

# ALL THINGS NEW LISTENING SESSION VINCENTIAN STYLE NOVEMBER 12, 2022

**Vincentian province is in the process of re-evaluating the mission of Vincentians through apostolic planning**

- St. Vincent De Paul Parish
  - Good pastoral services
  - Good preaching – enliven our parish
  - Altar – bring our dreams, hopes
  - Outreach to the poor – helping our guests
  - Formation – Formed in the spirit of Louise and Vincent
  
- FORMATION HOUSE
  - Because it is here, the men in discernment have an opportunity to work here and see the mission in action
  - We are thrilled the young men, Rich Wehmeyer and Toshio are here working in our programs
  - Vincentian identity on display
  
- Clergy help us in our spiritual growth. Make a commitment to St. Vincent's to be here for the parish
  
- Process from one pastor to another – what type of person do we want. What qualities does our pastor need? What strengths does he bring?
  - Team builder
  - Listener
  - Open to new ideas
  
- Priest – needs a team of leaders to help run the parish
  - Priest should be pastoral
  - Parishioners should help run the business of the parish
  - Develop a team to assist the new pastor
  - Look at who among us has skills that we need
  
- Will we have a voice? Yes! It is important that the parish community have a voice and they are heard
  
- The Province is building a model of what they want Vincentian parishes to look like

- Learn the mission, listen to the people
  - Bring in speakers to help us create the model that works for us, CM's want their own model
  - CM's want to collaborate with parishioners, this is a plus. Utilize religious, lay people
  - August, 2023 is our target date to begin implementation
  - Look at contemporary methods of formation
  - Contrast with command and control
- We need to identify needs,
    - propose models,
    - steps to take,
    - create a new space for new pastor
    - Other needs – invite people to share their culture, share what we do
    - Learn what parishes around us (that may be closing) are doing, will it fit with what we are doing?
    - Look at other parishes website – what can we learn from them?
    - Send an open letter to all parishes asking to come help us carry out the mission of Vincent (be careful not to offend anyone, don't poach other churches)
    - Reach out to our own parishioners and welcome them back, ask what can we do to bring you back.
    - Submit a letter to the Review, welcoming anyone to come visit us.
- People who stepped up to assist the new model
    - Jackie Hittner – update the parish roster
    - Marian Wolaver – marketing/fund raising – Engagement Coordination
- Women play a more prominent role in the church
    - Can they preach?
    - What larger role can women play in the overall plan for St. Vincent's
- What can get in our way?
    - Defend our own territory
    - Be easily offended
    - Be resistant to change