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In the footsteps
of simplicity
we follow
Vincent
on the path to God.
Yet,
God is the path –
the way
of the single-heart
the way . . .
to integrity of being.

In the footsteps
of love,
we follow
Louise
empowered by humility.
Opening our gifts
out of our need . . .
for God
and one another.

In the footsteps
of faith,
we follow
Elizabeth
through darkness
into light –
working
at the edges
of life . . .
risking on hope.
In the footsteps of possibility, we follow Mother Xavier with the courage of freedom, the strength of commitment, the blessing of community and a heart . . . for God Alone.

It is God's will that we should leave the discernment of truth and falsehood to him.

*(Saint Vincent de Paul, conference to Daughters of Charity, 22 January 1648)*