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**SUPERIORE GENERALE**

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Dear students, staff, parents, and friends of Saint Vincent's College,

May the grace and peace of Jesus be always with us!

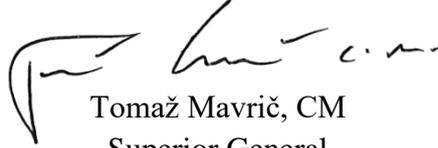
I received word today about the wonderful effort you have made to support our Vincentian Family members who are working day and night in Slovakia and Poland to assist the ever-increasing number of refugees fleeing Ukraine.

It was a past pupil from your College, Father Paul Roche, CM, who helped establish the Vincentian presence in Ukraine. Some of the parishes he set up, especially in the West, have become the first port of safety for so many of the people who now are displaced. In other parts of the country, where the situation is very perilous and our priests and sisters are in mortal danger, the Vincentian spirit of service to the poor has given them the courage to remain in their parishes and assist as many people as possible. I understand that a portion of the funds you raised already has been sent to one such priest serving the mission in Odessa, a city that is under great threat. Your concern for these people, matched with your actions in raising these funds, is certainly worthy of a Vincentian school.

I myself worked for many years in Ukraine, so at the moment my heart is, of course, heavy. However, knowing that young people like yourselves, with a desire for justice and peace in our world, are reaching out and helping our brothers and sisters in their time of need lifts my heart and gives me a great sense of hope for the future of our world.

As the 24<sup>th</sup> successor of Saint Vincent de Paul, whose spirit I know is alive and well in your school, I want to send my deep gratitude and ask God to bless each one of you for what you have done.

Your brother in Saint Vincent,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tomaž Mavrič, CM'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'T' and a long horizontal stroke.

Tomaž Mavrič, CM  
Superior General