



Society of St Vincent de Paul
Council General International

2017 Activity Report

Council General International's Key Achievements

- Four board meetings held in February, June, September and December, in Paris
- Major international events:
 - ✓ 6th SSVP Ibero-American Meeting (29 attending countries), in Quito (Ecuador).
 - ✓ 2nd SSVP Lusophone Countries Summit (six attending countries), in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).
- Working commissions are set up for specific purposes, namely the crowdfunding guidelines for Conferences).
- On January 31st, President General's circular letter is published in seven languages.
- In June, Council General's extended annual meeting (Permanent Section and International Executive Committee) was held in Paris, broadcast live on Ozanam TV.
- Vincentian Family: 400th anniversary of the charism; symposium in Rome (October); as well as various FAMVIN's commission meetings.
- SSVP's active engagement in UN forums (Paris, New York and Geneva).
- President General's missionary trips to 16 countries: United States, Portugal, Spain, Italy, India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, New Zealand, Australia, Chile, Brazil, Canada, Panama, Ecuador, the Netherlands and Belgium.
- Council General's back-office established in Brasilia.
- Launch of International Themed Year of Emmanuel Bailly, along with "The First Conference" international literary contest. Visit to Bailly's tomb.
- Meetings with Pope Francis in March and October: reports were delivered to the Holy Father on the work undertaken by the SSVP in China and on Ozanam's canonization process.
- The SSVP's mission, vision and values were redefined. Ten-item strategic planning was drawn up.
- *Ozanam Network* quarterly digital magazine: 4 issues.
- Weekly spiritual readings published on the international website (www.ssvpglobal.org).
- Launch of "Praying in Unity 10-20-30" (Vincentian byzantine rosary).
- On the 20th anniversary of the Beatification of Frédéric Ozanam, launch of new publications: *Frédéric Ozanam: Professor at the Sorbonne, His Life and Works Ozanam*, translated into Spanish and written by Kathleen O'Meara in 1876; *Passion for Charity and Justice; Federico Ozanam y la Rerum novarum* (in Portuguese and Spanish); and *Anecdotario de Federico Ozanam* (Frédéric Ozanam's anecdotes), sponsored by Spain's Superior Council.
- 3-minute video recording: *Lugares Vicentinos en París* (Vincentian landmarks), sponsored by Spain's Superior Council.
- 2017's Christmas message recording in five languages.



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- Celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Beatification of Frédéric Ozanam, with a mass at Saint-Joseph-des-Carmes Church (Paris), broadcast live on Ozanam TV.
- First stage of “Reaggregating Conferences” Project for the following countries: Poland, Malta, Bolivia, Guyana, Malawi, Ivory Coast, Nepal, Taiwan, Fiji and Samoa.
- The SSVP’s International Youth Day is established on July 4th, to be celebrated each year.
- Launch of “Charity in Hope” Medal, to be awarded as of 2018.
- Consolidating the role of the General Mediation, in charge of 70 disputes, 95% of which were settled in 90 days.
- “SSVP Plus” Project: Albania and Liberia (new SSVP countries).
- Group health and life insurance for members within the International Structure: Territorial Vice Presidents and Zone Coordinators.
- CIAD’s Support: **904,000€** allocated to projects focused on the Systemic Change, National Councils’ empowerment, SSVP’s expansion and emergency relief, via the Fund for International Solidarity (FIS).
- Letters submitted: 60.

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16th President General

SSVP Statistics

- 800,000 members
- 50,000 Vincentian Conferences
- 153 territories
- 30 million people annually assisted