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### Recent Publications

Raymond Deville, superior general of the Sulpicians (Priests of the Society of Saint Sulpice) has just published *L'école française de spiritualité* in the series Bibliothèque d'histoire du Christianisme, n. 11, Paris: Desclée, 1987. In keeping with the goals of the series, this volume presents a study of the material along with significant texts from the authors being discussed, and draws some lessons for today. The "French School of Spirituality" is the title given to the currents of spiritual teaching at the time of Saint Vincent. Chapters include a definition of terms, a review of the French church in the 17th century, and studies of Pierre de Berulle, Charles de Condren, Jean-Jacques Olier, Jean Eudes, Jean-Baptiste de la Salle, Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort; the theology of the French school, and the French school today. Saint Vincent de Paul is amply treated in several chapters. This volume is worth translating into English for the large numbers who are the inheritors of the French school.

Two more volumes in the same series are also interesting, but have a less immediate relevance to Saint Vincent. Paul Christophe, *Les pauvres et la pauvreté*, (The Poor and Poverty) Part I: From the beginnings [of Christianity] to the fifteenth century; Part II: From the sixteenth century to the present. Paris: Desclée, 1985, 1987. Saint Vincent and Saint Louise figure prominently in Part II, as would be expected. Chapters of particular Vincentian interest include: The Police and the Internment of the Poor; Service of the Poor; Voluntary Poverty. The topic of both volumes is quite timely.

Giuseppe Toscani, a Vincentian of the Turin province, has published *La Mistica dei Poveri* (The Mystique of the Poor), Pinerolo: Editrice Alzani, 1986. In this fairly dense book, Toscani discusses the mystical experience of Saint Vincent in terms of the French school: Incarnation, Adherence to Christ,

and Mission (service of the poor.) This is an original work of synthesis of Vincentian themes. Available: Editrice G. Alzani, Via A. Grandi, 5; Casella Postale 38; 10064 Pinerolo (To), Italy.

Father Joseph Dirvin, C.M. has recently translated and edited a selection from the letters of Frederic Ozanam, founder of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. This new work illuminates as nothing else can the life and spirit of Ozanam, tracking, as it does, the major events of his life. *Frederic Ozanam, a Life in Letters*, Saint Louis: Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, 1986, 382 pp. Available from the Society, 4140 Lindell Boulevard, Saint Louis, MO 63108.

*The Missionary College of All Hallows. 1842-1891* (Dublin, 1986) is the title of a recent history written by Kevin Condon, C.M., a priest of the Irish province. Although his history covers the pre-Vincentian period of All Hallows, this meticulously researched volume is still of interest. Fr. Condon has told the stories of the large numbers of Irish clergy who eventually partook in the evangelization of the United States, as well as of so many other missionary destinations. The Vincentian community was grafted into a firm tree which has continued "still full of sap, still green." It is available from the author, All Hallows College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, Ireland.

Fathers Gerard van Winsen and Sjef Sarneel, both members of the Dutch province, prepared a *Commemorative Presentation of the Canonization of Monsieur Vincent de Paul CM*. This interesting booklet of 46 photocopied pages consists of some text (in English translation) with copies of relevant documents and drawings pertaining to the events leading up to and following the canonization of Saint Vincent, June 16, 1737. Available from Fr. van Winsen, Postbus 7055, 5980 AB Panningen, The Netherlands.

In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the consecration of the parish church of the American Vincentian motherhouse, Father John J. Bagen, C.M. wrote *St. Mary's of*

*the Barrens Parish. The Early Days.* This carefully researched and well written history traces the life of the Barrens parish from its pre-Vincentian beginnings to its consecration by Bishop Rosati, October 29, 1837. It is available from the Association of the Miraculous Medal, Perryville, Missouri 63775, in a spiral bound photocopied edition.

### Studies

A fairly murky event in the life of a Vincentian bishop in China is the subject of Fortunato Margiotti, "La contestata validità della consecrazione episcopale di Mgr. Giovanni Muellener, C.M.," *Antonianum* 61 (1986) 659-706. Muellener was the first vicar apostolic of the Chinese province of Szechwan (1716.) Because of the unsettled conditions in China, his consecrator, Bernardino Della Chiesa, performed the rite of episcopal consecration with the assistance of only one priest. This action called into question the validity of Muellener's ordination. Roman canonists and theologians studied the question, and resolved in favor of its validity, but declared it illicit. The Pope imposed a sacramental penance. The author includes relevant documents from various archives.

Raymond H. Schmandt, "The Origins of Casa del Carmen, Philadelphia's Catholic Hispanic Center," *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia*, 97 (1986) 27-41. This article recounts the part which the Spanish Vincentians of the Barcelona province played in their ministry to Spaniards and other Spanish speakers in Philadelphia. It treats more specifically their problems in ministering to the distinct needs of recently arrived Puerto Ricans. The Spanish confreres withdrew from the work in 1976.

Recent issues of MEGVIS (the German-language publication of the Middle-European Group for Vincentian Studies) have continued to present studies on Saint Vincent. Issue 16 (March 1987) offered a study by Gerard van Winsen, Vincent

and the Beggars, with materials on his activities at Macon, Beauvais and in the hospitals. A brief notice reviewed the form in which Vincent's family name appears in German: in Austria, usually von Paul; in Germany, von Paulo, a Paulo (from Latin), or von Paulus. Among German Lutherans, usually von Paula, or von Paola.

Two issues offered papers on the concept of holiness in the life of Vincent de Paul, commemorating the 250th anniversary of his canonization. Studies on Saint Louise de Marillac and Frederic Ozanam were also included. Issue 17 (September, 1987) continues a bibliographical review of materials on Saint Vincent in German. A bit of Vincentian archaeology appears also: the text and melody to an unknown and anonymous sequence written at the time of Saint Vincent's canonization: "Virum misericordiae templum sonent Vincentium."

Issues of *Anales de la Congregación de la Misión y de las Hijas de la Caridad*, (from Madrid), publish notices in Spanish of the ongoing work of the many Spanish-speaking provinces. In addition, articles of historic interest for those provinces have appeared, especially a history of the Vincentians in Peru. "The Christ of the Founders of the Daughters of Charity" (June, 1987, Vol. 95:6) is the text of an interesting paper presented to a meeting on religious life in Madrid.

### Reprints

The renowned three volume biography of Saint Vincent by Pierre Coste, *The Life and Works of Saint Vincent de Paul* is again available in print. It has been reprinted through the work of the Vincentian Studies Institute, and can be obtained from the publisher, New City Press, 206 Skillman Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Price \$45.00 (offered to Vincentians and Daughters of Charity at \$25.00.) This is the biography most often cited, and has been virtually unavailable for many years.

### Microfilm

The entire run of the *Annales de la Congrégation de la Mission* is now available on microfilm. A complete set has been practically unavailable in English-speaking countries, apart from one or two specialized institutions. Many libraries, in addition, have incomplete sets. These sets can be completed by purchase of the years needed. For information and orders, contact Mrs. Gerry Hartel, Center for Vincentian Studies, Saint Mary's Seminary, 1701 West Saint Joseph Road, Perryville, MO 63775.

### Mission et Charité

For 10 years, 1961-1970, André Dodin, C.M., edited a journal in Paris, *Mission et Charité*. The complete series of issues, 36 numbers in 28 issues, although no longer in print, is still available from Père Dodin (with the possible exception of one number.) It contains many of his seminal studies on Vincent, the French church of his time, current questions with Vincentian importance, and book reviews. Number 19-20, for 1970, was designed as a supplement to the fourteen volumes of Coste, and contains materials published since Coste's time. Contact for information, price, and orders: Père André Dodin, C.M.; Maison Mère des Lazaristes; 95, rue de Sèvres; 75006, Paris, France.