

THE CHARISM OF SERVICE TO THE POOR

Practical Love, Personal Encounter, Lasting Change

The Vincentian charism is a gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church: serving people in poverty personally, humbly, and effectively—caring for both material and spiritual needs.

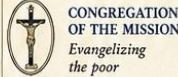
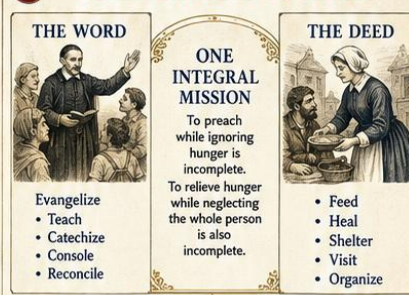
1 CHRIST ENCOUNTERED IN THE POOR



"OUR LORDS AND MASTERS"

Matthew 25 transformed charity from philanthropy into holy encounter. The person in need bears inviolable dignity and must never be treated as an object of pity.

2 WORD AND DEED TOGETHER



3 FROM RELIEF TO LASTING CHANGE



CHARITY IS NOT A BANDAGE ALONE

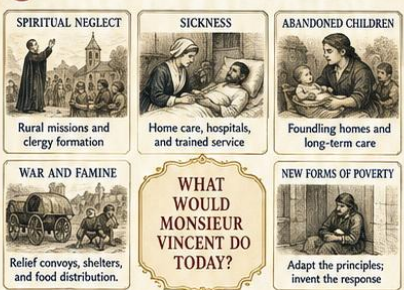
Vincent paired urgent assistance with education, formation, organization, and the means to rebuild life with dignity.

4 COLLABORATION ACROSS EVERY BARRIER



Vincent mobilized the whole People of God. Leadership and service crossed divisions of class, gender, and vocation, making charity a shared mission rather than the work of isolated specialists.

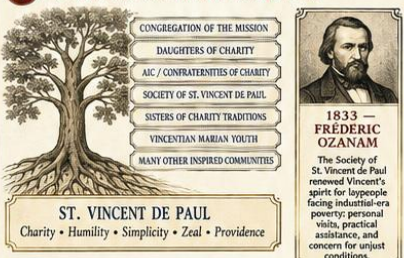
5 CHARITY IS INFINITELY INVENTIVE



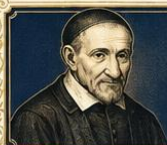
6 UNIVERSAL CHARITY



7 A FAMILY OF MANY BRANCHES



8 THE VINCENTIAN WAY TODAY



LOVE WITH THE STRENGTH OF OUR ARMS

"Let us love God, my brothers, let us love God. But let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brow." The Vincentian charism turns faith into personal encounter, organized service, shared mission, and lasting hope for people in poverty.

