

The Calling of a Vincentian



In today's world, what are the duties of those who identify themselves as Vincentians?



Be a missionary



Relieve the needs of the poor



Instill in others a deep sense of their missionary vocation



Set life's priorities amidst a sea of information and distractions



Have a profound love for God and a deep love for the human person that leaps beyond using others for one's own personal advantage



Make the poor always feel welcome



Create a home for refugees



Resist and counteract indifference, or the absence of God from the contemporary world



Foster awareness of issues of justice;
combat desensitization



Let persons' dignity and gifts as human persons, rather than their economic status, be what distinguishes them



“Search out more than ever, with boldness, humility, and skill, the causes of poverty and encourage short- and long-term solutions; adaptable and effective concrete solutions...”



Use your knowledge, skills, and resources for investigating and grappling with the causes of poverty, urban problems, rural problems



Help countries provide better education for all their young



Help the global community find peace and true human liberty



Look for the opportunity to come into firsthand contact with the poor: this contact can change your life, enabling you to see a world where the suffering Christ lives on; liberating you to ask: What contribution can I make, even in my own small way, to the future of suffering humanity?



Be filled with life and vision and hope and enthusiasm and be able to communicate that to others



Create unity among disparate men and women



Break down the barriers of division



Eradicate the crippling causes of poverty



Love fullness of life and know how to promote it

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