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EDITORIAL

Under the Protection of Mary

“O holy Virgin, Blessed Mother of Mercy, we have always called you our Mother. Now, we offer to you our Community in general and each of its members in particular. We beg you to accept this dedication of ourselves and to take us under your special protection because you are the channel of God’s mercy. Be our example and guide so we may remain faithful to our promise to give ourselves unreservedly to your Son and you for the rest of our lives.” These were the very words St. Vincent de Paul’s entrustment to Mary. Whenever he founded a congregation or an association, St. Vincent would entrust it to Mary.

Although he was conscientious not to commit the same excesses in Marian devotion during his time, Mary always had a special place in his life.

Mary has always been a silent companion to Vincent, who greatly valued the virtue of humility. Mary's littleness and simplicity inspired Vincent to follow Jesus in the same spirit. Vincent always spoke of Mary in connection with her Son. He knew that Mary brought Jesus and His good news with her. Thus, he is confident in Mary’s maternal care and protection. He always moves everyone who entrusts themselves to her to be close to Jesus... Vincent invites us to have recourse to Mary when he says, **“Each of our days is marked with the protection of Mary who is exceedingly anxious to be our mother when we desire to be her children.”**

Many years later, after the death of St. Vincent, Mary appeared to a Daughter of Charity novice, Sr. Catherine Laboure, thrice in 1830.



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During the second apparition, Catherine sees Mary holding a globe with her eyes gazing at the heavens in prayer. Mary told Catherine, **“This globe represents the whole world and each one of you in particular...”** --- as if echoing Vincent’s act of entrustment to Mary.

When we seek Mary’s intercession, Mary’s help, and the prayers of Mary for us, Mary listens... Mary remembers... Mary prays for our intentions and presents them to Jesus, her Son, who is the true source of all graces and blessings. When we entrust ourselves to her, Mary ensures we are closest to her Son. She walks with us and teaches us how to be Jesus’ faithful followers. She shows us how to be good Christians by being compassionate, caring, and loving to our fellow pilgrims who strive to follow Jesus.

2024 is a special year of grace for the Vincentian family as we celebrate next year the 400 Years of the Foundation of the Congregation of the Mission. For almost half a millennium, the Congregation, which Vincent entrusted to Mary, has continuously experienced Mary's guidance and protection. During this blessed time, all of us, members of the Vincentian Family, are called to renew our missionary zeal by **“putting on the Spirit of Christ.”**

Wearing the Miraculous Medal reminds us of this challenges to be

always clothed in Christ--like Mary-- who was filled with God and His grace. Thus, when we wear the Medal, we are invited to be followers of Jesus. We are to be life-giving, giving hope to those who have none and looking after the welfare of others, especially the weak, the lost, and the poor. These were the qualities that Vincent de Paul saw in Mary that he emulated. This convinced him that Mary did not hinder our relationship with Jesus; rather, Vincent saw Mary as a perfect example of a faithful follower of Christ.

And so, we ask ourselves: Like Mary, are we also sensitive to the needs of others? Do we remember to look after the needs of those who have nothing and no one?

Are we life-giving to those whom we encounter in this journey? Friends, like St. Vincent de Paul, let us have recourse to Mary and entrust ourselves to her. She will never forget us.

She will always look after us. Above all, she will lead us closest to Jesus, her Son! **“O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you!”**

Have a meaningful and joyful celebration of this Vincentian Month of September!

In Mary Immaculate,

Fr. Rolando F. Limjoco Jr., CM
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Blessing and Consecration of the AMM International Secretariat

On July 27, 2024, a momentous event took place at the Marian Center Building, San Marcelino St, Manila, Philippines. Fr. Tomaž Mavrič, CM, the Director General of the Association of the Miraculous Medal (AMM), blessed and consecrated the International Secretariat Office of the AMM. This significant event was held within the premises of the CM Central House Community.

The AMM office shares the building with the VMY International Office, symbolizing the Vincentian Family's collaborative spirit and unity. Fr. Tomaz dedicated the office to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, invoking her guidance and blessings for all the endeavors undertaken by the AMM.

The ceremony was attended by a distinguished group of participants, including priests from the CM Central House Community, members of the VMY International Council and Secretariat who had just concluded their face-to-face meeting the day before, Fr. Rolando F. Limjoco, Jr., CM (AMM Sub-Director), Pamela B. Mantuhac (Assistant), Joseph Cong Thanh Nguyen (Secretary), and all the staff and volunteers of the Miraculous Medal Apostolate in the Philippines.



The AMM International Secretariat plays a vital role in maintaining communication with AMM groups worldwide. It supports the establishment of new AMM groups in various countries, fostering a global network of devotion to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The Secretariat is dedicated to spreading the message of the Miraculous Medal, a message that Our Lady entrusted to the Vincentian Family through her apparitions to St. Catherine Labouré in 1830.

With this consecration, there is renewed hope that the AMM will reach every corner of the world, making known the profound message of the Miraculous Medal. This event marks a significant milestone in the AMM's mission and reaffirms the commitment to Our Lady's call for devotion and service.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Tomaž Mavrič, CM, and all the participants who made this event possible. May Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal continue to guide and bless the AMM in all its endeavors.



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