



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SSVP) AND THE RELIGIOUS OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (RSV)

Considering the historical relationships that exist between the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP)** and the **Religious of St. Vincent de Paul** since their foundation and their membership of the great Vincentian Family;

Considering that soon after the foundation of the SSVP in August 1833, **Jean-Léon Le Prevost** joined **Antoine Frederic Ozanam** and the **other founding members** in collaborating in the development of the SSVP, dedicating himself to the works of evangelisation of the popular media in Paris and encouraging the Society (then called the "Conference of Charity") to place itself under the protection of Saint Vincent de Paul who then took his name;

Considering that in 1845 all the first religious and the works that gave birth to the **Brothers (Religious) of St. Vincent de Paul** came from the **SSVP** and that in the year 2020 the jubilee of 175 years of foundation will be celebrated.

Recognizing as a grace of God the birth of these two branches united by history; desiring to revalue these relationships that bind us and that deserve to be preserved in order to allow the two institutions to support each other in their specific and distinct mission;

As a sign to celebrate this covenant, the two branches decide to sign an INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AGREEMENT.

The document is signed by **Father Bertin Sanon**, Superior General of the Religious of St. Vincent de Paul (RSV), an institute of pontifical right recognized by the Holy See, with its headquarters in Rome, via Palestro, 26, and by **brother Renato Lima de Oliveira**, on behalf of the International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP), recognized by French law and by the Catholic Church as a civil association of lay faithful, with its headquarters in Paris, at 6 rue de Londres, France.

This agreement contains the following clauses:

FIRST CLAUSE

RSVs and SSVP wish to work closely together on the following strategic lines of action:

- a) Common working meetings in the countries where the two organisations are present.
- b) Vincentian formation meetings in the countries where the two organizations are present.
- c) International collaboration aimed at supporting each other by sharing the work done in each of the two branches.

- d) Exchange of information and collaboration in the causes of canonization of its members and founders.
- e) To make Jean-Léon Le Prevost better known in the international SSVP by celebrating together, in 2024, the "Year of Jean-Léon Le Prevost" on the occasion of the anniversary of his pious death.
- f) Production of Vincentian brochures and formation videos of common interest.
- g) Dissemination of the history of the founders of the two branches in order to make known their respective charisms, the common history, facilitating access to the biographies and publications on the founders.
- h) To promote new religious, missionary and lay vocations.
- i) Carry out programs of activities to encourage young people to get to know the religious life and to arouse new vocations.
- j) Use our websites to publish articles and documents of common formation.
- k) To offer the necessary support of partnership to help existing works and to collaborate in the new implantations and expansion of both entities in countries where they are not yet present.
- l) Other common actions and initiatives, deliberated by the heads of both institutions.

SECOND CLAUSE

The two organizations commit themselves to evaluate, periodically, the common actions and to inform the other members of the great Vincentian Family.

THIRD CLAUSE

This "International Collaboration Agreement" gives full freedom in its application at the national level where the two branches are present.

FOURTH CLAUSE

This agreement is valid for five years and may be renewed.

This bipartite agreement is signed in Porto, Portugal, on 14 June 2019.



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Religious of Saint Vincent de Paul



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