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In Memoriam

The Vincentian Studies Institute is saddened to learn of the passing of two former longtime members of the Institute's Editorial Board. Both Sister Frances Ryan, D.C., and Sister Joan Gibson, D.C., made significant contributions to our publications and to our educational programs over their many years of service. We will certainly miss their passion, their good humor, and their steadfast belief in and support of our mission to promote a living interest in Vincentian studies.

Sister Joan Gibson, D.C., was born in Oak Park, Illinois. She attended St. Vincent School, in Perryville, Missouri, before going on to earn her BA in Social Studies and History from Marillac College, St. Louis, and an MS In Education and Supervision from Mt. St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, California, and an MA in Religious Studies from Immaculate Heart College, also in Los Angeles. Joan returned to St. Louis and entered the Community of the Daughters of Charity in 1954. A true educator, she served as a teacher, vice principal, and principal, and taught in schools run by the Daughters in New Orleans, Dallas, Mayaguez (Puerto Rico), St. Louis, Carson City, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Sister Gibson also



***Sister Joan Gibson, D.C. (at left),
and Sister Frances Ryan, D.C.***

served in the Provincial Council as both Councillor and Assistant Provincial. Sister Joan Gibson, D.C., was called to her eternal reward on August 19, 2022, at Labouré Residence, Los Altos Hills, California. She was 87 years of age, with 68 years of vocation. May she rest in peace.

Sister Frances (Loretta Catherine) Ryan, D.C., died on August 29, 2022, at the Seton Residence in Evansville, Indiana. Sister was born on November 30, 1937, one of five children of Timothy Joseph and Margaret Frances (Healey) Ryan. She graduated from Alvernia High School in Chicago, Illinois, and entered the Daughters of Charity in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1956. After initial formation, Sister Frances served as a social worker at the Guardian Angel Settlement Association in St. Louis, Catholic Charities in Covington, Kentucky, Seton Home Health in London, Kentucky, St. Vincent's Day Care Center in Evansville, Indiana, and St. Vincent de Paul Center in Chicago, Illinois. Sister received a B.A. in Education from Marillac College in St. Louis, Missouri, an MSW in Social Work from Saint Louis University and a Ph.D. in Counseling and Psychology from Loyola University in Chicago. Sister Frances served as a professor at DePaul University in Chicago from 1981 until 2001, and then as moderator of the Ladies of Charity. In 2015, Sister came to Seton Residence to serve in the Ministry of Prayer. A Wake Service was held on Friday, September 2, 2022, in the Seton Residence Chapel followed by the Mass of Christian Burial and interment at St. Joseph Cemetery.

NEWS

Becoming a Church of the Poor: The Vincentian Charism and Reform World Catholicism Week, April 13-15, 2023

The Vincentian Studies Institute, along with the Division of Mission and Ministry, is pleased to cosponsor *Becoming a Church of the Poor: The Vincentian Charism and Reform* with DePaul University's Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology (CWCIT). World Catholicism Week is an annual event, now in its 14th year, that gathers scholars from around the world to explore a single topic. The 2023 global gathering will address how the Vincentian charism can contribute to the process of reform that Pope Francis has inaugurated: What is the Vincentian vision for making the Church more open to God and to the poor? How does the Church need to reform, and what kinds of internal and external resistance does it face? How is a reforming Church simultaneously a Church dedicated to the transformation of the world, addressing pressing concerns of economic, political, and environmental justice? Join speakers from the Philippines, Chile, Haiti, Brazil, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Indonesia, Nigeria, Argentina, the U.S., and Europe to discuss the following topics:

- Historical perspectives on reform in the lives of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and Vincentian communities worldwide.
- The changing concept of “the poor” and the theme of marginality.
- The internal reform of the Church, including the roles of laity and women.
- Becoming an outward-facing Church dedicated to the transformation of the world.

For more information on this event please visit [Becoming a Church of the Poor: The Vincentian Charism and Reform](#).

Vincentian Studies Institute Revises Additional Texts of “Vincent de Paul: Correspondence, Conferences, and Documents”

DePaul University continues its support of Vincentian scholarship with a new revision of our four volumes of additional, mainly unpublished texts by and about Saint Vincent de Paul. This revision includes multiple new documents added across all four volumes along with corrections and updates to the existing texts. The translator and editor is John E. Rybolt, C.M. The books supplement the fourteen volumes of *Correspondence, Conferences, and Documents*, published by Pierre Coste, C.M., over a century ago.

These fully searchable, free to download pdf e-Books total more than 4,500 pages of letters, conferences, and documents in their original languages of French, Latin, and

Italian, followed by an English translation. The texts represent an open-ended collection, allowing for additional materials to be added as they come to light, as well as corrections and updates. We welcome suggestions and input from the reading public.

Click below to access each new volume of the collection:

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It is hoped that these new texts will help to further our understanding and appreciation of the great saint of charity, Vincent de Paul.

Vincentian Studies Institute Research Grant Resuming

After having paused new grant applications due to the COVID-19 crisis, the V.S.I. is pleased to announce we have resumed our grant program. Applications for future projects are now being accepted. New proposals are due by October 1st and will be reviewed at our fall board meetings. Although immediate funding may be considered, generally awards will be distributed at the beginning of our next fiscal year in July.

The Vincentian Studies Institute at DePaul University sponsors a program of research grants. One single grant of up to \$20,000 or smaller grants totaling that amount will be awarded annually for projects that further scholarship on the Vincentian tradition, past and present. The grant is open to both individual applicants and institutions / organizations conducting research. For more information on how to apply see [Vincentian Studies Institute Research Grant](#).

Several Noteworthy Additions to Our Vincentian Heritage Collections Online

Over the last year the Vincentian Studies Institute added several notable publications to our Vincentian Digital Books collection on Digital Commons (formerly known as *Via Sapientiae*), the institutional repository of DePaul University. These books are available as pdfs and are free to download.

The first is *Daughters of Charity: Women, Religious Mission, and Hospital Care in Los Angeles, 1856-1927* authored by Kristine Ashton Gunnell. First published in 2013 as a paperback, this captivating story, culled from extensive historical research, documents how ingenuity, determination, and faith enabled mission-driven Daughters of Charity to establish, develop, and provide healthcare in Los Angeles. Gunnell documents multiple examples of their flexibility to overcome barriers of culture, religion, language, and scarce

resources in the context of frontier politics but without comprise of their faith-based mission of service to persons in need. Download your copy here: [Women, Religious Mission, and Hospital Care](#).

The second is a newly scanned edition of *In the Footsteps of Vincent de Paul: A Guide to Vincentian France* by noted historian John E. Rybolt, C.M. The new scan significantly upgrades the visual quality of our original offering, allowing readers to better enjoy the lavishly illustrated, full color classic guidebook to the France of Vincent de Paul, Louise de Marillac, and the members of their religious families. Download your copy at: [A Guide to Vincentian France](#).

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Vincentian Heritage welcomes manuscripts, poetry, and other expressions of Vincentian themes that meet the publication criteria. All articles should relate directly to topics of Vincentian interest, be researched and documented in a scholarly fashion, and directed toward Vincentian-oriented groups in the reading public and the Vincentian family. Ordinarily, articles should not exceed thirty-five typewritten pages and should be submitted twelve months prior to anticipated publication.

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