

How to Get Started with the Vincentian Wiki

What is a wiki?

A wiki is a web page that anyone can edit. The name wiki itself comes from the Hawaiian expression wiki, meaning "quick". Wikipedia, the Internet's largest encyclopedia, is one of the best known wikis today.

Information needs to be easily communicated, readily accessible, and regularly updated. Wikis can help do this. They allow for more people to contribute, learn, and benefit. Wikis encourage collaboration and community, by co-creating content and sharing it with everyone.

A ready pool of knowledge exists inside the Vincentian Family. By using the VincentWiki <http://famvin.org/wiki> (also known as the Vincentian Encyclopedia), our knowledge can be captured, collaborated on, and shared.

What are the advantages?

- Wikis are easy to use.
- Wikis allow for efficient long-distance collaboration. Anyone who is online can edit them, anyone can contribute to or learn from them.
- Wikis save you time and resources. If you use a wiki then you aren't revising printed material or sending out endless e-mails.

What can I use a wiki for?

Here are some examples:

- Event Planning: Use the wiki for program planning, note taking, and as a place to record logistical details.
- Conferences: During a conference or event, try having designated note takers start a new page on the wiki and capture notes during the session instead of using traditional resource materials such as handouts and brochures.
- Group projects: brainstorm and work on a wiki page.
- Best practices: Create a wiki of best practices. Users would add their examples and ideas
- Share your mission and goals

How do I start?

Go to <http://famvin.org/wiki> and click on "create account" at the upper right of the screen. Follow the instructions to create your login and password. If you need further help, go to the Tools menu on the left sidebar area and click on Help.