



## VATICAN: COR UNUM MEETING



The XCXVIII Plenary Assembly of COR UNUM Pontifical Council of which our General President is a member, by appointment of the Holy Father, took place in Rome.

On this occasion, the General President, having to leave Rome early, was accompanied by the President of the Territorial Technical Commission, Mr. Michael Thio, who was then received in audience by the Holy Father.

The Pontifical Council gathered to examine, in depth, the Encyclical « Caritas in Veritate ».

The President of the Pontifical Council, His Eminence the Cardinal CORDES, has delivered a very important speech on the Encyclical. It is possible to find these comments on the Pontifical Council's web page. ([www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va))





## MERGER IN FRANCE



On 7<sup>th</sup> November, the General Assemblies of the Federation of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul and the Union of French Charity Work of Saint Vincent de Paul took place in France in order to approve the merger of these two organizations; an event which had been eagerly anticipated by the Council General of the Society as well as by the majority of our French Brothers and Sisters.

These two institutions have approved, by majority, this merger which will only be positive regarding the service of our own Brothers and Sisters as well as to the most deprived.

The Council General, through the President, congratulated the two institutions for reaching the aforementioned agreement.

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## NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IN NEW ZEALAND



The Society of St Vincent de Paul in New Zealand has a new National President.

The Society's recent AGM held in Napier elected Michael Hanrahan of Ashburton as president for a three year term.

Mr Hanrahan said he had no personal grand vision for the future of the Society. "That vision was set in Paris in 1833 and needs no change," he said.

However, he said he was committed to implementing the strategic plan recently adopted by the Society to enable it to help the needy of New Zealand in a more effective manner. Improving the provision of spiritual direction to members, raising the profile of the organisation both within the church and in the wider community, and making the Society more attractive to younger members, particularly young adults, were all important parts of the strategic plan, he said.



## COMMUNIQUÉS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL

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"We must not be afraid to take risks as we seek to become a more effective agent for helping the needy, but at the same time our actions must remain firmly rooted in the Faith and in the vision of our founders."

Mr Hanrahan is a member of Holy Name Conference, Ashburton and has served as President of that Conference, and more recently for four years as president of the Society's South & Mid Canterbury Area Council.

Council General welcomes Mr. Hanrahan warmly and wishes him the best for his new service!

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