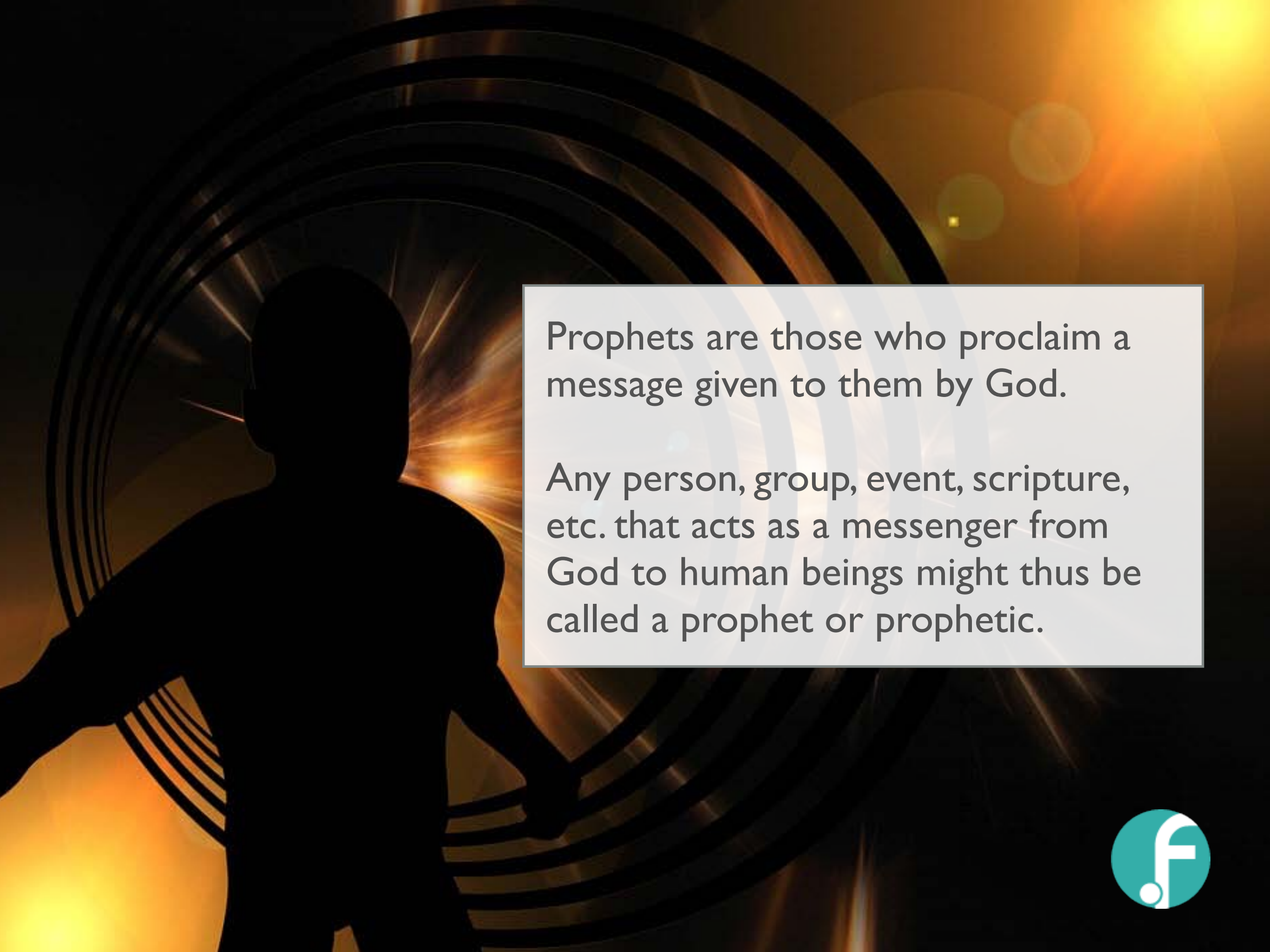


# The Prophetic Dimension of the Vincentian Charism

In Light of the Social Doctrine of the Church

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A silhouette of a person, likely a prophet, is shown in profile, facing right. The person's head is surrounded by a halo of concentric, glowing light rays. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color with a bokeh effect of soft, out-of-focus light spots. The overall composition is dramatic and spiritual.

Prophets are those who proclaim a message given to them by God.

Any person, group, event, scripture, etc. that acts as a messenger from God to human beings might thus be called a prophet or prophetic.





# Throughout history there have been various prophets:

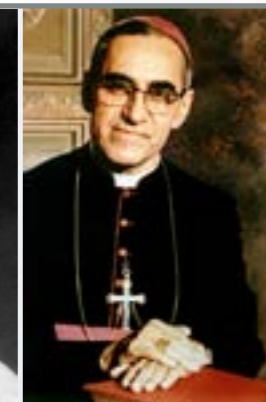


The Old Testament prophets gave messages to the kings of Israel and to the people.

In their time both monasticism and the appearance of religious orders became elements of the Church's prophetic response.



Today the most fruitful responses in the Church are those that are inspired by charity and marked by a holiness of life. Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Louise de Marillac led the way in this area, centuries ahead of the social doctrine of the Church.







All of these are signs of salvation that offer the secularized world a prophetic word.

The prophets are all about hope!



Vincent and Louise were mystics who experienced the ultimate reality as it transcends time, and acted accordingly.

The successor of St. Vincent, Fr. Tomaž Mavrič, urges us to become Mystics of Charity. When we become Mystics of Charity we must act accordingly... and by doing so, we become prophets to the world.

The Charity of Christ Urges Us!

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*Why and how  
can I describe  
Saint Vincent  
as a  
Mystic of Charity?*



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# Reflection questions

- How deeply aware are we of belonging to God?
- Do we act accordingly?