

Vincent visited galley prisoners who were forced to row the king's ships and tried to obtain better treatment for them.

When he grew up, Vincent became a priest. He wanted to devote his life to proclaiming the Word of God. The first place he preached was in the Queen's palace. She asked him to continue there.

One day a man fell over from exhaustion, Vincent saw this and took the man's place at the oars. The guards were surprised that anyone would treat a prisoner so kindly.

Vincent wanted to go and announce the Good News to the poor by showing them the Father's care through his own actions. The queen was sad but she let him go.

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With the help he received, Vincent was able to open schools, hospitals, and send Brothers and Sisters to visit prisoners.

To this day, there are the Sisters of Charity in many countries of the world who take care of people who are suffering. They serve the sick and poor with love.

Vincent went to a poor parish where there was an epidemic, which is a serious illness and many people were dying.

In Paris, Vincent provided a home for babies who had been abandoned by their parents. For parents who had no money Vincent found a house for them to get care.

Nobody wanted to bother with the sick but Vincent took care of them lovingly, the way Jesus would have done.

Many other families had broken down houses, Vincent tried to help them by having their houses repaired so that they would not catch cold in the winter.

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When Vincent was eight years old he tended sheep in the fields.

Many rich people were inspired by Vincent's example and sold their jewels and brought the money to Vincent.

He loved to look at the trees, the streams, and the flowers, and seeing their beauty, often prayed to God.

Soon other men and women joined Vincent because they wanted to help him take care of the poor.

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