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The Editor

With the outpouring of Easter joy and in expectation of the Spirit, Father of the Poor, we send you *Nuntia* for April. I want to introduce it with some excerpts from the words of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his homily of 21 April. These words are appropriate for the missionaries of our Congregation. Whether we are brothers or priests, we can internalize these recommendations in our apostolic and ministerial service:



“Impart to everyone the word of God which you have received with joy. Remember your mothers, your grandmothers, your catechists, who gave you the word of God, the faith ... the gift of faith! They transmitted to you this gift of faith. Meditating on the law of the Lord, see that you believe what you read, that you teach what you believe, and that you practice what you teach. Remember too that the word of God is not your property....”

“You are pastors, not functionaries. Be mediators, not intermediaries. Finally, dear sons, exercising for your part the office of Christ, Head and Shepherd, while united with the Bishop and subject to him, strive to bring the faithful together into one family, so that you may lead them to God the Father through Christ in the Holy Spirit. Keep always before your eyes the example of the Good Shepherd who came not to be served but to serve, and who came to seek out and save what was lost.”

The Superior General

In the middle of March, he gave a small mission (one week) in St. Stephen Church in Kingsville, MD, his family’s home parish. Today, he is the only living priest originally from this parish. At this moment there is a candidate studying at the Pontifical North American College in the Vatican and two permanent deacons. The topic of the mission was **Faith in the Community and Courageous Witness**. During the week he had the opportunity to have different times for meetings with young people and adults, confessions, visits to the sick, Eucharistic celebrations, and topics of reflection.



He shared the time of Holy Week in Bolivia, on a mission that the Daughters of Charity have. Among the aspects of this mission, the sisters have a boat by means of which they make visits to the communities on the banks of the river. The majority of these peoples are indigenous. He shared with the team for this mission: the two sisters who work there, the two boatmen, the cook, and a nurse who visits these communities. In addition, a sister who works in this community from within the permanent mission, at a college three days up river, accompanied them.



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The place is impressive for its natural beauty, but at the same time with very poor populations. The sisters carry out an excellent work, both on the educational level, as well as in the accompaniment of the communities. Unfortunately, there is not the support of many priests for the sacramental work. So he takes this opportunity to send an invitation to the confreres in Latin America or other places who speak Spanish to think about giving their time to accompany the sisters in different moments of our Christian faith, especially Holy Week and Christmas.

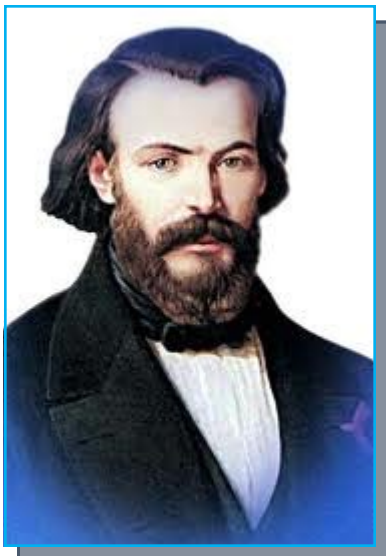
After this mission of Holy Week by the rivers of Bolivia, he spent some time visiting the confreres in El Alto and Cochabamba. He had the opportunity to share with each community and also have a meeting with both communities, as well as with other members of the Vincentian Family.

In April, after the visit to Bolivia, he travelled to Paris to celebrate with the sisters their Renovation of Vows. On that same day of the Renovation (8 April), he visited a community of Polish sisters that is in Paris. In the evening, he shared with the confreres taking part in the Vincentian Heritage program. Eleven confreres from Latin America, India, and other countries of Asia participate. They shared on the reality of the Congregation in those places and the contribution CIF's program makes in enriching their personal and provincial experiences.

From 18-26 April, he visited the Vincentian Family in Poland, together with the Assistant General, Stanislav Zontak. (online site: [Facebook.com/misjonarze](https://www.facebook.com/misjonarze)). On 30 April, he began his trip to visit the mission of the Province of South India in Tanzania.



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"If the truth is God, it follows that all knowledge is good in itself and that what is real is supremely desirable. "



The General Curia

In the context of the celebration of 200 years since the birth of Frederick Ozanam, some members of the Curia community took part in the scheduled activities. In all, activities in this regard were held, between 17 and 21 April, in two places: Paris and Milan.

At the Paris activities, the Vicar General, Javier Álvarez was present.

In Paris, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society went to great trouble to offer an interesting and varied program to approximately 250 participants coming from 23 countries: conferences with the aim of emphasizing the importance of Blessed Ozanam as precursor of the Social Doctrine of the Church and as prophet in the society of his time, communications to present some significant works of the Society today, piano concert in the Church of Saint Sulpice presented by the Spanish woman, Ana Teresa Toscano, etc. The Congress ended with a solemn Eucharist in Notre Dame presided by the Cardinal of Paris. Father Javier Álvarez, Vicar General, applauded the organization and content of the Congress.



In Milan, about 400 persons were convoked from among Vincentian lay people and some confreres and Daughters of Charity under the motto, "*Frederick Ozanam: Man of Thought and Action.*" During the meeting, they studied the sociopolitical, economic, and religious context of Frederick's time, as well as the origins of the association in Italy. The meeting concluded with the Eucharist presided by Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi and concelebrated by the confreres working in that area, as well as Claudio Santangelo from Rome and Juventino Castellero, who represented the Curia.

Vincentian Universities Assist with the Patrimony Fund Project

As you know, over the last several years our Congregation has been working to meet a challenge grant from a private foundation. The monies will build patrimony funds for nine of our needier provinces and vice-provinces. The funds will also support three organizations within the Vincentian Family that are directed by our Superior General (the Vincentian Marian Youth, Vincentian Lay Missionaries, and the Associations of the Miraculous Medal).



So far, the Congregation has raised half of the matching funds needed to meet the challenge. The Vincentian Solidarity Office is coordinating the efforts to meet the challenge grant. Help with the project has come from many places. Recently, Vincentian universities in the United States have provided assistance. St. John's University gathered some of its generous benefactors at a dinner with our Superior General where contributions were made toward meeting the challenge grant. Niagara University, where our Superior General once studied and worked, is also participating in the project. Niagara similarly invited Father Gregory to dine with some of its benefactors, resulting in more contributions toward the challenge grant. A committee made up of mostly alumni from Niagara University has taken a leadership role in the project. (See the photo.) The committee and its work are featured in Niagara's current issue of its alumni magazine, found at <http://bit.ly/11UcNFw>.



The Province of Rome: Still between the “memory and prophecy”

By Zeracristos Yosief

Some provinces of the Congregation of the Mission have a very beautiful and glorious history. The Province of Rome is one of these. This province can boast of its missionary past, for it has been characterized by its apostolic and missionary zeal, not only within Italy, but especially abroad.

Certainly this province has much to say to the Congregation of the Mission, because it has been actively involved in the diffusion and extension of the CM on all continents. It contains archives rich in documents that go back to Saint Vincent de Paul himself (the House of Montecitorio from 1642): it is the mother of the Province of Naples; it consolidated the Vincentian presence in Spain, sending missionaries to Barcelona (1774); it brought the CM to the United States (1817); and in 1835 opened a mission in Sardinia. It is also a province characterized by its willingness to provide missionaries for the “missions ad gentes” in China, India, and recently in Indonesia, where there are still some confreres.



As for its ministries, from its birth in 1704, the province has guarded jealously as principal works, the two lungs of our charism: the Popular Missions and the Formation of the Clergy. Despite all the signs of fatigue, it has never given up, nor stopped dreaming big of living its double dimension: historical memory and prophecy. In fact, it preserves the popular missions and the formation of the clergy in its two colleges: Alberoni and Leonine. In addition, it could give a Vincentian response to the challenges of being human today (signs of the times). An example of this is the Therapeutic Community: *Community in Dialog*. It is true that the institution, the dream, and the vision of works like this are born of the particular work of the confreres, but the province, in a very intelligent and responsible way, has been able to welcome and promote them.

The process of the Reconfiguration of the Congregation of the Mission in Italy has led the three Italian provinces, in dialog, to seek a single province. At this moment, they have established different commissions, made up of confreres from the three provinces, whose aim is to facilitate this process. During my visit, in speaking with the confreres, I noticed a receptive atmosphere to this idea. Without being wrong and without exaggerating, I can say that 90% of the confreres of the Province of Rome are delighted with the idea of this type of reconfiguration.

The perspectives of the province in view of the imminent union of three provinces are: to continue the popular missions and the formation of the clergy in a creative way; to reinforce the Alberoni College (this is an action already in progress, in all its dimensions); to consolidate some works of prophetic character, as the above-mentioned work of the *Community in Dialog*; as well as to stimulate and support the different commissions formed with the goal of establishing the new province.

May the good God and the intercession of Mary and Saint Vincent assist and accompany them on this journey!

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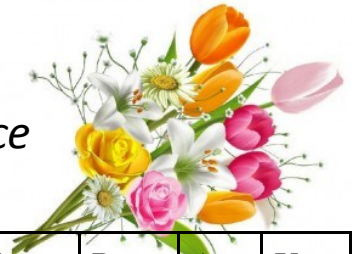
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Nominaciones / Confirmaciones

PACITTI Vittorio	17/04/2013	Director DC Albania
ARREOLA MARTÍNEZ Luis	26/04/2013	Visitor Cuba

Necrologium

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Nomen	Cond.	Dies ob.	Prov.	Aet.	Voc.
GARCÍA TRASCASA Félix	Sac	02/04/2013	Mat	96	79
SINKA Hubert	Sac	05/04/2013	Cur	78	55
DABROWSKI George	Sac	06/04/2013	Nan	82	60
HERNÁNDEZ MODROÑO Emiliano	Sac	06/04/2013	Ven	80	64
BARCELÓ MOREY José	Sac	08/04/2013	Bar	84	68
PALOMAR DE MIGUEL Gregorio	 Sac	13/04/2013	Mat	80	63
ENCHACKAL Thomas (S.)	 Sac	15/04/2013	InM	69	47
LAMMERS Thomas (A.C.)	Sac	29/04/2013	Hol	86	66
GOLDBACH Peter D.	 Sac	30/04/2013	Orl	101	73