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Mission Statement

Like a great fire, Vincent on Leadership: The Hay Project awakens and advances the vision, values, and leadership practices of St. Vincent de Paul in people and organizations worldwide. Providing research, leadership development, and collaboration in the manner of St. Vincent, The Project ensures the continuance of the legacy of St. Vincent de Paul’s organizational genius and leadership skills in the service of others.

• We call it Vincent on Leadership after St. Vincent de Paul, whose legacy lives on nearly 400 years after his death, in the members of the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians), the founders of DePaul University where we are housed.

• We call it The Hay Project in recognition of William and Mary Pat Gannon Hay, whose generosity and deep admiration for Vincent de Paul gave birth to this endeavor.

• We call it Project to imply practicality and action.

We have a sense of urgency, thus the notion of Vincent’s idea that we should do what we do with zeal — “like a great fire.”
We dedicate this book to all those inspired by the legacy of Vincent de Paul and who continue to live the Vincentian charism and mission through their lives today.
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