



## PRESS RELEASE

### **“Finding Vince 400” begins on October 18, the International Film Festival inspired by Saint Vincent de Paul**

**October 18 is the opening day of “*Finding Vince 400*” (FV400), the International Film Festival and Competition dedicated to Saint Vincent de Paul to talk about the globalization of charity, that will take place in Castel Gandolfo (Rome), at the Mariapoli Center, until Sunday, October 21.**

“Finding Vince 400” was officially presented in Rome in 2017 during the Symposium dedicated to the fourth centennial of the Vincentian charism: it will be a festival where the theme of the globalization of charity will be explored through all artistic languages during a competition. Creative artists, storytellers and screenwriters were asked to talk about poverty in a new and original way, through different artistic expressions. FV400 participants worked hard to change the way our society looks at poverty and the new forms of deprivation that are affecting men and women around the world and thus will convey the charism of the Vincentian Family to globalize charity through imagination and creativity. “Finding Vince 400” is not just cinema: next to feature-film and short-film screenings, debates will take place with the artists around art and the meaning of their work. The themes of poverty, compassion and communion with God will permeate every aspect of the Film Festival with the freshness of the Vincentian Charism: for instance, there will also be interactive exhibitions that will rely on the creativity of Festival participants. Artists, film-makers, historians, photographers, writers, artists who are willing to talk about their vocation will interact with the audience. Several internationally-acclaimed artists have participated in this initiative by sending their own personal message expressing their participation and closeness to Finding Vince 400 and who will be attending the Festival, including **Clarence Gilyard**, who is known in particular for his role as ranger James Trivette in *Walker Texas Ranger* and as the private investigator Conrad McMaster in *Matlock* and for having played roles in important films like *Die Hard* and **Sheree J. Wilson** mostly known for her performance as April Stevens in *Dallas* and Alexandra “Alex” Cahill-Walker in *Walker Texas Ranger*.

Among the artists who have enthusiastically supported **“Finding Vince 400”** we must mention **Martin Sheen** who, in his long career, has received six Emmy Award nominations as Best actor in a leading role in a tv series for his performance in the West Wing, for which he has also won a Golden Globe and two SAG Awards.

There is also great expectation for the presence of actor **Jim Caviezel**, who played Christ in Mel Gibson’s film *The Passion*, who will take part in a few events during the Festival and will share his testimony on **Saturday, 20 October in Rome**, at the Auditorium Conciliazione, when the Festival will “move” to the capital city for an event organized by the Vincentian Family together with the Synod of Bishops: **“When Charity Calls”**. This event is an opportunity to use the language of art to think about Charity and God’s love as it is lived in the poor and the outcast, that changed the life of Saint Vincent de Paul and is still calling men and women from around the world every day to counter new forms of poverty. **Jim Caviezel together with Piera degli Esposti, Massimo Popolizio, Sarah Maestri and Giovanni Scifoni, Ron and Gen Verde** with their presence will testify to the works of Saint Vincent de Paul, at the beginning of the fifth century of the Vincentian Charism, in a story told through images, music and entertainment directed by **Andrea Chiodi** and hosted by **Arianna Ciampoli**.

**Below you can find links to video messages supporting FV400:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxmNCElbs-c&app=desktop>

<https://vimeo.com/288107537>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HUpBMJm1bA>

**FV400 ACCREDITATION:** the Film Festival Media Room will be available for the entire duration of the event. To be accredited, please send an email by **Wednesday, October 17** to [elena@elenagrazini.it](mailto:elena@elenagrazini.it), or you can get accredited directly on site.

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