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Reflecting on our inspiration

We have a number of days in May to celebrate, the life of St Louise de Marillac, the Feast of Pentecost, and the life of Mary, Jesus' mother. In the coming month of May, let's reflect on our inspiration for the work we do in the Society.

For all of us working in the St Vincent de Paul Society today, we have been inspired by those who came before us to lead us to be in this place together today. Our story is a story of inspiration. Our ultimate inspiration is the work of Jesus Christ who taught us to feed the poor and stand up for those who are marginalised. Down through the years, His disciples, the many Saints, St Vincent de Paul, St Louise de Marillac, Rosalie Rendu, Frederic Ozanam, Fr Gerald Ward, who founded the Society in Melbourne in 1854 and who our head office is named after, and those who have worked in the Society over the last centuries have formed a lineage of inspiration that leads us to all be here together today.

We all have a unique lineage of inspiration that leads us to be here. We are all inspired by different people, different stories and different types of belief. However, we all come into this same place together as a result of this great and wonderful work of those who have come before us.

For our much needed work to continue into the future, we in turn need to inspire others to come and take part in our Mission.

Question for Reflection and Discussion

Who are the characters in your own story who have inspired you to do the work you do?

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Write down a list of those names of all those people and reflect on what is about them that inspires you.

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Reflect on those who you work with in the Society today who inspire you.

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Who is that you yourself hope to inspire with the work you do?

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What can you do to inspire others to come and continue our work into the future?



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