

I. THE VINCENTIAN CREED



WHAT WE BELIEVE

Q. Who is a Vincentian?

A. A Vincentian is a Catholic disciple who seeks holiness through humility, service, and encounter with Christ in the poor.



Q. Why does the Society exist?

A. The Society exists to grow in holiness, to relieve suffering and to serve our neighbors in Christ's name.



Q. Where do we find Christ?

A. We find Christ in the Eucharist, in Scripture, in prayer, in one another, and especially in the poor.



Q. Who are our founders?

A. Blessed Frédéric Ozanam founded the Society in 1833, inspired by the example of St. Vincent de Paul and the Gospel call to charity.

II. THE VINCENTIAN LIFE



WHAT WE BECOME

Q. Who are the essential elements of Vincentian life?

They are: Spirituality, Friendship, and Service.



Q. Why is Friendship important?

Friendship is at the heart of our encounters and is one of the Society's lasting legacies.



Q. What virtues build a Vincentian attitude?

A. Humility, Simplicity, Gentleness, Selflessness, and Zeal.

The Vincentian VOCATION

A GUIDE TO LIFE IN THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our vocation is to follow Christ
by loving and serving
those who are poor and suffering.



*To bring Christ's love
to the poor and suffering
and to see Christ in them.*

— ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

III. THE VINCENTIAN MISSION

WHAT WE DO



Q. What is a home visit?

A. A home visit is an encounter of friendship and love in which we see the individual completely and serve compassionately.



Q. Is financial assistance our primary mission?

A. No. Our primary mission is encounter, friendship, and spiritual growth. Financial assistance is one expression of that mission.



Q. Why do we practice the Works of Mercy?

A. Because Christ commands us to love God and neighbor through concrete acts of charity.

IV. THE VINCENTIAN RULE OF LIFE

HOW WE LIVE



How should a Vincentian grow?
With personal prayer,
study, reflection and service.



Listen to the voices
of those in need.



Strive for holiness.



Advocate for
justice.



Embrace a simple
way of life.

V. THE VINCENTIAN MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

ONE WITH THE WORLD

Inspired by the Gospel and
the teaching of the Church,
we commit ourselves to:



HUMAN DIGNITY



SOLIDARITY



SUBSIDIARITY



OPTION FOR
THE POOR



EVANGELIZATION



HOPE

