

Institute of Daughters of Mary, Servants of Charity  
 Chinese Daughters of Charity of Tonkin  
 Daughters of Saint Anne  
 Daughters of Saint Anne of Chian<sup>62</sup>  
 Daughters of Saint Anne of Kanchow  
 Pious Society of the Holy Family of Bordeaux  
 Little Sisters of the Miraculous Medal  
 Sisters of the Eucharist  
 Sons of Charity of Vicenza  
 Institute of Nazarene Sisters  
 Hermanas Josefinas  
 Congregación de Misioneros de San José  
 Missionary Catechists of the Miraculous Medal  
 Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Mataró  
 Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill  
 Marienschwestern  
 Sisters of Charity of Saint Joan Antida (France and Italy)  
 Sisters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul of Montanaro  
 Sisters of Charity of Saint Mary of Good Counsel  
 Daughters of the Divine Will of God  
 Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate  
 Daughters of Charity of Mary Immaculate  
 Missionary Sisters of the Poor in Christ  
 Nursing Sisters of Mary of the Miraculous Medal  
 Hospitaller Sisterhood of the Holy Cross  
 Corporation of the Daughters of Charity

**1.3 Institutes for whom Saint Vincent was mentor, advisor, or involved in some other way.**

**FRANCE**

**1.3-FRA.610.2**

***Visitation of Holy Mary***

Founded 1610 at Annecy in Savoy, now part of France, by Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622, canonized 1665) and Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, (1572-1641, canonized 1767) for whom Vincent de Paul was spiritual director for almost twenty years. From 1622 (before the death

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<sup>62</sup>May also be written as Kian.

of de Sales) to shortly before 1660 when he died, Vincent de Paul was ecclesiastical superior of the first monastery of the Visitation in the archdiocese of Paris. Later he would also become superior of the second, then the third in that archdiocese. The Visitandines have maintained a great devotion to Vincent and read his works. In 1629, through Vincent de Paul's efforts, the Visitandines assumed responsibility for the Daughters of Saint Magdalen (see 1.3-FRA.629.2).<sup>63</sup> (*Address*: 11, avenue de la Visitation; 74000 Annecy, France.)

### 1.3-FRA.628.0

#### *Augustinians of Charity of Notre Dame*

(Augustinian Nursing Sisters of Hôtel-Dieu)

Instituted 1628 at Paris, France, by Geneviève Bouquet (Mother Frances of the Cross) as a reformation of an earlier foundation. Their constitutions were written and revised under the direction of Saint Vincent and approved by Pope Urban VIII in 1628. The Augustinian Nursing Sisters of Hôtel-Dieu made a fourth vow "of service to the sick poor all the days of my life."<sup>64</sup> (Generalate: 66, rue des Plantes; 75674 Paris, Cedex 14, France.)

### 1.3-FRA.629.2

#### *Daughters of Saint Magdalen*

Founded 1629 at Paris, France, and placed under the guardianship of the Visitation (1629-1671) (see 1.3-FRA.610.2) who supplied the first officers including the first superior, Mother Anne Marie Bollain, V.S.M. Penitent women desirous of leading a life of virtue as religious comprised the institute, which was housed in the convent of Saint Mary Magdalen on the advice of Saint Vincent de Paul. Two more convents were opened subsequently in Rouen and Bordeaux. Urban VIII approved the institute in 1631.<sup>65</sup>

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<sup>63</sup>AP, 1460; Chalumeau, "La Descendance Spirituelle," 18; VDP, 1: 242; 2: 266; 3: 208; Rapley, *Dévotés*, 34-41; DIP, s.v. "Francesco di Sales" 4: 530-33; "Visitazione" (volume not yet published). See also André Dodin, C.M., *François de Sales and Vincent de Paul: les deux Amis* (OEIL: Paris, 1984), 99-118.

<sup>64</sup>AP, 1464; Soeur St. Michel Renard, *Religieuses Augustines de Notre-Dame de Paris*, 19 June 1994, Survey S-115, VSI Family Tree Project; Chalumeau, "La Descendance Spirituelle," 17; Coste, LW 2: 253, note 39; DIP, s.v. "Bouquet, Geneviève" 1: 1545; NCE, s.v. "Augustinian nuns" 1: 1060-61; "Hôtel-Dieu of Paris" 7: 173.

<sup>65</sup>DIP, s.v. "Maddalenette" 5: 814-815; "Molé, Atanasio" 5: 1655-56 "Monsieur Vincent--un Coeur à la mesure du monde," *Missi*, 437 (March 1981): 98. See Coste, LW, 1: 271; 3: 220-22, and VDP, 1: 132; 2: 278-79; 3: 272-73; Chalumeau, "La Descendance Spirituelle," 18.



Saint Francis de Sales, Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Jane Frances de Chantal

1.3-FRA.636.11

*Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph*

Founded 1636 in France by Jérôme Royer de la Dauversière (1597-1659) in collaboration with Marie de La Ferre (1592-1652) in the diocese of Angers at La Flèche (Sarthe) in order to serve the sick poor without a cloister or solemn vows. The rule of Vincent de Paul for his Daughters inspired Royer regarding the first constitutions (1643) he drafted for his institute. Three sisters went to Canada (1659) during the lifetime of Saint Vincent de Paul. This institute derived its original inspiration from Vincent whom Royer had consulted about its establishment. The first articles of its constitutions of 1643 resembled the *Common Rules of the Daughters of Charity* concerning the care of the sick poor. Based at the Hôtel-Dieu of Montreal, their mission became to honor the Holy Family and to evangelize Canada during its colonization. Several distinct communities, especially in Canada, have developed from this root and in 1965 all branches of the institute united.<sup>66</sup>

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<sup>66</sup>AP, 1559; Georgette Desjardins, *Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph*, 1 May 1994, Survey S-99, VSI Family Tree Project; Diane Belanger and Lucie Rozon, *Les Religieuses au Québec* (Montreal: Libre Expression, 1982), 331; ADCP, "Congrégations qui s'inspirent plus ou moins de l'esprit de Saint Vincent; DIP, s.v. "Ospedaliere de San Giuseppe, di La Flèche" 6: 959-63; "LaFerre, Marie de" 5: 396; "Le Royer de La Dauversière, Jérôme" 5: 613-14.

(Generalate: 5621, Avenue Canterbury; Montreal, Quebec H3T 1S8, Canada.)

### 1.3-FRA.636.2

#### *Sisters of Saint Agnes*

Founded 1636 at Arras, France, by Mademoiselle Jeanne Biscot for social ministry, the care of orphans, and nursing the sick. Vincent de Paul successfully advocated on behalf of this institute to obtain letters patent conveying royal approbation from Queen Anne of Austria. Subsequently the Sisters of Saint Agnes were absorbed into the institute known as Servants of Marie de Anglet.<sup>67</sup>

### 1.3-FRA.641.0

#### *Society of Saint Sulpice*

(Priests of the Clergy or Sulpicians)

Founded 1641 at Paris, France, by Jean Jacques Olier (1608-1657) in order to staff a seminary which would be a "school of religious of those especially who will have the care of souls." He had given several ordination retreats at Saint Lazare. Saint Vincent was his spiritual director for four years, and they were associates both in the Company of the Blessed Sacrament and the Tuesday Conferences. Vincent collaborated with Olier and lent him Reverend Antoine Portail, C.M., (1590-1660), and Reverend Antoine Lucas, C.M., (1600-1656), to assist with early missions of the Sulpicians. Olier often told his confrères: "Monsieur Vincent is our father."<sup>68</sup> (Generalate: 6, rue de Regard; 75006 Paris, France.)

### 1.3-FRA.641.2.11

#### *Daughters of Providence*

(Order of the Daughters of Saint Anne)

Developed in 1641 from the house of refuge called Providence established 1630 in Paris, France, by Venerable Marie de Lumague, Mademoiselle Pollalion (1599-1657), with the help of Saint Vincent de Paul, and with the subsequent involvement of Reverend Jean Antoine

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<sup>67</sup>DIP, s.v. "Biscot, Jeanne" 1: 1464-65; "Santa Agnese di Arras, suore de" 8: 632-33; Chalumeau, "La Descendance Spirituelle," 17. LW, 2: 254, note 40. See also De Marte, *La vie meslée ou la vie de Damoiselle Jeanne Biscot* (Valenciennes, 1692), 132; 288-89.

<sup>68</sup>AP, 1450; DIP, s.v. "Olier, Jean-Jacques" 6: 708-711; "Le Vachet, Jean-Antoine" 5: 630-31; "Sacerdoti di San Sulpizio" 8: 24-28; Pierre Pourrat, *Father Olier, Founder of Saint Sulpice*, trans. W. S. Reilly, S.S. (Baltimore: Voice Publishing Company, 1932); VDP, 1: 167. Coste, LW, 3: 266; CED, 13: 166-67.

Le Vachet, S.S., (1603-1681). Mademoiselle Pollalion was one of the original Ladies of Charity at Hôtel-Dieu in Paris. As the ecclesiastical superior until 1657, Vincent took an active interest in the development of this new religious community. He helped to arrange for the formulation of its rule, its expansion, and its approval (1647) by the archbishop of Paris (Jean François de Gondi), Louis XIII, and subsequently by Louis XIV through Queen Anne of Austria. Madame Miramion assumed the government of this institute after the death of their founder.<sup>69</sup> Subsequently, at least eighteen communities known as the Sisters of Providence developed in France. This institute constitutes the nucleus of the Sisters of Christian Union.<sup>70</sup> (Generalate: 9, rue de la Mauvinière; 86034 Poitiers, France.)

### 1.3-FRA.662.22

#### *Daughters of the Holy Family*

Founded 1662 at Paris, France, by Marie Bonneau, Madame de Miramion (1629-1696), a Lady of Charity, in order to teach little girls and help the poor. Vincent de Paul drew up the institute's rules but died before the work was actually begun. Miramion, at the request of her director, Reverend Hippolyte Féret (parish priest of Saint Nicolas du Chardonnet and superior of the Daughters of Saint Geneviève, established thirty years previously by Mademoiselle de Blosset) consented to its merger with the latter community. The resulting institute thrived until the French Revolution and reflected its Vincentian roots.

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<sup>69</sup>DIP, s.v. "Figlie della Provvidenza di Dio" 3: 1670; "Polaillon, (Pollalion), Marie" 7: 18; "Unione Cristiana di Parigi" (volume not yet published); "LeVachet, Jean-Antoine" 5: 630; "Lumague, Marie" 5: 768-70; "Luisa de Marillac" 5: 764-68; Bernadette Delarue, D.C., to Betty Ann McNeil, D.C., 16 July 1993, Le Mans, France; Coste, LW, 1: 305-7; Chalumeau, "La Descendance Spirituelle," 17; Conference of 8 August 1655, *Conferences to the Daughters of Charity*, 3: 91, note 2. VDP, 2: 302; 3: 272; *Correspondence, Letter #471*, The Marquise de Maignelay to Saint Vincent, 21 August 1640, Nanteuil, 2: 109, note 2.

<sup>70</sup>The Community of Christian Union was established 1652 at Paris (France) by Reverend Jean Antoine Le Vachet (1603-1681) and his sister Mademoiselle Anna de Croze to serve Protestant converts and newly baptized Catholics. This institute evolved from the 1641 foundation of the Daughters of Providence instituted in Paris by Venerable Marie Lumague and Madame Pollalion, with the help of Saint Vincent. The Daughters of Providence became the nucleus of this diocesan institute of Christian Union, later called Community of Christian Union of Saint-Chaumont (1652, Poitiers) and then divided in two parts: (1) Fontenay-le-Comte (Vendée, 1680) and (2) Poitiers (Vienne). The 1680 branch at Fontenay-le-Comte was the foundation of Mademoiselle Marie-Barnabée Brisson. DIP, s.v. "Figlie della Provvidenza di Dio" 3: 1670; "Polaillon, [Pollalion], Marie" 7: 18; "Unione Cristiana di Parigi" (volume not yet published); "Le Vachet, Jean-Antoine" 5: 630; "Lumague, Marie" 5: 768-70; "Luisa de Marillac" 5: 764-68; L'Abbé Teillet, *Histoire de la Congrégation de l'Union Chrétienne de Fontenay le Comte* (Fontenay le Comte: 1898); ACMFC 69 [1904]: 264-65.)



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In 1678 Miramion also assumed responsibility for the government of the Daughters of Providence after the death of their superior, Made-moiselle Viole.<sup>71</sup>

1.3-FRA.671.0

***Sisters of the Most Blessed Sacrament and of Charity of Bourges***

Founded 1671 at Montoire-sur-le-Loir, France, by the Reverend Antoine Moreau (1625-1702). The founder had sought Daughters of Charity from Vincent de Paul who was unable to satisfy his request.

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<sup>71</sup>Coste, *LW*, 1: 314-18; *DIP*, s.v. "Figlie di Santa Genoveffa" 3: 1717-20; "Miramion, Marie Bonneau de" 5: 1371-72; "San Vincenzo de Paoli" 8: 953-54; "Luisa de Marillac" 5: 764-68; Rapley, *Dévotes*, 96-100.



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Saint Vincent then advised Moreau to establish his own community to combat Jansenism and Protestantism. Members strive to acquire humility, simplicity, and charity. This is an institute of diocesan right.<sup>72</sup> (Generalate: 52, route de Saint-Michel; 18000 Bourges, France.)

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<sup>72</sup>Marie de la Charité Padieux, Soeurs du St. Sacrement et de la Charité, 15 June 1994, Survey S-114, VSI Family Tree Project; *DIP*, s.v. "Santissimo Sacramento e della Carità" 8: 848-49; "Moreau, Antoine" 6: 143-44; "San Vincenzo de' Paoli" 8: 953-54; "Laveyne, Jean-Baptiste de" 5: 503-05; Chalumeau, "La Descendance Spirituelle," 19.