

BOARD RESOLUTION HOMELESS AND HOUSING TASK FORCE

In September 2018, the President of the Board of Directors of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis, appointed a Homeless and Housing Task Force and proposed the following recommendation to be approved by the Board:

WHEREAS, the mission of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul is to serve the poor as we strive to grow in holiness inspired by gospel values;

WHEREAS, the purpose and scope of our service to the poor includes the promotion of self-sufficiency as stipulated in the *Rule of St. Vincent De Paul*;

WHEREAS, providing shelter and housing assistance to the homeless and those at the verge of homelessness promotes self-sufficiency and enhances human dignity;

WHEREAS, there are thousands of homeless neighbors in critical need of shelter and stable housing in the St. Louis Archdiocesan Council;

WHEREAS, the President of the Board of Directors of the Society, in September 2018, appointed a Homeless and Housing Task Force to explore and recommend housing approaches to address the needs of Conferences helping to house neighbors across the Archdiocesan Council while making the best use of the Society's strengths and resources;

WHEREAS, this task force and its functions must be formally approved by the board;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul hereby approves the Homeless and Housing Task force earlier appointed by the President. The Board also approves the duties and responsibilities aforementioned consistent with stipulations for planning new programs as stated in chapter 5 of the *Governance: Council and Board Leadership* handbook of St. Vincent De Paul Society.

Board Secretary

16/26/2019 Date