



VINCENTIAN FAMILY GATHERING

“Solidarity In Action” New Orleans, Louisiana APRIL 10-13, 2008

Meeting begins April 10th @ 4:00 p.m. and ends April 13th @ noon.

Bringing Hearts to love and Hands to serve by listening, praying, learning, understanding, painting, gardening, sweeping, hugging...etc. etc.

GOALS:

As the Vincentian Family, we will:

- **Listen to the stories of hope and despair in New Orleans**
- **Experience collaboration in rebuilding and renewing New Orleans**
- **Serve, reflect, share and pray together**
- **Discern our future commitment to be “a voice with the voiceless” in bringing about systemic change**



Registration Steps:

A. Hotel: Double Tree Hotel \$89.00/night per room

Go to www.neworleans.doubletree.com by **March 7, 2008**

Input arrival and departure dates in the field that says “Check Availability”. Click on “Go”. Input your room type preference in the field that says “Room Type Preferences.” Input group code **VNF** in the field that says “Group/Convention Code.” Then click “Continue”.

B. Meeting Registration Fee \$190.00

Go to www.vfg2008.org by **April 1, 2008**

AGENDA includes:

Keynote Addresses:

Rev. Clarence Williams: Poverty and Racism

Sister Caroljean Willie, SC: The Vincentian Family promotes Systemic Change

Rev. Perry Henry, CM: Report on Rebuild Community Housing Development

Gene Smith, Seton Institute: Challenge to Vincentian Family

Other events:

Tour of neighborhoods, St. Joseph Parish Rebuild Center, Vincentian Family sites

Panel Discussion by New Orleans experts on changing realities of New Orleans and efforts at recovery.

One afternoon of hands-on service projects coordinated by New Orleans Catholic Charities

Members of the Vincentian Family from young adults to wisdom keepers are welcome!