



Many people have grown in their admiration and respect for Blessed Frederic Ozanam because of the inspiration and insights found in letters to his friends and family. The best collection of these letters in English is found in **A Life in Letters** edited by Fr. Joseph Dirvan which was commissioned and published by the National Council of the United States in 1986. This is a scholarly translation with annotations from the French of the most significant of his available letters written from 1821 to 1844.

Now out of print and increasingly difficult to obtain, we are pleased to announce that DePaul University agreed to digitize **A Life in Letters** and make it available online. It is now downloadable without cost as a pdf at this site: http://via.library.depaul.edu/ozanam_law/1/ You may want to download the individual chapters to keep the file size manageable.

Although this collection does not contain letters from the last ten years of Ozanam's life and does not include letters of limited interest it is still the best collection available in English. In recent years the complete, scholarly collections of his letters has been published but are only available in French and Spanish. Hopefully someday an English edition can be arranged so that we may further appreciate the work and thought of the principal founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

This is a great example of the kind of collaboration within the Vincentian Family that enriches us all. The DePaul University site, known as "Via Sapientiae" also has other excellent resources including Sr. Louise Sullivan's biography of Sr. Rosalie Rendu which can be downloaded for free at this address: http://via.library.depaul.edu/vincentian_ebooks/5/ The site also contains the complete eleven volume edition of St. Vincent de Paul's writings and conferences: http://via.library.depaul.edu/vincentian_ebooks/

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