

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED VINCENTIANS

Leader: Let us continue in the Father's name and call on the Holy Spirit to be with us in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Leader: We are gathered today as a Vincentian Family to honour the memory of our Vincentian Brothers and Sisters who have passed from this life to rest in the arms of the Lord. In our world today, the Church needs enlightened and faithful servants of Saint Vincent de Paul. Vincentians are called to befriend the poor, thus discovering Christ in their midst. Today we recall the service of our deceased Vincentians and their work and service to the poor. We pray that God our Father, who is our strength has opened His arms wide and has joyously welcomed them into the fullness of life.

Song: On Eagle's Wings (or hymn of choice)

Proclaimer: Isaiah 49:13-18

Leader: Heavenly and merciful Father hear our prayers on behalf of your faithful servants whom you have called into the light of your Presence. May they be joyously welcomed into your loving, caressing arms. We ask this through Christ our Lord and Redeemer.

All: Amen.

Leader: God our Father is the glory and joy of each of our departed members whose memory we celebrate today.

Each Conference or Council honouring a deceased member comes to light a candle as a light to the rest of us. Please call each Vincentian by name.

Leader: Compassionate God, Saint Vincent de Paul, Blessed Frederic Ozanam and Mary our mother gave of themselves. These are our heavenly mentors. They are blessed and so are our Vincentians who spent their lives serving your poor and proclaiming your greatness. We thank you for allowing them to be in our lives and we thank you for giving us life through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord,

All: And may perpetual light shine upon them.

Leader: May they rest in peace.

All: Amen.