

Lady of Charity. From it, this institute evolved. Poussepin was a member and officer in the confraternity, as had been her mother before her. The dress of this institute for a long time resembled that of the Daughters of Charity, but with the Dominican colors of black and white. In the beginning, this institute had a special relationship with the group of women which became the Sisters of Saint Paul of Chartres (Daughters of the School of Levesville.)<sup>141</sup> (Generalate: via Valdieri, 4; 00135 Rome Italy.)

### 2.3-FRA.845 .0

#### *Religious of Saint Vincent de Paul*

Founded 1845 at Paris, France, in the chapel at the motherhouse of the Congregation of the Mission by Jean Léon Le Prevost (1803-1874) in conjunction with Clemente Myionnet (1812-1886) and Maurizion Maignen (1822-1890). All three founders were laity who were active members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and had been inspired to establish a new society of priests and brothers entirely consecrated to the poor because of Vincent de Paul's example.<sup>142</sup> Le Prevost had been associated with Frederick Ozanam and was the person who promoted naming his Conferences of Charity as the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.<sup>143</sup> (See 6.1-FRA.921.0.) (Generalate: Via Palestro, 26; 00185 Rome, Italy.)

### 3.1 Institutes for whom Daughters of Charity or Vincentian priests (Lazarists) were mentors during their establishment.

#### FRANCE

### 3.1-FRA.682.3

#### *Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Évron*

Founded 1682 at La Chapelle in Bas-Maine, France, by the young widow Madame René Thulard (1654-1735, née Perrine Brunet). The

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<sup>141</sup>AP, 1501; DIP, s.v. "Poussepin, Marie" 7: 194-95; "Carità Dominicane della Presentazione della SS. Vergine (di Tours)" 2: 330-33; Chalumeau, "La Descendance Spirituelle," 19. Bernard Préteselle, *Marie Poussepin or the Exercise of Charity*, trans. Sister Madeleine Clemence Vaillot, O.P. (Dighton, Massachusetts: Dominican Sisters of Charity, n.d.), 52-63; 249-55.

<sup>142</sup>Le Prevost also headed the Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul in the Parish of Saint Sulpice, Paris, for twenty years. It was he who brought the first two Little Sisters of the Poor to Paris.

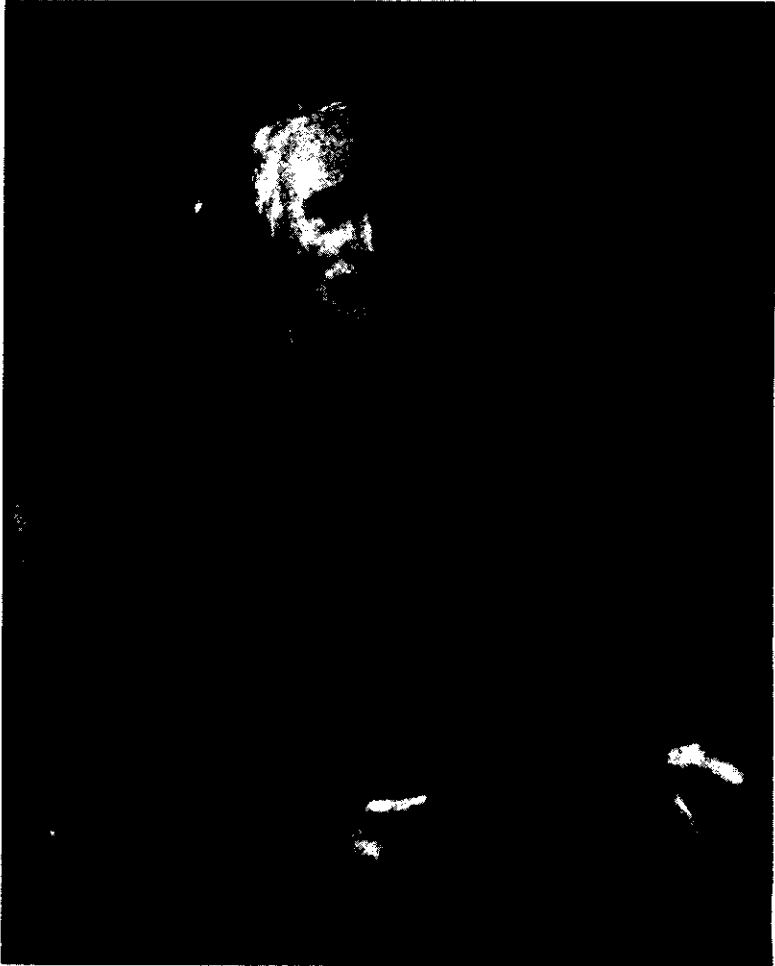
<sup>143</sup>AP, 1422; DIP, s.v. "Religiosi di San Vincenzo de' Paoli, Padri e Fratelli" 7: 1681-85; "Angebault, Guillam-Laurent" 1: 631; "Le Prevost, Jean-Léon" 5: 602-04. "Monsieur Vincent—un cœur à la mesure du monde," 101; "Congregação dos Religiosos de São Vicente de Paulo," *Informativo* 15 (November-December 1981): 31. *MEV* 9, no.10 (1931): 235-40.



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first sisters had a period of training in the house of the Daughters of Charity at Le Mans. The Priests of the Mission (see 1.1-FRA.625.22) also influenced their beginnings through missions. Their rule was inspired by that of the Daughters of Charity (see 1.1-FRA.633.22) whose former habit they wore for a long time. They were exhorted to humility, simplicity, and charity. On the deathbed of their founder, the sisters were counseled to follow the good example of Saint Vincent's Daughters of Charity. They conducted the same type of apostolates. Vincent de Paul was designated as a patron of this diocesan institute.<sup>144</sup> (Generalate: 8, Place de la Basilique; 53600 Évron, France.)

<sup>144</sup>DIP, s.v. "Carità di Nostra Signora, di Evron, 334-45; "Brunet, Perrine" 1:1602; "Congrégation des Soeurs de la charité et Notre Dame d'Évron," *La Tradition Vivante*, 33; *Amitiés Catholiques Françaises*, 110 (October 1978); Delarue to McNeil, 16 July 1993, Le Mans.



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3.1-FRA.856.0

*Helpers of the Souls in Purgatory*

(Auxiliatrices)

Founded 1856 at Paris, France, by Blessed Eugénie Smet, (1825-1871, beatified 1957), (in religion, Mary of Providence), whose community, in its origin, collaborated with the Vincentian priests at rue de Sèvres and with the Daughters of Charity at rue de Poulletier, as well as at rue

Oudinot and rue du Bac. The mission of this institute is to pray, suffer, and work on behalf of souls in purgatory.<sup>145</sup> (Generalate: 16, rue Saint Jean-Baptiste de la Salle; 75006 Paris, France.)

## GUATEMALA

### 3.1-GUA.974.0

#### *Sisters of the Resurrection*

Traces its origins to the 1974 establishment at San Pedro Carcha in Alta Verapaz, Guatemala, at the initiative of Sister Ana Mercedes Francia, D.C., and other Daughters of Charity. This group of indigenous lay volunteers was formed in the Vincentian tradition to minister to indigent children, youth, and the poor in rural areas. In 1977 this group began to live in community as a religious institute under the guidance of Francia for its formation and apostolates. In 1981 Reverend George Puthenpura, S.D.B., assumed its direction and the group became an autonomous diocesan institute (1987) working in collaboration with the Salesians. Its members are indigenous Kekchi.<sup>146</sup> (Generalate: Centro Talita Kumi, Apartado 7, San Pedro Carcha Avenida; San Pedro Carcha, Guatemala.)

## NIGERIA

### 3.1-NIG.969.0

#### *Daughters of Divine Love*

Founded 1969 by Bishop Godfrey Okoye (b.1913) in the archdiocese of Ukpok-Onitsha, Nigeria, as a diocesan institute to make a return of love to God through charitable services to others, especially the poor and needy. Their motto is: *Caritas Christi Urget Nos!* Reverend Thomas Devine, C.M., (b.1923), influenced the formation of the early sisters, especially through the writings of Saint Vincent.<sup>147</sup> (Generalate: PO Box 546; Trans-Ekulu, Enugu, Nigeria.)

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<sup>145</sup>AP, 1467; DIP, s.v. "Smet, Eugénie, beata" 8: 1585; "Ausiliatrici delle Anime del Purgatorio" 1: 992; Chalumeau, "La Descendance Spirituelle," 20; BML 16, no. 11 (November 1938): 287-88.

<sup>146</sup>Ana Mercedes Francia, D.C., to Betty Ann McNeil, D.C., 10 November 1993, Trinidad, Bolivia.

<sup>147</sup>Matthew Barry, C.M., to Betty Ann McNeil, D.C., 30 July 1993, Enugu, Anambra State, Nigeria.

means in the struggle against suffering, misery, loneliness, and injustice (see L-3.2-FRA.833.22). In other countries members aligned themselves in various ways under different names.<sup>13</sup>

### **3.1 Institutes for whom Daughters of Charity or Vincentian priests (Lazarists) were mentors during their establishment.**

#### **CHILE**

L-3.1-CHL.980.0

##### ***Conference of Frederic Ozanam for Youth***

Founded 1980 at Santiago in Chile as a branch for youth of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in order for members to continue the Vincentian tradition of serving the poor, especially needy youth. The organization receives guidance from the priests of the Congregation of the Mission and participates in all types of pastoral and recreational activities in order to motivate youth to live Christian ideals.<sup>14</sup>

L-3.1-CHL.977.0

##### ***Health Promoters***

Established 1977 at Copiapo in Chile and in 1981 at Santiago by the Daughters of Charity in collaboration with the Ministry of Health to promote good public health for the whole person after the manner of Christ who carried his teaching to others.<sup>15</sup>

### **3.2 Institutes that have had ongoing influence from members of the Congregation of the Mission or the Daughters of Charity.**

#### **FRANCE**

L-3.2-FRA.833.22

##### ***International Society of Saint Vincent de Paul***

Founded 1833 at Paris, France, by Frederic Ozanam (1813-1853, venerable 1993) with the collaboration and support of Sister Rosalie

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<sup>13</sup>Lloret, "The Vincentian Laity," *Echo*, no. 7 (July-August 1988): 306-16; "Familia," *Informativo* 15, (November-December, 1981): 93-94; René Cantais, C.M., "Louise de Marillac, servant des pauvres 1591-1991," *La Médaille Miraculeuse--Message & Messagers*, Supplement to 202 (March 1991): 18-19; "The Louise de Marillac Association," *Echo* (May 1951): 184. See also Antonio Elduayen, C.M., "Los Movimientos Laicos Vicentinos," *Vincentina*, nos., 4-5 (1985): 323-42.

<sup>14</sup>Masó to McNeil, 24 June 1993, Santiago.

<sup>15</sup>*Ibid.*