

FINDING OUT

As An enquirer, you will be invited to attend the meetings of the Regional Chapter of the Company, and perhaps the local cell if there is one.

One of the Members will be asked to keep in personal touch with you, and to answer any questions you may have.

You may also be invited to attend the next general Chapter meeting of the Company, when you can meet the members from other regions and hear more about the Company's life and work.

DECIDING TO JOIN

If after some contact with us, you decide that you want seriously to consider joining the Company, you will be asked to make an application in writing (on a form which is available). From then on you will be regarded as a Probationer of the Company. Seminarians, however, will be Aspirants pending their ordination.

FORMATION

During your time as a probationer, you will be asked to continue to attend meetings, to do some reading about St Vincent de Paul and the spiritual principles which animate the Vincentian Family, under the guidance of a Company member, and to meet with the Warden (or Sub-Warden).

If you and the Warden (or Sub-Warden) believe that you are then ready to proceed to membership, your regional Chapter will

be asked to assent to your admission, and the Council will then invite you to make your Promise at the next General Chapter.

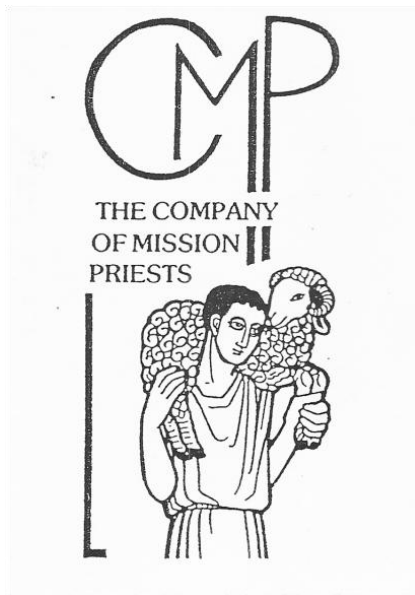
THE PROMISE

“I, N., desire to consecrate myself anew to the ministry of the Church in the Company of Mission Priests, and I promise that so long as I remain a member of the Company, I will live in accordance with the manner of life set forth in the Constitution.”

This Promise commits a member to:

- 1: Consecrate himself to the mission of the Church in the Spirit of those words of Jesus taken as his motto by St Vincent de Paul: *“He has sent me to bring the Good News to the poor” (Luke 4:18)*
- 2: Observe simplicity of life.
- 3: Remain unmarried, *“and in all personal relationships to exercise that care which benefits priests leading dedicated lives”*.
- 4: Observe a private rule of life modelled on Vincentian principles, as set out in the Company's Customary.
- 5: Use the Company prayers daily, and offer the Holy Eucharist once a month with special intention for the Company.
- 6: Consult with the Warden (and Council) about changes of work, and heed their advice.

THE COMPANY OF MISSION PRIESTS



INFORMATION FOR ENQUIRERS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

- 7: Attend the Annual General Chapter, at which the Promise is renewed.
- 8: Attend any meeting of his Regional Chapter (and local Cell, if any), giving them a high priority in relation to work, in order to give support and encouragement to his fellow members (and to receive the same).

WITHDRAWAL

Members may withdraw from the Company on giving six months notice, or by not renewing their promise at the annual General Chapter, but it is hoped that only those will join who hope and intend to fulfil their life's ministry within the company.

