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TO all the Visitors and Vice-Visitors of the Congregation of the Mission

My dear Confreres:

May the grace and peace of the Risen Lord be with us forever!

I write to introduce and enclose the annual letter from Fr. Robert P. Maloney, C.M., on behalf of the Commission for Promoting Systemic Change announcing grants totalling \$100,000 (USD). These funds, made possible for the fifth consecutive year through a generous grant from a foundation, are earmarked for members of the Vincentian Family who are interested in starting or directing projects with the poor that promote systemic change.

One of the main outcomes from the 2010 General Assembly of the Congregation of the Mission was the decision to promote Systemic Change as a viable strategy for our apostolic endeavors. This goal is one we confreres willingly share with all members of the Vincentian Family so we can continue to be “good news” for the poor. Please study the criteria, procedures, and format for submitting a project proposal, and consider taking part in this worthwhile project.

As you know, I often travel to countries and continents to meet with confreres, Daughters of Charity, and members of the Vincentian Family to experience how they live out the charism of St. Vincent de Paul. Thus far in 2012, I have been to Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Greece, Macedonia, Kosovo, Albania, Canada, the USA, and Latin and Central America. I am continually edified and energized by the wonderful work done by Vincentian Family members to promote our charism. The grants offered by the Commission for Promoting Systemic Change provide another opportunity to serve the poor in a lasting and significant way. Please join me in continuing to entrust our efforts to Jesus, the Evangelizer of the Poor, and his Mother Mary, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

Your brother in St. Vincent,



G. Gregory Gay, C.M.
Superior General