

# TO BE VINCENTIAN

Fr. Manny Ginete, CM, outgoing liaison of the Congregation of the Mission to the Vincentian Family, has written the following reflection entitled “To be a Vincentian”...



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To be Vincentian is to follow Christ...

- to continue his work,
- to continue his style of life,
- to accept his plans,
- to live according to his spirit as expressed in the Beatitudes.

To be Vincentian is to share Jesus' cause...

- the construction of the kingdom
- the liberation of all women and men
- the great utopia of God
  - where men and women can live as brother and sisters
  - where all people can live with dignity and justice and peace.

To be Vincentian is to be part of the Vincentian Family...

- a community of love
- a community that is united in proclaiming the Good News to the poor
- a community that is united in serving those persons who are most poor.

To be Vincentian is to bring to life the path of Jesus...

- to live anew the process of Jesus
- to maintain Jesus' options
- to sow with Jesus the seeds of his Kingdom
- to build active and prayerful communities
- to give witness to the Word
- to live his commandment of love.

To be Vincentian is to live from the perspective of our charism...

- to be animated by the Holy Spirit
- to have our hearts filled with the Spirit of God
- to say "yes" with Mary to the things that the Father asks of us
- to have the strength of the Spirit so that we can respond to the plans of God for our lives.
- To be Vincentian is to live in the Spirit of the Lord
- to hope for that which seems impossible
- to realize that for God nothing is impossible
- to unite our hands and efforts in creating a better life for all people
- to begin, like Jesus, with the those who are viewed as least and unimportant

To be Vincentian is discern the signs of the times...

- to discern the signs of God in our own time
- to discern with clarity
- to be courageous in our discernment
- to announce and denounce all that is opposed to the Kingdom of God.

To be Vincentian implies accepting conflict and risk in order to follow Jesus...

- to mature during the time of crisis
- to grow in sincere fidelity
- to live anew the passion of Jesus
- to embrace the cross
- to be men and women of integrity in our words and actions
- to live with simplicity
- to allow ourselves to be freed from power and consumerism
- to allow ourselves to be freed in order to grow in faith
- to allow ourselves to be freed in order to hope and build
- to allow ourselves to be freed in order to love and free others.