

VINCENTIAN FAMILY STATEMENT ON THE PANDEMIC CAUSED BY COVID-19

In light of the pandemic caused by the coronavirus which has affect every country throughout the world, the worldwide Vincentian Family unites itself to the efforts of those individuals who have been mobilized to minimize the spread of this virus and ultimately, to eradicate this virus.

The Executive Committee of the Vincentian Family requests all the members of our spiritual family to collaborate actively to prevent the further spreading of this virus. As good citizens, let us contribute our grain of sand and promptly follow the directives and guidelines of those individuals ministering on the frontlines to alleviate and care for those who have been afflicted with this virus

With regard to the ministries and services that we offer on a worldwide basis to people in need, let us ensure that the needs of the poor are not neglected, especially those most basic needs of food and health care. Let us minister in a way that does not endanger our health and does not further spread the virus, but let us act in accord with the best practices and the guidelines that are presented by national and international experts.

Let us trust in the intercession of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Saint Vincent de Paul and all the saints and blessed of the Vincentian Family and pray that this virus be conquered and that in a brief period of time the world situation might be better.

We invite all the members of the Vincentian Family to pray, individually, as a family or a group (if the situation allows such) the following words on a daily basis:

Gracious God, protector of the defenseless, look with compassion on your people who are suffering from the dangers of this global pandemic.

> Be compassionate toward us, show us your infinite mercy and guide the hands of those who are attempting to overcome this situation!

Instill within us a spirit of generosity
so that we might know how to assist those who are weakest:
the elderly, the homeless and the impoverished ...
those who bear the brunt of this crisis.
Let us approach these individuals
and assist them in these difficult times!

Protect the doctors and nurses and all health-care professionals who are on the frontlines of this pandemic! Enlighten their minds so that they might find a cure.

We ask all of this through the intercession of Jesus Christ, your Son Our Lord, the protector of those in need. Amen.

We pray the Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary together.

