

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, April 2, 2017

READINGS:

Ezekiel 37: 12-14; Psalm 129: 1–8; Romans 8:8–11; John: 11:1- 45

The readings all focus on the Spirit of God which lives in each one of us. Jesus tells Lazarus and each one of us to “Come out!” “Because with the Lord there is mercy.” And we are called to show this mercy to everyone. Our identity in the Vincentian Family suggests that we question: “Are we giving life to the Vincentian Charism?” Does our activity enhance the dignity of those who live in poverty?

Reflection: from Fr. Tomaž Mavrič:

“We are in a time of history where the word “globalization” is used for different things. But, if we talk about our vocation, our mission in life, our call in life, this is our priority: to globalize charity, to make charity the message of Jesus, his central message, the central message of the gospel, alive and present in all corners of the world.

And we can do this. This is, we can say from one point of view, a dream. But, if one person dreams alone, or two or three, probably it will still remain a dream. But if we dream more and more together, more and more joining our efforts, joining our talents that were given by Jesus to each person, that dream can become a reality. And we need to think that way: it is possible, because it is not our doing, it is Jesus’ work, it is Jesus who touched Vincent so deeply that it changed his life, converted him, his conversion made him the mystic of charity.”

Prayer:

Lord God, today you are reminding us that your Spirit is in each of us. Give us the ability to always recognize your Spirit and keep it alive in all of our actions. May we follow the example of St. Vincent and make charity a priority in our daily life. We ask this in your name. Amen

Action for Today: Think of one way you can be charitable today.

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