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Saint Fr. Vincent de Paul, "The Apostle of Charity - Friend of the Poor" (1581 - 1660 AD)



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"Born in Gascony, France..., Vincent was ordained and served as tutor and spiritual director for some years. In 1617, he preached at his new Parish on the desperate need of one of its families. The family was inundated with food...

In response, Vincent brought parishioners together in the Confraternity of Charity to offer consistent, ongoing help to the poor, according to The Words of CHRIST: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of Mine, you did for Me." (MATTHEW 25:40).

In this same spirit, he founded the Daughters of Charity with Saint Louise de Marillac, and the Congregation of the Mission..." *

His heart ever inflamed with Charity in The Sacred Heart of JESUS, Father Vincent led reformation in the French Church and excelled in compassionate work for the poor. The Orders he founded carry on his work even today throughout the world.

Good Saint Father Vincent de Paul, pray for us, that we too may be inflamed by The Sacred Heart of JESUS, to carry out GOD's Two Great Commandments - to love The LORD and one another - fulfilling our everyday Calling to help build The Kingdom of GOD, not just in Heaven, but while we await to see Your full Glory Above, also on earth. AMEN.

"O GOD, Who for the relief of the poor and the formation of the Clergy endowed the Priest Saint Vincent de Paul with apostolic virtues, grant, we pray, that, afire with That Same SPIRIT, we may love what he loved and put into practice what he taught.

Through our Lord JESUS CHRIST, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in The Unity of The HOLY SPIRIT, GOD, for ever and ever." * AMEN.

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LUKE 9:46-48

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8_76C00xfI&list=RDd_Ahm3jDvdQ&index=5

- 46 Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest.
- 47 And JESUS, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by Him,
- 48 And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in My Name receiveth Me: and whosoever shall receive Me receiveth Him that sent Me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.
- *["Saint Vincent De Paul." The Magnificat, 9/27/2021. Memorial & Collect, p 373.]