



# ***International Vincentian Marian Youth*** ***“Let us give life to the Vincentian Charism”***



## ***Plan of Activities 2017***

In light of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the Vincentian charism, we unite ourselves to this great celebration and we invite our members to give life to the Vincentian charism which we share in as members of the Vincentian Family.

In the following pages we will highlight the international, national and regional activities that we are proposing to our members. We are mindful of the various celebrations planned for the Jubilee Year as well as our own *Five Year Plan 2015-2020* (a plan that is based on the *Final Document of the 2015 General Assembly*).

### **INTERNATIONAL LEVEL**

**Logo:**



**Theme:** *Let us give life to the Vincentian Charism!*

We propose, support and call all our members to participate in the distinct international encounters and activities.

- **Encounter of Advisors from Central America and the Caribbean**

**Description:** This is the second formation encounter that seeks to form and to strengthen the lay advisors of the VMY so that they can accompany the members and provide a dynamic to the life of the Association.

**Where:** Nicaragua

**When:** January 11-13, 2017

**Participants:** VMY Lay advisors in Latin America and the Caribbean

**Theme:** The Lay Advisors in the VMY

**Final Document GA 2015: 2- "Formation"**

- **Encounter of the Slavic Nations in Eastern Europe**

**Description:** A formatvel and experiential encounter of the members of the Slavic nations in Eastern Europe. The purpose of this encounter is to strengthen the faith and the Christian roots of the members through means of a common bond, namely, our Vincentian charism.

**Where:** Transcarpatia, Ukraine

**When:** April 28-May 2, 2017

**Participants:** Delegations of the JMY from the Slavic nations in Eastern Europe

**Theme:** The Vincentian grace in the Slavic countries

**Final Document GA 2015: 4- "Vincentian Collaboration"**





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## • VIII Latin American Missionary Encounter

**Description:** The eighth missionary encounter for the members (and others invited) from Latin America. This encounter is composed of a week of formation followed by a week of participating in a mission in some area of Guatemala.

**Where:** Guatemala

**When:** Formation: July 15-22, 2017, Mission: July 23-31, 2017

**Participants:** Members of the VMY in Latin America and other invited participants

**Theme:** You and I are one, We evangelize from Charity

**Final Document GA 2015:** 1- "Spiritual Life", 2- "Formation", 3- "Apostolate and Evangelization", 4- "Vincentian Collaboration"



## • Symposium for the Vincentian Family

**Description:** A gathering of all the branches of the Vincentian Family who seek to respond to the question: *What is the future of our Vincentian Family?* This symposium includes the participation of Pope Francis.

**Where:** Vatican City, Italy

**When:** October 13-15, 2017

**Participants:** Members of the Vincentian Family throughout the world

**Final Document GA 2015:** 4- "Vincentian Collaboration"



## • International film festival on the life of Vincent de Paul

**Description:** As part of our celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the Vincentian charism, the VMY will promote the participation of its members in this international film festival that revolves around the life of Vincent de Paul.

**Final Document GA 2015:** 4- "Vincentian Collaboration"

## • Collection of videos/experiences of the Vincentian Charism in the VMY

**Description:** The VMY International Secretariat will gather brief videos related to how the Vincentian charism is being lived out in the countries where the VMY is present. These videos will then be published through the various social media.

**Final Document GA 2015:** 3- "Apostolate and Evangelization", 4- "Vincentian Collaboration"

## • Focus on the Marian and Vincentian feasts

**Description:** Through the social media, the VMY International will place emphasis on the various Marian and Vincentian feasts in order to deepen our historical understanding and sense of belonging to the Association

**Final Document GA 2015:** 1- "Spiritual Life", 4- "Vincentian Collaboration"

## • Sense of belonging/vitality of the Association

**Description:** The International VMY will propose a financial plan to its members for the purpose of fulfilling the financial objectives of the Association and for the purpose of guaranteeing the vitality and a sense of belonging for all the members.

**Final Document GA 2015:** 5- "Financial Matters: We are guardians, not owners"



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## **LOCAL/ NATIONAL LEVEL**

The International VMY proposes that the National Councils together with all the members plan the following activities:

- ✓ To participate actively in the celebrations that inaugurate the Jubilee Year which we commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the Vincentian charism;
- ✓ To plan, on a national or a local level, activities that give new life to the Vincentian charism; through actions with other branches of the Vincentian Family. In other words, celebrate the charism through action, for example, missions, specific forms of evangelization/apostolate, moving out to the peripheries of our surroundings [thus giving meaning to the theme of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary: *I was a stranger and you welcomed me* (Matthew 25)];
- ✓ To include the development of the Vincentian charism among the formation themes;
- ✓ To encourage formation and ministry with the members of the other branches of the Vincentian Family;
- ✓ To plan some preparation sessions for those participating in the October 2017 Vincentian Family Symposium;
- ✓ To celebrate the charism through concrete actions, missions, apostolate work and evangelization.
- ✓ To highlight the celebration of the birth of our Association (July 18<sup>th</sup>), Vincentian Marian feasts (November 27<sup>th</sup>) and other Vincentian feasts.

The International Council of the VMY

January 2017