



# BLESSED ROSALIE RENDU

FEAST DAY 7TH FEBRUARY

## **Jn 15:12-17**

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know the master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; so that the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. My command to you is to love one another.



# Reflection

Rosalie lived out this gospel because she gave herself totally to God and to people in need. She knew in her heart and soul that God had called her and sent her to these people living in poverty.

***Vocation is a call from God to embark upon a particular mission. The Vincentian Vocation is also rooted in the call by God to a ministry of service to those who are poor in order to bear witness to Jesus' compassionate love. St Vincent said: "So, our vocation is ... To set people's hearts on fire, to do what the Son of God did. He came to set the world on fire in order to inflame it with His love. What do we have to desire but that it may burn and consume everything. My dear confreres, let's reflect on that, please. It's true then, that I am sent not only to love God but to make Him loved. It's not enough for me to love God, if my neighbor doesn't love Him. I have to love my neighbor as the image of God and the object of His love, and to act in such a way that people, in their turn, love their Creator, who knows them and acknowledges them as His brothers, whom He has saved, and that by mutual charity they love one another for love of God***  
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Rosalie taught that the essential elements of our Vincentian vocation are to:

- Love and serve Jesus Christ in the person of those who are poor and suffering
- Give service that is both physical and spiritual
- Have charity for each other and create community among those who serve.

Choose an experience of your service of people in need and reflect on how this vocation leads you to the poor.

## How were you a sign of hope to the people you served?

Lord, we have many models who follow your unwavering charity including, Vincent de Paul, Louise de Marillac, Rosalie Rendu and Frederic Ozanam. May we always be grateful for our Vincentian Vocation as we give witness to these great saints by setting our hearts on fire in order to respond to your call to be a sign of boundless hope for the poor.

Amen

Love