

## Inspiration

- noun

1. an inspiring or animating action or influence
2. something inspired, as an idea.
3. a result of inspired activity.
4. a thing or person that inspires.
5. Theology.
  - a) a divine influence directly and immediately exerted upon the mind or soul.
  - b) the divine quality of the writings or words of a person so influenced.

## Vinspiration

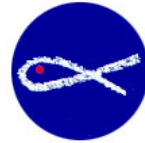
- verb

1. the act of formation and development inspired by the words and action of St Vincent de Paul.
2. the act of formation and development based on Gospel values.
3. The act of formation and development witnessed by the lives of significant members of the Vincentian family.



*“Using the Gospel and the Vincentian tradition as the hallmarks for our formation and development is a way of ensuring that we grow into the sort of people we would want to be ... and this is lifelong. We are never ‘finished’.”*

Take this opportunity to continue your formation into people we want to be using the Gospels and our Vincentian story ...  
the story of the people of God.



Coordinated by the Congregation of the Mission,  
The Daughters of Charity  
and the Society of St Vincent de Paul, Australia  
Hosted by St Stanislaus College, Bathurst



*You will receive power when the  
Holy Spirit comes upon you,  
And you will be my witnesses”  
Acts 1:8*

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Experience family, witness and mission. God's story and ours.

**“Give me a person  
of prayer,  
and they will be  
capable of  
accomplishing  
anything.”**  
St Vincent de Paul



**A Program of  
Preparation  
for the  
Vincentian Family  
Celebration and  
World Youth Day  
2008.**

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## Our Story

The Vincentian Family World Youth Day team are providing the opportunity to learn more about the Vincentian story and its meaning in our lives. You are a part of the Vincentian Family and form part of its story. Why not take some time to learn more about your story – which is God's story and ours – in the Vincentian light.

Once a month, join us for **Vinspiration** ... meet up with other people interested in learning more about our story as we visit our well known Saints like

- + St Vincent de Paul,
- + St Louise de Marillac

and maybe those whom we don't hear so much about like

- + St Elizabeth Ann Seton and
- + St Justin de Jacobis.

Once a month, for a couple of hours we will look at their story and learn from the wisdom they can share for our lives today.

*What is the message that they have for each of us?  
How is their world different to our world today ...  
or is it different at all?*

## Preparation

The program will be offered at:

- + St Vincent's Parish Ashfield  
4th Sunday of each month, 7pm  
Beginning 27th May 2007  
Parish Meeting Room
- + Online as self-guided reflection sheets  
Visit [www.vincentians.org.au/wyd](http://www.vincentians.org.au/wyd)

The program can be offered:

- + To groups interested in hosting their own Vinspiration group
  - + In your parish
  - + In your movement or group
  - + In your home amongst your friends

*Even though the Vinspiration program is being developed in preparation for World Youth Day, it isn't limited to young people. You are all welcome to take part and contribute to the story.*

## The Vincentian Family

As Sydney has been given the privilege of hosting World Youth Day in 2008, the Vincentian Family members in Australia are working together to host a celebration to mark this amazing opportunity and to celebrate the Vincentian charism with other Vincentians from around the world. In Australia, the Vincentian Family is represented by the Vincentian Fathers and Brothers, The Daughters of Charity and the St Vincent de Paul Society. Worldwide there are over 150 organisations that form the "Vincentian Family" of which we are part.

World Youth Day presents us with a wonderful opportunity to renew our spiritual way - not just for one week in July 2008 - but from this moment forward - for the rest of our lives!

*To register your details for Vinspiration or to find out more about the program contact the World Youth Day office on +61 2 79716 4166 or [wyd@cmaustralia.org](mailto:wyd@cmaustralia.org)*

*"St Vincent doesn't offer us a spirituality, a teaching on prayer or the spiritual life. He offers us a Spiritual Way. He shows us how we can meet our God in our everyday experiences, in the events, the persons, the circumstances of our life. His Way is the way of the Church, a way of experience, of faith, and of practical wisdom .... all embraced in a spirit of love."*  
<http://www.vincentians.org.au/vinway.htm>