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*To those responsible for various branches of the Vincentian Family:*

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Yasmine Cajuste,	President, Vincentian Marian Youth (1847)
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My very dear sisters and brothers,

May the peace of the Lord be with you in this Lenten time!

I am writing today to announce the offer of the 2012 start-up grants for systemic change projects. This is the fifth consecutive year in which a foundation is offering us \$100,000 to help begin systemic change projects. The foundation has asked the Commission for Promoting Systemic Change to work out the details about how the grants will be awarded.

I am attaching a list of the criteria that the Commission will use for deciding which projects will receive the grants, as well as the procedure and calendar to be followed as members of the various branches apply.

Please feel free to communicate the attached information about this year's offer to your members in any way that you judge appropriate. As you see in #5 of the procedures described below, members should not apply directly to the Commission. Rather, the international head of each branch will receive the applications from the members of his or her branch, will evaluate them, and will select up to three applications. We ask that the head of each branch then send these applications, by email, to the following address: [startupgrants@gmail.com](mailto:startupgrants@gmail.com). It is important that they be sent by email by September 1<sup>st</sup>. I will then forward them, for evaluation, **to the members of the Commission, who, as you know, are Rev. Norberto Carcellar, CM, Sr. Ellen Flynn, DC, Rev. Joseph Foley, CM, Mrs. Patricia Nava, AIC, Rev. Pedro Opeka, CM, Rev. Mr. Gene Smith, SSVP, and I.**

With you, I pray that the Lord will bless the poor through this offer which the foundation has so generously made.

Your brother in St. Vincent,



Robert P. Maloney, C.M.