

St. Vincent DePaul

R062-aa

Who will answer Mary's call to deeper devotion? Certainly the spiritually poor grow greater in numbers every day!

Our feelings for a caring presence outside of our self may be expanded upon in a safe mentoring place. The instrumental means is Mary, and Jesus, mentoring me in [The Least](#).

The church must be reformed. St. Vincent DePaul in his day reformed the church by reforming priests. Fr. Vincent set up charities to care for the materially poor. Priests of the Catholic Church followed his lead and formed leagues or societies, forerunners to our modern charities, within their parish to care for the destitute. It was by coming down off the altar and going among the people that the great need of poverty was witnessed firsthand that reformed the priests. As the priests changed the church changed, parish by parish. Today it is the spiritually poor and marginalized who must be served. Priests need to see the real needs of the people, the spiritually poor. St. Vincent was respectful of the role of the hierarchy even working for poor persons but also in unflinching and prophetic call to all hierarchical authority to live up to its responsibilities; failure to do so by laity, priest, pastor, bishop or pope would ultimately be judged by God awarded and punished appropriately with consequences for all eternity.