



## **Annex 3: PROPOSED ACTION PROGRAMME**

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*Motto: "Although they speak different languages, their hands always meet with such fraternal warmth that they could easily recognise us by the same sign by which they recognised the first Christians: See how they love each other!"  
Federico Ozanam, Pisa 1853.*

Our Rule tells us that "the President General embodies the unity of the Society throughout the world". If elected as servant leader, I will faithfully promote this unity with a team dedicated to the spiritual growth of our members and loyalty to the Rule.

My strategic priorities are rooted in the SSVP Rule, which underpins our unity and friendship.

### **The Rule states: "Vincentians are called upon to walk together towards holiness"**

- 1) Establish a worldwide programme of spiritual empowerment called "Growing Together in Faith", in view of the forthcoming sanctification of F. Ozanam.
- 2) Promote an environment where prayer, action and giving out of love are inseparable in the formation and functioning of the Conferences.
- 3) Foster the second network of charity - charity among members - as practised by our founders and based on a fraternal warmth that encourages a healthy growth of the Conferences.
- 4) Continue the work of the Historical Commission to create a digital library that serves all countries and contains the most important Vincentian works.

### **The Rule tells us that Blessed Frederic Ozanam "dreamed of establishing a network of charity and social justice that would embrace the world..."**

- 1) To organise an International Vincentian Day every year in an important city on each continent, an event with worldwide repercussions that raises awareness about the SSVP and its social action, in addition to raising funds.
- 2) Strengthen our presence in international organisations and our external communication.
- 3) Evaluate the needs of the National Councils so that the General Council can provide a better service.
- 4) Strengthen support for international Vincentian social action projects. Encourage twinning.
- 5) Seek the collaboration of the Church and other related institutions for creating new Conferences.
- 6) Continue to establish collaboration agreements with other institutions, in order to achieve greater dissemination and effectiveness in our joint work, while fulfilling the aims of the SSVP.

### **The Rule says: "Younger Vincentians keep the Society young. They see with new eyes and often see beyond appearances"**

- 1) Encourage the Vincentian youth to attend local and international events and activities.
- 2) Organise international exchanges to support local Vincentian missions.
- 3) Maintain and strengthen the Vincentian Youth Day by providing a budget and fundraising to finance youth activities.

### **The Rule tells us: "True to the spirit of its founders, the Society constantly strives to renew itself and to adapt to changing conditions"**

- 1) Set up a team to explore creative methods of funding, whether through mini-grants or donations, so that Councils and Conferences can address the changing types of poverty they face and raise resources to fund their initiatives.
- 2) Revise the IGC Annual Report to aggregate, for information purposes, the Annual Accounts of all National Councils, in order to demonstrate the global impact that SSVP has around the world, increase its credibility and allow us to apply for greater support, both financial and otherwise.
- 3) Modernise record-keeping and the processes for applying for aggregation used by the IGC office.
- 4) Review and, if necessary, amend the international statutes, for better governance and unity of the SSVP.