



BOARD RESOLUTION PATHWAYS TO PROGRESS COLLABORATION

At the Thursday, September 22, 2016 meeting of Board of Directors of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis the following recommendation was proposed and approved.

WHEREAS: The Rule of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul ["the Society"] calls us to take care of the immediate needs of neighbors in need, while at the same time trying to help them "forge and change their own destinies and that of their local community" [Rule I, 1.10 Self-Sufficiency], an effort that today we call "systemic change, and

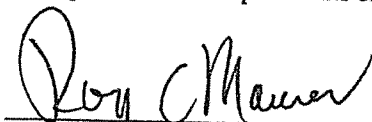
WHEREAS: We recognize that the Society's ability to provide for basic needs plays a very essential role in systemic change efforts, and

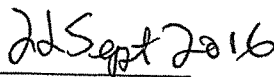
WHEREAS: We also recognize that systemic change requires skills and resources that are far beyond the Society's abilities and scope, and that the only viable approach to systemic change is to create collaborations with other social service and charitable organizations who can provide the complementary skills and resources needed by neighbors in need, and

WHEREAS: Catholic Charities has begun an initiative (Pathways to Progress) for systemic change, and has agreed to serve as the lead agency in organizing the collaborative partnerships necessary for effective, sustainable systemic change in families, and has asked the Society to be a collaborative partner in providing for the basic needs of families in the Pathways to Progress effort.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Society agrees to be a collaborative partner with Catholic Charities in the Pathways to Progress initiative, providing for the basic needs of Pathways members, regardless of whether the members were referred by the Society or by other agencies, and this collaboration will continue until such time as the Society determines it is no longer an effective collaboration, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Society will set aside funding, the amount to be determined each fiscal year during the budgeting process, such funds to be specifically restricted to providing for the basic needs of Pathways to Progress member families, and such funds will be expended in ways entirely consistent with the usual practices and requirements of the Society.


Board Secretary


Date