VAN LIN Guilherme Lino                     | Sac  | Hol  | 28/07/2014 | 86  | 66  |
| VILLAFRANCA GUERRERO<br>Eugenio            | Sac  | Mat  | 22/07/2014 | 80  | 60  |