

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - International General Council Proposed Action Plan for the CGI Presidency 2023-2029

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It is with great joy that I propose a set of priorities which I consider important for the International General Council in the coming years. I am happy to work on the points presented below with whoever is elected president.

Regaining the number of members and conferences we lost during the pandemic.

The pandemic has caused a reduction in conferences worldwide, as well as a decline in member participation. Strategies need to be implemented to win back conferences and their members through communication campaigns at all levels of the Society.

Continue to increase SSVV presence in countries.

The SSVV has increased its presence in many countries in recent years. However, there are still several countries where we can increase or strengthen our presence. We need to work with the Vincentian Family and with bishops to achieve SSVV presence all over the world.

Legalization of the SSVV

LEGALISE THE SSVV IN THOSE COUNTRIES THAT HAVE NOT YET DONE SO, PROVIDING THE NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR THIS TO HAPPEN.

ASK THE AUTHORITIES OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TO SUPPORT AND VALUE THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCES IN THE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES, WITHOUT LOSING THEIR INDEPENDENCE.

STRENGTHEN THE SSVV IN COUNTRIES WHERE IT IS WEAK OR AT RISK OF DISAPPEARING.

Training the members.

Training will always be a priority in our Vincentian branches. I understand that the training courses need to be worked on, giving them a more modern touch, both in terms of content and form. I propose that the training committee be strengthened so that this objective can be achieved, continuing the excellent work done in recent years by our sister Marisa Téllez..

Internal and external communication.

Communication is a challenge in all international institutions, both because of the complexity of different languages and cultures, and because of the difficulties in ensuring that everyone has access to digital media. We must invest in communication infrastructure and content so as to provide all members with the news, training and institutional support they need.

IMPLEMENT NEW WAYS OF PROMOTING THE SSVV WORLDWIDE THAT ARE AIMED MORE AT YOUNG PEOPLE, SO THAT THE CONFERENCES DO NOT DISAPPEAR.

CREATE WORKING AND SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS WITH HUMANITARIAN AID INSTITUTIONS IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE HELP GIVEN TO THOSE IN NEED.

Make the SSVV known to all the religious orders in all the countries where it is present, so that our brothers and sisters in the various conferences do not encounter obstacles while performing their mission

Strengthen our presence in the Vincentian Family.

The Vincentian Family has always been a source of inspiration and work for the SSVV. For this reason, we must work closely with the Vincentian Family in all regions of the world, to increase coordination and strategies for growth and **formación**.

May God inspire the SSVV all over the world, so that we can work together for its future and maintain the spirit of friendship that we have always had in the past.

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