All Things New Prayer
Drawn from The Vincentian Essential Virtues

Almighty Father, we beseech you to give each Vincentian the grace to grow in holiness and build your Kingdom with charity and virtue as we journey through All Things New.

Give us simplicity, helping us to seek the truth, express ourselves with honesty, frankness, and genuineness as we build trusting relationships in Your Name.

Grant us humility in accepting the truth about our frailties, gifts and talents, knowing that everything is from you Lord and is to be used for Your greater Glory.

Imbue us with an interior gentleness as we strive to show goodwill and offer ourselves with friendly assurance, peace, patience and kindness.

Help us to put others ahead of our own self-interests, making sacrifices for the greater good of Your Church, by generously sharing our time, talents, and treasure.

Instill in us a healthy zeal as missionary disciples so that we may nurture the full flourishing and eternal happiness of every person we meet.

We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

The Five Essential Vincentian Virtues
(Rule 2.51)
Helping Us Move Through All Things New

Simplicity
St. Vincent often said that simplicity was his favorite virtue. Simplicity is expressing ourselves honestly, with frankness, integrity, and genuineness. It is, as St. Vincent put it, “saying things simply, without duplicity or subtlety, being straightforward, with no evasion or subterfuge.” (As we meet and get to know other Conferences, living our Vincentian vocation with authenticity and integrity paves the way for constructive and productive discussions about mergers and other issues.)

Humility
St. Augustine once called humility “the foundation of all the other virtues.” With humility, Vincentians accept the truth about our frailties, gifts talents and charism, yet know that all that God gives us is for others and that we can achieve nothing of eternal value without His grace. St. Louise de Marillac suggested that “humility is the knowledge of truth.” (St. Thomas said pride is the “queen of all vices”. Self-interested motivations are antithetical to the Society and rarely contribute to successful solutions of the larger group. Let us keep the big picture in mind and strive, with earnest spirituality and friendship, to fulfill Society’s mission of serving our Neighbors.)
Gentleness
Our gentleness is expressed through a friendly assurance and invincible goodwill, which mean kindness, sweetness, and patience in our relationship with others. St. Vincent reminds us that this must be both interior and exterior; in other words, we don’t simply act patient and kind, we must truly be patient and kind! (When differences of opinion and difficult decisions or situations arise, we must seek Christ’s peace and exhibit kindness, sweetness, and patience with each and every one of our Vincentian sisters and brothers.)

Selflessness
Dying to our ego with a life of self-sacrifice; members share their time, their possessions, their talents and themselves in a spirit of generosity. (Adjusting to All Things New will take time, effort and a certain amount of sacrifice. Each Conference will need all its’ members to pitch in and help with whatever is required to successfully make to the transition to a new and better state.)

Zeal
Zeal, which St. Vincent once described as “the soul of all the virtues,” is a passion for the full flourishing and eternal happiness of every person. We must be careful not to ever separate our zeal from our love of the neighbor, lest it become scolding, or what Bl. Frederic called “the proud pharisaim of an indiscreet zeal.” (Enthusiasm for our faith and our vocation will be part of the “secret sauce” that brings us through All Things New. While change can be difficult, exciting possibilities exist for the future of all Conferences. It will be the attitude we choose that will make the difference whether we make a positive contribution and help bring a great possibility to existence)