

OUR HISTORY

Angels Deliver God's Promise



On the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul, September 27, 1999, twelve days after the Holy Spirit and Blessed Mother came to the celebration of Our Lady of Sorrows Feast Day, a great and miraculous event took place. After attending Mass in honor of this great and holy servant of the poor, Anna Marie, an Apostle of the Green Scapular, was greeted by two Angels from the Lord. The two Angels, kneeling in humility to announce God's Holy Promise, declared the following message from the Lord, ***"On this day the Lord has chosen, that out of the 365 days of the year, on this day; whosoever shall have died throughout the year with their names placed on a Green Scapular, shall be released from Purgatory and enter into the Gates of Heaven."***

Nothing more was said, they departed and the Anna Marie was in complete disbelief and total awe. She departed from church and began to drive home, contemplating what just took place, attempting to understand the meaning behind the message from the Angels. She reflected on all that had transpired over the last couple of weeks and wondered, was this in response to Jesus' question to Anna Marie for gathering others together to honor His Mother on her Lady of Sorrows feast day. She considered the question Jesus asked her, ***"My daughter, how can I thank you for honoring my Mother today?"*** and Anna Marie's response was that she wanted the Holy Souls in Purgatory to be released. What could Anna Marie have done to render this visit from Heaven.

Why St. Vincent de Paul's Feast Day?

Yet one question did remain, why did the Lord choose St. Vincent de Paul's feast day? Not knowing why this day of all days, had been chosen from the Lord, Anna Marie consulted with another Apostle of the Green Scapular, Margaret. Margaret had just returned from France visiting various shrines of the Saints, including St. Catherine Laboure and St. Vincent, in Rue du Bac, Paris, France. St. Catherine was one of the Sisters of Charity (known also as Daughters of Charity) and she had received the Miraculous Medal from Blessed Mother in the 1800's. Then Margaret instantly understood why the Lord chose St. Vincent's feast day and responded quickly to Anna Marie saying: ***"St. Justine Bisqueyburu who received the Green Scapular from Blessed Mother Mary, was a nun from the Order of the Daughters of Charity that St. Vincent de Paul helped begin."***



Yes, it now made perfect sense. The Lord would choose this holy Priest to oversee our efforts. Even in the 21st Century, when so many souls are in trouble and falling away from Jesus and Holy Mother Church, Jesus promised to revive His Church through the intercession of His holy Mother and St. Vincent de Paul. The promise is clear, if you write the name of someone on a blessed Green Scapular and they pass away during the year, on St. Vincent de Paul's feast day of September 27th, Jesus will take the soul out of Purgatory and into heaven! Praise to you Almighty and Merciful God! By September 1997, the original Rosary prayer group members had already submitted over 300 blessed Green Scapulars with over 1,000 names of people placed on them and some had died during the first few years since the founding of the Apostolate of the Green Scapular.

First Annual Mass Celebration

We give thanks and praise to God for receiving our loved ones into heaven on the first Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul, every September 27, 1999. Through our loving Savior's holy mercy, our family members and friends that had their names written on a blessed Green Scapular before they passed away, were assured of not spending eternity in Hell, but Purgatory if they still needed to expiate their Temporal Punishment.

We have every confidence in Jesus' promise, that He will intercede in his or her life. Souls would no longer be detained in Purgatory for years and years, but through an incredible grace from God, had been taken into heaven. On September 27th, through the Angels message to Anna Marie, our loved ones were now receiving expiation of their Temporal Punishment in a shorter time frame, within the year. We praise YOU God our Heavenly Father, Jesus Your Son and Holy Spirit!

Our Annual Celebration

In "thanksgiving and praises" to Jesus Christ for allowing any Apostle of the Green Scapular, who had been consecrated to Jesus through Mother Mary because they had their name written on one of our blessed Green Scapulars, then died during the year and on St. Vincent de Paul's Feast Day was released from Purgatory, according to Jesus' promise; we take part in the holy novena and Mass celebration honoring this holy Priestly Saint. St. Vincent de Paul, a most humble and deprived Priest, who would spend hours upon hours in the Confessional, is our honored Patron. We invite you, an Apostle of the Green Scapular and now an active member, to join us in prayers honoring this holy Saint. Additionally, we offer the book on St. Vincent de Paul from our Catholic Bookstore so you too can read about and become more aware of the life of this great Saint.

The Life of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul was born near Dax in the village of Pouy in Gascony, France in the year 1581. Born one of four sons and two sisters and being of very humble means, St. Vincent would watch over the sheep and recite the Psalms during his youth and young adult life. He was an astute child and the neighbors noticed his intelligence, which led them to convincing Vincent's father that it would best if he received schooling. St. Vincent's father agreed and so he was sent to school under the direction of the Franciscan Fathers at Acqs. Because St. Vincent did so well, a gentleman selected him as sub preceptor (teacher) to his own children and St. Vincent began earning enough money to continue his own studies under the Franciscans.

In 1596, St. Vincent went to the University of Toulouse and was ordained a priest in the year 1600. Then in 1605, while on a voyage from Marseilles to Narbonne, St. Vincent was captured by African pirates and taken to Tunis as a slave. He was successful in escaping from his captors, and went to Rome, afterwards he returned to France where he was hired by Emmanuel de Gondy, count of Joigny. Monsieur Gondy was the general of the galleys of France. In 1625, St. Vincent de Paul began the Congregation of the Mission, or commonly known as the Lazarists, which stemmed from his priests occupying the Priory of St. Lazarus in 1633.

St. Vincent was known not only for the Congregation of the Mission Priests but for the important Sisters of Charity (also known as the Daughters of Charity) and the Ladies of Charity. St. Vincent fought heroically against the many assaults and blasphemes against the church, and when the heresy of Jansenism arose, he fought heroically against it. At the end of his life, he was very sickly and in the autumn of 1660, he passed away. The French peasant Priest, Monsieur Vincent, was Canonized by Pope Clement XII, in 1737 and Pope Leo XIII proclaimed him the Patron Saint of all charitable societies.