



BOARD RESOLUTION
CRISIS PREGNANCY SUPPORT INITIATIVE

At the Thursday, January 23, 2020, 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 Society of St. Vincent de Paul [SVdP] supports the St. Louis Archdiocese's efforts to protect the unborn from abortion and to support mothers who are at risk of choosing abortion; and,

WHEREAS, one of the most frequent reasons women seek abortions is they believe they cannot financially and emotionally support their child. While the St. Louis area has several Pregnancy Care Centers [PCC] which provide counseling and alternatives to abortion, they often struggle to provide the emergency financial assistance many need to make the choice to protect their babies; and,

WHEREAS, a woman considering abortion needs support with basic needs (housing, food, emotional) met in a timely manner; and,

WHEREAS, SVdP Conference assistance to a woman considering abortion could, at times, be delayed or missed because of high demand and limited resources creating a risk that the woman would choose abortion out of desperation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Archdiocesan SVdP Council supports the forming of a **CRISIS PREGNANCY SUPPORT INITIATIVE** to give pregnant women-in-need prompt, live-saving attention:

- Pregnant women are referred to SVdP through local PCC partnerships, and the Society provides basic needs support throughout the term of the pregnancy and after birth, through existing programs; and the PCCs provide on-going counseling and support for the same period of time;
- Vincentians will be recruited and trained to function as Life Coordinators to facilitate assistance through appropriate Conference(s) to ensure basic needs are met in a timely manner and support the woman throughout her pregnancy and after birth;
- Conferences may elect to form Special Works to support women in need faced with crisis pregnancies.

John J. Holt
Board Secretary

1/23/2020
Date