



Vincentian Family
Young Vincentian Meeting



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**TO THE NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL
AND LOCAL COUNCILS AND
GROUPS OF THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY**

Dear Friends:

May the Risen Christ fill our hearts with joy!

During this week when we celebrate the feast of the Resurrection, the feast of feasts, we, the members of the Preparatory Commission for the International Vincentian Youth Gathering and World Youth Day, send our greetings to you. The time of our gathering here in Madrid is drawing closer (only 111 days remain) and therefore we want to communicate to you the following news.

1]. Registration

At the present time 1,303 people have registered: 1,063 will participate in the Vincentian Youth Encounter and 1,205 will participate in World Youth Day. This number does not include more than 100 volunteers. Many groups, however, were unable to register in time and want to participate in both events. **Therefore, the period for registration is being extended to MAY 25, 2011!!!** We once again encourage all the youth from the different branches of the Vincentian Family to participate in both events. Therefore we also ask the advisors of all the distinct groups of the Vincentian Family to make one final effort and encourage the youth of these different groups to participate. We know that this will be a unique experience in which we allow other young people to become aware of the joy that we experience as Vincentians, as members of the same family.

We have attached to this letter a registration form and a page to list the participants. Remember that if a participant is 16 or 17 years old that individual needs to have signed permission for his/her parents or guardian and a copy of the parents or guardians ID must accompany the letter.

2]. Finances

The period for full payment of the registration fees has also been extended to **May 25th**. All payments should be made in **euros** and should be made to the following account:

JUVENTUDES MARIANAS VICENCIANAS
Banco Santander Central Hispano (Madrid, Spain)
0049-4664-11-2916566058
SWIFT CODE (BIC): BSCHEMM. IBAN: ES21
Concepto: JMJ2011 (Branch and Country)
Address: Calle José Abascal 52, 28003, Madrid

(Do not forget to indicate the country and the branch of the Vincentian Family)

After the bank transfer has been made we request that you let us know that this has occurred by sending us an e-mail at jmj2011fv@gmail.com and attaching the back receipt to the e-mail. This will facilitate our ability to handle your deposit. Once the registration form has been sent to us (**before May 25th**) no changes can be made.

You are responsible for **all bank handle fees involved in the transfer of funds ...** we have no funds that enable us to cover such costs. Therefore in order to complete your registration you should send the forms to the commission and send your payment to the above listed account. When we have received your payment your group will be registered.

3). T-Shirts

All the participants in the Vincentian Youth Gathering will receive a t-shirt. We have attached a very simple form which will allow us to know the size of each participant. The t-shirts are available in sizes S, M, L, XL, and XXL.

4). Transportation in Madrid

Registration to participate in the Vincentian Youth Encounter and World Youth Day includes public transportation to the various sites where events will be held. However your registration **does not include** transportation costs from the airport, train station or bus station to the place where you will be staying. We recommend that you use the metro system. A ticket costs 1€ (one euro). Those who arrive by plane will have to pay an additional 1€ (one euro) so your total cost will be two 2€ (two euros).

5). Liturgy and Folklore

The participants who wish to collaborate in the liturgy (choirs, instruments, etc.) or in the festival by preparing a presentation of about 5 minutes should send an e-mail to jmj2011fv@gmail.com ... on the subject line write "**collaboration**".

6). Spreading the message of the Miraculous Medal

On August 18th, during the celebration of the WYD, several activities will take place in the Miraculous Medal Basilica; activities that will enable us to communicate the message of the Miraculous Medal to young people from throughout the world. Therefore we are asking the different groups to prepare a video or a power point presentation and some other form of presentation about the message of the Miraculous Medal. Again we ask those groups that would like to participate in these presentations to send an outline of your proposal to jmj2011fv@gmail.com ... on the subject line write "**medal message**". The video or representation that is selected will be transmitted on August 18th in the Basilica of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (at the time that appears most opportune). Thus all the pilgrims, Vincentian and non-Vincentian, are invited to participate in these activities because we are looking for ways to include this activity in the cultural program of the WYD.

We place the preparations for the celebration of the Vincentian Youth Encounter and World Youth Day in the hands of Mary. May she help us prepare for these church celebrations and may these celebrations root the young people from Spain and from throughout the world in Christ,



The Preparatory Commission for the VYG and WYD. Madrid, 2011