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William Slattery, 1948-1968

A Topical Outline

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Introduction

Revered for his spiritual and personal qualities, William Slattery guided the Congregation of the Mission and the Daughters of Charity at the peak of their membership. The Vincentians had a total of 5,999 members, living in 561 houses in thirty-nine provinces. The Daughters of Charity had, according to estimates, some forty-five thousand Sisters. Slattery presided over three general assemblies and organized a fourth that would be one of the most momentous in Vincentian history, leading to new constitutions following the Second Vatican Council.

Circular Letters of William Slattery

1947, 13 December, unnumbered, 1 p., typed and signed (in Slattery correspondence)
Announces problem of the Bossarelli affair, which took place unknown to the council. Congregation as a whole will help for part of the debt. Asks for one Mass a month to be said for his intention by every priest to repay the curia for its expenses. The visitors should be diligent in this matter.

1948, 1 January, unnumbered [=#1], 16 pp.
Thanks for general assembly. Reviews its actions. Only Yugoslavia was completely absent. Mentions assistants. It approved the constitutions, passed several decrees. Canonization of Catherine Labouré. Sanctification is the order of the day for all. Make sacrifices to attend daily morning meditation, as well as daily spiritual reading, examens, Rosary, visit to the Blessed Sacrament, communication. Easy to sacrifice internal life for the external life. This will promote mutual charity.

NEWS: Algeria: taking over Oran seminary again. – Madagascar: uprisings by some tribes in the south, with fires and looting. No member of the Double Family died, but much damage to property. One confrere, Coudroy, murdered during a robbery in 1946. – USA: Winne visited Yukiang. Miraculous Medal Association has grown very well. – Mexico: missions being given, despite paucity of members. – Argentina: prospering; mentions Lujan. – Colombia: many developments. – Chile: crisis of personnel. – China North: much suffering. Montaigne resigned for health reasons; Cardinal Tien replaced him. – China South: Conditions are improving. Death of Legris, visitor. – Turkey: Sidarouss named bishop; St. Benoit prospering. Bucarest: famine and trials of all sorts to be faced. – Philippines: recovering from storms and destruction of war.
Germany: recovering, with new houses or old ones reopening. – Austria: badly hurt in war, few confreres. Slovakia: Hutrya’s imprisonment. – Belgium: the new province has only houses in Belgium itself (plus Congo), founded 26 August 1947. Apostolic schools in Louvain and Visé. – Spain: many vocations and new works. Barcelona: has vice-provinces in Honduras and Peru. – Holland: prospering. Verhoeks, ordained during Japanese occupation, beginning to see progress. Their China mission still facing problems, with pillaging and ruined buildings. Wernhout: much destruction from bombs, especially chapel. – Hungary: many problems, but working on missions. Miseries and privations. – Ireland: students in new house of Arklow. – Rome: He went there the day after the closure of the assembly, for canonization of Catherine Labouré. Mussinetti replaced by Cassinari as visitor. – Naples: Vergini being restored. – Poland: the “martyr-province.” Elsewhere, the Polish are prospering. – Portugal: new visitor; mission work in Mozambique. – Yugoslavia: most trouble province, with men dispersed, in prison, etc. – France: centennial of Associations of Children of Mary, in 1948.

—Includes necrology for 1947

[English in DRMA]

1949, 1 January, unnumbered [=#2], 20 pp.
Reflections on ministry among the poor country people. Also foreign missions, where there is great need of personnel. We pray for those involved in seminary work, citing St. Vincent. Thanks for those working in apostolic schools. The brothers are also in need of vocations. Praying for other works: secondary schools, parishes, directors of the Daughters of Charity and various chaplaincies. Recommends full observance of spiritual exercises. Thanks be to God for the spirit of mortification, citing St. Vincent. Morning meditation, with citation of St. Vincent. It is now the time to return to 4:00 a.m. rising, set aside during war time for various reasons. Rules of silence, of separation, common recreation. Various other facets of mortification: not spending too much time with newspapers and profane literature, listening to the radio (leading to dissipation and a waste of time). Cut back on traveling and visits.

NEWS: Madagascar: pacification taking place slowly. Cites history and various figures about numbers of confreres, houses, etc. – USA: prosperity. One confrere, John Ryan, was murdered in Tokyo, 5 April 1948, a victim of the war. – Argentina: welcomed several Yugoslav confreres until such time as they can return to their dear fatherland. – Brazil: Neves a bishop, auxiliary of Santos of Assis. – Colombia: a tentative revolution broke out; the CM central house and church were burned. – Chile: great need of personnel. – China: advance of Communists brings about the exile of our confreres and the abandonment of missions. Philosophy faculty begun in Beijing. South China: also many threats. – Japan: bishop of Osaka hopes to have confreres in his diocese. O’Hagan preparing for this ministry, studying Japanese in Paris. – Palestine: concerns for the future. – Turkey: mentions Euzet’s support of Panaya Kapouli. Serious problems in Bucarest; the confreres are thinking about remaining to care for French expatriates. – Australia: taking minor seminary of Guildford. – Philippines: new seminary at Bacolod. – Germany continuing to rebuilt. Jerusalem house: doubtful for the future because of lack of personnel. – Austria: also needs vocations. – Hungary: still working; two men sent to Colombia; those in Romania are in a delicate situation. – Slovakia: Some vocations and developments. – Madrid: also in good condition, with grandiose works, such as the enormous city-wide mission in Valencia. – Holland: very worrying about Yungping; also in Java. – Italy: good progress. – Poland: good vocations. – Portugal: work in Mozambique is challenged by

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[English in DRMA]

1950, 1 January, unnumbered [=#3], 20 pp.

NEWS: Mother house: meeting for superiors and professors of major seminaries of France and Algeria. Czechoslovakia: under Paris province, Hutyra very sick, offered his sufferings for the prosperity of his vice-province. – Visits, deaths, and appointments in Germany, Austria, Belgium. – Spain: Ballester died, as did Adolfo Tobar. Tobar-Gonzales, bishop of Cuttack. Sastre died in Honduras. – Holland: Slattery visited, many Dutch offered themselves for other missions. – Rome: Prati replaced Cassinari as visitor. Tor Sapienza parish began. – Turin: Cocchi had a meeting of superiors to gather their views on the province. – Poland: flourishing in vocations; two hundred in apostolic school. – Portugal still needs vocations, especially for Mozambique. – Turkey: death of Levecque, visitor. – Yugoslavia: always sad, many in prison, only one official house, Belgrade. – China: very worrying. Many confreres have had to leave or chose to. Chala continues, but for how long? – Iran: Zayia returned; many villages have no priest. – Ethiopia: has only six priests; hopes for better days. – Madagascar: new visitor, recruits arriving. – USA: magnificent prosperity. — Central America: Beckmann visited the mother house. Difficult to recruit vocations. – Colombia: Tulio Botero a bishop. – Ecuador: disastrous earthquake. One Sister died and one apostolic school student. Minor seminary of Loja committed to the province. – Pacific: extreme need of personnel. Some help promised. – Australia: some “motorized” missions. – Philippines: has welcomed students coming from China.

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[English in DRMA]

1950, 9 April (English in DRMA), 1 p.
Decisions about issues left to him by general assembly: 1) no philosophy during the second year of internal seminary; 2) delay fixing boundaries of provinces until constitutions are approved; 3) move generalate to Rome? “Not opportune at the present time.” A grave reason is needed to move it elsewhere. It would also be expensive.

1951, 1 January, unnumbered [=#4], 20 pp.
Wishes for graces and greater participation in the spirit of St. Vincent. At the same time, many problems in the world: persecution especially, and possibility of wars. Reflections on Marian devotion, and how she lived out the virtues: poverty, chastity and obedience. Vincent’s devotion to Mary, as seen in Common Rules. Other pious practices: daily rosary, Angelus, Litany of
Loretto, and other prayers; the Miraculous Medal; rejoicing over the proclamation of the Assumption.

NEWS: mother house: various celebrations, especially of Marian Year. Various deaths among its members, such as Guichard. With two years of “pure internal seminary,” all theologians will be in Dax, and the others will be in Paris. Aquitaine: has a novitiate for brothers in Dax, plus pre-seminary. Picardy: gave up academic seminary in Lille, begun in 1875, reopened in 1919. – Germany: celebrating its centennial. – Austria: death of Spiegl, the visitor, dying following an operation. – Spain: keeping eight apostolic schools at great sacrifice, with 1,350 students. 175 novices, 114 in philosophy, and 105 in theology. Vice-province in the USA has been dismantled, and its houses attached either to Puerto Rico or Mexico. – Indonesia now a vice-province; too far away from Holland; Henri van Megen is vice-visitor. – Hungary: missions being given, but men were expelled from Budapest. – Constitutions nearly ready for approval. – Poland: Church and state have a *modus vivendi*, but it is still uncertain. – Portugal: still needing personnel; students studying at Hortaleza. New parish in Mozambique. – Turkey: great need of men. – Yugoslavia: Sedej, visitor, released from prison. – Slovakia: all the confreres are in prison; two in a concentration camp. – China: very grave problems, even though some works are proceeding. Persecution continues. Jacques Tchao shot to death, and Stanislas Tchen died in prison. Chala: has novitiate for the north, and six new seminarians. Letters arrive from both provincials. – Iran: always needs men. – Lebanon: Marina died suddenly at 62. Sidarouss receiving two confreres for seminary at Tantah. – Algeria: bishops trust us, but we cannot always send men. – Ethiopia: Tisserant wants the CM in Ethiopia to do seminary work, as in Egypt. – Madagascar: division of Fort Dauphin expected. – USA: Visited the two provinces; confreres are regular, live in a spirit of charity, doing everything well. – Mexico: he could not visit there. – Central America: province accepted minor seminary of Panama. – Brazil: immense province, needing ten hours in a plane to reach most distant houses. – Colombia: prospering. – Australia: Miraculous Medal Novenas are growing. Polish from China are arriving to help their countrymen. – Philippines: opening its own apostolic school [for the first time] to be certain to have vocations. – P.S. Visitors complain that the Cases of Conscience should be more concrete and usable. Response: they should write them themselves.

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[English in DRMA]

1952, 1 January, #5, 24pp.

Offers wishes for new year, and hopes confreres will follow St. Vincent closely. Reflects on the vow of stability within the context of love and support for the Congregation. Our vocation is excellent since it involves the evangelization of the poor. Urges missions for the sake of evangelization. Urges commitment to seminary work. These stem from our vow, our promise to God. Thoughts about those who left for various reasons, even moved by the devil. – Threats to the vow of stability, such as the spirit of the world, which comes in through radio and television, films, and even stage plays. Relationships with women: all holy books speak about the dangers here, as does canon law and community decrees. Pride is another danger, thinking that our abilities are not appreciated by superiors. How to remain faithful? Observe exercises of piety, read life of St. Vincent (as Alméras recommended).

NEWS: Mother house. Recent meeting on missions, in France and Algeria. Many confreres returning from China came here. Forced to leave. Some men went to Vietnam, at request of apostolic delegate in Vietnam. – Scognamillo retired; replaced by Bisoglio. Process of
Rosalie Rendu moving along. Berceau restored. New apostolic school opened near Rennes. – Germany: recovering slowly. – Austria: Likewise. – Belgian Congo: began 25 years ago. – Madrid: eight apostolic schools, with a limited number of 150 per school. Salamanca: house built for the theologians. “Hermandad misionera,” mentioned. Cuttack: new vice-visitor. Madrid took over the Barcelona houses in Peru. – Venezuela a new province. – Holland: many vocations, few houses in the country. Men in vice-provinces and other CM provinces. – Hungary: confreres must work in factories or have some trade, but no ministry. – Ireland: new house at Glenart, plus a primary and secondary school in the Dublin suburbs. – Rome: Prati resigned, replaced by Amedeo Rossi. Alberoni celebrates its bicentennial. – Turin: new houses in Milan, Verona. 60 Chinese seminarians at Brignole Sale. Fr. Charles Ou accompanied them to Genoa. – Poland: long time without news. Twenty-eight novices took first vows; apostolic school with two hundred students. – Portugal: autonomous since 1927, preparing to celebrate its golden jubilee. Many vocations now. Developments in Mozambique. – Turkey: St. Benoît prospering. – Yugoslavia: very little news. Same with Slovakia. – China: very painful period, violence, storms, imprisonment. Bishops de Vienne and Montaigne in France, Quinn in USA, Mignani could not go to Hong Kong but was accepted in Manila. – Iran: death of Zayia. – Ethiopia: CM took over a seminary and perhaps a regional seminary. – Madagascar: suffering from cyclone. Vicariate will be divided. – USA: continuing to prosper; house in suburbs of Toronto, with parish. Other new works. – Central America: apostolic school moved from San Salvador to Panama. – Colombia: province gave up Tunja, but took over Ibagué. – Ecuador: needs more personnel. – Pacific: apostolic school has students. – Australia: new college at Bendigo. Regional minor seminary at Adelaide to CM. – Philippines: apostolic school enlarged the building. – Remarks about suffering in the apostolate.

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1953, 1 January, #6, 26 pp.

Thank God for favors already received in the last year, even for imprisoned or tortured or mistreated confreres. – Wishes for divine blessings on all. Seminaries: for good formation. Schools and pastoral ministries, works associated with Daughters of Charity.

Reflections on mutual charity, taken from Scripture, the examples of the life of Jesus, the examples of St. Vincent. Advantages of charity toward the neighbor, gaining them for Christ. Also in the Congregation, with mutual support, working together, forgiveness, avoiding detraction and causing harm. Superiors should correct faults against mutual charity, and removing causes of discord.

NEWS: Approval of the constitutions? It seems imminent. – Causes: Spanish martyrs introduced. – Mother house: apostolic schools are growing and so are novices. – France: Mission at Dalat is full of promise; some help from those who left China. – Japan: One confrere from China now there to help O’Hagan. Bishop of Osaka wants to confide districts of his diocese to the CM. – Germany and Austria both need more vocations. – Belgium: house of Lessines, a parish. Congo: the preferred work of the province. – Madrid: still very prosperous. Limpias: has 222 novices; 144 in philosophy, and 128 in theology at Cuenca. Members of the “Hermandad misionera” are helping with missions, such as in Bilbao. – Holland: good development. – Hungary: no legal existence and last house was closed. – Rome: Leonine open to students of Capranica, whose building is under repair. In Sardinia, Cocchi is superior of regional minor seminary. – Naples: restoration of Vergini completed. Three apostolic schools. In Ethiopia:
working in Hebo, opened schools, etc., with help of Sisters. – Poland: provincial, Kryska, is 83, still at work. Apostolic school in Cracow has been closed. But vice-provinces doing well. – Portugal: 25th anniversary of its restoration. – Slattery visited Turkey and Levant; hoped to visit Iran, but snowy weather was against them. Apostolic school opened at Zeitenlik. St. Benoit in Istanbul: several days there, but few confreres there, and the school has hired lay teachers. Visits to Izmir and Santorini, but the numbers of Christians are small. Antoura doing very well, despite competition from other institutions. Egypt: 3 confreres helping Sidarouss in the Tantah minor seminary. – Yugoslavia and Slovakia: little news, but some have been freed from prison. – China: Tichit still in prison, with 6 others, and one novice, in a re-education camp. Six others freed from prison and expelled; one died in Singapore during his return. Two other prisoners. Chala: has 138 students, directed by Chinese confreres. – South China: violent persecution began in Jiangxi. Archbishop Chow basely treated and is in prison. – Ethiopia: directing the regional seminary in Addis Abeba. Hopes for a national seminary at Adigrat. French confreres could not take this on; hopes for another province to do so.

Madagascar: Sévat resigned. USA East: Bishop of Sherbrooke, Canada, offered a house; Cushing, of Boston, offered a work for seamen to confreres. – Western USA: Quinn returned; death of Paul Lloyd, age 47. Missions, seminaries, and parishes: bishops are content. – Mexico: 30,000 Children of Mary offer major work for CM. – Cuba: centennial of royal decree of Isabel II, bringing CM to Cuba. – Other Latin American provinces need personnel; seminary work continues. – Ecuador, still needs men. – Venezuela: church in Maracaibo completed. – Australia: beginning seminary in Mosgiel [written Magill].

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1954, 1 January, #7, 22 pp.

This is the Marian Year, hopes it will be rich in blessings, spiritual favors. Pray for God’s blessings for all our works. Thank God for our confreres who have undergone sufferings behind the Iron Curtain.

— Approval of the constitutions. History of the efforts since 1917. After the war, and the assembly of 1947, new intensity to finish them. Actually approved 19 July 1953. Translations made, copies distributed. The spirit of St. Vincent is experienced there. Most modifications deal with administration. Each province should have six canonical houses. Very few changes in Common Rules (referenced in footnotes). We should now observe them exactly. Rules are holy; God made use of them to develop saints; and are holy by nature and purpose, by their results. They are important for our personal sanctification and for the good of the Congregation. They are a source of peace for our houses. Refers to meditation, silence, recollection, relationships with externs, etc. – Is non-observance a sin or merely an imperfection? Very nuanced answer is needed. Some are preceptive; other are directive. To observe them, we need a spirit of faith, avoiding any softening or modifications, committing ourselves annually to observe them. Cites St. Vincent on the importance of the rules.

NEWS: many have wanted new editions of rules of office, decrees, etc., but these had to wait until the constitutions were approved. Cocchi will work on them. “Econome general” is the new title for the treasurer; no longer called the “Procurator general,” a title reserved to the officer representing the Congregation to the Holy See. – Henceforth, a superior of the mother house. The superior general will be freed from these details. Bizart is the first superior. – Germany: he visited there for three weeks. Gradually being restored. Hopes for personnel for Costa Rica,
where an internal seminary opened. – Austria: spent three weeks there, to celebrate the centennial of their foundation. Gradually recovering its balance. A second apostolic school, Eggenberg (after Vienna). Hopes to get personnel from other provinces. – Belgian Congo: formally erected hierarchy. – Madrid: very flourishing province; “Hermandad misionera” has 300 members, not all CMs; gave mission in Bilbao. India: need for more missionaries. – Barcelona: “Madrid gave birth to Barcelona” 50 years ago. – Holland: early death of the vice-visitor of Brazil, at age 55; Indonesia: many Chinese are there, and the mission hopes for former China missionaries to minister. – Central Europe, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Yugoslavia: all are suffering persecution; houses are closed, very little news. In an unnamed province [Slovakia], the students were trying to study theology; the police found them out and sent them to concentration camps. – Portugal: its students went to Madrid, but only a provisional solution. Now at Mafra, a student house. – Turkey needs personnel. — China: in the winepress. Some few signs of loosening the grip, but the persecution continued. 3 prisoners from North China, and from the south, 5, including Bp. Defebvre; three are imprisoned at Nanchang; this is the Church of silence. – Iran: CM will try to revive a minor seminary for native clergy. The Teheran college is prospering. – Egypt: Tantah seminary moved to Meadi, in the suburbs of Cairo, to a magnificent seminary built by the Congregation of the Oriental Church. – Algeria: unexpected death of Abp. Gounot. CM directs seminaries of Oran, Algiers, Constantine, and Tunis; plus minor seminaries of Oran and Constantine. – Ethiopia: for the Addis-Abeba seminary, reinforcement from Dutch confrere previously in China and Manila; hopes for national seminary at Adigrat, but CM probably cannot staff it. – Madagascar: province has been reduced in extent, with part committed to Assumptionists. – USA: both East and West have missionaries expelled from China; some from West are in Formosa. – Mexico: enjoying peace. – Argentina: recent ordinations. – Brazil: growing as well. – Colombia: Bp. Botero, Zipaquirá, has CMs in his seminary. Hoping for academic degrees for confreres destined to teach in seminaries. – Ecuador: growing number of candidates. – Pacific: still needs men. – Venezuela: death of Gaude. – Australia: beginning in New Zealand. – Philippines: Mandaloyon seminary given to another congregation; confreres accepting it graciously. – Japan: two confreres there; bishops want more. – Pray the Expectatio Israel better, for more vocations.

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[English in DRMA]

1954, 16 February, 1 p., English
Directions about the Marian Year, and reports to be submitted at its conclusion.

1955, 1 January, #8 [the historical part in AnnCM 119-20 (1954-55): 297-304]
Reflects on Marian Year and Queenship of Mary, its connection with Catherine Labouré. Reviews favors on the Little Company. Wishes peace for the Congregation, concentrating on common life, as in the new constitutions. Its history in the Church, and its difference from the eremitical life. Calls for faithfulness to exercises of piety, despite the need to be moving around for ministry. Use the talents that God has granted for the mission and for the confreres. The rewards are those promised in the Gospel, the hundred-fold. Common life is difficult, since there are few choices. Conflicts between common life and freedom. Unfortunately, some relaxation of this spirit has shown up in our life. Some do not participate at all, or rarely, or only superficially in common exercises of piety. The same for common recreation.
NEWS: The purpose of this is to be a “mutual source of light and stimulus.” – Paris: general assembly will open in June; will study the constitutions. Common French seminary is at Notre-Dame du Pouy, Dax. Ten major seminaries in France. – Germany: slow growth of personnel. – Austria: also difficult to recruit. – Belgium: missions, retreats, Miraculous Medal novenas. Congo mission growing. – Madrid: increasingly prosperous. New house being built in Salamanca, at great expense. India has a flourishing internal seminary. – Holland: Eindhoven house will concentrate on Miraculous Medal novenas. Indonesia more liberal in granting visas. Japan: two chaplains for Sisters, but no further work. Indo-China (Vietnam): large native personnel developing. – Poland: scattered news. Apostolic school forced by the government to close, but number of novices is growing. Vice-provinces will have to count on local recruitment. – Central Europe: Hungary, Slovakia, Yugoslavia: common life is forbidden; men doing forced labor. – Ireland: new work in Hereford. – Rome: recent hasty trip there. Tor Sapienza (and mission at Lunghezza) are new works. – Turin: sending a confrere to Madagascar. Apostolic schools growing. – Naples: left Oria. Confreres running the diocesan seminary of Naples at Vergini. – Portugal: new house of Mafra. – Turkey: apostolic school at Zeitenlik. – China: all foreign missions are gone. Lassus died in prison; others expelled after imprisonment (Defebvre, Corcuff, Deymier, Prost); Tichit and Huysmans released, sick, from prison. Flamant alone was still in prison until his release, and dead at 92 in Hong King. – Iran: Death of Berthounesque and Poiron. – Lebanon: new house, Mar Mitri in outskirts of Beirut. – Algeria: death of former visitor. – Ethiopia (still part of Algeria): waiting for recruits. – Madagascar: Assumptionists taking over Tulear.

USA: East, Leary ill, resigned; Taggart took over. – West: Montebello opened. – Mexico: recruits growing. – Central America: needs men. – Argentina: sending men to Rome for degrees. – Colombia: good recruitment, but still insufficient. Giving up Arauca, keeping Tierrasdenro. – Ecuador: needs men. – Pacific: centennial of arrival. – Venezuela: schools prospering. – Australia: very prosperous; bishops well disposed. – Philippines: new apostolic school at Polo.

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1956, 1 January, #9, 22 pp.; [the historical part in AnnCM 121 (1956): 10-18]

Be thankful to God for the past year and beg for this year, especially for the Congregation. General assembly of 1955, the major event. Read the chronicles of the assembly in Annales and elsewhere. – Emphasizes some points of decrees authorized by the assembly. Transfer of generalate to Rome: often discussed; decreed the transfer (62 to 44) “as soon as possible.” Must consult Holy See; problems with French legal status. – Attention to spiritual exercises, especially annual retreat; its length causes problems. Visitors can ask the superior general for changes in individual cases. – Novitiate formation: before or after philosophy? – Assembly of 1947 left it to the superior general. Now, novices can begin philosophical studies, but maintain exercises of novitiate. – Teachers should be well prepared, helped by common professional meetings. – Contemporary literature: students should have access, but with moderation, and superiors left to judge. – Brothers: take care in admissions procedures; treat them kindly. – Journeys: local superiors can grant five days away, “de gravi et justa causa.” Shorter period between home visits for missionaries (10 years is the rule): visitors can ask superior general. Family visits: OK for fifteen days (paid by the confrere personally). A major departure from St. Vincent’s teaching. – Do Common Rules still oblige? Art. 219 calls for their veneration. Assembly called for an “Epitome juris Congregationis Missionis,” dealing with the
many points of discussion in constitutions. – New publication decided, in Latin, with acts of superiors general, general assemblies, Holy See; plus provincial news. – Rules of Office, Directories: revisions referred to general council. – Notes for confreres habitually living outside a formed house; prepared for French confreres, and could be used by other provinces. – Let us do the works of God; He will handle ours.

NEWS: death of Charles Jean, professor of sacred scripture. Hard to recruit brothers. – French Canada: men went there for the direction of the Daughters of Charity, beginning six years ago. Miraculous Medal novena developing there. – Toulouse: new house. – Germany: recruitment growing – Austria: still in difficulties; Istanbul prospering. – Belgium and Congo: need for men. – Peru and Puerto Rico are now provinces, “filial provinces of the province of Madrid.” Personnel will come from Madrid for a long time. – Spain: 71 novices. Salamanca building is finished. India: attracting vocations; hard for missionaries to enter. – Barcelona: recruitment progressing. – Holland: new visitor; large growth in novices. Ethiopia: province can take over a Capuchin mission. – Poland: only a few brief letters. Knapik elected assistant. – Less news from Hungary, Slovakia. Some parochial work is possible; but no recruitment. – Yugoslavia: doing better. – Ireland: Slattery visited for five weeks (see Annales). New visitor. – Rome: Fugazza returned from curia to Rome. International house will depend on superior general (following assembly’s direction). – Turin: 300th anniversary of foundation. – Naples: Lapalorcia elected assistant. – Portugal: new novitiate. Mozambique: hopefully more men will go there. – Turkey: new visitor. France no longer has manpower to send there. – China: a Church of Silence. Hou imprisoned; Bp. Chen moved to Brazil. – Iran: no more men from France, but hopefully Teheran college will receive recruits from elsewhere (as from Eastern Province USA). – Levant: apostolic school flourishing. – Algiers: mostly major seminaries, but many political problems. – Ethiopia (part of Algiers): thinking of taking over seminary of Adigrat, but this has been deferred. – Madagascar: no longer a mission country since it has its own hierarchy. Fresnel named bishop.

USA, East: Panama has separate canonical houses in David, Almirante, Cristobal. Novitiate moved to Ridgefield. – West: apostolic school in Lemont. Bp. Quinn can labor in Formosa. John Zimmerman named assistant. – Antilles: new visitor. – Central America: new recruits from Holland. Nicaragua hierarchy wants CM to take over regional seminary. – Argentina: political problems, and temporary imprisonment of some confreres; government overthrown. Asuncion seminary given up, but not the mission work in Paraguay. – Brazil: Godinho elected as assistant. – Colombia: growing number of vocations. – Ecuador: taking over, again, Riobamba seminary. – Pacific: needs manpower. – Venezuela: taking over seminary of Guanaré, newly created diocese; and college at Tovar. Hoping for native vocations. – Philippines: Campo elected assistant (Spanish born); but novitiate was closed but now reopened.

[English in DRMA]

1956, 9 April. [English in DRMA]
The Holy See wants to defer the transfer of the Curia to Rome, because of the “current circumstances,” left undescribed.

1956, 20 April. [English in DRMA]
Ordinances about community goods, and extraordinary expenses, plus alienation and debts. Sets financial limits for alienations and debts. – For gifts as alms, from the funds of the house, the limit is $40.00. – Extraordinary expenses, limits set for superior, and for visitor.

1956, 15 August, Latin [English in DRMA]
Ordinances, #1: 1) Jurisdiction: hearing confessions of confreres, by confreres; does not infringe on rights of local ordinary for lay confessions; 2) Vehicles of all types, including bicycles “with light auxiliary motors”: house may own them; if confreres do, which permissions are required. Vigilance about preserving religious discipline. 3) Suffrages: one Mass for each deceased confrere, and one Mass monthly for dead of Double Family, plus intention of preserving Primitive Spirit. Everyone is held to this.

1956, 8 December, [English in DRMA]
About the foundation of Vincentiana, under auspices of Ephemerides Liturgicae, edited by Bugnini, in Latin.

1956, 8 December, Latin, 2 pp. [English in DRMA]
Ordinances, #2: to complete what was said in Ordinances #1. 1) Radio, TV: No permission for TV in private rooms, Radio is permitted, but never to the detriment of religious silence, etc. 2) Purchasing vehicles: if for a non-CM owned work, the administrators should do it; but if for a CM work, then visitor must give permission. 3) Recreations: permissions needed for attending public performances, following local Ordinaries. 4) Reports on provinces, houses: should be continued regularly. 5) Publishing books: visitor can grant permission, but superior general should be informed for “any work of some importance.”

1957, 1 January, #10, 28 pp.
Compares his life with St. Paul’s, concern for all the Churches. Voluminous correspondence. His wishes for the confreres are contingent on God’s will. Hopes that fraternal charity will reign everywhere. Hopes that his wishes will apply equally to the brothers, with their spirit of faith and prayer. Hopes for candidates in preparation. Mentions the sick. Recalls those unable to communicated through persecution, imprisonment.

Subject: love for the Congregation. Recalls St. Vincent’s love for this work. We try to do what Jesus did, following St. Vincent. This marks us off. Call to personal sanctification. St. Vincent spoke of the excellence of the vocation. “We, unfortunately, do not know well enough the beauties of our history.” We do not have a complete history, but parts of it are available, Annales, etc. When some men leave, they admit they no longer love the Congregation. Their fervor has diminished. St. Vincent showed “disinterest” in the Congregation, in the sense of not trying to push it forward, leaving that to God’s will. We can perceive its deficiencies. We have our own practices and have adapted to other exigencies. – The liturgy of the hours has changed, although Pius V said it should never change. More will happen. Holy Week has changed, Eucharistic fast has changed. Our own rules and regulations have changed and will do so in the future. – Look not for our own good and satisfaction, but that of the Congregation. Marks of our love: happiness in belonging, sharing joys and sorrows of others; stimulation of our own efforts for its good; fidelity, “toto vitae tempore,” from the vow formula.

NEWS: the last general assembly asked for the publication of an organ with official and CM news and information. This will make future circulars much shorter. – Mother house: some
changes and upgrading in the house since the Holy See put our move to Rome on hold. Tent missions from Loos are prospering. – Germany: Costa Rica internal seminary will now have clerical as well as brother candidates. – Belgium: visitor was in Congo for four months; native brothers want to join. – Madrid: new visitor; working on plans for those in seminary work. – Holland: few houses in the Netherlands, more elsewhere. Indonesia cannot receive vocations from Holland, but native vocations are arriving. Plans to accept a seminary in Burma, and Dutch will work in Gimma, Ethiopia. – Hungary: many members, but restricted, little news from Iron Curtain countries. Some can work as clergy, but others have to get secular jobs. – Ireland: new house in Coventry. – Rome: Betta (formerly in Albania and Egypt) new visitor; Bugnini will edit Vincentiana. – Naples: cause for Micalizzi begun. – Poland: some agreement between Church and state, and vocations still arrive. – Portugal: Mozambique mission growing. – Turkey: earthquake in Santorini, and school there has been abandoned. Maybe apostolic school of Zeitenlik could move to Santorini. – Yugoslavia: expanding, especially in Argentina. – Argentina: new student house in suburbs of Buenos Aires. – Brazil: Bp. Cavati resigned and returned among the confreres; Bp. Dos Santos died; Neves, his coadjutor, succeeded. – Ecuador: new visitor succeeded his ill predecessor. – Pacific: a special school for brothers opened. – China: impenetrable. Some men are interned, but without much information. Death of Deymier, recently helping the archbishop of Bordeaux. – Iran: Bro. Longue’épée died; had been in Ethiopia then China, and Iran for 25 years. – Levant: very complicated situation and dangerous. – Algeria: seminary of Constantine now in hands of diocesan clergy. – Ethiopia: Slattery visited; Dutch are beginning in Jimma. – Madagascar: he also visited there for two months. Very difficult work there, but good results. Fresnel new bishop. In Farafangana, new school opened. Some Malgache priests help the confreres there. – USA East: Centennial of Niagara and papal recognition; novices moved to Ridgefield, CT. West: Denver, new buildings. Tucson seminary. Many catechumens baptized in Formosa for Easter. – Mexico: house in Tlalpan; new visitor. Confreres are free to work. – Australia: colleges are flourishing, along with parishes, missions. – Philippines: consoling news. Seminaries are nearly their exclusive work. – Venezuela: 25th anniversary. – New provinces: Peru, Puerto Rico.

—Includes necrology

[English in DRMA]

1957, 15 January, Latin, 2 pp. [English in DRMA]

Application of “Sedes sapientiae” in formation. Explanation of statutes as applicable to CM. More on temporary vows, military service, pastoral work during vacations. One-year of training after completing seminary studies, for pastoral work, before ordination. Etc.

1957, 25 January, Latin, 1 p. [English in DRMA]

Ordinances, #3: 1. Hierarchical order in making requests (through local superior and then visitor); 2. Need for clear information to be sent to Superior General to make decisions; 3. Journeys: which permissions are needed.

1957, 19 February, Latin, 1 p.

Establishment of a general fund through taxing the provinces. Basis will be $12 (US) per person. Details about brothers, students, etc. Payable twice a year.

1957, 30 March. [English in DRMA]
Notes on different subjects: the positive confirmation required for continuing a superior in office beyond the three-year term; pensions: belong to the Congregation, not the individual; the Rosary to be said for suffrages for the dead is to be understood as five decades.

1957, 26 November, French, 1 p.
Cardinal Valeri, head of the Congregation of Religious, will celebrate his golden jubilee of priesthood. Slattery asks each province to donate something, not exceeding $100.

1957, undated, Latin, 4 pp.
Reminder about various celebrations in 1960: St. Louise, Justin de Jacobis, tercentenary of death of St. Vincent; suggestions about celebrations; 2 page list of what to report about “Vincentian Family,” (CM, Daughters of Charity, other works influenced by his patronage or spirit). [Early mention of Vincentian Family]

1958, 1 January, #11, 24 pp.
Reflections on penitence. Differs from mortification. Acknowledgement of sin is the first step in the sinner’s conversion, and involves some sadness. St. Vincent had a sense of God and a sense of sin. Penitence is not just an emotion. We need the same sense of sin, but not be obsessed with it. Practice of weekly confession; not just for purification, but as a source of grace. To be coupled with regret and promise of amendment. Community life will be improved through penitence, and will allow one to bear the cross of daily life of ministry.

NEWS: Bugnini working on *Vincentiana*. The yearly circulars, however, will continue with news of the Congregation, since perhaps not everything will appear in *Vincentiana*. – Plans for tercentenary of deaths of Sts. Vincent and Louise, 1960. – Death of Bp. De Vienne. – French provinces: a lack of vocations, which has an impact on Algeria, Iran, Turkey, and Madagascar, which rely on France. Still, vocations for the French provinces are arriving through apostolic schools. – Germany: Bp. Odendahl’s death. – Austria: Graz has been restored after the bombings. Apostolic school is productive. – Belgium: Bikoro in Congo is now a vicariate; awaiting a bishop. – Madrid: so many vocations that the vast house of Salamanca has been finished. Students should be able to profit from university courses. – Holland: abundant vocations, and novices are at Eefde. Indonesia: many worries about the country, since the Dutch may be forced to leave. – Hungary: only rare news, arriving indirectly. – Ireland: new house of Dunstable (formerly a Spanish house). Province does not have an apostolic school, and thus insufficient vocations for a foreign mission. – Rome: perhaps Perboyre will be canonized soon. International house is full; Vawter received his doctorate. – Turin: a great mission given in Milan, unprecedented size. Students left suburban seminary in Turin to move, with students from Naples, to Genoa, Brignole Sale. Palermo has a small apostolic school, recently enlarged. – Poland: death of Kryska, visitor since 1925. Seminary in Gdansk to the CM. – Portugal: centennial of arrival, from France, of CM and DC, previously expelled from the country. Apostolic schools at Mafra and Felgueiras. Many men for Mozambique. – Slovakia: no news at all. – Turkey: news about St. Benoit, Izmir, Panaya Kapouli, and Euzet. – Yugoslavia: gradual development. – China: not much news. In Formosa, a good work of evangelization. Death of Moulis in Hong Kong. – Iran: great need of manpower. – Levant: death of Michel Khoury while helping the wounded. Death of Artis in Damascus, who spent his whole life there. Antoura flourishing. Beirut has a seminary for brothers. – Algeria: Constantine major seminary combined
with Algiers; CM remains in minor seminary. Ethiopia: Telahoun ordained; did studies in France.

Madagascar: Farafangana erected as diocese; awaiting a bishop. New cathedral planned for Fort-Dauphin, dedicated to St. Vincent. – USA: universities are increasingly prosperous. Chicago and Niagara had a canonical approbation; it recognizes their contribution and is an encouragement. Montebello has good numbers. Thomas More High School in Philadelphia. – Central America: newly appointed visitor, Lara, named bishop, but the province needs men. Apostolic school at Quetzaltenango, recently opened. – Brazil, Rio: new central house. – Colombia: new apostolic school. – Ecuador: main, and nearly only, work is seminaries. – Venezuela: although it has large schools, it needs vocations.

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[English in DRMA]

1958, 18 February, Latin, 1 p.
More about annual taxation; details about payment. Urges complete and prompt payment.

1959, 1 January, #12, 26 pp.
Special time for good wishes, especially in a religious community. As he is the father of this family, it is his duty to give thanks and best wishes, despite problems and challenges. Offers special thanks to the elderly, to the apostles of tomorrow, to brothers. Urges proper celebration of the tercentenary of the deaths of Sts. Vincent and Louise in 1960. We should move our admiration into imitation of St. Vincent’s life. Our rules breathe his spirit. His correspondence is available to us, many biographies. Few communities have as much from their founders. Some say this is not the time to look to the past instead of to the future. What would Christ do? What would Vincent do? – These are good questions. Reviews details of his life and the spirit in which he acted. Who would not be attracted by him? We need abnegation when dealing with souls. The greatest result of the tercentenary would be the renewal of the community’s spiritual life.

NEWS: Mother house: many guests. France: eternal problem of vocations. Loos: transferred to Bondues. Death of Jacques Baude in Algeria on battlefield. – Germany: new visitor. Höfer succeeds Odendahl in Limon, Costa Rica. – Austria: apostolic schools sending recruits to internal seminary. – Belgian Congo: Vanderkerckhove named bishop. Some Congolese minor seminarians in apostolic school attended ordination. – Madrid: giant mission with 300 missionaries (CM and Hermandad misionera) in Calahorra; many vocations go to Spanish missions. – Holland: 75th anniversary of Wernhoutsburg; school is prospering, 519 priests came from here. Took on the Jimma mission in Ethiopia. – Indonesia: now an autonomous province, since Holland could not send any more for political reasons. – Hungary and Slovakia: virtually no information. Hutyra condemned to ten years of forced labor in the mines; other to a lesser sentence. Still, hope exists for a resurgence of the province, as happened with other suffering provinces. – Rome: house of Grosseto opened; the church has become a basilica. – Naples: new visitor. Taking over seminary of Nicastro. Cause of Micalizzi progressing. His body was moved to the central house in Naples. – Poland: good vocations and some freedom to work. – Portugal: unexpected death of visitor, Mendes. – Turkey: visitor, Deymier, brother of the bishop, is in poor health. Need for personnel. – Yugoslavia: news is better. – China: rare news, Christians remain faithful, but some priests have let themselves be ordained bishops without Roman approval. Maybe the “beginning of a national and schismatic church.” Formosa: things are going much better. – Iran: always need for more personnel. –
Levant: constant source of worries; Sidarouss now the patriarch. – Madagascar: Chilouet first bishop of Farafangana, ordained at mother house. – USA: East, anniversary of Princeton. West: establishment of two filial vice-provinces:, LA and NO. Details about Montebello. – Antilles: troubles breaking out; important work for prisoners. – Puerto Rico: first mission given in Dominican Republic. – Argentina: death of Prat, former visitor. – Brazil: new minor seminary of diocese of Assis. – Colombia: new apostolic school, Villa Paúl. – Ecuador: students moved to a new location on a large property. – Pacific: had three houses in Peru. One went to diocesan clergy; other two to province of Peru. Hopes for apostolic school at Limache. – Venezuela: prosperous schools and parishes. – Australia: from Malvern to Fiji, for a mission. – Philippines: the province has trained a large percentage of priests and bishops in the country.

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1960, 1 January, #13, 28 pp.

This is the Tercentenary year. St. Vincent’s devotion to the sick, and to all his confreres. Worldwide celebrations of him in 1960. He was humble but also exalted. The Congregation stands at the head of his works. But we should be humble. Great development began with Etienne, who emphasized the primitive spirit. We pray nightly for vocations. Others cut back when things are not going well, but not St. Vincent. Many causes for drop in vocations. Apostolic schools are more and more the source of our vocations, sometimes exclusively. We should be recruiting from those schools. Praises those in the work. No pressure on the students. Candidates acquire their proper spirit and formation in the internal seminary and in studies. Need of docility among them. Many wonderful examples of confreres in this work. Intellectual formation also very important, but the candidates cannot be left on their own here. Good formation demanded, and care of souls. Jesus had a thirst for souls. Priest must arouse their zeal. Must have competent formators. We do the work through obedience, not by choice. – Notes on recruitment of brothers. – Hopes for renewal of a family spirit in the Congregation.

violence, brain washing, prison. – Formosa: consoling. – Iran: rebuilding the college in Teheran is imperative; Holy See and French government will help finance it. – Levant: colleges continue well. CM will have care of Abu Ghosh, handed over by French government. Maybe it can serve as a seminary for brothers. – Algeria: seminary work continues. Tunisia: many European Catholics have left. Mentions Zevaco (anonymously), a “young doctor ordained a priest last June,” who will help lepers in Farafangana. Minor seminary being built in Farafangana.

USA: East, Princeton prospering. Minor seminary in Miami, and maybe major. Mother Seton: now Venerable. – USA West: working for Formosa, and planning to build a new church dedicated to St. Vincent there. – LA: Richardson lived temporarily in Montebello; now has a new house. – NO: working on an apostolic school. Other works. – Mexico: new houses. – Antilles: article in Vincentiana, January 1959 on the works, but still some hostilities. Giving important missions and helps for prisoners. – Puerto Rico: first PR Vincentian ordained. Other developments. – Central America: terrible auto accident nearly killed visitor and superior of Guatemala. – Brazil and other provinces: visited by Godinho for three months. Great need of clergy. – Argentina: new house, apostolic school, Escobar. State helped to build it. – Colombia: two apostolic schools; its principal work as a province is seminaries. Prefecture of Arauca now in other hands. – Ecuador: death in auto accident of Planken, returning from saying Mass for Sisters. – Pacific: its first priest will be ordained in 1960. – Venezuela: new visitor; major work is education, needed by the Church there. – Australia: new works in Fiji (Suva, and Natovi). – Indonesia: increasing; has vocations in internal seminary. – Philippines: seminary work especially, but they want to do other work, too; a great variety of works is possible.

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[English in DRMA]

1960, 2 February, Latin, 1 p.
Again about taxation. Wants complete payment from everyone

1961, 1 January, #14, [26 pp.]

Worries about contradiction of good wishes in the face of war and destruction. We should still have joy in the Lord. Prayers for all in the Congregation, no matter their situation. – Tercentenary passed very well. Numerous celebrations, publications, images, etc.

Reflections on the Tercentenary. 1) Thanksgiving, to God, to the pope, hierarchy, lay collaborators, and many others. 2) The life and virtues of St. Vincent are now much better known; we should implement them better, with care for the little ones, the sick, the poor. We are the sons of Vincent de Paul. Many sermons, panegyrics, etc., on him. Better to cling to humility than to pride. 3) Need for personal resolutions; consult St. Vincent’s writing. “What would Vincent do now?” (Quid nunc Vincentius?) Overcome boredom, tiredness, disinterest. We have to be interested in the poor, in the working class, in those who abandon the Church. Strengthen our interior life.

NEWS: Mother house, death of Robert, 4 September 1960. Apostolic schools growing and thriving. Great celebrations in Paris, and at Berceau, Dax, Toulouse. New house: Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône. – Germany: government aid to expand Niederprüm. Mentions Msgr. Alban Haas (anonymously), who wrote on Palatinate. – Austria: St. Georg needs more personnel. First graduate of Eggenberg, Hödl, ordained priest. – Belgium: new visitor; Congo: “the jewel of the province,” despite civil unrest there. – Madrid: large numbers of vocations; 250 in Salamanca theology. This is still not enough to support all the works. – Barcelona: Valvidrera, new house
and parish, for CM students; death in auto accident in Honduras of Mas, age 34. – Holland: still flourishing. Wernhoutsburg has official recognition; this will help recruitment. Dutch Antilles: four stations from Willemstad, begun under Dominicans. – Hungary: still blocked, but some ministry. – Ireland: beginning in Nigeria, at invitation of bishop of Calabar, for retreats for clergy and religious. – Rome: Pastoral Institute begun at Alberoni. – Turin: good works continue. – Yugoslavia: still need for personnel; but good work in Argentina and Canada.

China: increasingly worrisome, for such a formerly prosperous mission. Those expelled from China continue to work. Vietnam: especially assistance to 150 Daughters of Charity and the Seminary sisters. – Iran: Holy See wants CM to take on an interritual seminary, but this is impossible, given the numbers of available men. – Levant: now beginning to have its own vocations, thanks to apostolic school. – Algeria/Tunisia: massive exodus of Catholics is troubling, but the confères continue. – Madagascar: works continue, but the province needs men. James King mentioned as a new recruit. Apostolic school in Farafangana should provide good vocations. Norbert Botomary, a Malgache, recently ordained. – USA: universities are prospering, continuing to grow. – USA West: good numbers in apostolic schools. Camarillo expanding, hopefully to receive 300 to 400 students.

Mexico: developing, two new houses: León, Ciudad Madero. – Antilles: dangerous time, uncertain future. – Puerto Rico: great celebrations, two new schools: Ponce, Rio Piedras. – Argentina: Mass mission in Buenos Aires, with missionaries from Madrid and others. – Brazil: Neto a bishop; need for manpower to answer requests from bishops. – Ecuador: death of Scamps, former assistant general. – Colombia: radio missions being given for rural communities, a work “in conformity with the spirit of St. Vincent.” Giant mission in Tolima (1,200 preachers). – Chile: earthquakes, but no confères died; hopes for new manpower. – Peru: members met to discuss the “primitive spirit” in the province. – Venezuela: schools growing constantly; Holy See very worried about Protestant advances. Venezuela does not have much local recruitment. – Australia and Philippines: receiving Indonesian students, since they cannot go to Holland. – Indonesia: good progress; some students in Genoa. More manpower needed. – Philippines: also worried about local recruitment.

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[English in DRMA]

1961, 10 April, French, 1 p.
Sending document from Holy See on vocation recruitment and formation.

1961, 22 April, French, 1 p.
Asking for financial help for Madagascar damaged by storms; repeats a request in Vincentiana.

1961, 12 September, Latin, 1 p.
Asks for gift for John XXIII’s 80th birthday: prayers and money.
I try to rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Like St. Paul, I try to be helpful, especially in spiritual matters. I present your cares to God on New Year’s day. Thinking particularly of the sick, a treasure for the community. May they always be treated with care, affection, and devotion. The horizon of the world is dark and threatening.

St. Vincent’s spirit shines through all his writings. Our responsibility is to accept the message of the Gospel, along with sufferings and humiliations. The Word of God is greater than just rules and regulations; it is replaced by a new law, of living like Jesus. Our life is something handed to us, but it is for our use, and we have to give an account of it. Our reward is the joy of the Lord, forever. Recalls the Common Rules, to do as Jesus did. Jesus wants full-time disciples, living the truth. Heroism is demanded. Why is Jesus so badly followed? Partly the maxims of the world. The spirit of the world is the greatest danger for the spiritual life, the social milieu. We are not immune. Our faith needs preservation and strengthening. Talk with our spiritual director of this begins to happen. Faith can be anemic, purely intellectual, not really experienced. Imitate Jesus in all events of life; our lives should witness to our faith. Ask St. Vincent for a faith like his.

NEWS: Paris: new apostolic school at Chantepie, near Rennes. Also Villebon. One confrere in a seminary for delayed vocations in Canada. – Toulouse: newest apostolic school, La Roche Saint-Vincent. Seminary for brothers moved from Dax to Valfleury. Leaving Nice, since it has few students. – Germany: Hopeful for vocations. – Austria, Istanbul: help arrived from Holland; 750 students. – Belgian Congo: sad news because of civil war and xenophobia. Belgium will need more vocations to handle growth in Congo. – Madrid: recruitment growing. Cause of Spanish martyrs opened. – Holy See asked for reinforcements for Latin America; many have come. Tegucigalpa: Holy See asked CM to withdraw. – Holland: new visitor, Dietvorst. A young student drowned in the Rhine during a canoe trip. Veerman: a bishop. – Hungary: rare news. – Ireland: several deaths in 1961. Calabar: doing good work – Rome: accepted minor seminary of Frascati, for the first time. – Turin: help is promised for Madagascar. – Naples: new visitor. Mission at Hebo, with a new apostolic school. – Poland: new visitor. Good number of vocations. – Portugal: problems in Angola may spread to Mozambique. – Slovakia: very little news; students are in work camps (forced labor). One confrere, Kobela, will work for Slovaks in England. – Turkey: Euzet died; name associated with Panaya Kapouli. – Yugoslavia: only one house left, Belgrade, after the war. Now, more vocations. Apostolic school can be reopened. – China: only rare news; currently a grave famine; our buildings in Beijing confiscated, plus Chala. – Vietnam: public authorities support our work; hopes God will spare Vietnam from a Marxist government. – Levant: new apostolic school, larger and better. – Iran: people respect our missionaires, but lack of personel inhibits them. – Algeria, Tunisia: no victims there, but our works are much reduced. – Madagascar: funds received from around the Congregation to repair disasters there. Plans for confreres from Turin. – USA: Princeton expanded; 306 students in Western apostolic schools. The vice-provinces, NO and LA, do not have personnel for many offers received. – Mexico: substantial help in personnel from Madrid. – Cuba: no confrere has died, but has only ten men left. Some were expelled, others left. Maybe they can return. – Puerto Rico: new house, San Francisco de Macoris in DR. — Central America: apostolic school in Quetzaltenango formally established. – Argentina: making adaptations for formation. – Brazil: left minor seminary of Curitiba, but took over parish of Botafogo. – Ecuador: new visitor. He needs money and personel. – Colombia: new parishes in Cali and Medellin. Tierradentro: new normal school directed by Daughters of Charity, to form teachers from among native peoples. –
Pacific: ordination of its first member. New house: Santiago, San Vicente. – Peru: help received from Madrid, and some new houses opened. – Venezuela: fears that Communists will seize power. – Australia: good work in Fiji. Students from Philippines and Indonesia studying in Eastwood. – Indonesia: many new possibilities, but they need personnel. – Philippines: working hard on recruitment. Cavanna went to Rome as spiritual director for Philippine College in Rome.

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**[English in DRMA]**

1962, 31 January, 1 p.

Standard request for payment of tax.

1962, 1 October, Latin, 1 p.

Convokes general assembly for 12 September 1963, to meet in Rome.

1962, 13 December, Latin, 1 p.

Changes date of general assembly to 20 August 1963, in Rome, since the session of the council will start meeting on 8 September. Read this to the confreres gathered for this purpose.

1963, 1 January, #16, [25 pp.]

Reflects on his participation in the Second Vatican Council, the participation of Vincentian bishops. Wishes joy, but examines role of the Cross and suffering. – Looking toward next general assembly. The council has in mind aggiornamento and unity. Means to accomplish this in the Congregation: canonical visits by the visitors; general assembly decisions (no longer have sexennial assemblies); prayer; examine the spirit of St. Vincent. Our discipline can change. Practice mortification. Delegates must collaborate. Readiness to submit and accept (proposed by pope for the council).


China: Hou died in prison; Formosa: marvelous results. – Vietnam and Japan: risky in Vietnam if Communists come to power. – Lebanon: Slattery visited during a two-month series of
visits to Australia, Philippines. – Iran: great difficulties because of earthquake; 15,000 estimated victims; Double Family not hurt. – Algeria: war broke out. Tunis: students, very few, are with White Fathers, etc. – Madagascar: good rebuilding after cyclone of March 1961. – USA East: good developments; interdiocesan seminary being built at Boynton Beach. – West: new visitor. – LA: large property in Santa Barbara. – Mexico: new visitor. Four new houses; two minor seminaries are too small for candidates. – Cuba: hoping for better days. – Puerto Rico: new developments, schools in Ponce and Rio Piedras; La Milagrosa has a new and modern press. – Central America: centennial of arrival of CM; thirteen novices entered, the largest number ever; students in US, France, Costa Rico. Panama: CM working in archdiocesan seminary. Santiago de Veracruz, school belongs to CM; hoping for vocations. – Argentina: inauguration of seminary on large grounds; students will study with Jesuits (philosophy, theology). – Brazil: two apostolic schools. Will direct new seminary in Brasilia. – Ecuador: esteemed by episcopacy. Good numbers in apostolic schools. – Colombia: new visitor. – Pacific: new apostolic school opened, near Santiago. – Peru: two new parishes accepted (Chincha, Villa Maria); participated in a large mission effort. Schools are growing – Venezuela: visitor, Moral, recovered from a serious operation, but died shortly after. Schools growing. – Philippines: centennial of arrival; good numbers in apostolic school. – Australia: spent a month visiting houses, including Fiji. – Indonesia: good numbers; students go to Australia or Turin.

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Rules for provincial directors of Daughters of Charity have been submitted to Holy See for review and comments.

1964, 1 January, #17, [26 pp.] [Not in Vincentiana]

First time a superior general has written New Year’s circular from Rome. Wishes life and health. – Reflections on certain evangelical maxims from our rules. Renunciation of self. Notes on original sin: its reality, its results, and the results of mortification. Thoughts of St. Vincent on the topic. Problem of monotony in our work, and overcoming this through mortification. Docility needed, too. Problem of putting aside our own will. St. Vincent’s ideas on this subject.

NEWS: this will be spotty, since some provinces have not sent in information; besides, some material is in Vincentiana. – Paris: four apostolic schools, with ca. 300 students. Province has a mission sector with ten parishes; changing this for four others. – Germany: Costa Rica, planning to withdraw from seminary. – Austria: small numbers, good works. Istanbul: prospering. – Belgium: international conferes studying at Louvain in greater numbers. – Madrid: publishing a supplement to Anales about Council. Cuttack: some 30,000 Catholics there; growth in number of students. – Barcelona: San Pedro Sula now a diocese. García Villas is first bishop. – Holland: brothers’ formation house moved to Woensdrecht, an independent house. Hard missionary work in Brazil, Formosa, Netherlands Antilles, Ethiopia. – Ireland, 6 conferes in Nigeria. – Rome: sending more men to Indonesia. – Turin: very prosperous; three apostolic schools, 180 students; many missions. – Ethiopia: students returned from internal seminary in Naples. – Naples: students making pastoral year in Vergini. – Poland: work is developing; one Polish confrere, Domogala, is new assistant general. – Brazil (Fortaleza): 60th anniversary. – Portugal: consoling news. 150 students at apostolic school, São José, Felgueiras; upper grades go to Braga. Mozambique: magnificent development. – Turkey: St. Benoit, successful and has a

USA, East: has confreres helping in Madagascar, Iran, Vietnam, Japan. – West: Miraculous Medal novena developing well. Two apostolic schools, with 220 students. Lemont: DeAndreis seminary under construction. – LA and NO: gaining their practical independence. San Fernando expanding, to house 540 students. — Cuba: centennial of first house in Cuba. – Puerto Rico: general mission in the island, 40 CMs participated. – Central America: sudden death of Beckmann at the council. – Argentina: Rigazio joined the council. – Brazil: new visitor. Death of Bp. Freitas. – Ecuador: new student house built, for novices and scholastics. – Peru: lack of diocesan clergy means that our confreres taken on large sections with numerous villages. Many confreres take courses in Catholic University of Lima to prepare for teaching. – Venezuela: political upheavals have not touched CM works, which are thriving. – Australia: focusing on recruitment. Fiji: several missions and retreats for secular and religious clergy. – Indonesia: recruitment problems, since no Dutch can return.

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[English in DRMA]

1964, 7 March, Latin, 1 p.

Standard letter on provincial tax.

1964, 1 April, Vincentiana, 8:2 (1964): 51

Mention of circular on revision of Monita for confessors of the Daughters of Charity. – Letter, 2 pp., deals with Monita (send in number needed per province); observe the standards about contracting debts; need to change rules about the amount of money that a superior can spend on his own initiative. Holy See sends an instruction about how much a group can spend without needing the permission of the Holy See.

1964, 3 April, Latin; in Vincentiana, 8:2 (1964): 51

Mention of circular on revision of rules of internal seminary. – The letter, 1 p., asks for information from provinces about these rules.

1964, 3 April, Vincentiana, 8:2 (1964): 51

Mention of circular on computing the time in office. – The letter, 1 p.: Clarification of date of beginning of triennium or Sexennium for visitors, et al. To standardize this, the date should be the date on the letter of appointment, not that of taking office. Also, the various superiors should remain in office even beyond the date of completion until someone has been named.

1964, 17 April, Latin, 1 p., with 1 p addendum.

Various requests for attention: how many copies of the Monita to the confessors of the Sisters; permissions to contract debts; about financial limits to be decided by provincial councils. Addendum from Congregation of Religious, 30 June 1962, concerning acceptable currencies.

1964, 29 April, Vincentiana, 8:2 (1964): 51
Mention of circular on books printed by confreres

1964, 18 June, Latin, 1 p.
Asks for opinions of visitors about subsidies that could be given to indigent parents of confreres.

1964, 30 June, Latin, 1 p.
About changes in the catalogue following the move to Rome. Henceforth in Latin. Details on providing information.

1965, 1 January, #18, Vincentiana, 8:6 (1964): 117-47 [first circular in Vincentiana]
Our New Year’s wishes are not just formulas, but come from the heart, since we are one large family. Third session of the council has just finished. Hopes to focus on the schema for the document on religious life; this letter on the second chapter of constitutions, article 9, the separation from family. Paul VI to religious: urged no relaxation of discipline or obedience. A married person could also do this and be holy. Renunciations of all sorts are needed. Visiting families: expensive, and the money could be given to the poor. Cites St. Vincent. Visits can be made only with permission. We should not be obsessed with family issues. This should be replaced by care for our confreres in the Congregation. Parents should be happy with our dedication to the Congregation.


USA West: apostolic schools are flourishing. Will help Chile; Ruiz going as visitor. Foley will work in Japan. – East: New library at Niagara; new seminary in Albany; Miami: new chapel to hold 300 seminarians. – NO: St. Catherine’s closed; Arabi opened; new parish in Houston. – LA: new internal seminary, with 20 novices (22 August 1964). Death of W.P. Barr. – Mexico: new building for apostolic school, Lagos de Moreno; novitiate at Tlalpan. – Cuba: most confreres have left the country. Trying to find recruits. – Puerto Rico: new parishes in Ponce,
plus vocations. – Argentina: new visitor. Uruguay: mission house doing well, involving laity. Buenos Aires: large new school. – Brazil: confreres left seminaries in Fortaleza and Diamantina; Dutch took over apostolic school in Fortaleza. Rio: took over Paraguaçu Paulista; Petropolis: approved by faculty of philosophy there. Process for Viçoso begun in Mariana. – Curitiba: two new parishes, plus direction of a radio station in Araucaria. Also in Mafra. – Ecuador: province needs personnel. – Colombia: another house in Medellin for novices and philosophy students. Apostolic school also in Medellin. – Chile: Ruiz took over as provincial there. – Peru: two new houses. Ica school just opened its doors for aspirants to the CM. – Venezuela: apostolic school began, at last, in Tovar; 16 students. Probably give much of the teaching responsibilities in the CM schools to laity and place the priests in other ministries. Province left seminaries in Ciudad Bolívar and Valencia. – Australia: new visitor. First postulant from Fiji. – Philippines: new house at Angono, for novices. Negotiations to take over Adamson (not mentioned by name). – Indonesia: Dutch can once again have missionary visas for the country. Numbers of Catholics increasing.

—Includes necrology

1965, 6 January, Latin, 1p.
[English in DRMA]
About aggiornamento. General assembly (1963) wanted a committee of confreres to study the question. – As a result, no changes against the Constitutions, decrees of general assemblies, etc. Do not invoke the so-called “Spirit of the Council,” without reason. Any major changes need the approval of the superior general. Preparing for an extraordinary general assembly.

1965, 6 February, [English in DRMA]
Announces internal congress of Associations of Children of Mary, September 1965. Urges participation.

1965, 8 February (cited in 1 January 1968).
A questionnaire to provinces of matters for discussion.

Holy See has granted concessions to superiors general about time and place for Mass, and substitutions for Divine Office for those impeded for some reason.

1965, 17 February, Latin, 1 p.
Order form for various books or booklets.

1965, 7 March, 1 p.
Asks for opinions on preliminary text of rules for vicevisitors.

1965, 19 March, 1 p.
Asks for opinions about directory for various Vincentian associations.

On popular missions, the most important of our works. This is the time for them, since they are needed, and our presence in seminaries is decreasing. Provinces have to prepare their young priests academically for teaching. Missions should be accommodated to the times. “St. Vincent gives us the example of a wise conservatism, for a justified lack of confidence based on looking at the mania of change for the sake of change.” (p. 67) There are always better methods, however. Much study has been done in pastoral institutes in the last twenty years about missions. CM attitude? Not total condemnation but openness and cooperation with others. We should give our missions from the spirit of divine charity, with a fervor, and example of a holy life. Preaching should be kerygmatic, about the great truths of faith, the death and resurrection of Jesus.

On use of vernacular and proper Masses; document has 2 pages. Asks help in organizing work on the proper CM Masses in vernaculars.

1965, 2 July, Latin, 1 p.
Ordinance on financing for return of confreres to their home country.

On higher studies in Latin; Holy See recommends Pontifical Institute for Higher Latinity in Rome. How many are Latin professors in your province? How many have degrees in this?

1965, 1 September, Vincentiana 9:5 (1965): 142; document has 1 p.
On issues about suffrages for dispersed confreres, because of expulsion, prison, etc. Each one to say one Mass for each of them when news arrives of their deaths.

1965, 4 November, Latin, 1 p.
Reminder to provinces to send in the text in their languages of the proper CM Masses.

On prayers, etc., for a happy outcome of Vatican II. –Asks for prayers, reading and study of texts, sharing with others.
[English in DRMA]

1965, 8 December, Latin, 2 pp.
Questionnaire to aid studies on adaptation of the Congregation to the mind of the Second Vatican Council. Areas of study, methods (such as forming committees or task forces).

Remarks about canonical visitation, based on St. Vincent’s writings, the constitutions, canon law, etc. Suggestions about specific issues.

Wishes a unified spirit, as the disciples had, needed because of divergent opinions on aggiornamento. Reflects on indifference, as St. Vincent did in the Common Rules. Confreres need to be at the disposition of their superiors, after the example of the first Missioners. Many
excuses are possible, such as health and age. Recalls the Comte de Rougemont. Imitate Abraham, who left everything to lead the people. Be ready to leave country, works, persons, even confreres. Jesus was submissive to Mary and Joseph, as well as to the will of the Father.


China: Chow in Formosa. Mainland churches are opened, but tourists have no contact with clergy. Sze-Hu house opened for Chinese confreres. – Levant: new visitor; schools are growing. – Madagascar, new visitor (Brillet).

USA: East, growing number of brothers, whereas other provinces are losing theirs. – West: “they are careful to reconcile faithfulness to the spirit and traditions of the Company with the preparation of future priests for the tasks that await them in a world in the midst of evolution.” Daniel McHugh, Fellow of the Royal Society of Astronomy, London, for his work on Halley’s comet (at DePaul University). – LA: centennial of Los Angeles College, and dedication of Santa Barbara. – NO: hurricane [Betsy] damage to CM churches and works. – Mexico: growing in personnel; new houses: Ciudad Mante; Monterey (parish of La Fama). – Cuba: very small numbers. – Puerto Rico: new parish, Mayaguez, and three rural churches. Two houses threatened to be closed in Dominican Republic. – Central America: Bp. Alvarez; new visitor to replace him. “Cadettes de Cristo” an important work, similar to the “Louissettes.” – Argentina: new parishes, but needs personnel. Esteban Mattias, “apostle of the Miraculous Medal,” died; spread the medal in new ways, e.g., scattering from a plane 250,000 items, radio campaigns, and a shrine to OL of the Miraculous Medal in Buenos Aires. – Fortaleza: creating new sources of recruitment. – Curitiba: Church of St. Vincent now a parish; new parish, Barreirinha; confrere directing the works of mercy of the diocese, Lourenço Biernaski. – Colombia: Medellin, new house for novitiate and pre-novitiate. Institute of Pastoral Liturgy for Latin America opened by Bp. Botero. Minor seminary in Tierradentro. – Ecuador: appointment of Doherty, who already knew Spanish; opened work in Guayaquil, among the poor. – Chile: new name of “Pacific.” Ruiz requested the change. Personnel needed. – Venezuela: hoping for work in missions, and recruitment. – Peru: death of Bp. Perez Silva of Trujillo. – Philippines: working at “Smith
University” [Adamson?] – Australia: great need of personnel; students at Eastwood attending either Adelaide or Mosgiel. – Indonesia: new Indonesian priests, 1965.

— Includes necrology (pp. 33-34)


On revision of rules of internal seminary. Letter, 1 p.: Only ten provinces have sent in information, and so the revision has been held up. Asks help to complete the task.

1966, 22 February, Vincentiana 10:3 (1966): 75-76

On new edition of rules of office


On sending in business matters on time to the curia. Letter, 1 p.: Many requests for vows, ordinations, etc., are sent in late. Send them in on time, as we have asked.

1966, 1 March, 1 p.

Pushes back the date for submission of suggestion on adaptation of CM documents to spirit of the council.

1966, 15 March, Vincentiana 10: 3 (1966): 77-78

On annual tax of the provinces

1966, 11 June, 1 p.

Concerning changes to CM particular law on time of priestly ordination. Must follow requirements for age and studies; economic problems are never a valid cause to ask for an indult.

1966, 30 June, 1 p., in French; for province of Brazil [Rio].

Important letter following a visitation of the province, dealing with aggiornamento. This should be done moderately, following the mind of the council and the pope and the spirit of St. Vincent, and approved by competent authority. No one should introduce changes on his own. These should be made by the community after widespread consultation.


On renewal of Annales; asks advice. Letter, 2 pp. – Reviews history of Annales and its appearance only in French. Sending out the CM documents is also expensive. Should these be revised? What about conditions for subscriptions? Vincentiana is continuing and will come out six times a year. Each province should have someone to send in information the editor of Vincentiana.


On working with Better World Movement. Letter, 1 p. Lombardi, founder, asking for help from religious communities, persons designated for three years to help.


1966, 1 August, 1 p., Latin
Asking opinion of visitors on retirement of visitor of Brazil (Rio), Mont’Alvão.

1966, 5 August, 1 p.
[Letter sent out to visitors who have not yet responded] – Wants to know exactly about the number of Masses said and how many remain to be said concerning the Bossarelli matter.

1966, 2 September, Vincentiana 10:6 (1966): 175
On the doctrine of the faith. Letter, 1 p. – Cardinal Ottaviani wants to know what people are teaching about the correct interpretation of Vatican II in many different areas. They should be reported.

On the cessation of the obligation of celebrating Masses for intention of superior general (without mentioning Bossarelli by name)
[English in DRMA, dated 6 September]

1966, 10 November, English, 1 p., to Eastern Province
Asks suggestions for successor of visitor of the province.

On reports from the provinces about adaptations in spirit of Vatican II. Letter, 1 p. Reminder to send in documents; should be done in Latin.

Prayers for a long life for the confreres. He will soon be in office for twenty years. The key in supporting what is a great burden is to accept it in a spirit of filial submission; all should do so in accepting their crosses. This year should have marked the extraordinary general assembly for aggiornamento, but it has been delayed one year. This calls for renunciation. We have to return to the sources, as John XXIII called for. All communities have to do this. The accent is on charity, and unity of heart in them. Little by little the future will be revealed through our fellow workers, both men and women. – New structures have to be developed. This has happened in the past, but it is not a wholesale departure from the past. Cites St. Paul. Are we tired of our religious family, its life, and practices? Read the council documents carefully; note the “renewal” aspect, returning to the sources. Modifications? Yes, but perhaps in methods, not the major works themselves. Seminaries depend on the bishops, not ourselves. Missions: to be adapted to modern life, and in the Vincentian spirit, in service of the poor.

Changes to constitutions, have to be approved by Holy See. Our current constitutions are only 20 years old. Reflections on spiritual exercises: meditation, done in St. Vincent’s spirit. Chapter: some have seen only formalism, an act without sincerity or need. We have perhaps lost the sense of what St. Vincent wanted, imitating the humble Christ. The spirit of St. Vincent. We have to cling to his legacy.

NEWS: Paris: joining apostolic school of Chantepie (Rennes) with diocesan minor seminary; share professors. Vietnam: good growth. 314 students in apostolic schools of province. – Toulouse: Montpellier seminary will have only philosophers; theologians to Nîmes. Dax: our

USA East: construction, expansion, also in Panama. – West: working on aggiornamento studies in various committees; will be sent to Curia. DeAndreis inaugurated. – LA: two houses in Camarillo. – NO: destruction caused by Betsy has been repaired. Leaving the seminary of San Antonio. – Mexico: Rigazio visited; many missions given, as the general mission in Chihuahua. – Cuba: hoping for recruits. Chaurrondo will publish a provincial history up to 1962. – Puerto Rico: many developments of parishes, schools. – Central America: new parishes in Guatemala, one in Nicaragua. Nico Van Kleef broke his spine in an auto accident, went to Holland for care, will return to Guatemala. – Argentina: new parish, Montevideo; new school, parishes. – Brazil: students get pastoral experience working with confreres. New visitor. – Colombia: planning for Eucharistic Congress, 1968. – Ecuador: vocations arriving. “Nuestra Señora del Cisne” serves a very poor and abandoned population at the seaside. – Chile: working on Vincentian character of the mission; house in Pichilemu; may enlarge apostolic school of Macul. – Venezuela: 6,000 students in its schools; need of properly prepared personnel. – Peru: working for abandoned poor, helping in literacy preparation. – Philippines: centennial of service in Naga City; Pacis named bishop of Palo. Apostolic school, Angono, growing. Students go to Northampton, Lemont, Perryville. – Australia: Fiji mission began in 1959. – Indonesia: need of more personnel.

—Includes necrology [English in DRMA]

On setting up committees for upcoming general assembly. Letter, 2 pp. Lists the committees.

On establishing post-conciliar committees [i.e., after general assembly]; list of members

Sends fascicle “Aggiornamento” to provinces, with listing of opinions of the various provinces in view of the extraordinary general assembly. [Date given in circular, 1 January 1968]

On annual contribution of provinces to generalate

Circular to members of new province of Fortaleza

Thanks members of preparatory committees, called “post-conciliar”

On presence of vice-provinces in assemblies

1967, 11 October, 1 p.
Asked Holy See about participation of vice-provinces in next general assembly. Participate in their provincial assembly, and send viceprovincial and one delegate to general assembly; and same for Autonomous vice-province (Slovakia). Agreed for this one time.

On establishing the Special Committee for assembly. Letter, 1 p.: a kind of Magna Commissio to review the Coetum placita. Ten members, including Richardson. They will send out their summaries to the provincials.

1967, 15 October, Vincentiana 11:6 (1967): 204
On paying for sessions of committees

1967, 19 October, Vincentiana 11:6 (1967): 201-03
On proportional representation in assemblies. Letter, 2 pp. – Asking provinces to vote on whether, for this one time, to have proportional representation in provincial and vice-provincial assemblies, and in general assembly; if yes, then, for this one time, to have the same according to formulas presented. Needs answer by 25 November. This was arranged by the Special Committee.

1967, 15 November, 1 p.
Convokes the Extraordinary General Assembly to begin 22 August 1968, in Rome. Prepare the domestic and provincial assemblies.

1967, 16 November, 1 p.
Clarifications about the domestic and provincial assemblies, and general assemblies: Via Ezio will be close to the curia, be air conditioned, have electronic voting, simultaneous translation (English, French, German, Spanish, Italian) [and not Latin]. Will be room for everyone if we have proportional representation.

This is the year for the extraordinary general assembly, prepared already for several years, beginning 1965. Reviews history of the developments. Confreres should participate in the discussions and planning. Return to the Vincentian sources, in view of “following Christ according to the teaching of the Gospel.” Reflections on “following Christ,” based on St. Vincent’s writings. Major motif is holiness itself, Jesus as the model. We collaborate with the leaders of the Church, its ecclesial dimension; also in dialogue with the world, not in isolation from the world. The council was a council directed toward holiness.


China: almost no news. – Levant: Ghattas ordained bishop. Damascus: confreres cannot remain in the school, with 1,300 students. – USA, East: Taggart resigns; Collins replaces. Universities flourishing, “The direction of the flourishing universities is one of the most noteworthy and most important works of our provinces in the United States.” – West: Kenrick theologians will do third and fourth year with Jesuits at [St. Louis University]. LA: Santa Barbara has good number. New parish church in Montebello. – NO: San Antonio handed back to diocese. Beaumont increasing. – Mexico: main work is 17 parishes; one in Texas for Mexican immigrants. General mission with 150 missionaries in Puebla. Ladies of Charity general meeting in Mexico, from Ibero-America (Spain and Latin America). – Puerto Rico: new visitor; two new parishes; work with Christian Family Movement. – Cuba: Only 10 confreres in 7 houses. – Central America: some vocations arriving; pastoral training in Nicaragua for theologians. – Argentina: new visitor. Fiftieth anniversary of apostolic school of Escobar (3 December 1917). – Brazil: new visitor. Novitiate closed for lack of candidates. New parishes. Studies in aggiornamento held in Rio. – Chile: arrival in 1854, and in hospital until this year; need for new house, church, etc. Ganel left for health reasons. – Colombia: Eucharistic Congress; collaboration in missions. Preparations for general assembly. – Ecuador: revisions made in seminaries, especially in Quito; done with student participation. – Peru: general mission in Lima.
with cooperation of 50 CMs (out of 300); two new houses in poor districts. – Philippines: in Cebu since 1867; centennial celebrated. Jaro seminary to diocesan clergy.
—Includes necrology

On an indult from Holy See concerning various issues about the upcoming assemblies (provincial)

On discussing the juridical status of the Congregation.

On submitting detailed information about houses, members, works. Questionnaire, 3 pp.

On presenting deputies for various committees. Letter, 1 p. This will be a preliminary list, since only the assembly can decide.

1968, 1 March, Latin, 1 p.
Asks help from provinces to prepare extraordinary report on the Congregation.

1968, 16 April, *Vincentiana* 12:3 (1968): 122
On financial matters

1968, 24 April, *Vincentiana* 12:3 (1968): 120
On presenting members for committees; letter, 1 p.: clarifications, i.e., present two or three candidates; they should have some knowledge of modern languages. They will be used in the assembly [and not Latin].

On sending postulata from provincial assemblies. Letter, 1 p.: should be sent in three months before assembly; and should be written in Latin.

1968, 12 July, 1 p.
Marijuan has resigned from the general council for health reasons. An election for a new member will be postponed until the general assembly, with permission of Holy See.