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EDITORIAL

THE WORLD, A BETTER PLACE

Dear friends:

As I do every year, I am delighted to share the 2025 Annual Report of the International Confederation of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul with our brothers and sisters, volunteers, partners, staff, private and public organisations, friends, and with all those who have supported us throughout this year. Thank you on behalf of those who have no voice, because this commitment brings relief to so many people and helps them regain hope.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a humanitarian and charitable association governed by civil law, with a history spanning one hundred and ninety-three years, founded by Frédéric Ozanam in Paris with a group of friends. It is made up of lay Catholics who come together in prayer and action groups known as Conferences, to achieve a more socially just society in accordance with the Social Doctrine of the Church, and one that is less dependent on welfare handouts. It is currently active in 155 countries, with 800,000 members and over 1.5 million volunteers, and a social investment of around 1,850 million euros.

The Annual Report covers the social and economic activities carried out during the financial year 2025, a year marked within the Church community by the death of Pope Francis and the accession of Leo XIV to the Chair of St Peter, the first pontiff from the Order of St Augustine.

The figures on social activity mean almost nothing on their own. We cannot measure ourselves by the kilograms of food, medicines or clothing we provide. Material aid is fundamental; it is a work of mercy, but only when accompanied by spiritual support and the holistic development of the individual and their autonomy, regardless of their religion, beliefs, colour, race or other unspecified circumstances.

To this end, we have launched the Global Foundation of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, with the aim of raising both financial and human resources, for disaster relief and to support development projects in line with the Social Doctrine of the Church—of which our founder, Frédéric Ozanam, was a forerunner—and which seeks, as its ultimate goal, the development of all dimensions of the person—physical, moral, intellectual and spiritual—and their empowerment to transform the world into a better place.

Thank you once again to all those who continue to join us and place their trust in us, for without your commitment it would not be possible to carry out the work we present here.

JUAN MANUEL B. GÓMEZ
XVII INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT





SSVP International Meeting, Cape Town, June 2025

WHAT IS THE SSVP?

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is a humanitarian and social welfare organisation governed by civil law. It was founded in 1833 by Frédéric Ozanam and a group of friends in Paris. At the heart of the SSVP are the 'Conferences', groups of friends who wish to improve their own lives and those of others by bringing relief to those who are suffering, both personally and spiritually, through personal contact.

Over 5,000 special works and 18,000 social projects

The SSVP runs a wide variety of special works and social projects that care for and support those in need: schools, orphanages, soup kitchens, hospitals, nurseries, care homes for the elderly, and many more!

THE CGI: JOINING FORCES TO SERVE BETTER AROUND THE WORLD

The International Council General brings together representatives of the Society from member countries, who work together to guide and support the SSVP's activities worldwide, ensuring that every service consistently maintains the quality and integrity of its mission of solidarity.

THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT GENERAL: THE BINDING FORCE OF OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY

The International President General (PGI) is democratically elected by the national presidents. Through his service, he represents the SSVP and is the guardian of its unity in every corner of the world.

SSVP STATISTICS

155 COUNTRIES
AND TERRITORIES

AMERICA
36
COUNTRIES

EUROPE
33
COUNTRIES

ASIA AND MENA
34
COUNTRIES

AFRICA
42
COUNTRIES

OCEANIA
10
COUNTRIES

MENA: MIDDLE EAST AND
NORTH AFRICA

€1,850,000,000

IN DIRECT AID AND SOCIAL ACTION

800,000

MEMBERS

1,500,000

VOLUNTEERS

46,000

CONFERENCES

30,000,000

PEOPLE ASSISTED

5,000

SPECIAL PROJECTS

18,000

SOCIAL PROJECTS



Preparing the ground. Sri Lanka

AREAS OF ACTION

VISITS AND ESSENTIAL ASSISTANCE

This is the SSVP's longest-standing activity, the one that best defines us and forms the core of our social work. It involves going out to meet the people we support, whether at their home or in any other place of residence.

It enables us to forge a bond of equals, from person to person, from heart to heart. Respect and dedication, listening without judgement, are the most effective ways to help our neighbours regain their dignity and hope. We support the most vulnerable fami-

lies with direct aid in the form of food, clothing and household items, either by sharing these during regular visits, or through facilities such as soup kitchens, charity shops and clothing banks. There are also numerous day centres for homeless people.

LIEUX SOURIRE FRANCE

In France, there are more than 40 Lieux Sourire, literally 'Smile Places'.

Since the first one was set up in Sisteron, these spaces have spread throughout the country. In 2025 alone, new "Lieux Sourire" opened their doors, offering a free, welcoming and open space for everyone.

Cafés, libraries, clothing banks and other resources all share the same aim: to listen, welcome and build connections. Beyond providing material support, they are spaces for meeting and dialogue where volunteers and those receiving support can share experiences and interact in a warm and respectful atmosphere.

Complementing this initiative are the 'Camionnettes Sourire' (Smile Vans), which bring the same to those who find it difficult to travel, reaching people living on the streets or in more isolated areas. In this way, spaces for meeting, connection and support are created precisely where they are most needed.



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AREAS OF ACTION

EDUCATION, CHILDREN AND YOUTH

We support children and young people in their education and personal development through academic support activities and training workshops, social and employment integration projects, and welfare programmes. We operate specialised centres for children, orphanages and a network of schools and colleges.



INVESTING IN LIFE BRAZIL

In Brazil (the country with the largest number of Conferences in the world), the Investing in Life project stems from the conviction that education is one of the most effective means of breaking the cycles of poverty and creating new prospects for those supported. The initiative aims not only to meet immediate needs but also to promote structural changes in the lives of the families supported by the Conferences. Scholarships are awarded for vocational training or higher education courses, which can be undertaken either face-to-face or via distance learning. The aim is to prepare beneficiaries for the labour market, broadening their opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Among the beneficiaries, Lays, aged 19, would have had to give up her dream of studying production engineering without this providential support. “What I felt most was gratitude and great happiness at knowing that I could make my greatest dream come true and specialise in the field I am most passionate about. My intention is to continue studying and find a good job in this field,” she says, adding that she is going to study at the Doctum Faculty.

ST VINCENT SCHOOL LEBANON

The SSVP in Lebanon is dedicated to ensuring equal access to quality education, with the aim of breaking the cycle of poverty. Within this framework, the St Vincent de Paul School is a free primary school for 575 children, from nursery through to Year 6. It was founded in 1861 in Beirut, was demolished during the 1975–1990 war and, in 1992, was relocated to become part of the Frédéric Ozanam Socio-Educational Centre in Burj Hammoud.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE SOUTH SUDAN

The Lologo Centre for Training and Community Development (CFPDC) was established in 2007 in a slum area of the capital, Juba. It provides free one-year vocational training (construction, electricity, welding, refrigeration, car mechanics, dressmaking, family farm management, healthcare assistants and IT) to around 500 people from the most vulnerable groups, with a very high success rate (only 8 per cent dropouts and failures). The overall aim of the project is: 'To take the weapons out of their hands and put tools in their hands'

Every year, toolkits are given as gifts to the most deserving graduates or to those wishing to set up their own business. Microcredits are also granted to some former graduates who have already set up a small

business. More than half of the graduates achieve financial independence within a year of obtaining their qualification. In addition to these standard training programmes, SSVP delivers bespoke (shorter) courses for local NGOs or the local branches of international NGOs (UNICEF, UNIDO, etc.). By the end of 2025, 6,450 young people had benefited from training at the CFPDC.

The Centre is run in partnership with ASASE, a Swiss organisation which funds 85 per cent of the operating budget, and each year a small portion of this programme's budget is funded through the seven income-generating programmes run by the SSVP in South Sudan.

SOLIDARITY BATHROOM BRAZIL

The Vincentian Solidarity Bath aims to provide a clean and comfortable bathing facility as a means of restoring human dignity. It began in 2020 as an initiative funded by CIAD. Today, there are already seven projects in Brazil – mobile units or sanitary facilities – which serve homeless people from different localities on a weekly basis. Every month, over 1,000 bathing services are provided, along with the option of a shower, a haircut, a shave, food, clothing and personal hygiene items... but most importantly, it creates a space for fraternal listening, where those receiving support feel comfortable sharing their needs, anxieties and dreams. In addition, referrals are made to therapy clinics, guidance is provided to help people find family members, and support is offered in setting up a new home.



AREAS OF ACTION

ELDERLY PEOPLE AND PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Our aim is to alleviate loneliness and address the needs that may arise due to the absence of close family or friends. As well as offering a listening ear and companionship, we provide support with everyday tasks and administrative matters, such as shopping, dealing with official paperwork or accompanying them to medical appointments. We do this both through the Conferences and their day-to-day work, and in specialised institutions such as care homes, retirement homes or day centres.

RETIREMENT CARE HOME

SYRIA

The humanitarian situation in Syria continues to deteriorate. Since the two earthquakes that struck the country in February 2023 and the rise in inflation, poverty has reached unprecedented levels. Syria now features on the list of countries with high poverty rates. Against this backdrop, the Aleppo Conference runs a five-storey care home with capacity for up to 65 residents. In addition to accommodation, the Conference looks after the elderly by providing them with meals, medical care and other activities.

HOUSING AND SHELTERS

Access to decent housing is an increasingly significant challenge. Worldwide, the organisation offers various social programmes that address this issue: shelters, temporary accommodation, care homes and social housing. The SSVP has developed various projects in response to the '13 Houses' Campaign run by the FAMVIN Homeless Alliance (FHA). It has become a key player in this initiative which aims to improve and transform the lives of thousands of homeless people worldwide, all in line with our Vincentian spirituality.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul plays a leading role in the "13 Houses" Campaign of the Famvin Homeless Alliance (FHA), a Vincentian Family initiative aimed at improving and transforming the lives of thousands of people around the world.

80

COUNTRIES

130

PROJECTS

2,850

HOMES

11,200

PEOPLE ASSISTED



SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAMME

SSVP IRELAND

SVP plays a key role in the provision of social housing addressing one of the most critical areas of need in Ireland. Through housing services, the Society supports individuals and families experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. This work contributes to longer-term stability, independence, and wellbeing, while complementing the Society's broader response to poverty and exclusion.

In 2025, SVP owned and managed 874 social housing homes nationwide, providing long-term accommodation to 937 tenants. Our housing programme is unique in being rooted in the Society's Volunteer-led model, with 58 local SVP Conferences supporting housing provision in their communities, assisted by dedicated social housing staff.



AREAS OF ACTION

HEALTH: DRUG ADDICTION, A MAJOR GLOBAL CHALLENGE

Drug addiction is a major challenge in today's world. In several countries, including the United States, Argentina, Peru and Australia, the Society of St Vincent de Paul seeks to help those affected by it through counselling and care programmes.

PREVENTION

SPAIN

In Spain, since 2010, the Virgen de la Luz Conference – Proyecto Hombre, based in Melilla, has been running a therapeutic and educational programme for the rehabilitation of people with drug addiction and behavioural problems. The programme helps participants to grow spiritually and regain their personal autonomy. It is structured around three areas of action: prevention, intervention and social reintegration. Each year, 550 people are supported through the intervention programme, whilst prevention initiatives reach around 2,000 people, including service users and teenagers.



DRUG AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

LIBERIA

In Liberia, the Society of St Vincent de Paul has begun to tackle the growing problem of drug and other substance abuse, particularly amongst young people. Through its young Vincentians, the Society maintains direct contact with those affected to understand their circumstances, raise awareness, offer support and facilitate their recovery and reintegration.

The SSVP Liberia is also developing partnerships with specialist organisations to facilitate psychosocial support, referrals and rehabilitation programmes, with the aim of helping young people rebuild their lives and regain their place in the community.



VISITS TO THE REHABILITATION CENTRE

HONG KONG

Since 2024, the Central Council of Hong Kong of the Society of St Vincent de Paul has been making monthly visits to a rehabilitation centre for men with drug addictions located on Shek Kwu Chau. Access to this island is restricted and requires prior authorisation, making these visits a unique opportunity to engage with the community.

A sister from the Congregation of St Paul invited the SSVP in Hong Kong to offer support and companionship to the approximately 30 male residents undergoing rehabilitation at the centre, including, where they so wish, spiritual guidance. The aim is to foster hope, strengthen bonds and help restore dignity throughout this process.

AREAS OF ACTION

HEALTH

The Society of St Vincent de Paul provides care and support to people who are ill, paying particular attention to those who are alone or have no family members to look after them. As well as accompanying patients to their medical appointments or helping them to cover their medical expenses, the Society also runs its own hospitals, dispensaries and clinics, organises vaccination campaigns and operates mobile clinics and laboratories.

AMBULANCES

ROMANIA

The Vincentian Children's Ambulance Service has been operating since 2022 and provides free medical transport to seriously ill children so that they can receive treatment in specialist hospitals in Romania and abroad. SSVP medical teams safely accompany the children to the treatment they need, sometimes travelling thousands of kilometres across Europe. The service also provides medical assistance at events and organises first-aid demonstrations for the community. The aim is to ensure that neither distance nor financial difficulties prevent a child from accessing appropriate medical care, under the motto, 'Shortening the path to a new opportunity'.



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

The Society responds to the various circumstances surrounding migratory movements with the utmost respect for the dignity of the individual, their culture and family situation. Depending on the specific challenges facing each country, it has set up basic relief programmes, refugee camps, integration and training programmes for migrants, legal advice and health guidance, amongst other initiatives.



SUMMER FOOTBALL COURSE

HONG KONG

A new approach to inclusion

The Hong Kong 'Summer Football Class', organised by the Society of St Vincent de Paul, brought together sixteen children from asylum-seeking and refugee families for four lively training sessions and football matches. With the support of the Pastoral Care for Displaced People — a unit set up by the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong — and two Catholic schools, the initiative not only enabled participants to develop their sporting skills, but also fostered intercultural dialogue, social cohesion and hope.

Despite the adverse weather conditions, the children took part enthusiastically in all the activities. The programme culminated in a celebration during the final session, at which they were presented with personalised shirts by several guests.

Through sport, the project helped to boost the participants' self-confidence, combat isolation and promote their integration into the community. The initiative also strengthened their sense of belonging and highlighted the value of sport as a tool for inclusion and social transformation.

WORLDWIDE

OCEANIA

The Society of St Vincent de Paul maintains an active and well-established presence in the Oceania region. The SSVP has a long history in Australia and New Zealand, as well as National Councils in Fiji, Vanuatu, Tonga, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Kiribati and the Federated States of Micronesia. Its presence is also being developed in Timor-Leste and Papua New Guinea.

Throughout 2025, work continued on developing and strengthening the Oceania Partnership Programme, in which nine countries in the region participate. The programme focused on driving improvements in information and communication technologies, as well as on establishing national offices.

One of the highlights of the year was the significant increase in the number of active Conferences in Vanuatu. The Society's shop in Tonga continued to operate successfully, and in Fiji, the SSVP continued to support Vincent Home, a residential centre with capacity for 32 people.

A group of young people from Oceania took part in the Third International Meeting of Vincentian Youth, held in Rome from 26 July to 5 August, with representatives from Australia, Kiribati, the Solomon Islands, Tonga and Samoa. The participants deepened their understanding of Vincentian spirituality and had the opportunity to reflect personally on their role in the SSVP's mission. Since returning from the gathering, the group has kept in regular contact through online meetings.

AUSTRALIA

With 1,075 Conferences, the SSVP in Australia provides support services for refugees and asylum seekers; guidance and support for young people and families facing problems related to drug and alcohol misuse; care for people with disabilities; support in situations of family and domestic violence; disaster response; educational activities and workshops; and housing programmes and support for the homeless.

In addition, it runs numerous specialised services, including nursery schools, vocational training centres, day and night shelters, accommodation, soup kitchens, charity shops, clinics, dispensaries and farms.

Every year, the SSVP in Australia supports more than 610,000 people.

1,420 
CONFERENCES

18,200
MEMBERS

25,000
VOLUNTEERS

700,000
PEOPLE ASSISTED



School support programme. Tonga

SAMOA

Visits are made to people who are ill, and work is carried out in collaboration with nursing staff to support families affected by tuberculosis, people undergoing dialysis and others with health problems, whilst also providing them with basic foodstuffs and other essential items. Visits are also made to and support provided for older people, including assistance with meals, as well as support work at Loto Tumafai, a school for children with disabilities.

TONGA

They work on building homes for people living in poverty or who are homeless, as well as on the renovation, improvement and painting of homes for low-income families, as part of FAMVIN's '13 Houses' project. The SSVP also provides ad hoc assistance by delivering food, water or clothing to families affected by fires or other disasters.

KIRIBATI

The SSVP carries out visits and provides support to students with disabilities in their schools. It also helps older people by cleaning and maintaining water wells.

NEW ZEALAND

The organisation supports refugees and provides assistance in emergency situations, support during pregnancy and transport services. It also participates in disaster response efforts, both nationally and internationally.

WORLDWIDE

AFRICA

42 
COUNTRIES

5,000 
CONFERENCES

In Africa, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul maintains a strong presence at community and Conference level, responding to situations of poverty and vulnerability through visits and personal support.

This work is complemented by practical assistance, such as food and clothing, support for medical and educational expenses, emergency aid and support for the most vulnerable families. Particular attention is paid to children and young people, the elderly and those living in isolation, people with special needs, prisoners and those facing social exclusion. Activities also cover areas such as housing, livelihoods, mental health and addiction, in many cases through collaboration with the Church and other organisations. Alongside immediate assistance, there is a growing focus on empowerment, dignity and personal autonomy, with a view to promoting more sustainable solutions.

Training, youth participation, the strengthening of the Conferences and greater regional cooperation also emerge as priorities for the future. Despite significant financial and logistical constraints, the reports reflect the vitality of the Vincentian presence on the continent and its capacity to respond to both traditional and emerging forms of poverty.



Youth Conference. The Gambia

Young Vincentians helping people with drug addiction. Liberia



AMERICA

36



COUNTRIES

22,000



CONFERENCES

In the Americas, the Society combines personal accompaniment with practical support, tailoring its response to a wide variety of local circumstances. In North America, its extensive network provides food aid, accommodation, healthcare, support for entering the labour market and services for people who are homeless, migrants or affected by disasters.

In the Caribbean, the Conferences remain deeply rooted in their communities, combining home visits with food aid, education, youth activities and support for families affected by hurricanes and other emergencies. Special attention is given to Vincentian children and young people through initiatives such as 'Mini Vinnies' and summer programmes. In Latin America, home visits and support for families remain central, alongside food aid, healthcare, social welfare work and support for migrants and other vulnerable groups. Several countries are also working to consolidate their Conferences through training, youth participation and the development of new leadership, whilst promoting the expansion of the SSVP through the establishment of new Conferences. Across the continent, twinning arrangements and training initiatives continue to foster solidarity amongst the Councils and contribute to the organisation's spiritual growth and strengthening.

From the large-scale networks of North America to the close-knit communities of the Caribbean and the diverse social realities of Latin America, the Society continues to combine immediate practical help with a personal presence, faith and the pursuit of greater dignity and autonomy for those it serves.



Care home for the elderly. Argentina



Dental clinics. USA

ASIA

22 
COUNTRIES

11,000 
CONFERENCES

In Asia, the Society of St Vincent de Paul combines personalised, hands-on support with a wide range of assistance aimed at improving, both immediately and in the long term, the situation of individuals and families facing poverty and vulnerability.

Home visits and direct assistance remain fundamental, alongside education and the provision of scholarships, healthcare, housing, access to livelihoods, and programmes aimed at promoting the autonomy and empowerment of women and young people. In several countries, the Society also runs a significant network of schools, clinics, care homes, soup kitchens and vocational training centres.

The region also stands out for its capacity to respond to natural disasters and other emergencies, as well as for developing prevention initiatives aimed at strengthening the resilience of local communities.

Likewise, Vincentian solidarity transcends borders through twinning programmes and support for refugees, asylum seekers and displaced persons. In such a diverse region, the Society seeks not only to respond to immediate needs, but also to create opportunities that foster people's holistic development, their autonomy and their full participation in the community, through sustained support over time.



Emergency aid. SSVP Philippines



Young Vincentians. Cambodia

Vincentians. Vietnam



EUROPE

33
COUNTRIES

6,100
CONFERENCES

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul continues to combine personal accompaniment with practical and social support, responding to the growing needs related to poverty, loneliness, homelessness, migration and social exclusion.

Home visits remain at the heart of Vincentian work, complemented by food and material aid, support for the elderly, refugees and families, as well as shelters, social centres and other community services.

Alongside this direct care, the Society develops more structured initiatives in areas such as social inclusion, education, employment, housing and support for young people. It also pays particular attention to strengthening local Conferences through training, youth participation and greater cooperation between them.

Across Europe, this diversity of initiatives is guided by a single approach: to remain close to people in vulnerable situations, supporting them on their journey towards greater independence,

self-confidence and social participation, whilst respecting and promoting their dignity.

The war in Ukraine has been one of the main focuses of Vincentian solidarity. The Conferences in the country are gradually resuming their work, demonstrating admirable resilience and courage.

The SSVP has provided direct assistance to the Ukrainian people, whilst neighbouring countries have welcomed and supported refugees – including many children – through humanitarian aid, educational and extracurricular programmes, as well as other initiatives designed to support them and meet their needs.



Activities with people with special needs. Slovakia

THE MIDDLE EAST

A RESPONSE BEYOND THE EMERGENCY

The year 2025 will be etched in the memory of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in the Middle East as a year profoundly marked by the consequences of the conflict that intensified towards the end of 2024, against a backdrop already weakened by several years of economic, social and institutional crisis. Families have continued to face violence, loss of income, food insecurity and difficulties in accessing healthcare.

In response to this situation, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in the region has stepped up its humanitarian and social work through its extensive network of Conferences spread across the territory. With 51 active Conferences in Lebanon, 3 in Israel and Palestine, and a presence in 5 regions of Syria, the SSVP has continued its mission alongside the most vulnerable people, drawing on the close ties between its volunteers and local communities. In 2025, the Conferences' activities enabled support to be provided to several thousand families, with 5,754 families registered as beneficiaries of the Society's activities in Lebanon alone. In emergency situations, the Conferences played a vital role in identifying the hardest-hit families and in the rapid delivery of aid. The SSVP's approach, here as elsewhere, is based on a first-hand understanding of people's needs.

Interventions focused, in particular, on the distribution of food parcels and drinking water, hygiene kits, non-food essential items, blankets and heating aid, as well as on medical assistance and guidance for those in need of care. This emergency response was part of a spirit of solidarity that mobilised not only local members and volunteers, but also support from CIAD, the SSVP Conferences in France and the United States, and other international partners.



A response that goes beyond the emergency

Throughout the year, the SSVP has strived to maintain its usual activities despite the difficult circumstances. Humanitarian aid continued through the distribution of food, hygiene and cleaning products, domestic fuel and hot meals. At the same time, the Society continued to support children and young people through school sponsorship schemes, the



distribution of school supplies and equipment, and the organisation of summer activities and camps. A centre specialising in psychosocial support and sewing courses also continued its activities. The medical sector was another key pillar of the SSVP's work. The five medical clinics and the 'Mobilab' missions – a mobile, travelling laboratory – in Lebanon, as well as the distribution of essential medicines to patients without means and access to health insurance in Palestine, ensured that vulnerable people continued to have access to healthcare.

The SSVP has also continued to ensure the smooth running of its institutions and social services, which include a school, two care homes

for the elderly, two nurseries and five medical clinics, as well as two shelters for older people in Syria.

Preparing for the future, building resilience

Beyond the figures and projects, the year 2025 has once again demonstrated the ability of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in the Middle East to remain close to people in vulnerable situations as crises multiply. In an environment marked by uncertainty and extreme violence, the SSVP has chosen to maintain its presence on the ground, sustain its institutions, support families and respond to emergencies with the resources at its disposal.



Planting fruit trees. Burkina Faso

LAUDATO SI' AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BY URBANUS MUTHAI KINUTHIA, 2ND DEPUTY GENERAL VICE-PRESIDENT

Reference is made to Part 1 of the International Rule:

Art 7: 7.3 Vision of the future

The Society's vision goes beyond the immediate future, looking towards sustainable development and protection of the environment for the benefit of future generations.

For the SSVP, care for the environment is inseparable from our vocation to serve Christ in the person of those who are poor and vulnerable. Inspired by the Catholic Social Teaching and Pope Francis' call in *Laudato Si'* to care for our common home, we are reminded that the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are intertwined: environmental degradation most often places its heaviest burden on those who have the fewest resources to protect themselves. SSVP already acknowledges this integral connection through its engagement with the *Laudato Si* Movement and by offering direct aid through CIAD to re-



Installing solar panels. SSVP Syria

build sustainable communities while promoting responsible management of natural resources, whether by funding solar panels to replace diesel generators. The SSVP recognizes that caring for our common home is therefore not an activity separate from our charitable mission, but an expression of the same love of neighbour: to protect the dignity of people today, while safeguarding the gifts of God's creation for generations yet to come. Pope Francis' wider teaching, including *Fratelli Tutti*, calls us towards fraternity, solidarity and the common good, reminding us that we are one human family sharing one home. For us Vincentians, this means that every act of compassion, whether accompanying a family in poverty, drilling a borehole, recycling, or advocating for care for the environment are acts of stewardship, justice and love. To care for our common home is ultimately to care for the people of God, especially the poorest among us, and to respond faithfully to God's invitation to cultivate and protect His creation.

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL RECEIVES THE FUNDACIÓN MAPFRE SOCIAL AWARD

In 2025, the International Confederation of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul received the Fundación MAPFRE Social Award for Best Organisation for its Social Track Record, an international accolade that highlights the organisation's work in the fight against poverty and social exclusion throughout its more than 192-year history.

The award ceremony, which took place at the Real Casino de Madrid on 8 October 2025, was presided over by Her Majesty Queen Sofía and was attended by, amongst other dignitaries, the Infanta Elena de Borbón, the Minister for Inclusion, Social Security and Migration, Ms Elma Saiz, the Chairman of Fundación MAPFRE, Mr Antonio Huertas, and the Foundation's Director General, Ms Elvira Vega. Worth 40,000 euros, the award was accepted by Juan Manuel B. Gómez, General President of the Confederation, who expressed his deep gratitude for the prize and added: "This recognition belongs to all our members, volunteers, friends and collaborators who, through their quiet and constant commitment, make it possible for us to carry out our projects in favour of a more socially just society that is less dependent on welfare handouts. The financial support received will be used to promote international development cooperation to assist in disasters and emergencies, as well as to support our youth groups and international youth volunteering. Thank you and congratulations to the MAPFRE Foundation on its 50 years of transforming lives."

This award challenges us to continue addressing the various forms of poverty and social injustice. We particularly wish to convey our spirit of friendship and dedication to young people, because they are the guarantee that we will continue to give a voice to those who have none.



Mapfre Foundation Award Ceremony

«THIS AWARD CHALLENGES US
TO CONTINUE ADDRESSING THE
VARIOUS FORMS OF POVERTY AND
SOCIAL INJUSTICE»

VINCENTIAN YOUTH, A HISTORIC YEAR

BY JULIANA ROSA SILVA, INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DELEGATE

2025 was a historic year for the youth of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul worldwide. Inspired by the Holy Jubilee Year of 2025 ('Pilgrims of Hope'), young Vincentians reaffirmed their mission of charity, spirituality and social engagement

This major global milestone took place in Rome, Italy, from 27 to 30 July 2025, with the celebration of the 3rd SSVP International Youth Meeting. The event brought together more than 120 national leaders and coordinators of Vincentian youth under the theme 'Faith that inspires, love that transforms'. Some of the highlights of the meeting were:

- **Training and international exchange:** the young people discussed the new challenges of global poverty, the use of technology in social work, and strategies for attracting more young people to the Vincentian Conferences.
- **Historic meeting with Wanda Frassati:** one of the highlights was the private meeting with 98-year-old Wanda Frassati, niece of the now-saint Pier Giorgio Frassati. It took place in the Basilica of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva. Wanda shared memories of her uncle — an active member of the SSVP in Turin — and reaffirmed the unconditional love he felt for the Conferences and for the poor.
- **Integration with the Youth Jubilee:** immediately following the SSVP Meeting, the young Vincentians joined hundreds of thousands of young people from around the world in the Youth Jubilee activities at the Vatican (from 28 July to 3 August), taking part in the procession through the Holy Door, the vigil and the Mass at Tor Vergata.



IMPACT ON YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN 2025

Devotion to Pier Giorgio Frassati: following the announcement of Frassati's canonisation (patron saint of Vincentian youth), SSVP youth groups stepped up their days of prayer, street missions and charity campaigns in 2025, inspired by the patron's words: 'To live, not merely to pretend to live'.

International Vincentian Youth Day (4 July): the global celebration mobilised the Youth Conferences through the recording of interactive videos and local initiatives providing direct service to those most in need.

Concrete action and renewal: the guidelines from the Rome Meeting spurred local projects to combat the isolation of older people, provide assistance to the homeless and welcome migrants throughout the second half of 2025.

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

LOVE WITHOUT BORDERS

Love for your neighbour knows no borders! Echoing the dream of our young founders to spread a 'network of charity' throughout the world, and thanks to its presence in over 155 countries, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul has made international solidarity an essential part of its mission.



Student sponsorship. Samoa (SSVP New Zealand)

BY 2025

€ 3,000,000

**79
COUNTRIES**

Today, this solidarity takes shape in two areas. At the level of the International Council General (CGI), the Commission for International Aid and Development (CIAD) supports the Society's projects and initiatives in the countries most in need. At the countries' level, twinning arrangements establish direct bonds of friendship, fraternity and collaboration between Vincen-tians, Conferences and Councils in different countries.

TWINNING

VINCENTIAN SOLIDARITY

Twinning arrangements remain an important expression of Vincentian solidarity, forging links between the most established Councils and Conferences and those facing the greatest needs, and fostering their spiritual growth and the strengthening of their organisational structure.



Emergency aid. Madagascar

IN 2025

2,640,000

EUROS TOTAL

1,110,000

DIRECT TWINNING

1,400,000

PROJECTS

130,000

EDUCATION

Twinning arrangements establish a direct link between Conferences and Councils in different countries, based, above all, on fraternity, shared prayer and the spirit of unity that characterises the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Alongside this spiritual and personal dimension, Conferences with greater resources can offer material support to those in need, contributing to the development of their day-to-day work. Where possible, this collaboration extends to sustainable development projects aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty, as well as student sponsorship programmes.

Throughout the year, the Twinning Schemes enabled support to be provided for numerous initiatives in

various parts of the world. These included community projects in Indonesia and India; initiatives for children, young people and the elderly in Romania; healthcare provision in South Sudan; support for families and education in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; agricultural initiatives in Malawi; housing projects in Costa Rica; aid for displaced people in Lebanon; and educational and community initiatives in Samoa.

Its main objectives are to provide spiritual, moral and material support to the Conferences and Councils in order to: “Continue to alleviate poverty and hunger, and promote justice in accordance with the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church.



Sewing workshop, Madagascar



Preparing the ground, Sri Lanka

SRI LANKA

The construction of a community centre has been launched with the support of the twinning programme with New Zealand. To this end, a plot of land was donated to the SSVF, on which a multi-purpose space has been constructed to serve the local population.

The centre will enable the community's various needs to be met and will host activities such as religious celebrations, gatherings and meetings, evening classes for children, literacy programmes and non-formal education for adults, as well as maternal and child healthcare services for pregnant women and children.

It will also provide a safe haven during the monsoon season, a particularly important function in an area prone to flooding.

SAMOA: SUPPORT FOR PAUL VI COLLEGE FROM NEW ZEALAND

During a visit in early 2025 to the college and its library, which the Society supports, the Vincentians in New Zealand found books piled on the floor or in cardboard boxes. Through their contacts with New Zealand suppliers, they have provided shelving units, enabling staff to work in a much more manageable environment. At present, all book loan records are kept by hand, so they are going to provide a computer with suitable library management software for the school.

There was also a severe shortage of school desks and chairs, meaning that in many classes pupils had to sit on the floor to attend lessons. They have initially supplied chairs and, in 2026, will send a large quantity of both chairs and desks that we have acquired from a school in New Zealand. Part of the programme for Samoa involves strengthening the presence of young people within the Society.



Twinning with The Gambia

MADAGASCAR

The twinning of the SSVP in Val d'Oise (France) with the Majunga District Council has enabled the launch of a great project to empower women, which has led to the creation of a cutting, dressmaking and embroidery workshop.

The initiative enables resources to be coordinated and pooled for the benefit of the women supported by the eight Conferences, whilst also promoting their vocational training and subsequent social reintegration.

IRELAND-GAMBIA TWINNING PROJECT

For many years, the SSVP in Ireland has supported various educational needs by sponsoring pupils across the Gambia. In 2025, it was decided to increase funding for education, focusing on pupils at St John's, whilst also maintaining the other sponsorship programmes.

St John's School for the Deaf is a specialised educational centre located in Serrekunda, The Gambia, and is the country's leading school for children with hearing impairments; it operates as a special day school catering for pupils from primary through to lower secondary level, that is, from Year 1 of primary school to Year 12 of secondary school (aged 7 to approximately 19). In addition to the standard academic curriculum, the school offers practical vocational training programmes — including carpentry, tailoring, sewing and IT skills — to equip pupils with the skills they need to become self-sufficient in the long term.

At the request of the SSVP in The Gambia, the south-east regional twinning team of the SSVP in Ireland decided to support the school in covering part of its funding shortfall, particularly with regard to school supplies.

CIAD

CHANNELLING SOLIDARITY

The Commission for International Aid and Development, better known as CIAD, is one of the main instruments through which the International Council General channels Vincentian solidarity at an international level.

Complementing the Twinning Schemes, its main function is to support the initiatives carried out by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in the various countries where it operates. Its work is organised into three areas:

- » Disaster relief: emergency aid and rehabilitation programmes following natural or man-made disasters.
- » Social and development projects: solidarity, sustainable development, self-help, income generation, or projects aimed at systemic change.
- » Expansion of the SSVP: establishing and developing the SSVP in new countries (SSVP Plus) and strengthening its structure where necessary.

CLIMATE CHANGE

In Kerala, India, the SSVP, with the support of CIAD, has helped 183 people (39 families) affected by flooding and coastal erosion. The project has included various rehabilitation measures, such as the construction and repair of homes, the extension of rooms and the improvement of sanitation facilities, enabling families to live in safer and more dignified conditions.

In Mozambique, CIAD has supported an initiative aimed at strengthening the resilience of families affected by several storms. The project has enabled the roofs of 15 homes to be repaired and has helped to promote adaptation to climate change through the planting of 500 trees.



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Emergency aid. Philippines

DISASTERS: EMERGENCY AID

Although the Society is not an organisation specialising in large-scale emergency programmes, the presence of Conferences in many of the affected areas enables it to provide a local and immediate response. In such situations, the Conferences can call upon the support of CIAD to provide initial assistance and meet the basic needs of those affected.

In 2025, the emergency aid provided helped, amongst other cases, the victims of floods in Argentina, Romania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo; of cyclones and storms in Vietnam, Cape Verde, Jamaica, India and Madagascar; and of earthquakes in Myanmar and Guatemala. Aid was also provided to people affected by famine in Madagascar and by political unrest in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Beyond the immediate emergency response, the Society maintains its long-term support for people affected by natural disasters or man-made crises, many of whom were already living in situations of extreme poverty and vulnerability. This ongoing support aims to help them rebuild their lives and, as far as possible, restore dignified living conditions.

In the Philippines, the SSVP, with the support of CIAD, has launched various relief and rehabilitation initiatives aimed at communities affected by the numerous disasters that have struck the archipelago. The Vincentians provided food, drinking water, hygiene products, medicines, building materials, emergency and first-aid equipment, as well as psychosocial support. At the same time, measures were implemented to improve preparedness for future disasters and to help those affected rebuild their livelihoods.



Reconstruction of care homes for the elderly. Central African Republic

HUMAN CATASTROPHES

In Palestine, near Bethlehem, families face enormous political, economic and social challenges. The SSVP Conference, supported by CIAD, is responding to the community's urgent needs. As a result, hampers containing basic foodstuffs, medicines and health insurance have been provided to over 100 vulnerable families and 120 patients, whilst more than 45 pupils have been helped to continue their studies.

In Ukraine, in 2025, some Conferences have been able to resume their work, despite the war. For the first time since the start of the conflict, CIAD has been able to support the work of a Conference that provides daily meals to people staying in a homeless shelter, thereby offering the opportunity to serve those suffering from mental health issues.

Volunteers also continue to visit the railway station to hand out hot drinks and sandwiches to homeless people. A volunteer doctor visits the shelter once a month to provide basic healthcare and dispense medication.

The work also extends to the elderly, the sick and people with disabilities. In keeping with the Society's tradition, they are visited in their homes. The CIAD supports this work and helps the Conference to develop the Society in other parts of Ukraine.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

In 2025, the CIAD supported various social initiatives by the SSVP: the installation of solar panels at a Society care home for the elderly in Syria; improving access to drinking water at a centre for homeless people in the Czech Republic and for households and farmers in a community in the Philippines; the provision of personalised therapy for children with special needs by a Conference in Romania; and the completion of the construction of a community hall in South Sudan.



Activities with children. Cambodia

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE SSVP

In Indonesia, the SSVP, with the support of CIAD, organised a national youth gathering with the aim of mobilising and inspiring new generations of Vincentians. CIAD also facilitated the holding of Assemblies – which are essential for ensuring the Society’s good governance – in countries such as Chad, Liberia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Guatemala.

CIAD’s work is essential, although its scope remains limited in the face of the numerous needs and development opportunities that exist around the world. For this reason, the International Council General intends to significantly expand its capacity for action by establishing the ‘SSVP Global Foundation’, which will be launched in 2026 with the aim of reaching a greater number of people in need and attracting new human and financial resources to strengthen the SSVP’s international work.



OZANAM, PRESENT AT THE WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

During the 9th World Day of the Poor, held at the Vatican on 15 November, the International President General presented the Holy Father Leo XIV with a bust of Frédéric Ozanam, in recognition of his role as a forerunner of the Church’s Social Doctrine.

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SAINT PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI,
PATRON OF VINCENTIAN YOUTH



FRÉDÉRIC OZANAM

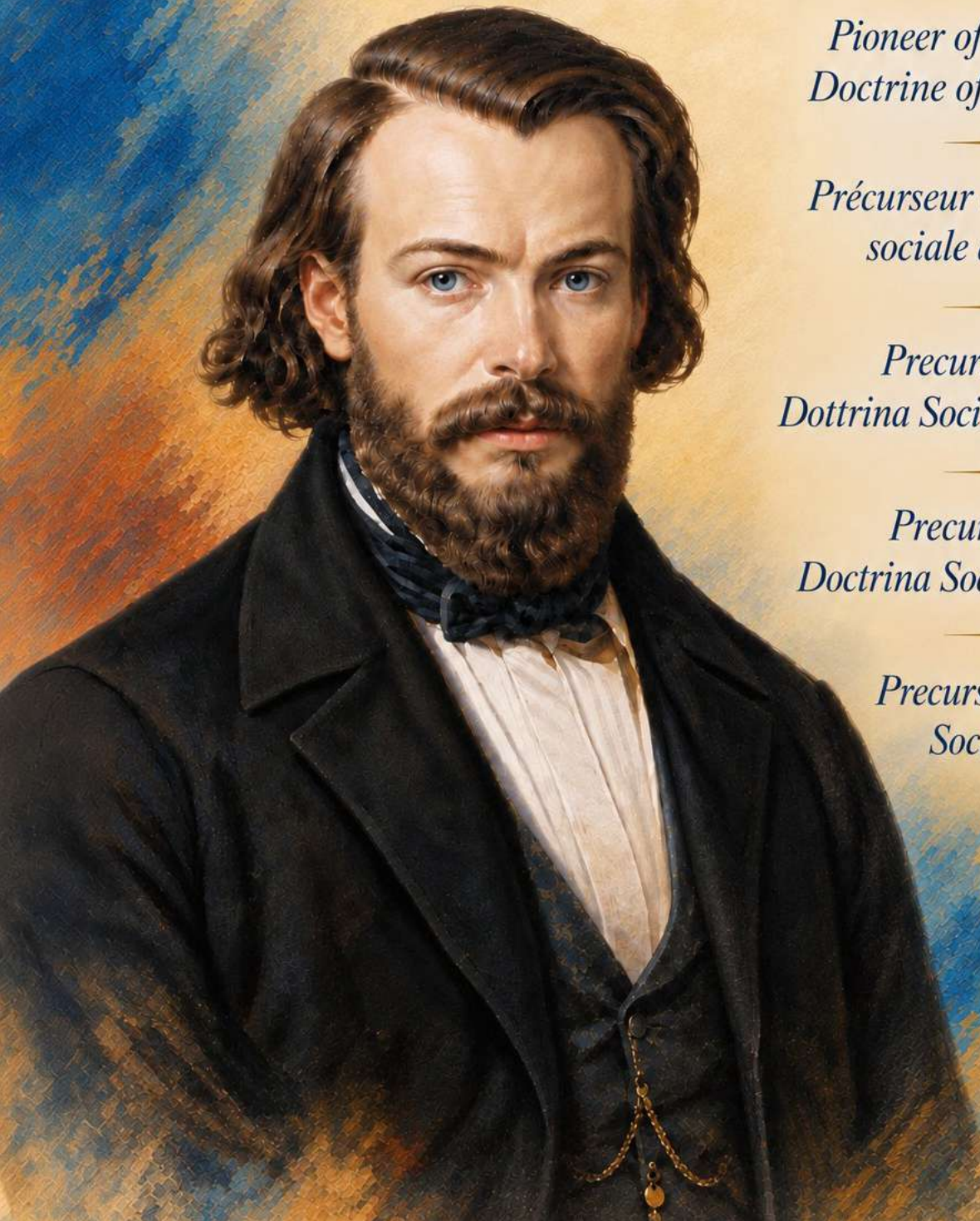
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Doctrine of the Church*

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