

Spirituality of Curiosity

As the community of St. Vincent continues its journey on *Finding our Why*, let us do so with a sense of curiosity. We should allow this curiosity to make us more open to the answers that are revealed to us by the questions we ask. Moving through this process, as long as we keep curiosity at the forefront of our minds, we will be able to more clearly and deeply understand ourselves and each other. The hope is that the more we begin to understand, the more we will want to learn. Let this be the momentum that moves us forward.

When we proceed with a sense of curiosity, we will be energized to do the work that is before us. Truthfully, we are going to need a lot of energy to move us forward. First, because the task before all of us is challenging. We are not just discerning an individual vision, but rather, a collective vision. Some people might find it hard to express the ideas they have about our vision. While others may very well be able to express a vision, but neglect to recognize that someone else might see our vision differently.

We might become frustrated with a perceived sense of incohesiveness. No matter the challenges that lay ahead of us, we can overcome them by being curious. This can be done by eagerly exploring and accepting the answers we find, so that we might better become able to voice our vision. We can also patiently and openly listen to everyone's visions. We might very well see that, while we have different visions, they all have components that are conducive to helping construct a shared vision.

Additionally, the energy we harness with a sense of curiosity in this process must provide the momentum required to move beyond this process. It is important for us to take on the task at hand deliberately and with our entire focus. At the same time, we should recognize that even when we have successfully completed this phase, an exploration of what our future looks like is always an endeavor worth our curiosity.