



**BOARD RESOLUTION
COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT REORGANIZATION OF THE
ST. LOUIS ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL**

At the Thursday, January 30, 2025 meeting of the 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 Archdiocese of St. Louis reduced the number of parishes by approximately 25%; and

WHEREAS this reduction in parishes resulted in a similar reduction in SVdP Conferences; and

WHEREAS the Strategic Plan (goal 1-5e) calls for the creation of a Vincentian subcommittee for Conference and District Reorganization; and

WHEREAS our Rule indicates:

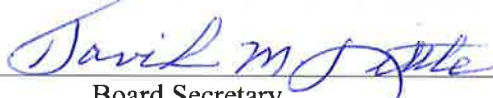
- Conferences are genuine communities of faith and love, of prayer and action. Spiritual bonds and friendship between members are essential, as is the common mission to help the poor and marginalized. The entire Society is a true and unique worldwide Community of Vincentian friends.
- District Councils should have a minimum of three Conferences and ideally a maximum of twelve. (Part III, Statute 10)
- Councils exist to serve all the Conferences they coordinate. They help the Conferences to develop their spiritual life, to intensify their service and to diversify their activities so that they may always be responsive to the needs of those who suffer;

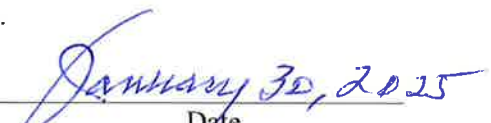
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approves the establishment of a Committee for District Reorganization with the following directives:

- Review the current Districts.
- Consider consolidations and redistricting where necessary, with an emphasis on creating strong, diversified Districts comprised of Conferences able to support each other and the poor.
- Include a prioritization and proposed timeline for reorganization that considers the current needs of the Conferences as well as the terms of the elected District Presidents.
- Make recommendations to the Executive Committee for the reorganization of Districts by July 1, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- The Chair of the Committee will be appointed by the President.
- The Committee will be comprised of Vincentians (including District Presidents and Conference Officers) and Council Staff.
- The Committee will have a maximum of 11 members.


Board Secretary


Date