



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

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St. Vincent wrote:



to an austere early confrere who felt that he should withdraw into himself and join the Carthusians:

“Alas! the Church has enough solitaries.”

St. Vincent wrote:



Instead, what the Church needed were **missionaries** who would be ready “... to go and proclaim Jesus Christ to the poor people, and work at training priests.” (CCD:III:204-205)

Frederic Ozanam wrote:



“The priests must give up their little bourgeois parishes: their flocks are an elite in the midst of a vast population that they do not know...”

(Cf. Kathleen O’Meara, “Frederic Ozanam, professor at the Sorbonne; his life and works”, Chapter XXIV.)

Pope Francis says:



[Asking priests to stay close to the marginalized...]

“The priest who seldom goes out of himself ... misses out on the best of our people, on what can stir the depths of his priestly heart. [...] This is what I am asking you — be shepherds with the smell of sheep.”

—Pope Francis’ address at the Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday, March 28, 2013

Vincentian Charism

“Workers”

“Apostolic”

Ready to go
to the
“outskirts”

