

## **YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2007-2008**

This past year, Mr. John O'Flynn and Mrs Caroline Gilbert supervised the Committee. Some time was spent on sharing information and collecting data for a contact database of names and electronic addresses, intended to facilitate communications between youth conferences and the Committee.

Two important meetings are in the works: the World Youth Days, next July, and the International Vincentian Youth Study Days in Spain, in June.

Four young Vincentians (two boys and two girls) from Ontario will participate to the first event, accompanied by an adult.

Caroline Gilbert will attend the meeting in Spain, as spokesperson for Canadian youth. In preparation for that meeting, a blog was open to allow prior exchange between participants. Young Canadian Vincentians were invited to visit the blog, read about the issues to be discussed in Salamanca, and give their opinion to Caroline Gilbert.

The project to participate in the construction of a school following twinning between Ontario and Guatemala is presently dormant. We will try to revive the project soon.

We continue to promote the integration of youths into the SSVP. We wish to offer young people the necessary support to encourage their development, and see to the operational health of their conference.

Caroline Gilbert, chairperson  
Youth Committee