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RESOLUTION OF THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY

We, members of the International Executive Committee of the Vincentian Family (VFEC), during our meeting of December 2, 2020, express our great joy at the progress that has been made in the cause of canonization of Blessed Antoine-Frederic Ozanam.

Ozanam, born on April 23, 1813 in Milan, was a virtuous man who lived both the theological and cardinal virtues. He is a model for humankind, for the Church and for civil society.

Frederic, as a son, student, brother, professional, husband, father and friend, was gifted with a great sensitivity and because of his ability to enter into solidarity with others, deeply impressed all those who knew him. He gave witness to charity in his personal, family, professional and civic life. He expressed an ardent desire to "envelop the world in a network of charity."

A writer, lawyer, journalist and author of books, he was a faithful defender of the poor, the sick and the Holy Church. He was a professor of commercial law at the University of Lyon and later professor of foreign literature at the Sorbonne. He is considered by the Vatican to be one of the forerunners of the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church.

After a long illness, he died at the age of 40 in Marseille on September 8, 1853, in an attitude of total dedication to God. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II on August 22, 1997.

In light of this, the Executive Committee of the Vincentian Family declares its full support for the cause of the canonization of Blessed Antoine-Frederic Ozanam, one of the seven founders of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP).

We ask all the members of the worldwide Vincentian Family to intensify their prayer for this noble cause.



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