



BOARD RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE TWINNING POLICY

WHEREAS, At the Thursday July 27, 2023, meeting of Board of Directors of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis the current Twinning Policy was approved.

Since that time, the policy has generally been followed with some adjustments made in procedure. The modifications to the current policy begin in the section titled **Each District should have a designated Twinning Coordinator**

Policy Statement:

1. Twinning is often required to adequately meet the needs of the poor. It is the needs of the poor that spurs Conferences, Districts and the Council to assist other Conference or Districts with less resources or in challenging situations. (Rule I:4.1, pg. 13)
2. The Society embraces the principle of subsidiarity as its basic standard of operation (Rule, I:3.9, pg. 12). The principle of subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society (such as the Council or District Council) should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions (such as Conferences). Decisions are made as close as possible to the need to ensure local environmental circumstances (cultural, social, political, etc.) are considered. However, larger institutions have essential responsibilities when the more local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human need and advance common good.

Reason for Policy:

To provide a consistent, methodical approach to financial twinning between Conferences, Districts and the Council.

The SVdP Rule and Manual provide guidance:

Twinning promotes spirituality, deep friendship, solidarity, and mutual help. Funds and other material resources can be provided to enable a Conference, District or Council to help local families. Even more important is support given through prayer, as well as through mutual communication regarding what has been accomplished and what is happening among Vincentians in each area, including news about persons and families. (Rule 4:1.1, pg. 14)

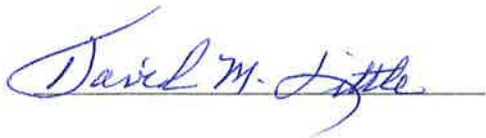
- Donations to Conferences are meant to address today's needs.

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How to Seek Financial Twinning

- The request for twinning should tell the Neighbor's story to explain the need, the amount the Conference can tribute toward the expense, the Conference's current bank balance, and where to send the check or electronic transfer.
- Step 1: When twinning is needed, the Conference President should reach out to the District President or the District Twinning Coordinator, and the District President/District Twinning Coordinator will send the request to the other Conferences within the District.
- Step 2: If within-District twinning does not meet the financial need, the District President will send the request to the Area Wide Twinning Coordinator who will forward the request to all other District Presidents/ District Twinning Coordinators for assistance. The District Presidents/ District Twinning Coordinators will then send the request to each of their Conference Presidents.

The guidelines clarified and established by this Resolution are to be implemented no later than October 1, 2025.



Board Secretary

Date: 