



BOARD RESOLUTION

SHARING CONFERENCE ACTIVITY REPORT (CAR) FINANCIAL DATA

At the Thursday, July 25, 2024, 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 is One Society and working together as a National Organization is necessary to achieve real strategic Impact (Vision Statement, John Barry, National President, Society of St. Vincent DePaul). In the same vein, the St. Louis Archdiocesan Council is One entity and working together is necessary to achieve real strategic impact, and

WHEREAS, at the Thursday July 27, 2023, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis approved the Resolution on Council and Conference Spending, as follows:

The Board of Directors approves allocation of reserves to various budgets to support the efforts of the Archdiocesan Council to help those District Councils with Conferences who are unable, on their own, to care for the poor who come to their door. Bearing in mind the role of Subsidiarity, the guidelines for how this money is used is proposed as follows:

1. Conferences have a prime responsibility to raise money, make decisions about what can be done to care for the poor, and spend this money to care for the poor.
2. The Archdiocesan Council also raises money from its Development efforts and Program incomes.
3. All money raised is an asset of the Society for use to help the poor.
4. If a Conference has insufficient resources to adequately help the poor it should first seek help through the local District President. Conferences should refer to the Twinning Policy for twinning procedures.
5. Rule Part III Statute 24 gives the District Council the Authority to manage the Society's Assets within its District Conferences.
6. The Archdiocesan Council primarily provides governance, reporting, tax preparation, guidance, formation, and support to the Conferences through the District Councils.
7. Both the District Council and the Archdiocesan Council support, but do not supplant, the work and funding of the Conferences.
8. The Society of St Vincent de Paul is to spend the money made available by donors or by Conference fundraising to take care of the poor (Manual Chapter 2 p 26);
9. Members of the Society and staff rely on the providence of God to provide what they need;
10. We will never have enough money to care for all the needs of all the poor;
11. Conferences and Councils are to avoid "saving money for a rainy day" – a guideline is that Conferences are expected to have no more than 1 quarter's worth of cash on hand (Manual 2.1 and Rule: Part III, Statute 24)
12. Conferences should always seek a way to "yes". When unable to get to "yes" based on their own resources they can seek funding (twinning) from their District President.

WHEREAS, At the Thursday July 27, 2023, the Board approved the Resolution on Twinning which detailed our Twinning Policy and established Twinning Guidelines,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the St. Louis Archdiocesan Council of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul approves sharing each conference's Conference Activity Report (CAR) financial data to include Total Assets with Endowments, Total Quarter Receipts, Total Quarter Expenses, Quarter Twinning, Twinning Received in the Quarter, and the number of Quarters of Cash on Hand at the end of the Quarter.

1. Each conference President/ Treasurer will submit to the Vincentian Services department a complete quarterly CAR report within 30 days following the close of the quarter.
2. The Vincentian Services department will send the District Quarter Summary report for all conferences to each of the District Presidents. The District Presidents may share this information with individual conferences as needed.
3. This information will also be shared with all Board members.



Board Secretary

Date: July 25, 2024