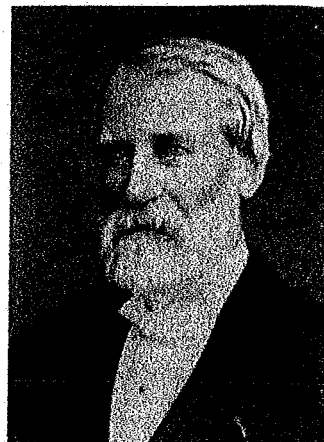


FONDATEURS

DE LA SOCIÉTÉ SAINT-VINCENT-DE-PAUL*



Jules DEVAUX (1811-1880)



Auguste LE TAILLANDIER (1811-1886)



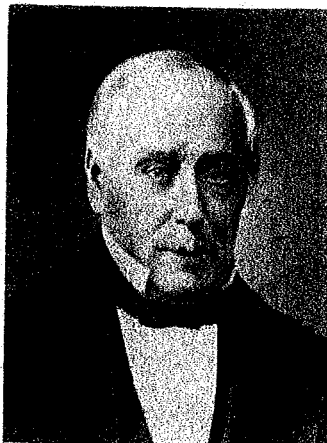
Frédéric OZANAM
(1813-1853)



Paul LAMACHE (1810- ?)



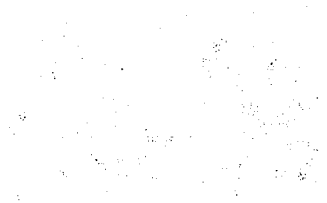
François LALLIER (1814-1886)



E. J. BAILLY (1793-1861)

* Félix CLAVÉ sans document (1811- ?)

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Faith of our Founders

This retreat presentation can be used in several formats ranging from a two hour reflection presentation to an all day retreat. The PowerPoint presentation is meant to provide the backdrop but ought to be used only by a retreat leader familiar with the spirituality of the Society and the history and biographies of our founders. The contents of the slides should be elaborated on in a meaningful and prayerful manner. These notes do not provide that content.

You can vary the length of the presentation by limiting the number of group sharings and the length of the presentation on the Vincentian theme. Time can be added by giving participants the opportunity to reflect and journal on the questions before group sharing.

Music for the purpose of reflection is embedded in the presentation. It will be important to have a good sound system hooked up to your laptop or projector. Changing or deleting slides may affect how music plays. We request that you purchase your own copies of the music listed on the final page through Amazon.com for future use and they be loaded on the computer you use for this presentation. Do not, however, delete the music files in the directory of the presentation.

There are many long quotes in the presentation and it is suggested that you designate people to stand and read the longer ones to have full impact.

The following are instructions for using the PowerPoint presentation:

Slide

1. Have first slide up as people gather
2. A few minutes before beginning advance to this slide which will automatically rotate the title in Spanish
3. Begin presentation with this slide and introduce the founders pictured. Clave is missing as we have not photo of him. On a click St. Vincent's image appears and fades.

Sample text:

Welcome to a morning retreat with our founders. Seven remarkable men met 175 years ago to begin what has become our beloved Society of St. Vincent de Paul. They met having a compelling vision - to create a new organization which would provide them mutual support on a faith journey that would be strengthened and enriched through service to the poor.

They soon discovered one who preceded them on the journey - Vincent de Paul. They would claim him as a patron and over their lives they would integrate his wisdom and spirituality into their hearts and minds.

This morning we will use the Spirituality of Vincent as outlined in our Rule to deepen our appreciation for the faith of our founders and to place ourselves with them on that journey to holiness.

The presentation is in 5 sections taken from The Spirituality of St. Vincent in the Rule
(2.5) Introduce the first theme. For example begin:

4. *We start our journey as Vincent did - going to the poor to share the liberating love of Christ. Vincent's life was changed forever when he heard the confession of that dying poor man in Folleville and then when he began his organizing with parishioners in Chatillon. The Spirit moved Vincent to follow Christ's example and go to the poor. (expand theme with own thoughts)*
5. The text in Spanish. Have someone read aloud Luke 4: 16 - 21
6. Back to the title in English. On a second click music starts. Ask people to sit quietly and meditate. (song - The Spirit of the Lord by John M Talbot)
7. Click after about 30 sec. and this slide appears and music continues
8. click again after another 30 sec and this slide appears - music continues
9. Presenter discusses the historical environment in which our Society was founded
10. Continue above Paris 1830
11. Paris 1831 present Frederic's arrival in Paris and who he met and associated with
12. Paris 1833 discuss roots of our founding
13. continue with challenge of St. Simonians
14. Frederic's response was to organize
15. At the heart of that response is charity and love of neighbor
16. Warning of Frederic about overzealous evangelization as price of aid
17. Frederic reflecting on founding purposes near the end of his life

18. Invite people to reflect. Possible intro: *The icon of Frederic in his professor's robes going to the poor of Paris reminds us that we are lay people with many vocations sharing a call to bring the love of Christ to the poor. Let's take a few minutes to reflect quietly on our ministry.* Music starts on second click .
19. After 15 sec advance to this slide with questions in English
20. This slide will automatically appear without doing anything
21. This slide will also appear automatically and the questions pop up without action by presenter

Leaving this slide up you can invite participant to discuss in small groups or with just one other person. For a longer day of reflection participants could go off for 15 minutes and continue their reflection privately before coming to discuss. For a 2 hour retreat wait for group sharing until next set

22. Advance to this slide to begin next session
23. Automatically appears. Leave up and present the theme of loving God with the strength of our brow in Vincentian Spirituality
24. Have someone read Luke 10: 29 - 37
25. Music will begin playing with this slide
26. Presenter discusses Le Taillandier. (He was the first to want to act rather than debate. Frederic's first room mate and other information)

27. Frederic's quote from a letter to Ernest Falconnet, a distant cousin. This illustrates his changing views a year after the founding. Previously loved the debate and discussion.
28. Sr. Rosalie (also pops up with a Spanish translation) discuss who she was and her role introducing the young me to Vincent's spirituality
29. Continue Sr. Rosalie
30. Frederic's reflection (have someone stand and read)
31. Frederic's tomb has the mural of the Good Samaritan behind it – he lived this Gospel
32. Same quote in Spanish
33. Introduce who Fr. Lacordaire was. This quote from the biography he wrote called "My Friend Ozanam". (have someone stand and read)
34. Reflect to the music which will begin after second click. Sample intro: *The service of the poor as Vincent regularly pointed out is difficult. Consider the painting and think of the lifting, the physical strain of muscles but also consider the loving touch shared. Also imagine the prayer being offered by both the men as they physically experience what it means to love a neighbor.*
35. After about 20 seconds advance to this slide
36. Do not click this slide comes up automatically
37. Do not click this slide come up automatically and will have questions fade in and out. Leave up when music stops. Leaving this slide up you can invite participant to discuss in small groups or with just one other person. For a longer day of reflection participants could go off for 15 minutes and continue their reflection privately before coming to discuss
38. Advance to this slide when you want to begin next session
39. Advance to this slide and music continues
40. With this slide introduce Vincentian Spirituality Theme 3 Seeing Christ in the poor and the poor in Christ. For example:
We know that Vincent and Louise believed strongly that it was the Holy Spirit leading and guiding them in their lives and their ministries. They saw Providence in everything around them and cautioned others to not race ahead of it. Heeding the inspiration of the Holy Spirit is an essential component of living any Vincentian vocation and this was clearly understood and embrace by our founders and Sister Rosalie.

Then have someone read the Gospel Matt: 25

41. (have someone stand and read) Introduce M. Baille. Comment on his role as mentor and spiritual advisor to the group include his knowledge and love of St. Vincent
42. (have someone stand and read) This Vincentian theme was also taught to them by Sr. Rosalie
43. (have someone stand and read) Obviously Frederic Ozanam understood this as well
44. (have someone stand and read) Another Ozanam quote from a letter to a priest encouraging him to start a conference for students

45. (have someone stand and read) Introduce Lallier highlighting his relationship to Frederic and his leadership role in our founding
 46. Invite people to consider the icon. What is the relationship between Vincent and Christ? The music for reflection begins on the second click
 47. After first chorus advance
 48. This Spanish slide comes automatically
 49. This slide automatically appears with questions fading in and out. Leave up for discussion if desired
 50. Advance to have next theme appear in Spanish. Click again to get music
 51. Advance to get title in English, music continues
 52. Introduce Vincentian theme of Inspiration of the Holy Spirit. (read Gospel John 14: 11- 17 – may choose to skip in shorter retreats)
 53. Advance to listen to reflection music
 54. The opening prayer by Bailly at the first conference meeting was reportedly “Come Holy Spirit ...
 55. (have someone stand and read) It was the Society’s faith in the Holy Spirit that fostered its principle of subsidiarity which is still an important part of the Rule 3.9
 56. (have someone stand and read) Sr. Rosalie also taught a deep trust in the Holy Spirit
 57. (have someone stand and read) Frederic shares his understanding of the Holy Spirit at work as the organization grows in a letter to a friend
 58. (have someone stand and read) The Gobelins was a famous tapestry factory near the St. Medard parish. Frederic uses a tapestry front and back as an analogy to understand our inability to see the work of God
 59. It may be easy to credit the work of the Spirit for good things but Frederic also is able to accept Providence as working in his disappointments and suffering.
 60. Reflection music begins on second click
 61. Advance to this question slide after works begin
 62. This slide appears without clicking
 63. This slide appears without clicking. Leave up during period of reflection and/or discussion.
 64. Advance to begin next session (for a shorter version of the retreat you could stop here and jump to slide 78 for the closing
 65. Advance with click to this Spanish translation, music continues
 66. Advance with click to get back to English, music continues
 67. Advance and introduce Vincentian Theme of the Virtues. For example:
“Vincent gave hundreds of conferences centered on the importance of living a life of virtue. The five he spoke of most frequently were simplicity, humility, gentleness, selflessness and zeal. Our new Rule highlights this important aspect of following Vincent on a path of holiness. Let us consider how our founders embraced this aspect of Vincent’s teachings.
- Read Scripture if desired.
68. (have someone stand and read) Lallier talks about how important virtue is to the members in a General Letter
 69. (have someone stand and read) The importance of Bailly in mentoring the Society in the Virtues of St. Vincent

70. (have someone stand and read) Ozanam and Cornudet reflects on the virtues needed by the president also reflects their esteem for Bailly
71. Introduce virtues of Ozanam
72. (have someone stand and read) Humility very key. Reflections of Ozanam summer before he died to a conference in southern France
73. (have someone stand and read) Ozanam may have been too humble which did create confusing about who were founders of the organization.
74. The Zeal of Ozanam recalled by Lamache who was the last living founder
75. (have someone stand and read) Even at the end of his life Ozanam had zeal for the expansion of the Society
76. (have someone stand and read) Selflessness shown in a letter written in the last months of his life
77. Advance. Music plays on second click
78. Advance to get questions after a short period
79. Slide advances automatically showing Spanish questions
80. Slide advances automatically with questions fading in and out. Can have discussion afterward or for a shorter retreat this is a good place to just advance to the conclusion
81. Put up slide – there is no music
82. Lamache in a interview about the founding of the Society published very near the end of his life. Have someone read aloud
83. Have someone else read this almost like a blessing then say: “let us go renewed in the faith of our founders to love and serve in hope.”
84. Advance and music begins
85. Advance to final slide after chorus and one verse

Music for download from Amazon

The Spirit of the Lord

http://www.amazon.com/The-Spirit-Of-Lord/dp/B000SZHF6O/ref=dm_ap_trk18?ie=UTF8&qid=1221924853&sr=102-7

St. Theresa Song

http://www.amazon.com/St-Theresas-Prayer-Theresa/dp/B000T0862U/ref=sr_f2_7?ie=UTF8&s=dmusic&qid=1221924465&sr=102-7

Holy Ground

Come Holy Spirit

http://www.amazon.com/Come-Holy-Spirit/dp/B000THDZRY/ref=dm_ap_trk41?ie=UTF8&qid=1221924853&sr=102-7

Because you are Chosen

http://www.amazon.com/Because-You-Are-Chosen/dp/B000T03YGS/ref=dm_ap_trk20?ie=UTF8&qid=1221924853&sr=102-7