

# Reflection on a “Vincentian” Parish

Aspects that define the mission of parish for Vincentians

## 1. Collaborative Service and Mission

A Vincentian parish is characterized, not by a solo ministry mentality but by the presence and involvement of a Vincentian Community. It is accompanied by a willingness to draw together other people whom we acknowledge as “partners in mission” – those who share aspects of charism and mission in the local parish.

Our shared formation concentrates on all aspects of parish life, especially being open to the poor and marginalized.

## 2. Hospitality

A Vincentian parish focuses on the welcome, acceptance and inclusion of all people, drawing attention to those within the parish situation as well as those with little or no contact with faith or the Church.

We aim to draw into a parish community of care and concern those who struggle with poverty and those who are alienated by society.

## 3. Excelling in the Core Ministries of the Parish

A Vincentian parish attempts to excel in the key areas of parish life and ministry common to all parishes – worship, service, formation and mission. As Vincentians, we seek to be open to other ministry possibilities that reflect our charism, especially to those who live their lives outside “Church” and to those who are disadvantaged within our society.