

Rome, 2 April 2008

To all the members of the Vincentian Family:

Dear brothers and sisters:

May the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ fill your hearts now and forever!

In previous years we had combined a summary report of the meeting of the International Vincentian Family with the theme for the Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul. This year we have decided that you should have in your hands a resumé of the Minutes more quickly and I will write a letter later with the theme for the celebration of Saint Vincent de Paul's Feast.

This decision was made so that the Vincentian Family will not have to wait too long to learn what we discussed during the meeting at the end of January. In addition, separating it from the topic of Saint Vincent's Feast gives each of us the opportunity to focus more on the feast itself. This will be the topic of a communication you will receive from the Superior General.

As you can see, this time I am writing to you on a "different" format. On the second page of the resumé of the Minutes, you will see that we adopted a logo for the Vincentian Family and the text states that "it will be used in the next communication from the Superior General." This is the "next communication" after our meeting. Together with the Minutes you also will receive a document with the logo and its explanation.

Let us ask the Lord to be the one who indicates to us, at every moment, what he expects from each of us in our tasks of advising and of direct service to our brothers and sisters, the poor.

Your brother in Saint Vincent,



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