



Rome, June 1, 2017

Dear Heads of the Branches of the Vincentian Family,

May the grace and joy of Jesus be always with you!

As announced in previous communications, the Vincentian Family Executive Committee is inviting all branches and members of the Vincentian Family to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the charism with multiple initiatives under the theme "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Beyond this year 2017, we are called to address the cry of the people facing homelessness by working more efficiently towards ending homelessness in the world and this includes caring for refugees, migrants, street people, displaced persons, slum dwellers, etc. For this reason, on June 28, 2017, the Worldwide Vincentian Family will formally announce this global initiative on homelessness at the European Union Parliament.

You will find attached the Cover Paper and the Project Plan of the **FamVin Homeless Alliance**. We kindly ask you to share these documents with your leadership and all your members.

As we begin this project, please let us know (if you have not already done so) if your congregation/association would like to work with us on it. It would also be very helpful to know what you may be already doing in this area. Please send your information to: homeless@famvin.org.

If you have any question regarding the FamVin Homeless Alliance, you can contact Mark McGreevy, Depaul International GCEO, directly at mark.mcgreevy@depaulinternational.org

To join the FamVin Homeless Alliance mailing list, send an email to homeless@famvin.org.

As you will see by reading the attached documents, the FamVin Homeless Alliance is a unique opportunity for the Vincentian Family to address this issue from a global perspective, in collaboration with many stakeholders within and beyond the Family, and to contribute in many ways to the end of homelessness. May the Lord bless us as we continue to live out our charism in the 21st century.

Yours in Saint Vincent,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Tomaz Mavric, CM".

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