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Journal Publications

The CLAPVI Bulletin is the publication of the Vincentian provinces of Latin America. A recent issue (n. 69, October-December 1990), following the practice of previous ones, concentrates on the history and present apostolates of one province, that of Ecuador. The editor also includes several notices about the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Saint Louise de Marillac. Among these is the significant contribution of eight new hymns in her honor, complete with music and Spanish texts. These were undoubtedly used during the special conference on Saint Louise sponsored by CLAPVI in Guatemala, 6-15 March 1991. Both Daughters of Charity and Vincentians collaborated in the individual presentations.

Issue no. 70 (January-March 1990) of the same publication was devoted to the theme of "Mary, the Only Mother of the Company." This topic was established to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Saint Louise de Marillac. The lead article presented a reading of parts of Saint Louise's writings on the Virgin Mary. This was followed by a bibliographical article on Louise, with emphasis on Spanish and French works. The remainder of the issue was devoted to a study of issues leading up to the Vincentian General Assembly to be held in the summer of 1992.

The issue of October-December 1990 (97:4) of the *Annali della Missione*, a publication of the Roman province of the Vincentian Community, is devoted entirely to historical studies. The first is by the French Vincentian scholar, André Dodin, C.M., "Saint Vincent and the Bible." Dodin focuses on the setting for Saint Vincent's use of the bible, such as the times in which he was living and his own gradual development in the use he made of the bible, and then moves on to examine Vincent's methodology in the use of the Old and New Testaments. In the same issue Luigi Chierotti, C.M., offers a preliminary study of the relationship between the rules drawn up by Saint Ignatius of Loyola for

the Jesuits and the Common Rules of Saint Vincent de Paul for the Vincentian Community. The author examines some verbal and conceptual connections between the two rules and concludes that there is no doubt about some relationships. Yet there are as many differences as there are similarities, especially since Saint Vincent had a much different outlook from that of Saint Ignatius. Another fruitful source of research would be to examine the rules of office for both communities.

The province of Madrid publishes the *Anales de la Congregación de la Misión*. The main article in the issue of December 1990 (98:9) treats of Bishop Florencio Sanz Esparza, C.M., bishop of Cuttack, India. This see was part of the mission to India undertaken by Spanish Vincentians. These foundations led to the development of an autonomous Indian province. Several other historical articles deal with houses and apostolates in Spain. The editor has included necrology notices of certain individual Spanish Vincentians, as well as information about current life in the provinces of Spain. The following issue (99:1, 1991) begins a new format, and the publication will appear quarterly. The editor, José María Román, C.M., explains in a foreword that the focus of the journal is to give more space to thought and studies than to information. It will have four parts: studies, history, books and current news. The studies will include translations or original articles, Vincentian spirituality, and pastoral and theological topics. The history sections will deal with the history of the Daughters of Charity and the Vincentians, particularly the popular missions. The editor will also include notes on individual Daughters of Charity and Vincentians. Official documents will also appear.

The first number (January-March 1991) concentrates on Saint Louise de Marillac. The major article is by Benito Martínez, C.M. It is followed by a study on the saint's spiritual testament by Corpus Juan Delgado, C.M. Both authors have distinguished records of publications on Saint Louise.

The second number (April-June 1991) continues the high level of the previous issue. Several papers are presented, all by Vincentians, having to do with aspects of the life and works of Saint Louise. A simple listing will suffice to demonstrate the breadth of these contributions: "Saint Louise de Marillac in the French Spiritual tradition of the Seventeenth Century" by José María Román; "Traits of a Spirituality for our Time" by Juan Martín Velasco; "From Yesterday's Poor to Today's Impoverished", by José María Ibáñez; "Traits of the Christ of Saint Louise de Marillac" by Benito Martínez; "Christology and the Christian

Experience of Believers Today" by Julio Luis Fernández; "What Answers are the Poor Demanding Today?" by Luis González-Carvajal. The editor concludes with reviews of a surprisingly large number of publications on Saints Vincent and Louise, principally in Spanish.

The Autumn 1990 issue of *Colloque*, the publication of the Irish province, adds two contributions to its usual interesting series of articles by and about Irish Vincentians. The first is "St. Vincent's Conversion and Our Own," an address given by André Sylvestre, C.M., presently the provincial of the Toulouse province. In it he traces some of the influences on the saint, especially the various spiritual writers of the time. The most decisive turning point was Vincent's encounter with the poor in the hospital near his residence. The second article is a presentation on the local community plan that was given to a meeting of Irish superiors by Robert Maloney, C.M., assistant superior general of the Vincentian Community.

In issue 23 (Spring 1191), Aidan McGing, C.M., contributes a second study about Saint Vincent and the Enneagram, "a psychological system which claims that there are nine basic types of human personality, each type based on the most fundamental need of that personality." The first study appeared in 1986 and in it the author, Stan Brindley, C.M., held that the saint was a "Three." McGing opts for a "Two," with various observations. He believes that this study has deepened his appreciation for Vincent de Paul. Thomas Davitt, C.M., reviews recent editions and translations of the works of Saint Louise and presents an appreciation of the complex character of the foundress of the Daughters of Charity. Michael Prior, C.M., concludes his two part study of the poor in Luke's gospel. In issue 22 he had presented his views on Vincent's use of Luke's passage which he gave the motto to the Congregation of the Mission: "He has sent me to preach the gospel to the poor." The answer to the question "who are the poor?" can be partly determined by examining the social situation of the poor in Luke's time.

In the December 1990 issue of the *Echoes of the Company*, published by the Daughters of Charity, Michel Lloret, C.M., the director general of the Daughters, presents the second part of his study, "The Testament of Saint Louise de Marillac." The second part deals with Louise's words on care for the service of the poor, and Lloret analyzes several citations from the conferences of Saint Vincent to the Daughters of Charity, at which Saint Louise spoke herself. These conferences are another important source for discerning Saint Louise's thoughts, which are generally sought only in her writings. The series continued through issues 1 and

2 for 1991. The issue of March 1991 contains another interesting study by Lloret, this time on "Assemblies in the Company." This is an historical study of the development of these meetings, which recently have become more commonplace, but which are new in the government of the Daughters of Charity. A presentation by a hospital sister, Ghislaine Kizlik, "Saint Louise and Health Care," is excerpted in the May 1991 issue. Her paper was first given to a gathering of French Daughters studying the issue of modern health care.

MEGVIS, the German language, central European publication of the Vincentian Community, in its issue n. 31 (1991) translates into German the article by Benito Martínez, C.M., mentioned previously, on the spirituality of Saint Louise. The next issue, n. 32, presents more on Saint Louise from the papers presented at the annual meeting of MEGVIS. It is noteworthy that for practically the first time the meeting had participants from Eastern Germany and Hungary. Sister Alfonsa Richartz, D.C., presented a paper on the difficulties faced by Saint Louise at the beginning of the Company. Issue 33 concludes with two more papers by Sjef Sarneel, C.M., and Gerard van Winsen, C.M., both dealing with aspects of the life and meaning of Saint Louise for today. Sarneel studies aspects of Louise's spiritual and draws conclusions for modern life. Van Winsen reviews the role that she exercised in governing the Confraternities of Charity.

Records of the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia (101:1-2, 1990) contains a study by Professor Raymond H. Schmandt on the Vincentian bishop, Michael Domenec. "Bishop Michael Domenec and the Short-Lived Diocese of Allegheny" reviews this sad chapter in the otherwise fruitful career of this pioneer Spanish Vincentian. Domenec (1816-1878) had come to the United States in 1837 after his ordination and worked in Vincentian directed seminaries. His high-handed episcopal style did not endear him to the clergy and religious of Pittsburgh, his original diocese. This was manifested particularly in the division of the diocese into Pittsburgh and Allegheny, whose first and only bishop he was. After a few turbulent months he resigned his see, returned to his native Spain, and died there. In addition to printed sources, the author employed the archival resources of the diocese of Pittsburgh.

Meetings

The annual meeting of the Secrétariat International d'Études Vincentiennes (SIEV), the central committee for Vincentian studies in the Congregation of the Mission, was held in Dublin, Ireland, 18-20 July

1991. The membership is drawn from France, Spain, Italy, Poland, the Netherlands, Ireland, Brazil, and the United States. In addition to reporting on the Vincentian studies being carried out in their individual provinces or regions, the members reviewed the Vincentian Month held in Paris in 1990 and undertook long rang planning for Vincentian studies. The next Vincentian Month, to be held in Paris in 1992, will be designed for younger Vincentians from around the world.