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Publications

Books

A Spanish translation of the first biography of Saint Vincent de Paul has recently been published. *Vida del Venerable Siervo de Dios Vicente de Paúl, fundador y primer Superior General de la Congregación de la Misión*. Por Monseñor Luis Abelly, Obispo de Rodez. Traducción al español por el P. Martín Abaitua Churruga, C.M. Prólogo de Jaime Corera, C.M. Editorial CEME, Salamanca, Spain, 1994. 814 pages.

A new book *La religion des pauvres: Les sources du christianisme modern, XVIe-XIXe siècles* by Louis Châtelier (Paris: Aubier, 1993), provides valuable background for understanding Vincentian missionary activity in France in the seventeenth century. The author believes that missionaries tailored the Christian message to the mental receptivity of the country people of western and central Europe. As a result there was a town-by-town, region-by-region growth of religious identity.

Of special interest to sisters is a new work by Marjorie Noterman Beane, *From Framework to Freedom: A History of the Sister Formation Conference* (Lanham, Maryland: University Press of America, 1993. Pp. xii, 158. \$37.50). The book highlights the role played by Sister Bertrande Meyers, D.C., in the development and growth of the Sister Formation Conference.

Journals

Father Emeric Amyot d'Inville, C.M., secretary general of the Congregation of the Mission, has been appointed editor of *Nuntia*, the international news journal of the Congregation. He will be assisted on the editorial board by Fathers Lauro Palu, C.M., and Italo Zedde, C.M., both assistants to the superior general. Father Amyot d'Inville was also recently appointed editor of *Vincentiana*, with Fathers Ignacio Fernández de Mendoza, C.M., and Thomas Davitt, C.M., helping as members of the editorial board.

In *Vincentiana*, number 193 (May-June 1994) are three articles of note: "La espiritualidad vincenciana del Laico Vincenciano" by Father J. Ignacio Fernández de Mendoza, C.M.; "Identidad de los ministerios de la Congregación de la Misión" by Father Miguel Pérez Flores, C.M.; and "The Maternal Face of Jesus—A Note on Vincent de Paul" by Father Robert P. Maloney, C.M. Numbers 194-195 (July-October 1994) contain the following studies: "Monsieur Vincent, homme d'équilibre" by Jean-Pierre Renouard, C.M.; "L'Image de la Coquille chez Monsieur Vincent" by Gerard van Winsen, C.M.; "L'Oeuvre des Lazaristes dans les Balkans" by Yves Danjou, C.M.; "La Congregación de la Misión ejemplo de sociedad de Vida Apostólica" by Miguel Pérez Flores, C.M.; "Espiritualidad Misionera de San Vicente a la luz de la 'Redemptoris Missio'" by Orestes Ortiz, C.M.; "Carità Cristiana e Società odierna" by Giuseppe Turati, C.M., "Itinéraire de Monsieur Vincent. Des Malheurs du temps à la Mission (1)" by Bernard Koch, C.M.; "Au Pays de M. Pouget" by André Sylvestre, C.M. The same issue contains a reprint of "The Extended Vincentian Family—A Genealogical Prospective—An Overview of the VSI Family Tree Project" by Sister Betty Ann McNeil, D.C., which first appeared in *Vincentian Heritage*, volume 15, number 1.

Recent issues of *Colloque*, the journal of the Irish province of the Congregation of the Mission, have carried a number of important articles on Vincent de Paul and his Community. Number 29 (Spring 1994) contains the following: "St Vincent's Ideas on Retreats" by Thomas Davitt, C.M.; "St Vincent and the Will of God" by Richard McCullen, C.M.; "The Unitive Way: the Vincentian Way" by M. Rearden, C.M.; "St Vincent and the French School" by A. Spelman, C.M.; "Some Addenda on John Joseph Lynch, by Thomas Davitt, C.M.; and "The Maternal Face of Jesus: a Note on Vincent de Paul" by Robert P. Maloney, C.M. That same number also reprints the article "Becoming a Bishop and Remaining a Vincentian: the Struggles of Archbishop John Joseph Lynch, C.M.," by Richard Kehoe, C.M., which first appeared in *Vincentian Heritage*, vol. XIII, no. 2. Number 30 of *Colloque* (Autumn 1994) has a translation by Father Thomas Davitt, C.M., of the Saint Vincent de Paul's conference of 6 December 1658 on the purpose of the Congregation of the Mission. Other articles are J. P. Renouard, C.M., "St Vincent de Paul and the Word of God," E. Flanagan, "St Vincent on Temptation," Father Davitt on "Vincent de Paul and England," and Mark Noonan, C.M., on "The 150th Anniversary of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Ireland."

The *Echoes of the Company*, numbers 7-8 (July-August 1994), has three articles dedicated to the fourth centenary of the birth of Maguerite Naseau, whom Vincent de Paul considered to be the first Daughter of Charity. The same issue contains the third part of an article by Sister Rene Lelandais, D.C., on the Daughters of Charity martyred during the Spanish Civil war.

Bibliography

Father Benito Martínez, C.M., has recently sent to the printer a new bibliography of Saint Louise de Marillac. The manuscript includes the French and Spanish concordance of her writings, an abundant bibliography, and an index of themes. It will be published by CEME, the Vincentian publishing house in Salamanca.

Beatification

The *Positio*, or combination biography and historical study for the beatification cause of Sister Rosalie Rendu, prepared by Father Philippe Roche, C.M., of the province of Paris, has been officially approved by a commission of six historians-consultors who met on 13 May 1994 at the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. The voting was unanimously favorable and positive.

Monsignor Ramón Echarren, the bishop of the Canary Islands, opened the process of canonization of Bishop Buenaventura Codina, C.M., on 6 January 1994. Codina arrived in that diocese in 1848 and died there on 18 November 1857. He was renowned for seminary reform, popular missions, and love of the poor. He was also extremely influential in the life and work of Saint Anthony María Claret, founder of the Claretians.