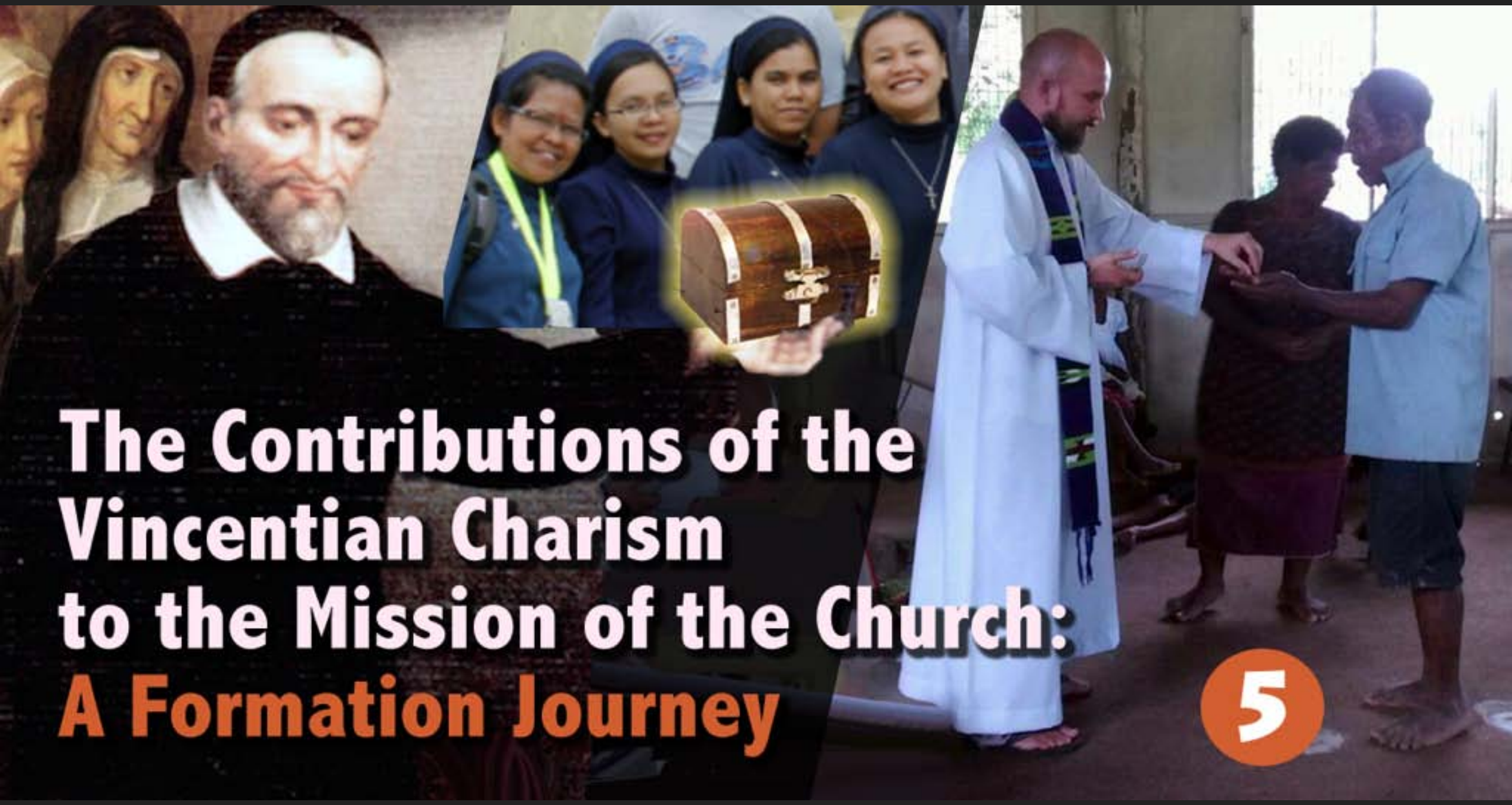

# The Contributions of the Vincentian Charism to the Mission of the Church: A Formation Journey

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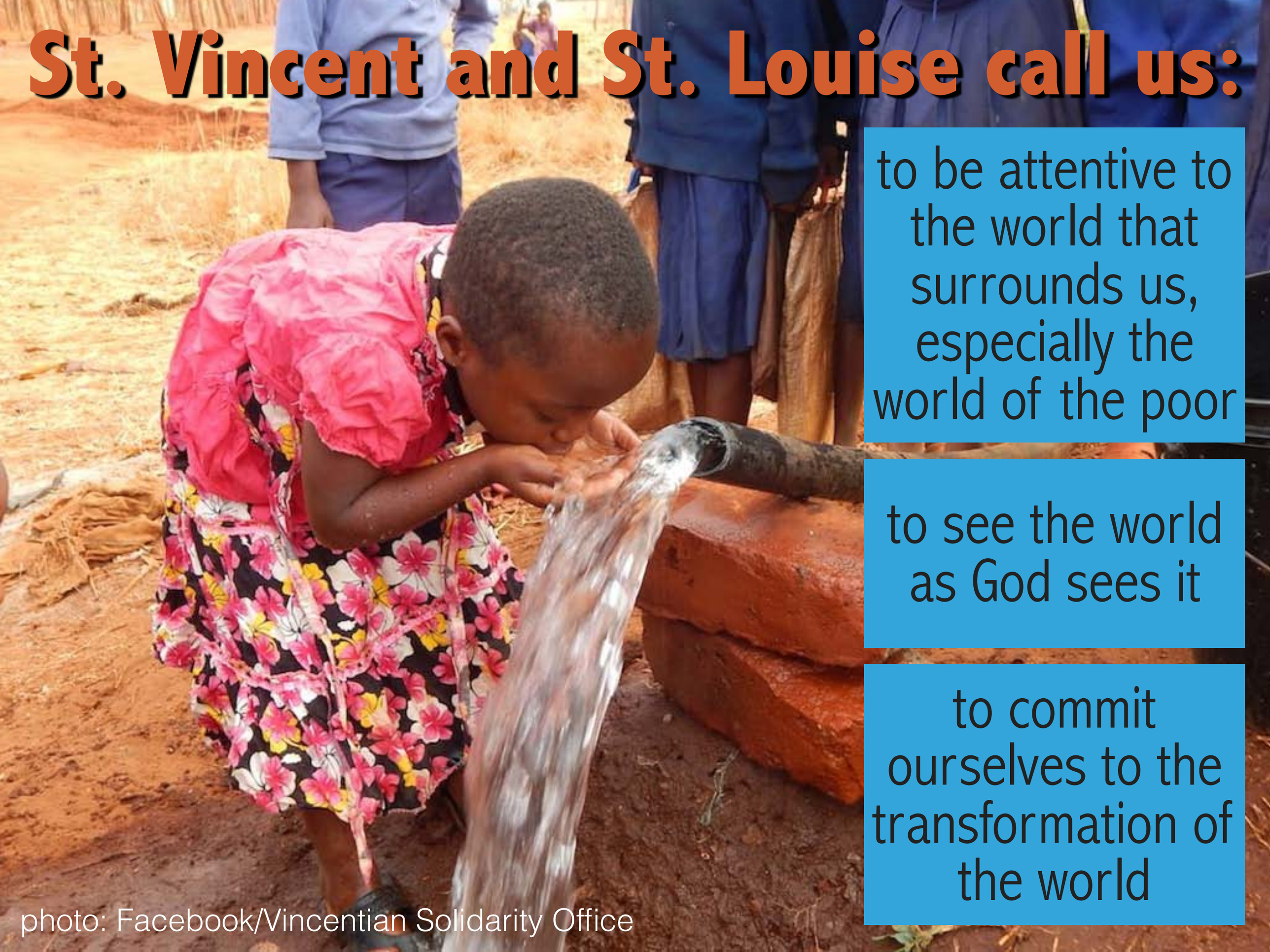
Through St. Vincent and St. Louise,
People living on the margins became visible and saw hope

# St. Vincent and St. Louise call us:



to be attentive to the world that surrounds us, especially the world of the poor

to see the world as God sees it

to commit ourselves to the transformation of the world

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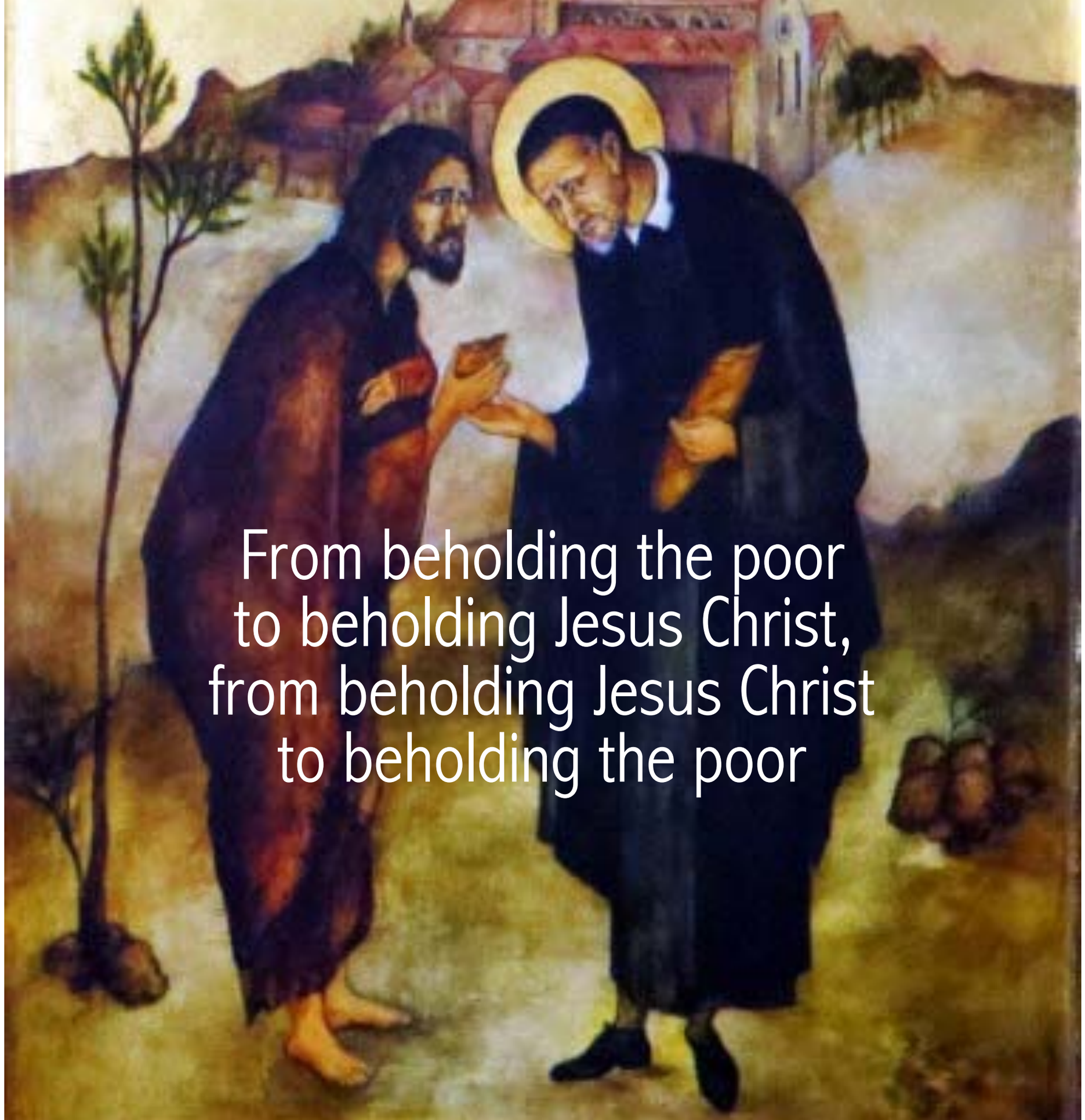
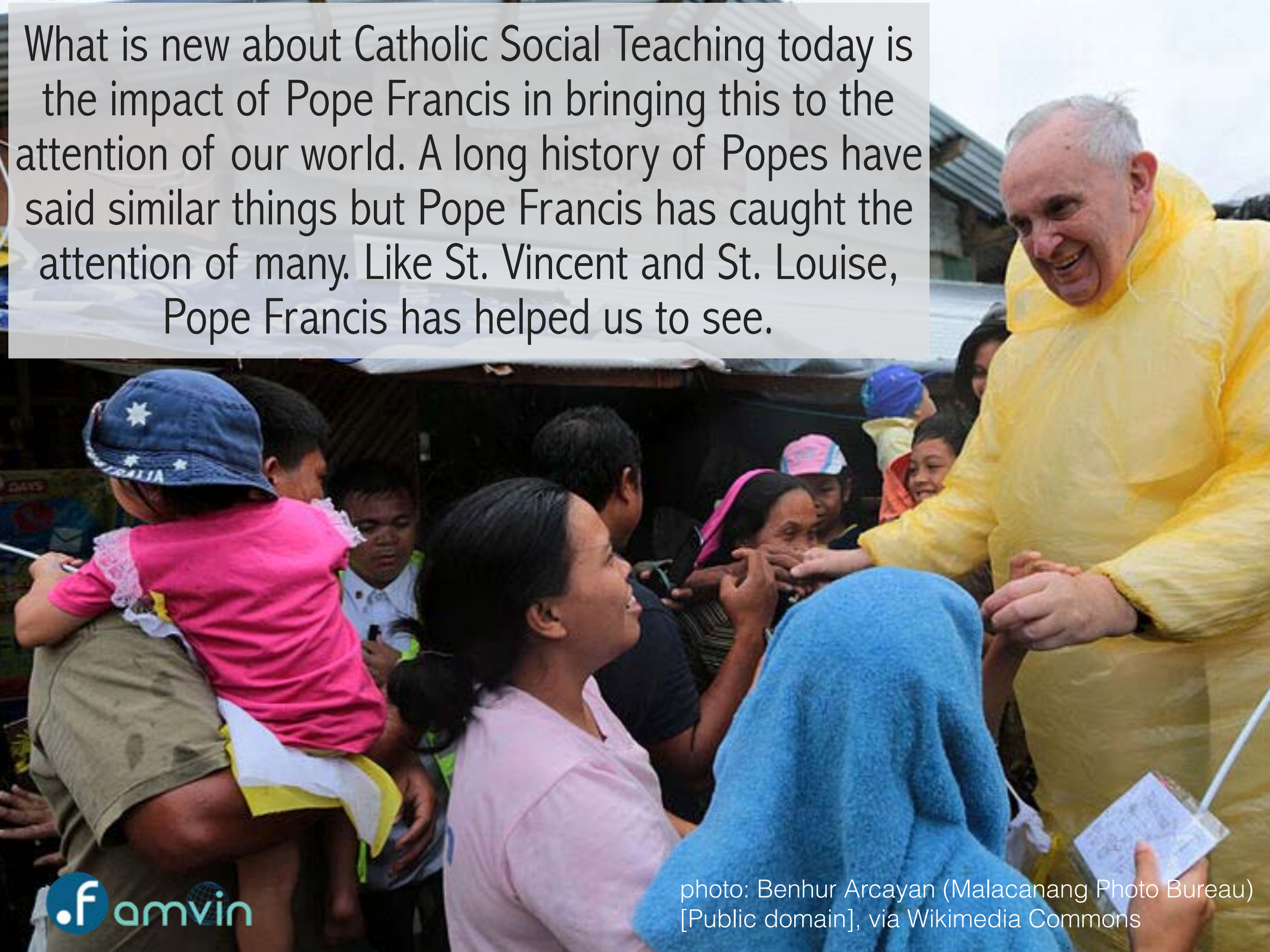
# The journey of Vincent and Louise: a history of “beholding” the poor

- that expanded as they encountered the poor
- that took in all those who were poor
- that from the little parish in Châtillon, became universal (eventually extending to Madagascar)
- that was deepened with the passing of time


From beholding the poor
to beholding Jesus Christ,
from beholding Jesus Christ
to beholding the poor

What is new about Catholic Social Teaching today is the impact of Pope Francis in bringing this to the attention of our world. A long history of Popes have said similar things but Pope Francis has caught the attention of many. Like St. Vincent and St. Louise, Pope Francis has helped us to see.



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