

CERTIFICATE IN CATHOLIC STUDIES (C.C.S.)

CCS-081 THE FOUNDERS OF THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

COURSE OUTLINE

In this course, we will familiarize ourselves with the founder of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam. When he was beatified in 1997, Pope John Paul II introduced him not only as a great scholar, but also as a model of courageous commitment capable of making a free and demanding speech heard in the search for truth. This intellectual was passionate about literature, spirituality and charity for all. So, let us find out who was this holy man whose works still exist today. We will also see the contribution of some influential characters in Frédéric's vision, namely Sister Rosalie Rendu, Saint Vincent de Paul and St. Francis of Assisi. In closing, we will see to what extent Frédéric and Pope John Paul II were of the same thought on the question of faith and reason. Good discoveries!

General Learning Outcomes

1. Know the great stages of the life of Blessed Frédéric Ozanam;
2. Discover the spirituality that animated him;
3. Examine the relevance of faith and reason in the way of seeing the world;
4. Explore the importance of key people in the foundation of the SSVP.

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Week 1: His Life

- To make an overview of the highlights of Frédéric's life;
- Appreciate the tense atmosphere between the Church and the academic community at the time.

Week 2: His Qualities

- To appreciate Frédéric's intellect;
- Understand the reasons it was celebrated in 2013;
- Appreciate its exemplary virtues.

Week 3 and 4: His Writings

- Understand the importance of letters for Frédéric;
- Explore two of his writings to discover the heart of this man.

Week 5 and 6: Franciscan Spirituality

- To understand who was St. Francis of Assisi and his influence on Frederick;

- Reflect on the famous prayer of St. Francis and his significance in the life of Frederick and meditate this prayer yourself.

Week 7: The SSVP is Founded

- Know the role of Sister Rosalie Rendu in the foundation of the SSVP;
- Appreciate the speed with which SSVP has spread around the world.

Week 8: Saint Vincent de Paul

- Know your life and your decision to devote yourself to the poor;
- Know his charities.

Week 9: The Spirit of Vincent de Paul

- Appreciate Vincent's vision of compassion for a follower of Christ.
- Make the connection between the work of the SSVP and Vincentian spirituality.

Week 10: Faith and Reason

- To understand that Frédéric defended the compatibility of faith and science.
- To understand that the Encyclical of Pope John Paul II defended this same principle

Basic Resources

Rule and By-Laws of St. Vincent De Paul Society Canada, Editions St. Vincent De Paul Society, Canada, 2017

References

Beaup, Mireille, Frédéric Ozanam, man of letters and researcher of God, Éditions Parole and Silence, Paris, 2017.

Bouchard, Françoise, Words and Spirits of Saint Vincent de Paul, Salvator Publishing, Paris, 2016.

Renouard, Jean-Pierre, Saint Vincent de Paul Master of wisdom, Éditions Nouvelle Cité, Bruyère-le-Châtel, 2010.

Assignments

This course includes ten lessons and ten assignments. Each assignment is worth 10% of the total score.

Technical Skills

1. You must have access to the Internet, a high speed ADSL connection or cable.
2. Know how to surf the web to find educational resources and download files.
3. Handle the management of the files, the creation of directories and save and find the files.
4. manipuler la gestion des dossiers, la création de directoires et sauvegarder et trouver les dossiers.