

**CONTINENTAL SESSIONS  
FOR VINCENTIAN FAMILY ADVISORS, DIRECTORS AND LEADERS  
WITH FOCUS ON SYSTEMIC CHANGE**

**General Objective:** To enable the members of the Vincentian Family in (Europe) so that, as leaders and advisors, they could accompany their brothers and sisters in their Vincentian mission, as well as to assimilate and promote systemic change in the lives of the poor.

**Specific Objectives:** (To be finalized by the Continental Coordinating Team)

- To assist the advisors and leaders of our Vincentian groups to live in continual process of integral formation, oriented towards Systemic Change.
- To offer them a richer understanding of our own spirituality, deepening their identity as members of the Church and their respective associations.
- To enable them to know more about the richness of our charism which goes beyond their own association and which is lived by other branches of the Vincentian Family.
- To create links of Vincentian solidarity in order to help these groups in their interpersonal relationships and in solving conflicts, taking advantage of the tools that Systemic Change offers.

**Program:** (the usual daily schedule includes conferences and small-group workshops)

Day 1: Conference 1: *“The Vincentian Family Worldwide and the Need for Advisors and Directors”*; Conference 2: *“Vincentian Family Advisor: Fundamentals, Profile, Role and Responsibilities”*

Day 2: Conference 1: *“Vincentian Spirituality for a Vincentian Family Advisor and Director”*; Conference 2: *“Collaboration in the Vincentian Family: Needs, Expectations, Models”*

Day 3: Introduction: the Commission on Systemic Change, its goals, what has been done so far; San José de Ocoa – an example of Systemic Change; The Notion of Systemic Change; Akamasoa (Madagascar); Mission-Oriented Strategies (flowing from San José and Akamasoa); Panel – questions and discussion

Day 4: The Homeless People’s Federation of the Philippines – video + discussion; Project DREAM and Task-Oriented Strategies; The Vincentian Family Mission at the UN and Strategies Oriented toward Co-responsibility; Participation and Political Action Millennium Development Goals as Context; Social Teaching of the Church as Context

Day 5: Fund-Raising as a Ministry; Micro-credit as a Tool for Systemic Change; The Pilot Micro-credit Project Envisioned in 2010 for Haiti; Small groups, by country or groups of countries; Distribution of *Seeds of Hope* and memory stick; Discussion on two questions: 1. Identify projects in your country where a systemic change approach is being applied or could be applied; 2. Do you feel prepared to give further workshops on Systemic Change?; Ten Seeds of Systemic Change in the Life and Writings of St. Vincent.

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