



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

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Before St. Vincent



Cloistered

Closely
governed

Not allowed
outside convent

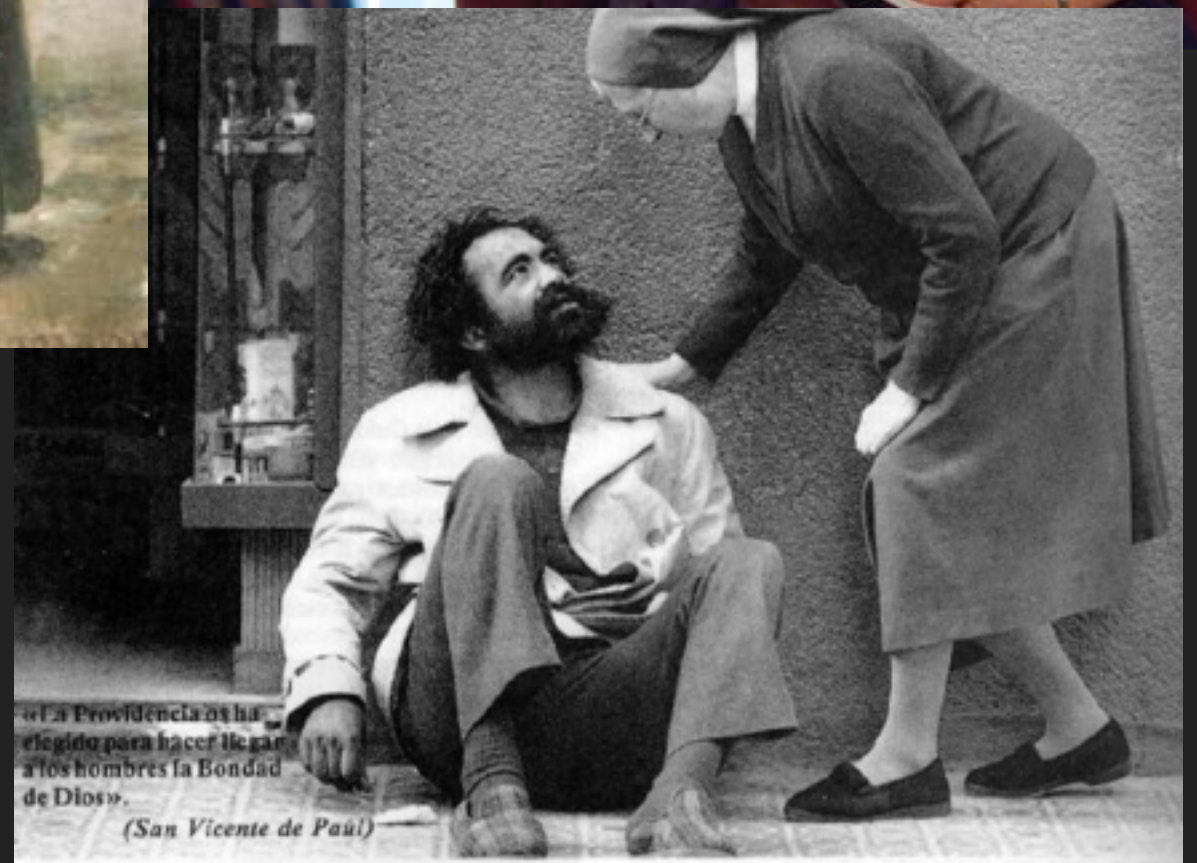
Perpetual
VOWS

After St. Vincent

Temporary,
renewable
VOWS

Actively
engaged

Ministering in the
everyday worlds
of the poor and
the marginalized



Revolutionary Idea:



=

equal
value





It took centuries for this new form of religious life to be written into Church law in a special section:

Societies of Apostolic Life

...but a new reality of life had begun!