

# BEING “A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS”: OUR VINCENTIAN CALLING

Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
Voice of the Poor



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# OPENING PRAYER

Lord of all people,

During your time on earth you identified with the poor and instructed us to care for one another, for our neighbor and especially for the least of our brothers and sisters.

Be with us as we advocate for the poor.

Help us to persevere in joy and love on their behalf.

Add your voice to ours as we speak out for those who are not heard in our communities.

Guide us as we work, comfortable in the knowledge that we are doing your will for this day and time and place, and that you will take care of tomorrow.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, his Blessed Mother, our patron St. Vincent and our founder Blessed Frederic.



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# QUIZ

- Double click on the link or copy and paste it into a browser. This should open the quiz. (If you are using full screen for your zoom you may need to minimize to see where the quiz has opened.
- We are allocating 10-15 minutes for you to complete the quiz. As this is an “open book test” you received a link via email yesterday. To save on time please take note of the pages on the “cheat sheet”.
- Once completed please click on submit and then return to the Zoom.

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# CHEATSHEET



A Well-formed  
Conscience

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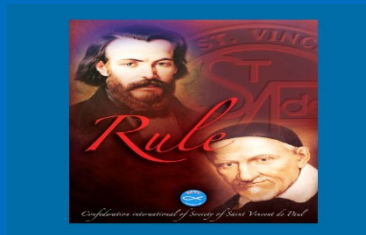


*Why the Vincentian  
Voice/Perspective  
Is important &  
unique.*

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***Use the links  
to find your  
answers!***

The Rule!



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to find your  
answers!***

*The Vincentian Path.....*



*Poverty as a  
Systemic/Structural  
Issue*

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# CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, Father of our human family,  
you created all human beings equal in dignity:  
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit  
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,  
dialogue, justice and peace.  
Move us to create healthier societies  
and a more dignified world,  
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.  
Amen.

*Fratelli Tutti*

# Being a Voice for the Voiceless

A quiz to help us explore together what is required of us as we live out our Gospel Values speaking for and with the vulnerable among us. (Answers are **boldface**)

1. Which one of our founders asks us to "establish relationships based on trust and friendship?" (5 points) *Mark only one oval.*
  - Blessed Frederic
  - Saint Vincent de Paul
  - Blessed Rosalie Rendu**
2. In the list below are some of the hurdles faced by returning citizens in search for a second chance. Which one is not? (5 points) *Mark only one oval.*
  - Denial of voting rights in some states
  - Prohibited from applying for higher-paying jobs
  - Participation in SNAP
  - Banned from getting a marriage license**
  - Banned from getting a barber's license
3. Which doctrine even though it was declared "unconstitutional" in 1954 has had very little effect in reducing segregation in American Schools? (5 points)

**Brown vs Board of Education / "Separate but Equal" Doctrine**
4. In Pope Francis' latest Encyclical what are we called to do? (5 points) *Check all that apply.*
  - To become neighbors to others
  - Overcome prejudices
  - Overcome Personal interests
  - Overcoming historic and cultural barriers
  - All the above**
5. Which Rule speaks to Vincentians sharing in the Church's mission to evangelize the world through visible witness, in both actions and words? (5 points) *Mark only one oval.*
  - Rule 7.5
  - Rule 7.2**
  - Rule 7.8
6. According to the USCCB Forming Conscience for Faithful Citizenship, the formation of conscience includes several elements. Select one that does not. *Mark only one oval.*
  - Desire to embrace goodness and truth
  - Examination of facts and background information
  - Impact on my personal life**
  - Prayerful Reflection
7. What do you think empowers a Vincentian "to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it"? (5 points)

**Prudence**
8. What is the practical Vincentian approach to social justice? Select most appropriate: (5 points) *Mark only one oval.*
  - To see from the perspective of family and friends
  - To see them from the perspective of those we visit who suffer from injustice**
  - To see them from the perspective of our elected officials