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SUPERIOR GENERAL

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To those responsible for the various branches of the Vincentian Family

Dear sisters and brothers in Saint Vincent,

May the light and strength of the Risen Lord always accompany us!

In the midst of this Easter Season, I begin by extending my cordial greeting to all of you. God desires that this season enable us to fill ourselves with the light and the energy of the Resurrected Lord in order to be his witnesses in the midst of the world, especially in those places where there is no light and where so many people live without any hope.

Today I want to announce some very **good news** for the whole Vincentian Family. As you know, two years ago a group of five missionaries began their preparation in Barakaldo (Spain) for an online Vincentian studies course. This course is entitled: ***Masters in Vincentian Studies***. This group of missionaries, coordinated by Father Corpus Delgado, CM, has engaged in specialized studies in the University of Deusto (Bilbao, Spain). They are now concluding their technical preparation and their preparation with regard to the Vincentian content of the course. In the name of the whole Congregation, I want to thank SIEV (International Secretariat of Vincentian Studies) for the work that it has done in making this initiative, which will benefit the Congregation and the Worldwide Vincentian Family, a reality. In the attached document you will find general information about this *Masters in Vincentian Studies*.

In this letter of introduction, I want to highlight three things. The first thing I want to say is that **this first course (in Spanish) will begin in September**. All those who are interested may register and present their documents within the time frame established in the attached document, that is, 10 June 2021. The course has a limited number of places. For this reason, we will give priority to those who register first.

For those who are interested in Vincentian Studies but who do not have the appropriate academic credentials, there will be a convocation in **January 2022**. The content will be the same but the academic accreditation will not be granted by the University of Deusto.

My final point is most important. All who desire such a program are being offered a golden opportunity to deepen their understanding of our spirituality and to share it with the various Vincentian groups. In the Church, such treasures should not be buried in the ground, but should be made known to everyone. We know that many of our specialists in Vincentian studies have died; others are growing older and confront various limitations. For the good of our Congregation, the Vincentian Family, and the poor, we need individuals willing to make this effort. This *Masters in Vincentian Studies* is an opportunity to do just that.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Your brother in Saint Vincent,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tomaž Mavrič, CM'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'T' and a long horizontal stroke.

Tomaž Mavrič, CM
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