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## Vincentian Vocation

The vocation of the Society's members, who are called Vincentians, is to follow Christ through service to those in need and so bear witness to His compassionate and liberating love.

Members show their commitment through person-to-person contact.

Vincentians serve in hope.

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## Society of St Vincent de Paul Singapore

is a part of the global Vincentian family, an international Catholic voluntary organisation dedicated to the sanctification of its members through serving the poor and disadvantaged.

## Our Mission

To promote better understanding of the public to the needs of the poor and underprivileged and to encourage the public to take an active part in alleviating the sufferings and needs of the poor and marginalised.

# FOREWORD

by Florence Tan  
President, SSVN National Council

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus maintained that there is nothing permanent except change. It is a humbling concept as that implies a need to keep pace with an evolving environment in our daily lives that we are all actively engaged in. It challenges us to consider whether both our individual and collective efforts, are being directed towards the anticipated needs for the Society in the chapters and for the years ahead.

The year 2018 saw robust discussions on how the SSVN's National Executive Committee, in the stewardship role it holds, can more effectively bring resources to our beneficiaries, whilst strengthening the accountability to our benefactors. An agreement on a harmonised aid framework was reached and it serves to further enable the Society to serve the Poor with respect, bestowing them a personal dignity regardless of their housing location, occupation and/or personal circumstances in Singapore. Staying true to the values and commitment of which the Society has been operating for the past 68 years.

Last year was observed as the Year of Lallier, after SSVN's first Secretary-General Francois Lallier. He was appointed to that post by Frederic Ozanam. We honour him on the cover page of this Annual Report.

## Financials and Forward Planning

FY2018's total second-collections and general donations have remained at around \$5.49m and the number of families helped in 2018 is about 2,210. The total expenditure of \$5.3m spent on FINs and other underprivileged poor is about 95% of the Society's total annual donations received.

The National Council (NC) serves to create Conferences and Special Works. The NC helps Conferences and members to develop their spiritual life, to intensify their services and to diversify their activities so that Vincentians are always responsive to the needs of those who suffer.

The SSVN NC held two leadership retreats in 2018 to plan for the years ahead addressing the changing needs of our FINs as we progress as a nation. Members came up with many positive suggestions and we plan to implement a good number of them going forward.

Many Vincentian leaders embrace the need for national and conferences leadership to be alert, continuing to change, to engage more deeply and regularly with their parish priests and parish councils. We are looking at ways beyond the traditional means, in supporting parishes in their social mission where it is

aligned with our SSVN mission.

There has also been several structured dialogue sessions between the NC and the Executive Committees (members) of each Conference, formalising the development of several initiatives, with more focus on governance matters, such as:

- Regular spiritual talks by priests and nuns helping our spiritual growth as we journey
- Workshops on social works knowledge and skills
- Financial Standard Operating Procedures Manual
- FINs Harmonised Financial Framework
- FINs Management – Best Practices Manual
- Leadership Development

The SSVN Social Office, Milk and Diaper (MaD) Projects, and Minor Home Improvements Projects continue to engage with many Catholic and other voluntary social work organisations. I am pleased to acknowledge enthusiastically that the MaD Project first started by Jenny Chua and her team at SSVN St Ignatius Conference has spurred the establishment of a satellite MaD Project in the East. This is led by Rajendran Pillay and his team at SSVN Queen of Peace Conference.

Journeying with our beneficiaries requires us to be attentive to their needs in order to proactively identify new areas to serve and support them. It is heartening to see an exchange of experience between members -- sharing success stories and also learning from pitfalls. Providing more attention to the young has led various Conferences to new initiatives such as the tuition/mentoring programme by SSVN St Bernadette. Another example is the tuition programme of SSVN

St Joachim Conference which has sparked the COTT Conference to implement it in the Punggol/Serangoon district.

We are very grateful that many members with multiple talents and gifts have contributed towards these projects and more. The enthusiasm and generosity exhibited is a heartening testimony of God's plans for a future and hope for the Society and its good works. We encourage more members and others to come forward as we each answer God's call to practice active practical discipleship.

## A Blessing - Bless Others Bountifully

As reported last year, SSVN received a significant blessing by the executors of an anonymous donor's estate to purchase a freehold shop-house in order to operate a social enterprise retailing pre-loved items. We are pleased to announce that the property acquisition was completed in February 2018. Due to the delay in obtaining government approval for alteration and addition works, we plan to open the SSVN Shop and our headquarters at 501 Geylang Road in the second half of 2019. We look forward to welcoming customers, supporters, volunteers and all friends of the Society and the Singapore public community to our new outreach centre.

There are four trustees for the said property and they are Reverend Fathers Eugene Vaz and Simon Tan, ex-INC president Paul Foo and myself.

## A Social Enterprise by SSVN – The SSVN Shop

We believe that this social enterprise is a sustainable business plan aligned with the SSVN mission and values. The activities will be focused on the poor and marginalised in our community and the outreach centre will help to make known the good works of the Catholic Church and the SSVN. We share more about this in a separate article.

There are two dimensions of the SSVN (friendship among members and solidarity with the poor) that are the signature of Vincentians, and we pray to God that we may always remain true to this path, without divisions, conflicts or disputes. Let's use this social enterprise to practise together what Jesus told us: "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." Come and serve at the SSVN Shop.

## Appreciation

We continue to be extremely grateful to our generous parishioners and other donors; our Patron his Grace Archbishop William Goh; national spiritual advisor Rev Fr Eugene Vaz; and all parish priests and other priests/spiritual advisors who have made it possible for the SSVN to continue making a difference to our beneficiaries. We had many engagements in 2018 and we look forward to courageous ways of change, more mutual trust and clearer communication.

We are also appreciative of our dedicated Vincentians and many other volunteers who have set aside their personal time to visit our FINs regularly and provide resources to

make a positive difference in their lives.

We rely and trust in our Lord as we continue to spread His Love to our neighbours in our communities, families and FINs. The multiplier effect on our network of friendship and support grows exponentially beyond one's expectations, and it is with that grateful heart that we look forward to the year ahead in our journey as Vincentians.

Charity, Hope and Love to all

**Florence Tan**

President, SSVN National Council



# MESSAGE

by Fr Eugene Vaz  
Spiritual Advisor, SSVV



## My Dear Vincentians,

How time flies! 2018 has passed so quickly and another Annual General Meeting (AGM) is upon us.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to once again gather as the Vincentian family in Singapore, to reflect and to praise and thank God for all his blessings and grace showered on us through the year.

The AGM is a chance to evaluate our Vincentian endeavour over the past year, and to look ahead to discern what more we can do, and do better, in the coming year.

At the heart of this discernment must be our readiness to take an honest look at ourselves:

What kind of human persons are we?

What kind of Christians are we?

What kind of Vincentians are we?

This discernment can be properly done only in a spirit of Prayer. The Vincentian must be a continuously prayerful and praying person.

## Prayer in the Vincentian Tradition

Prayer and action go hand in hand in a healthy Vincentian spirituality. Divorced from action, prayer can turn to escapism – lost in fantasy and creating illusions of holiness. Similarly, divorced from prayer, service or 'busy-ness' can become shallow. Spirituality is at its best when it holds prayer and action in union with one another.

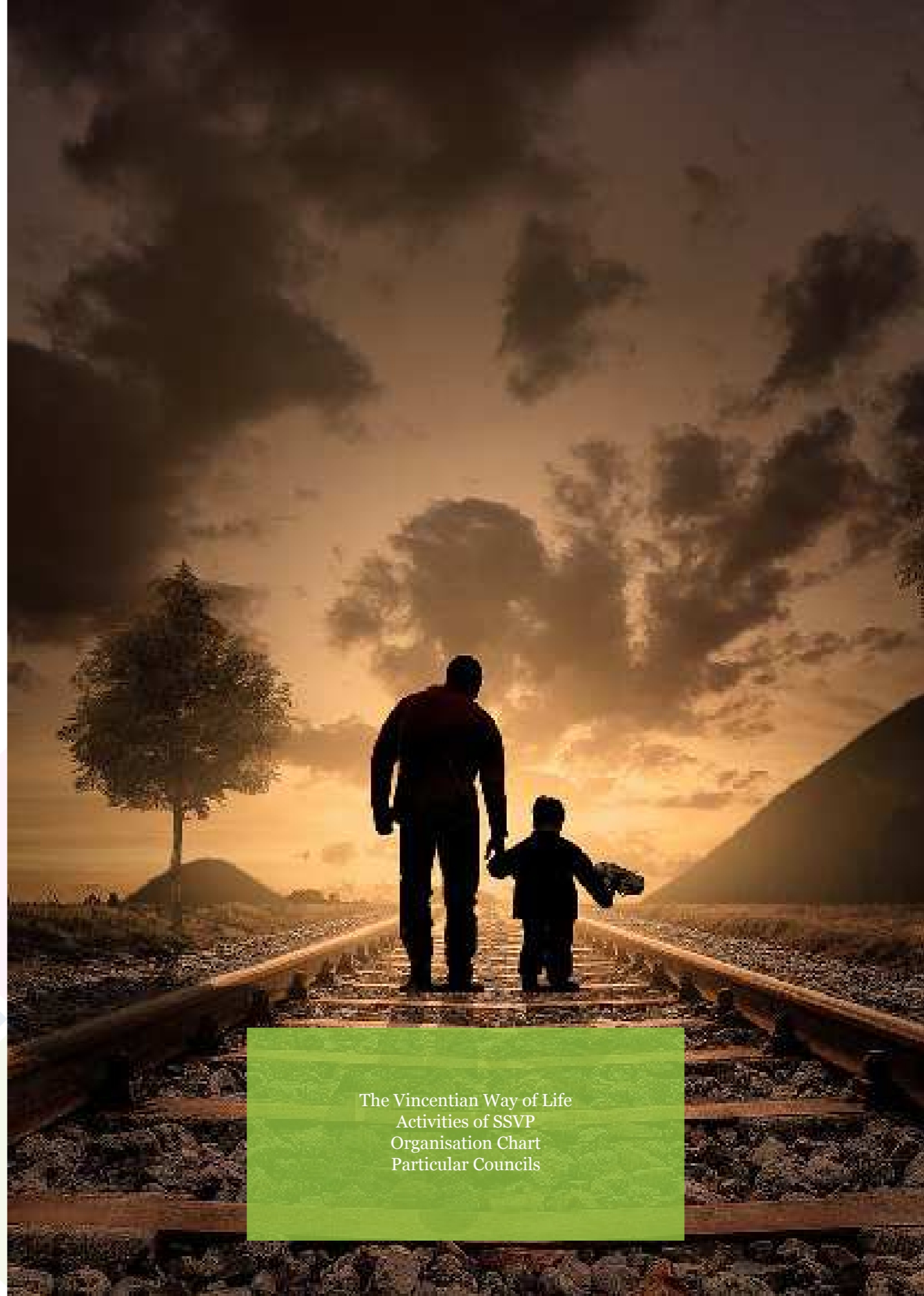
St Vincent de Paul defined prayer as "an elevation of the mind to God by which the soul detaches itself, as it were, from itself so as to seek God in himself. It is a conversation with God, an intercourse of the spirit, in which God interiorly teaches it what it should know and do, and in which the soul says to God what He himself teaches it to ask for."

Through your encounter with the Christ of gentleness and compassion in prayer, you will become more prepared to encounter and assist the same Christ when you return to renewed service of the poor.

In this spirit of Prayer, let us all move forward at both the levels of our respective Conferences and our National Council.

Thank you all for being Vincentians, loving Jesus more and more in the poor you are called to serve. God Bless you and make you imitators of His Son, Jesus.

Fr Eugene Vaz

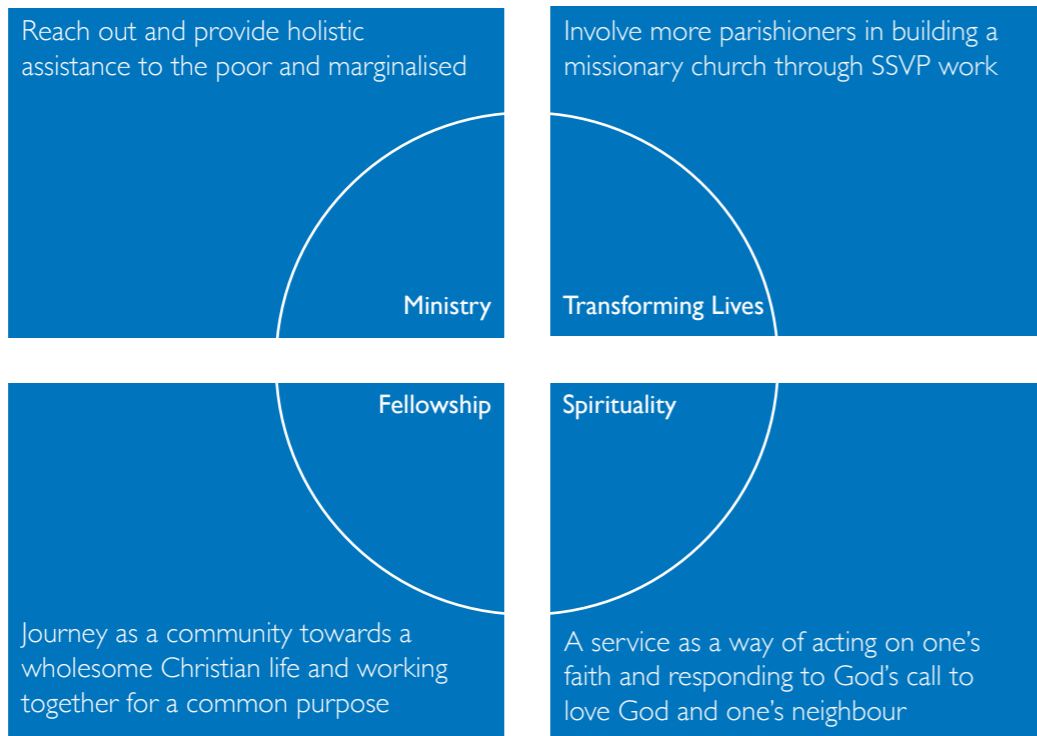


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# The Vincentian Way of Life

## Service in Hope

4 Principles of the Vincentian Way of Life



# Activities of SSVP



Befriending, journeying and visiting Friends-In-Need (FINs).



Giving supplementary cash aid and food for families of the underprivileged, unemployed, sick, and aged.



Providing FINs with transport facilities to visit the hospital and to secure medical treatment.



Assist in securing employment for our FINs and their children.



Bringing cheer to the underprivileged during Christmas and Easter.



Providing free breakfast to FINs during the weekend.



Providing scholarships and bursaries for children of FINs to attend University, Polytechnic, and other tertiary institutions.



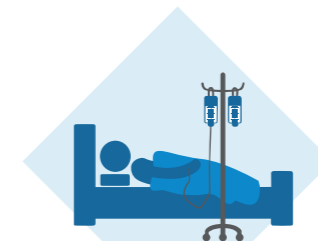
Helping FINs with more holistic care plan and assistance of social workers.



Providing free tuition to primary and secondary school pupils.



Collaborating to bring cheer to the sick and disabled residents in charitable Homes.



Member's participation at Masses offered for the sick and deceased persons.



Visiting the FINs in hospitals and Homes.

# Organisation Chart



NC Exco 2018 (from left to right): Patrick Foo, Stanley Lim, Gabriel Lok, Florence Tan, Teresa Yeo, Patrick Neo

## Organisation of National Council

**FR EUGENE VAZ**  
Spiritual Advisor, SSVP

### Sub-Committee

### Executive Committee

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**NOEL LOW**  
**JOSEPH TEO**  
Bailly Project

"And this is the commandment that we have from  
God, that he who loves God must also love his  
brother."

1 John 4 : 21



# Particular Councils

## Particular Council - East

**President**  
Rajendran Pillay

**Secretary**  
Lisa Lim

**Treasurer**  
Jack Wong

## Particular Council - West

**President**  
Joey Goh

**Vice President**  
Leslie See

**Secretary**  
Christina Lee

**Treasurer**  
Michael Tan

## Particular Council - North

**President**  
Jeremy Bruce

**Secretary**  
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**Treasurer**  
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**President**  
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# Sub-Committee Reports

## Faith Formation Development

by Magdalene Tan

For the Faith Formation & Development (FFD) sub-committee, 2018 was an impactful year. It conducted many meaningful programmes.

Fr Gregory Tan SJ conducted a residential silent weekend retreat for members on 9 March. As the retreat director, he guided them through a God-filled weekend, allowing members to re-charge and bask in God's love.

The "Jesus Loves You" rally held on 21 April was the first of its kind conducted for our Friends in Need (FINs). For them, it was an opportunity to witness God's great love through prayer and evangelisation, songs and a skit, and to share their testimonies. The Archbishop was present to bless the more than 700 FINs and members who participated in the rally held in SJI Secondary School.

To assist our rapidly aging community, a "Caring for the Elderly" talk was held on 16 June. Assoc Prof Philip Yap, a geriatrician specialist from the Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, spoke on topics that included fall prevention, proper nutrition, the aging process and how to slow it down. The talk not only benefitted Vincentians in their care for FINs but also the Vincentians themselves.

Fr Joseph Loftus, CM, an Irish Vincentian Priest with a wealth of experience in Asia - especially in Beijing - in raising funds and running charitable organisations, held a talk for Vincentians on 22 July 2018. The focus of his talk was on deepening our understanding and living out the Vincentian spirituality and vocation.

On 18 August, Fr Jerome Leon SJ was invited to lead an Induction Retreat to help new Vincentians and some observers better understand the Vincentian calling. A former Vincentian with the Risen Christ conference, he inspired many with his reflections on being a Vincentian and his encounters with the poor.

The SSVP annual Day of Recollection on 10 November was attended by 180 Vincentians. Those present benefited from the guidance of Fr Francis Vijayan CSsR. Adopting the theme of 'Love is Inventive, Even to Infinity', Vincentians went through a series of exercises to help them rediscover their calling. Focusing on the experience of 'personal encounter', members sought to experience Christ in our FINs and in each other.

While FFD will continue to organise programmes to promote spiritual formation and development, members are encouraged to take personal ownership of their spiritual growth and skills development so that our FINs will encounter the loving Christ in us.

We hope to bring more spirit-filled and skills development programmes to our members in 2019 and look forward to better participation from Vincentians. David Lau, Magdalene Tan, Long See Hong, Thomas Tan and James Tay make up the Faith Formation and Development sub-committee.

## Social Office

by David Ong

The SSVP Social Office, led by Meera Ramachandran and Alvin Dawson, continues to grow under the guidance of the TLC (Tender, Loving, Care) team.

Good governance was identified as a priority by the team and since January 2018, monthly meetings were held to discuss work processes, work plans and to examine the various cases.

The SSVP Social Office remains committed to serving the community in partnership with Vincentians across Singapore. In 2018, we assisted in 252 FIN cases, a more than 75% increase over the previous year. This speaks of our strong collaboration with Conferences and external agencies like the Catholic Welfare Services, ABLE, ACMI, Morning Star, etc. As people and organisations get to know of our work from Social Service Offices, more aid requests are being received via the SSVP Hotline.

Together with the various Conferences, the Social Office helps our FINs deal with a wide variety of complex issues. These may include matrimonial, familial, employment, educational, housing as well as other socially related issues. We believe that by working together with our FINs, they can overcome these challenges. We strive to make them self-sufficient so as to play an active helping role. Like all Vincentians, we embrace every person who comes to us, doing our best to provide them with accessible assistance – whatever their challenges may be.

As part of the Social Office mandate, we also conducted training sessions throughout the year for Vincentians, helping them to develop their skills in serving their FINs.

Two training modules (three workshops per module) were introduced. These were :

- How to Conduct First Home Visits to FINs
- How to Conduct Financial Assessments

The modules were a huge success with each workshop receiving optimal attendance of about 400 Vincentians.

The Social Office intends to launch two more training modules and a case sharing session for Vincentians in 2019.

We strongly believe that with the support of the various Conferences, we can achieve more to benefit our FINs.

The TLC team for the year 2018 consisted of Christina Lee, Paul Foo, David Ong and Michael Koh.

# Sub-Committee Reports

## Social Enterprise

by Robert Nguyen

In 2017, the SSVP received a significant bequest from an anonymous donor. As a result, Project Bailly was set up to execute the proposed plans of SSVP as agreed with our benefactor. The plans involved the setting up of a social enterprise, consistent with the mission and values of SSVP. These included the acquisition of a building to house the enterprise, consisting of a shop to sell donated pre-loved and new products, a social office presence to assist our poor, a meeting venue and a café for Vincentians, parishioners and FINs. In short, a headquarters for SSVP Singapore.

While we wait anxiously for the final approval from Government agencies to complete the renovation of the premises, the social enterprise is fast taking shape. The shop will be named "SSVP Shop" and we hope for a successful opening in the second half of 2019.

### Project Bailly - Progress.

Project Bailly comprises seven teams of over 50 Vincentians who stepped up to support the major initiatives. The teams, their role and the progress they have made so far are as follows:

Proposal Team – Successfully presented SSVP's proposal to our donor who then accorded the bequest to us.

Bailly Overall Programme Team – Charts the overall approach and coordinates the various team initiatives, their alignment to plan and promotes these to all stakeholders. The team has chosen SSVP Shop as the official name of this overall initiative after considering statutory and taxation considerations.

Premises Selection Team – Successfully acquired the SSVP Shop premises at 501 Geylang Road in collaboration with our donor representatives.

Renovation and Fit-Out Team – Works to address and complete the final approval from Government agencies for alteration and addition works. The fit-out plans for the SSVP Shop are ready and should be completed in the second half of 2019.

Plan Launch and Operate Team – Successfully tested out the standard operating procedures for the collection process. Three collection drives were conducted with overwhelming support from Vincentians, parishioners and parish priests. A third-party warehouse to store collected items was concluded with a generous partner who accorded a special concessionary rental rate. The operating systems in the SSVP Shop are at its final stages of drafting; whilst marketing plans are in progress to build a strong customer base for the SSVP Shop. Plans are also in place to recruit two full time staff by June 2019.

Volunteer Management Team – There has been a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm among Vincentians and stake holders on what the SSVP Shop can achieve. More than 30 people have volunteered their services. The SSVP hopes to achieve a volunteer pool of at least 60 people and hopes more will step forward - parishioners, Vincentians, friends and family members are all welcome.

B.O.B Café Concept Team – An innovative concept of contracting "young" entrepreneurs to pilot their food and beverage plans for three to six months at a nominal fee at the SSVP Shop was hatched. Review of interested entrepreneurs will start in the second quarter of 2019 and visitors can look forward to affordable delicious food with high compliance to hygiene regulations. B.O.B Café will offer a venue for all to meet and fellowship.

## SSVP SHOP

The enterprise will retail pre-loved and new items donated by parishioners and well-wishers across Singapore at very affordable prices. To replenish the stock of goods, the SSVP will work with parish priests to organise more collection drives in churches. The running of the shop will be managed by two staff and volunteers. Plans are to operate the SSVP Shop from 10am to 6pm, Tuesday to Sunday. Volunteers manning the shop will be rostered to work in four-hourly shifts.

Three collection drives were held in the second half of 2018. The first was a collection from the members of SSVP. This was followed by collections at the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart Churches from parishioners which were very successful, receiving tremendous support from parish priests, parishioners, Vincentians and members of the public. A total of 750 boxes of apparels were collected, 70% of them were ladies outfits and accessories. This fact will be taken into account in our marketing plans.

Volunteers with skills in logistics and warehousing, accounts, merchandising, store display, customer interface and general support are welcome to join our volunteer pool.

Surplus from the SSVP Shop will be channelled to the various SSVP programmes to help our FINs and the poor throughout Singapore.

A professional social worker of the SSVP Social Office will be based in the building, to address the needs of the poor who walk in and to support Vincentians with their service to the poor. Counselling and referrals to respective Conferences are also part of the plan.

### Conclusion

Project Bailly is the first national mega project of SSVP Singapore. As we seek more volunteers to make this a success, we pray for God's blessings and guidance in our efforts to help our FINs and the poor.

## Fund Raising

by Stanley Lim

The SSVP had originally planned to establish a Trust Fund. After much consideration and consultation, it was determined that the Society would be better served with the setting up of a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) instead. This CLG named "SSVP Ltd", is currently awaiting registration with the Accounting and Corporate Regulating Authority (ACRA), and it will be established to undertake some significant charitable activities and will be registered as an Institution of Public Character (IPC) in due course. This status is necessary in the current changing landscape of governance and legislation of charities in Singapore. More importantly, it is for better long term and efficient risk management.





### SSVP Feast Day 2018

Seventy-five new Vincentians took their pledge on 27 September; the Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul, at the Church of The Transfiguration (COTT) in Punggol. The Feast Day Mass was concelebrated by Fr Eugene Vaz.

In his homily Fr Vaz, who is the Spiritual Advisor to the SSVP, told Vincentians that the needs of the poor in Singapore have changed over the years, just as Singapore has changed and become more sophisticated. He referred to the Gospel reading of the mass which was from Matthew 9:35-38. It says that Jesus, seeing the crowds had compassion for them for they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He told his disciples that the harvest was plentiful but the labourers were few and therefore asked them to pray to the Lord to send more labourers.

Fr Vaz urged Vincentians to similarly pray to God, and if they felt that they were too few in number in their Conferences, then they should tap on the parish community and work with them and the priests to help the poor.

After the mass, around 400 Vincentians and priests attended a dinner in the church premises. The Feast Day Mass and festivities were organised by the Serangoon Particular Council and hosted by the COTT Conference, the newest Conference in Singapore. The youth members of COTT Conference put up a skit and helped the committee with the entertainment during the dinner.







"If someone wants to be first, let him be last for all  
and servant of all."  
Mark 9 : 35



# Vincentian Family

## Divine Mercy Conference



The Divine Mercy Conference (DMC) organised a community Art Workshop on 9 June which proved to be a rewarding and dynamic experience for the youth and young FINs of the parish. Primarily focused on this target group, it got them involved in clock-making and stringing up a rosary bracelet. This offered the children an opportunity to be creative and helped them build confidence and self-esteem. They also had an opportunity to learn some skills and allowed them to inspire their peers to do likewise. There was no lack of enthusiasm in these young people.

The DMC had the opportunity to serve parishioners breakfast on 5 August. Other than working together on FIN cases, members had little time to strengthen their bonds with each other. It is important to grow not only in service to the poor, but also in fellowship with each other and the community. So, young and old from the DMC got together to help cook and serve food - from the youngest member of 15 years to the oldest member of 80. The Conference worked together and raised about \$1000. It was an opportunity to be the face of SSVP and to provide information about the Society to the community and DMC will continue to do this annually.

The key event for the Conference was the Youth Camp organised by the DMC youth on 24 November. This camp was opened to all other youth in the parish. Many parish youth, including those from the Conference participated. The aim of the camp was to strengthen the faith among the youth and encourage them to join the ministry. The highlights of the Youth Camp included the praise and worship sessions organised by the Children of Praise Charismatic Ministry. They also enjoyed a scavenger hunt, where they had to find items and answer tough questions that could only be solved by exploring the church. The camp enabled the parish youth to make new friends, to strengthen the bond with the youth group of the SSVP, to deepen their faith and learn about the Vincentian way of life. Participants were also required to reflect on a passage from one of the Gospels, to select certain phrases or sentences that struck them the most and to share their feelings about them.

The Conference held a special spirituality session presided over by Fr Johnson. The session was very meaningful and enriching. Participants watched a video of Tony Melendez, a very talented person who had performed for thousands of youth as well as Pope John Paul II. He not only plays the guitar beautifully, but plays it with only his feet as he has no arms but is still able to play with passion and love. After watching the video, attendees were asked to reflect on the performance and explore the feelings it evoked. Everyone truly admired his charisma, passion and love for music.

## The Queen of Peace Conference

On 24 November the Queen of Peace Conference (QoPC) accompanied their FINs to a buffet dinner at the Orchid Country Club which was followed by an evening stroll to the Rainforest Lumina in Mandai.

Everyone enjoyed the walk down the winding paths which had an atmosphere of mystery. Some parts of the walk were tricky to navigate, so SSVP members took extra care to guide the FINs, paying particular attention to those in wheelchairs. The FINs enjoyed themselves, chatting along the way and the air was filled with laughter as well. They then headed back to the QoP parish at about 10pm after a tiring but enchanting day.



## Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Conference

The OLPS Conference involved the Level 5 and 6 children of the parish for two projects in 2018 for its FINs.

Inspired by the parable of five loaves and two fish, the children were reminded that trust and obedience in the Lord is what makes the impossible possible. So, the children saved a little from their weekly pocket money for the "Shoebox Project" - buying goodies and filling their 'shoebboxes' for the FINs.

On 6 October, the Level 6 children visited the homes of 13 homebound FINs in groups. They played games with the FINs and presented each family with a hamper. The money was from the pocket money which the children put aside each week for a year. Some FINs were moved to tears as they were reminded of their own children. Helping the less privileged was also an eye-opener and an experience of love for the children.

On 3 November, the children entertained the FINs on Mission Day, interacting and assisting in games with the FINs and ending the occasion with lunch. Both Children Catechism teachers and SSVP members felt that this was a great approach to building compassion and empathy in our young, by spreading the Love of God through faith and sharing.



## Our Lady of Lourdes Conference

FINs from the Our Lady of Lourdes Conference visited the East Coast on 3 August. They were hosted by SSVP members at Ubin First Stop Restaurant to a sumptuous seafood dinner. There was entertainment too with live music including 'oldies' in English and Chinese. FINs sportingly joined in the singing and some even took to the stage to dance. The FINs also commented that the sunset, gentle breeze and rolling waves along the beach made them reminisce the past and their childhood. Everyone carried their own fond memories home with them at the end of the evening.



# Vincentian Family

## Church of The Transfiguration Conference



The Church of The Transfiguration (COTT) Conference is the youngest SSVP Conference in Singapore, having been formed only in 2017. But, it had an active 2018.

The Conference played a leading role as part of the SSVP Serangoon PC in hosting the annual SSVP Feast Day celebrations, which was a resounding success.

On 22 September last year, Vincentians from the COTT Conference spent a very meaningful day at the Inter Racial and Religious Confidence Circle (IRCC) 'Blessings in Harmony Food' Distribution event in Punggol. IRCC is a local-level inter-faith platform at constituency level, formed to promote racial and religious harmony and social cohesion.

Along with other organisations and institutions like Al Islah Mosque, Sengkang General Hospital, DBS, Maris Stella High School, Dhammakaya Centre and Rahmalan Foundation the Conference members distributed food to over 600 poor families in selected rental blocks in Punggol.

In October 2018, Conference members went on a memorable 2D1N trip to Batam. Everyone bonded over Go-Kart rides, rifle target shooting, dried goods shopping, delicious meals, karaoke and lots of merry-making. They attended mass at a local Catholic Church and had an open and spirit-filled sharing experience during the trip. Everyone agreed that the trip helped them to understand each other better and build bonds of friendship. There are plans to make this a yearly event so that members can continue to grow in friendship and spirituality as individuals and as a Conference.

On 10 November, as part of an Advent project, the Conference helped the RCIA catechumens at COTT to put their faith into action by serving the poor. SSVP members briefed the catechumens on how to interact with the FINs and they hosted an event for the FINs under the care of the COTT Conference. Vincentians also helped to facilitate the interactions between the catechumens and FIN families. There was food, music and games for the children.

During the year the Conference took in 60 new cases. In December, the Conference ran the church canteen on a Sunday. It helped the members to serve parishioners who have been very supportive of SSVP's activities and who generously donate to the SSVP second collection.

## St Francis Xavier Conference

The St Francis Xavier Conference (SFXC) applied newly developed financial aid criteria to help FINs better address inflationary pressures and enhanced educational, medical and related transport costs. The Conference adopted nine new FINs and ended the year with 66 FINs.

SFXC welcomed new Vincentians during the year and are working on reviving the "youth wing" as well.

The conference continued to deepen collaboration with other ministries. Working with the Communion Ministers they had invited parishioners to identify disadvantaged or poor families or persons in the neighbourhood for distribution of gift bags comprising basic groceries and grocery vouchers. The parish received generous donations totalling about \$30,000 throughout the Lent period.

For the first time, on 5 April the Conference led the Holy Hour which saw an attendance of close to 100 people and prayers for Stations of the Cross for the parish.

On 21 April, 32 FINs, 18 Vincentians, parishioners and friends of SSVP had an outing to the Sentosa Island SEA Aquarium.

On 25 November, conference members with other ministries as well as parishioners came together to organise and execute the annual Mass for the Sick which saw attendees increase by about 10% to 120 participants.

The Our Lady of Good Counsel reached out to SFXC to collaborate on a Values in Action project for its Primary 5 students. This was to encourage pupils to look out and care for others. There was also collection of good pre-used clothes, toys and stationery for the SSVP Shop when it opens in 2019. The class collected close to 8 cartons of items that day.

On 15 December SFXC held a Christmas party for FINs and hosted close to 70 FINs which was also attended by its Spiritual Director, Fr Don and by Fr Ben as well.



# Vincentian Family

## Immaculate Heart of Mary Conference

As in previous years, the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Conference was involved in several events. In addition to organising events to help improve the lives of FINs, IHM Conference members took part in several parish-run programmes along with other parish ministries. One of them is the Parish Discipleship Retreat, spread over two week-day evenings and a weekend. Several Vincentians took part in this retreat which helped them improve their spiritual life.

As part of the Easter celebrations, the FINs of the Conference were treated to lunch and the children of the FINs were presented with education awards.

During the IHM church feast day in June, Conference members manned a couple of food stalls. Members did the same during the Family Day fiesta organised by the parish in December.

On 9 September, the Conference organised a Gift of Love collection of used and new items for the upcoming SSVP Shop. It was the first time a Conference was organising such a collection on its own. Over 350 boxes of items like clothes, handbags and even cutlery were collected by the end of the day. Vincentians and a large number of volunteers from the IHM parish toiled throughout the day sorting, packing and loading the gifts into boxes that were later transported to a warehouse for storage.

During Advent, the Conference involved the members of the parish in buying Christmas gifts for FINs. Each FIN family could submit a 'wish' for a gift. IHM parishioners were then asked to sponsor these gifts. Without much hesitation all the requests were taken up in no time by church-goers making Christmas a memorable one for all the FINs.



## Sacred Heart Conference

The Sacred Heart Conference responded to the SSVP drive to collect donations of new and pre-loved items for sale at the new SSVP shop, which will open its doors in the second half of 2019. A call for help was put out and was answered by both SSVP members and volunteers from within and outside the parish. Everyone came together on 21 October to sort, fold and pack the items throughout the afternoon - filling 100 boxes.

On 9 December, 75 FINs from Sacred Heart Conference formed part of a group of 750 FINs of PC East for a Christmas Party at Bliss Garden Restaurant @ SingExpo. FINs received Sheng Siong vouchers and door gifts while enjoying the scrumptious lunch spread and participating in fun activities such as photo-taking, balloon sculpting for kids, lucky draws and other entertainment.



## St Anne Conference



In 2018, the St Anne Conference welcomed five new members into their fold. The new members took their Vincentian pledge during the SSVP Feast Day celebrations on 27 September.

Conference members and their families had the opportunity to bond and strengthen their ties during a 2DIN weekend trip to Malacca on 13 October. On 29 December, the members brought cheer to the FINs and their families in the parish with a trip to the Gardens by the Bay. After the visit to the gardens the FINs were treated to a scrumptious buffet lunch complete with lucky draw. All the FINs received a Christmas present, a goodie bag and snacks - all donated by members of the Conference. Homebound FINs who were unable to join in the outing were also presented with a roasted chicken, ham and log cake as well as lucky draw prizes per family.



# Vincentian Family

## St Louise de Marillac Conference

2018 saw the Conference adding three new members to its membership while the number of FINs served increased to 40 families comprising 97 individuals (from 70 in 2017), as a result of its constant outreach to the rental flats at Jalan Kayu and Buangkok areas.

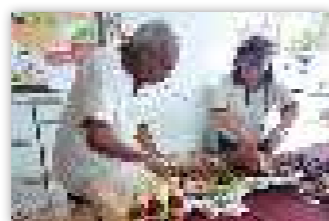
Members actively participated and benefited from training sessions and talks organised by the National Council (NC). They applied all that they learnt to their traditional fortnightly visits, monthly sing-alongs and Christmas and Easter masses for residents of the Institute of Mental Health (IMH) and Ju Eng Nursing Home. Sr Agnes Wang of St Louise de Marillac Conference was acknowledged by the IMH for her 29 years of service in their 90th anniversary magazine.

Easter was celebrated by all FINs at the "Jesus Loves You" rally organised by the NC. The conference held its Christmas Party and Education Award Presentation at the Church of St Vincent de Paul. A community of seniors served by the Conference has also been growing through the "Share-a-Pot" programme which is now in the third year running, as seniors participated in weekly exercises, healthy soup/food and fellowship.



## St Teresa Conference

The St Teresa Conference held a Christmas lunch on 30 December for its FINs. There was a good 88% turnout as members entertained them with a medley of Christmas carols and a few Teresa Teng signature ballads thrown in for good measure. The singers were complimented for their effort by FINs who thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



## St Ignatius Conference



For the St Ignatius (SI) Conference, 2018 was one for connecting the work of the SSVP with the parishioners of the parish through a number of new initiatives.

Parishioners responded generously to SSVP's appeal for used men's clothing in January and donations continued to pour in throughout the year. The clothing drive not only supports the parish's move towards eco-friendly practices but also raises awareness in the parish of SSVP's assistance to the Special Pass migrant workers (jobless and/or injured workers whose cases are pending investigation by the authorities). The migrant workers were thankful to receive the pre-loved clothes in addition to fresh fruits, toiletries and snacks distributed every month.

During interactions with its 140 FINs, members came to know of the living conditions of some of the FINs as well as their needs. A "Match-the-Needs" project was launched during Lent, and members compiled a list of the FINs' needs and invited the parishioners to donate or sponsor items on the list. The FINs were grateful to receive items such as mattress, a small refrigerator, and even a bed-frame to replace their faulty or rickety ones.

SI Conference continues to engage the youth in the parish through its outreach to the disadvantaged girls from the Ahuva Good Shepherd Home. The girls look forward to the monthly fun activities and outings, which allow them to destress and build their confidence.

Noticing that there are many young families who would like to expose their young children to works of charity, the Conference invited them to participate in the PC West's "Goin-a-Shoppin" programme at St Joseph's Home. The residents of the Home enjoyed the lively interaction and the opportunity to "shop" for items they wanted, either for themselves or as a gift for a loved one.

In the meantime, the Conference continues its Milk and Diapers (MaD) programme for children (under the age of 3) from low income families in the north and west districts of Singapore.

For the first time in many years, SSVP was given the opportunity to introduce itself to the RCIA Catechumens and their sponsors, many of whom accepted the invitation to participate in SSVP's works of mercy during Advent.

The Conference's engagement with the parish culminated in a roadshow on 17-18 November which coincided with the '2<sup>nd</sup> World Day of the Poor'. The purpose was to raise awareness of SSVP's activities and what it means to be a Vincentian. The roadshow attracted many parishioners to volunteer in the various SSVP activities as well as raised more than \$30,000 for its MaD programme.

# Vincentian Family

## Holy Cross Conference



The Holy Cross Conference was fully engaged in various activities during 2018. The St Joseph's Home Pushcart project saw increased participation by Conference members and the Home residents. The project benefits residents who were unable to do their own shopping due to various mobility issues, despite their being in close proximity to Jurong Point Mall. So members stock up the pushcart and bring the retail experience to the residents. The residents are given a fixed budget of pretend currency which they use to purchase the goods provided. Through feedback from the residents, the selection of goods have improved over time, catering to their tastes.



Members also organised birthday celebrations for FINs during monthly ration lunches. Every month, a team is rostered to celebrate the birthdays of FINs who are over 70 years old. The FINs who are celebrating their birthdays that month are invited to the ration lunch and birthday cakes are presented to each of them. Members celebrated the birthdays of homebound FINs in the homes of such FINs. Members have since decided to buy bigger birthday cakes for FINs so that they can enjoy it with their family or neighbours. While FINs enjoy having their birthdays commemorated, members are in turn touched when some FINs share that no one had celebrated their birthdays for them in the past.

The Christmas season was celebrated with the FINs on 25 November at Joy Garden Restaurant @Safra Jurong. This is one major event that FINs look forward to every year. A total of 96 FINs and 35 members attended, they enjoyed not only the sumptuous feast, but games and lucky draws as well. The night ended with a bus ride to Orchard Road for FINs to soak in the fairy tale atmosphere of the Christmas Light Up.



## Holy Spirit Conference

The Conference held two significant social events in 2018. On 1 September Holy Spirit Conference (HSC) members took its FINs on an outing to the Singapore Zoological Gardens. The FINs were fascinated with the white tigers and other zoo animals and enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

The HSC organised a Christmas Party for FINs on 9 December which was held in the church canteen. The parish evening choir sang to entertain all participants. Fr Richards Ambrose, the parish priest, blessed the attendees and took the opportunity to remind members of the importance of humility in service of those in need.

Beyond meeting the material needs of FINs, HSC encourages them to bond and help watch out for each other in a spirit of caring and neighbourliness. HSC also involves FINs in the co-creation of events and takes to heart feedback and ideas so as to improve future events.

## Blessed Sacrament Conference

The Blessed Sacrament Conference organised a number of events for its FINs and members in 2018. These included outings to the Trickeye Museum in Sentosa and a karaoke session at the Balestier Civil Service Club. The FINs, both young and old, thoroughly enjoyed the outings.

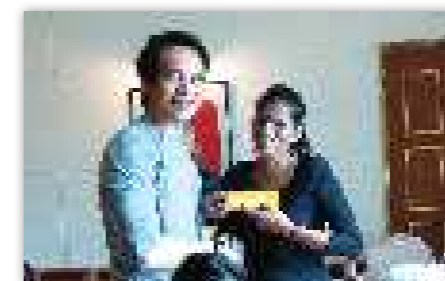
There were also fellowship gatherings for FINs and members to celebrate the Lunar New Year and Christmas. The Christmas event was organised in collaboration with other ministries of the parish.

Through five visits during the year (February, May, August, October and December), members participated in "Going-Shopping with the Residents" of St Joseph's Home.

Together with participants from other parishes, members and FINs attended the "Jesus Loves You" rally to share the Good News. They ended the event with a casual dinner.

Advent is a time to welcome Baby Jesus and bring cheer to the less fortunate FINs. The conference organised a special treat attended by about half of the conference's FINs. They were treated to a scrumptious 7-course lunch at Ban Heng Restaurant at Harbour Front Centre. God blessed the day with good weather and FINs enjoyed this Christmas celebration. A lucky draw was held and organisers ensured that every family walked away with a prize. Donated prizes included a deep fryer, an electric sewing machine, a back massager, an air purifier, NTUC and Robinson vouchers, and more.

Interestingly, the FINs took it upon themselves to barter the prizes, trading for prizes that they preferred. A lady who needed an electric sewing machine swapped her NTUC voucher to get what she wanted. Another exchanged her Robinson voucher for a deep fryer. It was comforting to see the FINs exchanging their items and enjoying themselves while doing so.





# Vincentian Family

## St Anthony's & Our Lady Star of the Sea Conference

Twelve members from the St. Anthony's Conference participated in the Catholic Welfare Services (CWS) Step by Step Walkathon on 28 October. The walkathon was to raise awareness of the three nursing homes that the CWS supports. Members posted invitations for people to join in the walkathon and also to share photographs of the walk on their social media sites. It was also a day when members of St Anthony's Conference bonded while on a good 2km morning walk.

Members from the Conferences of St Anthony and Our Lady Star of the Sea held a joint Christmas lunch on 8 December for their FINs. The lunch, which was held at the St Anthony's Auditorium was attended by about 80 FINs. The FINs had a wonderful day. There was music, face painting for the children, a Christmas buffet, games and interesting prizes.



## St Joachim Conference

The SSVP St Joachim Conference (SJC) came together with parishioners of St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah) in a "Sharing Our Christmas Joy" project - a collaborative effort to engage the parish community in presenting Christmas gifts to the FINs.

The goal of the project was two-fold; to communicate and build awareness of SSVP mission in caring for the poor in the parish as well as to understand the needs of FINs. It also aimed to involve and engage the parish community in contributing and caring for the poor beyond donating to the monthly second collection for SSVP.

To achieve these goals, the SJC provided each FIN a list of items consisting mainly household appliances, folding mattresses, school bags, etc from which they selected their Christmas wish gifts. A short description of recipient families was provided on gift cards. Parishioners then chose a gift or a family they wished to sponsor. The gift cards ran out very fast and as many were disappointed, they were then encouraged to bring other small gifts to be shared among the poor families.

This was the first time the SJC carried out this Christmas project involving the parish community. The parish priests of St Joseph's Church were very supportive and there was an overwhelming response. Many parishioners were very happy and enthusiastic to be able to help the FINs of their choice.

## St Stephen Conference

The FINs under the care of the St Stephen's Conference were treated to a grand party during Christmas. The Particular Council East organised the party at the Singapore Expo on 9 December and the FINs of St Stephen's enjoyed every moment of it. Members of the St Stephen's Conference pitched together and packed more than 370 goodie bags to present them to the FINs who attended the events to share the blessings of the season.



## Christ the King Conference

2018, for the Christ the King (CTK) conference, was filled with activities for its FINs.

Chinese New Year came early for the FINs at the CTK conference. Enthusiastic and excited FINs, mostly dressed in red, arrived for Ration Day on 2 February. They were entertained by the parish Chinese Choir which led them in belting out eight favourite renditions of the season, drawing thunderous applause and shouts of approval. Finally, the FINs were led in hymns and prayers. Rations, cash aid, mandarin oranges and BBQ pork (bak kwa) were distributed to the FINs at the end of the day. Those who were physically unable to attend the event did not lose out as home deliveries ensured that they enjoyed the same goodies.

Other celebrations were held in the year allowing members and FINs to bond and build camaraderie - these included National Day, Christmas, a FINs outing and mass.

However, one event stood out - this was the first nationwide FINs rally. Themed 'Jesus Loves You', it saw 75 FINs from this Conference signing up for the event. The rally inspired FINs, affirming for them God's love, mercy and compassion.

A fellowship lunch was held before the event. FINs were treated to favorite sing-along songs in various languages and many could relate to the songs, joining in without any prompting. The atmosphere was very relaxed and celebratory, putting everyone in a joyful mood. Included were praise and worship and testimony which resonated with the Catholic FINs, while non-Catholic FINs found the whole atmosphere infectious and opened their hearts to Jesus who touched and healed them.

When the Rally ended, the Conference presented all FINs with goodie bags and a powered candle with a picture of Our Lady, signifying her constant intercession and watchful protection.



# Milk & Diapers Programme

by Magdalene Tan



The SSVP Milk and Diapers (MaD) Programme was initiated by the St Ignatius Conference in 2015. Its mission is to help alleviate hardships faced by low income families with young or "special needs" children and to ensure that they have the necessary sustenance and nutrition in their crucial growing up years.

However, it is not just about delivering milk and diapers to needy families. Volunteers are called to befriend and journey with them, by providing the necessary support structure to decrease the social isolation experienced by families with complex needs.

MaD volunteers work closely with its referral agencies (mainly family service centres, social service organisations, prison ministry and crisis shelters) to look out for the well-being of the families under its care. Feedback on matters such as parents' loss of employment, concerns of potential child abuse, children not attending school, etc, which come to volunteers' attention during their visits are forwarded to the referral social agencies. It has been a meaningful experience for many volunteers as they steadily track the progress of the babies' growth during their journey with the families.

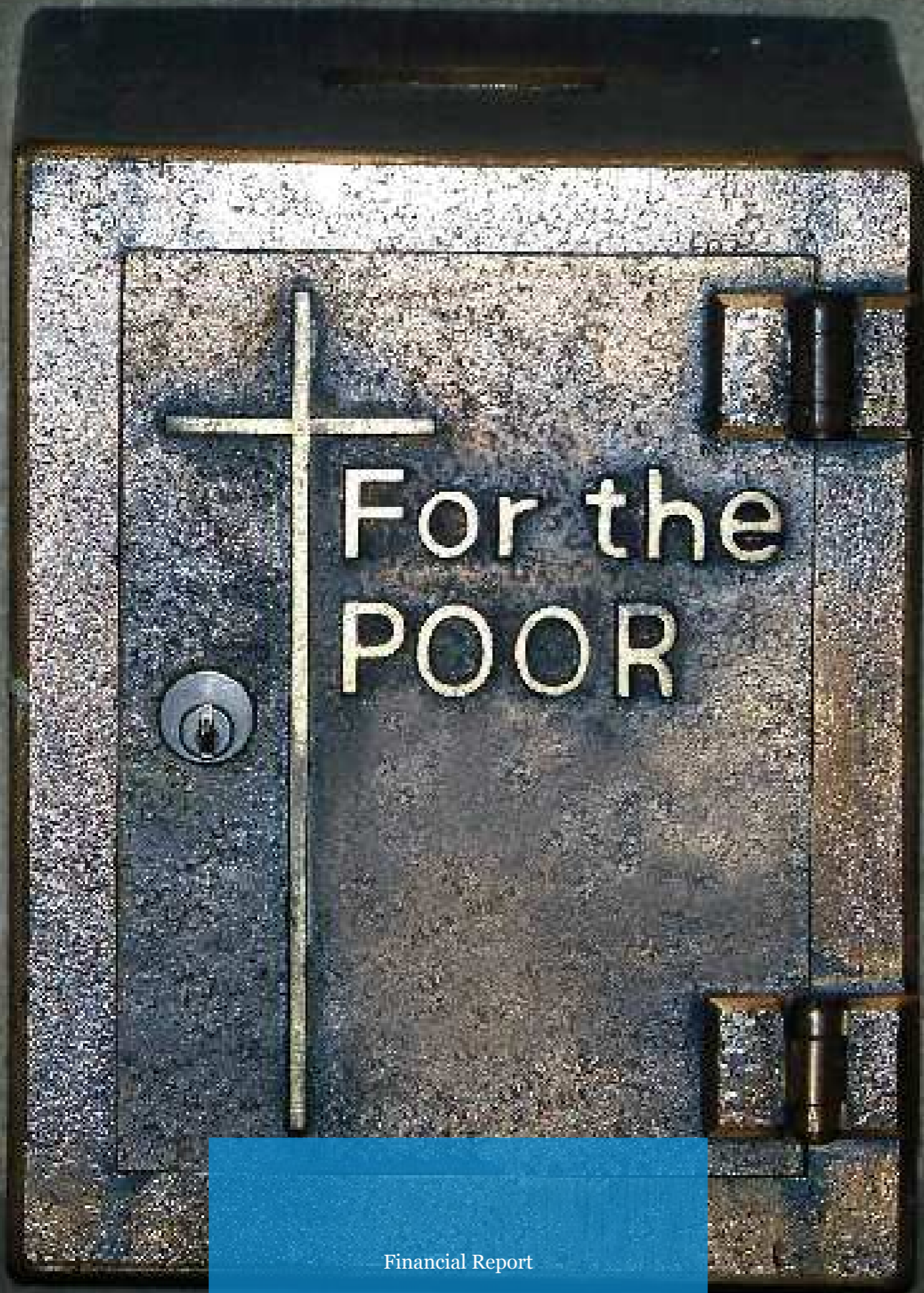
MaD held a Volunteer meeting-cum-training session on 14 April. The talk by Fei Yue's social worker discussed types of family violence, personal protection order and families' reaction to violence. Using a real-life MaD case as illustration, volunteers learned how to respond and help in such situations.

In March, the Queen of Peace Conference launched its Milk and Diapers programme to assist needy families living primarily in the east and north-eastern parts of Singapore. This complements the work done by the St Ignatius Conference which covers mainly the north, west and central areas of Singapore.

As of 31 December 2018	St Ignatius	Queen of Peace
No. of Babies	120	42
No. of Volunteers	82	60

MaD is grateful to all parishioners, donors and sponsors who have generously supported the programme, enabling it to reach out to families in need and make a small difference to their lives.





Financial Report

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
 (NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SINGAPORE)  
 Registration No. S018861495  
 Registered under The Societies (Amendment) Regulations 1996

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

Society of St. Vincent De Paul (Registration No. 200100192)  
(National Council of Singapore)

### General Information

Registration Number	200100192
Registered office	SA Teo Eng & Tan Teo Eng Angkor Village #04-01 Singapore 119054
President	Francis Tan Ming Cheong
Vice President	Sarahy Lim Kang Suen
Second Vice President	Teresa Lim Ai Leek
Secretary General Secretary	Josephine Hoang Leng
Treasurer	Lee Koo Hui (Queret)
Treasurer (Asst.)	Josephine Hoang Leng
Auditors	Veritas & Associates Chartered Accountants of Singapore 18 Sun Ming Lane Poco Building 01B Singapore 119040

Society of St. Vincent De Paul (Registration No. 200100192)  
(National Council of Singapore)

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Society of St. Vincent De Paul (Registration No. 881570-096)  
(National Council of Singapore)

Statement by the General Committee  
For the financial year ended 31 December 2018

In the opinion of the General Committee,

- (a) the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 18 to 26 are a true and correct statement of the financial position, financial performance, changes in funds and cash flows of the Society for the financial year ended on 31 December 2018;
- (b) at the date of this statement, there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the Society will be unable to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The Board of General Committee for, on the date of this statement authorized these financial statements for issue.

On behalf of the General Committee



FLORENCE TAN MUN CHING  
President



TAN KOOK HOO (Chairman)  
Chairman of Finance

Date: May 2, 2019

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廖桂蓮會計公司  
(特許會計師)

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of  
Society of St. Vincent De Paul (National Council of Singapore) (Registration No. 881570-096)

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

##### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul (National Council of Singapore) (the "Society"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows of the Society for the year then ended, and notes on the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Singapore Securities and Futures Act (Cap. 239) and Financial Reporting Standards in Singapore (FRSs) and, in respect of the financial statements, are presented fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Society as at 31 December 2018 and the results, changes in financial cash flows of the Society for the year ended on that date.

##### Scope for Singapore

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing (SSAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Society in accordance with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA) Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Public Accountants and Accounting Entities (ACRA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Singapore, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with those requirements and the ACRA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

##### Other Information

The General Committee is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Statement by the General Committee set out on page 2.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

##### Responsibilities of the General Committee Members and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

The General Committee is responsible for the preparation of financial statements and for preservation of the financial statements in accordance with the provisions of the Act and FRSs, and for taking internal control as management considers it necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Society or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The two charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Society's financial reporting process.



**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of  
 Society of St. Vincent De Paul (National Council of Singapore) (Company No. 501350198R)**

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**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee. An audit conducted in accordance with SRSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.


As part of an audit in accordance with SRSAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misstatements, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the General Committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Society to cease to exist or to discontinue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during the audit.

**Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

In carrying out the audit in accordance with the Auditing Code for the Society issued by the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority, we are required to report to you on the following matters:

  
 Veronica L & Associates  
 Public Accountants and  
 Chartered Accountants  
 Singapore  
 Date: May 2, 2015

**Statement of Financial Position  
 As at 31 December 2014**

	2014	2013	2012
		€	€
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Other receivables	0	47,348	10,505
Cash and cash equivalents	0	5,066,602	3,993,121
Prepaid expenses		5,600,877	3,977,877
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	3	5,843,703	23,000
Other investments	4	12,920	22,390
Other non-current assets		79,541	25,390
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>9,218,161</b>	<b>7,039,293</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUNDS</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Other payables	3	36,252	38,262
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>36,252</b>	<b>38,262</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>			
General fund		1,518,674	3,571,501
Reserve fund	3	5,065,154	5,020,600
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>9,218,161</b>	<b>7,039,293</b>
<b>Total liabilities and funds</b>		<b>9,218,161</b>	<b>7,039,293</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul (Registration No. S15501916)  
(National Council of Singapore)

Statement of Comprehensive Income  
For the Financial year ended 31 December 2018

	2018 S	2017 S
<b>Income</b>		
Source of Collections	4,348,492	4,240,544
Charitable donations	1,119,117	1,067,577
Secretive collection	55,178	47,829
Interest income	778	1,004
	<u>5,547,049</u>	<u>5,385,231</u>
<b>Less: Expenditure</b>		
Auditor's remuneration	15,200	19,200
Bank charges	4,570	4,357
Charity expenses	129	159
Contribution to Council of International Church Charities House	57,004	40,634
Contribution for LINA	67,000	43,518
Contribution for LINA	3,295,060	3,175,001
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,774	-
Provision aid for LINA	182,008	2,005,001
Food, day, festival, meals & catering for FINS	471,254	571,343
Gifts, funeral services & other for FINS	135,600	133,500
Transportation expenses for FINS	64,644	60,417
Medical aid for FINS	1,578	23,110
Assist aid for FINS	704,200	666,471
Assist for non-beneficiaries	85,315	140,708
Provision for overseas benevolence assistance	15,150	22,110
Medical expenses	5,571	2,712
Miscellaneous expenses	87	4,500
Miscellaneous expenses	21,845	23,200
Printing and related expenses	5,000	9,008
Office and office equipment expenses	21,069	15,134
Printing and stationery	3,356	8,551
Members' formation, development and program	1,791	9,585
Self-insurance and self-contribution	201,350	152,886
Self-insurance fund	185,650	170,307
Transportation and travelling	1,110	2,160
Contingencies	3,346,456	3,877,912
Net deficit/(surplus) for the year	<u>(7,149)</u>	<u>5,129</u>

The accounts were audited as integral part of these financial statements.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul (Registration No. S15501916)  
(National Council of Singapore)

Statement of Changes in Funds  
For the Financial year ended 31 December 2018

	National Council		Particular Council		Particular Council		Particular Council		Particular Council		Total Funds		Residual Fund
	S	Y	S	Y	S	Y	S	Y	S	Y	S	Y	
Balance at 01.12.2017	24,035	62,532	529,000	982,000	648,000	482,000	5,547,049	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Surplus/deficit for the year	767,414	(713,111)	141,330	(2,089,111)	(713,300)	28,300	(1,110)	5,163,254	5,163,254	5,163,254	5,163,254	5,163,254	5,163,254
Balance at 31.12.2018	1,907,752	2,908,853	670,330	979,889	934,700	510,300	4,436,839	10,163,254	10,163,254	10,163,254	10,163,254	10,163,254	10,163,254
Balance at 01.01.2017	96,174	647,504	972,450	1,189,802	607,400	470,725	5,547,217	5,547,217	5,547,217	5,547,217	5,547,217	5,547,217	5,547,217
Surplus/deficit for the year	1,461,644	(4,470)	324,470	(2,073,552)	(1,110)	52,941	5,163,254	5,163,254	5,163,254	5,163,254	5,163,254	5,163,254	5,163,254
Balance at 31.12.2017	240,008	552,500	595,209	982,000	606,300	523,666	10,710,471	10,710,471	10,710,471	10,710,471	10,710,471	10,710,471	10,710,471

The accounts were audited as integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows  
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	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>			
Income/Surplus for the year		(1,175)	5,340
Adjustments for:			
Depreciable intangible assets and equipment		177	-
Interest income		(258)	(1,264)
Operating cash flow before movements in working capital		1,547	4,076
Other receivables		(2,445)	(1,471)
Other payables		(1,523)	(5,749)
Cash generated from operations		(2,421)	(3,144)
Interest received		175	1,054
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities		(2,246)	(2,090)
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</b>			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment, equipment, furniture and cash (outflow) from investing activities		(3,775,057)	(71,706)
<b>Cash Flows From Financing Activities</b>			
Net movement in liability fund representing net cash inflow from financing activities		3,715,124	50,000
Net changes in cash and cash equivalents		1,654,827	41,204
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		1,910,282	1,913,711
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		3,565,109	1,954,915
<b>Cash and cash equivalents comprise:</b>			
Reserve funds		2,114,457	427,070
Investment funds		1,450,652	1,527,845
		3,565,109	1,954,915

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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These notes form an integral part of our financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

### 1. General Information

The Society was registered under the Societies Act (Chapter 311) with its registered office and principal place of business at 7A Luning & Tan Teah, Agape Village 4014, Singapore 119204 and domiciled in Singapore.

The main objective of the Society is to do good and participate in all works of charity, and this includes to promote and sustain, or maintaining of the public use of the place, and those engaged and to encourage the public to take active part in alleviating the sufferings and needs of the poor and needy.

There have been no significant changes in the nature of business in the financial year.

### 2. Significant Accounting Policies

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards in Singapore ("FRS") including related interpretations promulgated by the Accounting Standards Council ("ASC").

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with FRS requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the financial year. Although these estimates are based on the best knowledge of our management, actual results may differ from these estimates.

The accounting policies used are consistent with those used in the previous financial years.

The financial statements are prepared in Singapore Dollars, which is also the functional currency of the Society.

#### Interpretations and amendments to standards effective in 2018

In the current financial year, the Society adopted the new or amended IFRS and interpretations to IFRS (2011-2017) that are mandatory for application from that date onwards to the Society's accounting policies. There is no material impact arising from the new or amended provisions in the respective IFRS and IAS.

The adoption of the new or amended IFRS and IAS did not result in significant change to the Society's accounting policies and had no material effect on the amounts reported for the current or the previous years.

#### 2.2 Significant accounting judgements and estimates

The preparation of the Society's financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the reporting date. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in circumstances that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in the future.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## 2.3 Significant accounting judgments and estimates – continued

### (i) Critical Judgments, Assumptions and Taking upon Uncertainty

The critical judgments made in the process of applying the accounting policies have been deemed to pertain either to the amounts recognised in the financial statements and the key assumptions concerning the nature, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (carrying or within the next reporting period) or that, over time, these estimates and assumptions will periodically need to be updated to ensure they incorporate all relevant information available at the date when financial statements are prepared. However, this does not represent actual figures different from estimates.

#### Impairment of financial assets

The determination of whether a financial asset is impaired requires significant judgment. The Society considers, among other factors, the duration and extent to which the fair value of financial asset is less than its cost, and the financial health of the issuer or an issuer's outlook in the financial assets. In doing so, the Society takes into account performance, changes in technology and operational plan. Generating cash flow.

### (ii) Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The key assumptions concerning the fair value and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are described below.

#### Depreciation of property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Management estimates the useful lives of these property, plant and equipment to be 1 to 100 years. The carrying amount of the Society's property, plant and equipment at 31 December 2018 was S\$3,311,103 (2017: S\$73,003). Changes in technological level of usage and technological developments could impact the economic useful lives and the residual value of these assets, therefore future depreciation charge could be higher.

## 2.4 ~~FINANCIAL ASSETS~~

### Classification

Financial assets are classified as either financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held to maturity investments, or contracts for sale financial assets, as appropriate. Financial assets are classified in the statement of financial position when and only when the Society becomes a party to the contract or provisions of the financial instrument.

When financial assets are designated initially as held to maturity, they are measured at fair value plus or minus the change in fair value through profit or loss, directly attributable transaction costs. The Society determines the classification of its financial assets after taking into consideration of its intended and appropriate business model, including its own cash financial asset.

## 2.3 Financial assets – continued

### Loans and receivables

Non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as "loans and receivables". Such assets are initially recognised at fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, such assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less impairment losses. Gains and losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the assets are paid, payable or derecognised or impaired, as well as through the amortisation process.

The Society classifies the following financial assets as loans and receivables:

- Current bank and cash
- Other receivables

### Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are those non-derivative financial assets that are designated as available-for-sale at initial recognition. They are measured at fair value plus or minus directly attributable transaction costs. Financial assets are measured at fair value with gains or losses being recognised in the fair value adjustment reserve until the time the asset is derecognised or until the impairment is determined to be incurred at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously reported in equity is included in the statement of comprehensive income.

The fair value of investments that are actively traded in organised financial markets is determined by reference to the relevant exchange's quoted market bid prices at the close of business at the end of the reporting period. For investments whose fair value is not actively marketed, the value is determined using valuation techniques.

Investments in equity instruments that do not have a quoted market price in an active market and whose fair value cannot be reliably measured are measured at cost less impairment losses.

### Held-to-maturity financial assets

Non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity are classed as held-to-maturity when the Society has the positive intention and ability to hold the investments to maturity. Subsequent to initial recognition, held-to-maturity investments are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the held-to-maturity investments are derecognised or impaired, and through the amortisation process.

### Derecognition of financial assets

A financial asset is derecognised when the contractual right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired.

On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount and the sum of (a) the consideration received and (b) any cumulative gain or loss that has been recognized directly in equity is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income.



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**2.3 Financial instruments**

**Impairment of financial assets**

The Society assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is any objective evidence of a financial asset or group of financial assets impaired:

(i) **Assets carried at amortised cost**

There is objective evidence that impairment has occurred if any of the following conditions is met: (a) the issuer is experiencing financial difficulty; (b) there is a significant increase in the credit risk of the asset; (c) the issuer is in breach of contract terms; (d) the issuer is in financial difficulty; (e) the issuer is in liquidation or has failed to pay interest or principal on the asset. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account. The amount of the loss is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized, the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed. Any reversal of an impairment loss is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income, to the extent that the carrying amount of the asset does not exceed its amortized cost at the reversal date.

(ii) **Available-for-sale financial assets**

If an available-for-sale financial asset is impaired, an amount comprising the difference between its current fair value and its previous carrying amount, less any impairment previously recognized, is transferred from equity to the statement of comprehensive income. Reversals in respect of equity instruments classified as available-for-sale are not recognized in the statement of comprehensive income.

(iii) **Assets carried at cost**

There is objective evidence that an impairment loss on an investment in equity instrument that is not carried at fair value because its fair value cannot be reliably measured, or on a derivative asset that is linked to and must be settled by delivery of such an equity instrument, has occurred if, at the end of the reporting period, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and its present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the current market rate of return, a stubble financial asset. Such impairment losses are not reversed in subsequent periods.

**2.4 Financial liabilities**

The Society's financial liabilities include other payables and accruals. They are included in statement of financial position items as "other payables".

Financial liabilities are recognized when the Society becomes a party to the contractual agreement of the instrument. All financial liabilities are recognized as an expense in "financial cost" in the statement of comprehensive income.

The Society does not recognize financial liability (or when and only when) the Society's obligations are cancelled or they expire.

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**2.5 Property, plant and equipment**

Property, plant and equipment are initially recognized at cost. The cost of property, plant and equipment is recognized as an asset if, and only if, it is probable that future economic benefits associated with will flow to the enterprise and the cost can be measured reliably. Subsequent to recognition, property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset as follows:

Fixed deposit	100 years
Car park	year

For acquisition and disposed during the financial year, depreciation is provided from the month of acquisition and to the month before disposal, respectively.

Dully depreciated assets are recorded in the financial statements until they are no longer usable. Any gain or loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment is taken to revenue.

The carrying values of property, plant and equipment are reviewed at each financial year end to ensure that the carrying amount of depreciated are consistent with previous estimates and the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset of the property, plant and equipment.

Property, plant and equipment are derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on disposal of the asset is included in the statement of comprehensive income for the year in which disposal.

**2.6 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are carried at the face value of financial assets of short maturity which appear on the balance sheet as "cash and cash equivalents".

For the purposes of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand, demand deposits and short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

**2.7 Provisions**

Provisions are recognized when the Society has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Society will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognized as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flow method, it is with the present obligation's carrying amount is the present value of estimated future cash flows.

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, the receivable is recognized as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

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2.4 Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets are reviewed for impairment whenever circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income and is stated as a revaluation decrease. The asset's carrying amount is reduced to the extent that the impairment loss has not covered the carrying amount used in the evaluation of a part of the non-financial asset.

Reversal of impairment losses recognised in prior years is recognised when there is an indication that the impairment losses recognised for the same or a higher asset or cash-generating unit should be reversed. Reversal is recognised only to the extent that the loss has not been recognised in prior years. However, the increased carrying amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is not recognised if an impairment loss is recognised in the current year, does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years.

The Society had no impairment provisions for non-financial assets ending 31 December 2018.

2.5 Income taxes

The Society is exempt from income tax on income and gains falling within Section 130(1) of the Income Tax Act by the existence of the same as applied to charitable objects.

2.10 Revenue recognition

The Society recognises revenue when the amount of revenue and related costs can be reliably measured; it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity and when the specific criteria for each of the following conditions have been satisfied:

(i) Collection, donation and service fee

Contributions and service fee collection from members and donation received are recognised at the time such income is only deferral when the donor specifies that the funds for same only be used in future according to period or the donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the Society has unconditional entitlement.

(ii) Interest income

Revenue from interest income is recognised on time-proportioned basis over the period of placement of time deposits.

2.11 Employee benefits

(i) Pension obligations

The Society contributes to the Central Provident Fund (CPF), a defined contribution plan, which is funded and managed by the Government of Singapore, which applies to all employees. The Society's contributions to CPF are charged to the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which the contributions arise.

(ii) Employer leave entitlements

Employee entitlement to annual leave is recognised when they cease to be employees. Accrued leave for the measurement period is a liability recognised by employing up to the date of the statement of financial position.

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5. Hoolly Fund

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
General concerns	5,970,000	500,000
Less: Liabilities:		
Bank charges	24	-
Capital and professional fees	563	-
General expenses	17,992	-
Property tax	7,092	-
Travel and conference	6,542	-
Water and electricity	2,970	-
	<u>34,083</u>	
Surplus for the year	5,935,917	500,000
Balance at 1 January	500,000	-
Balance at 31 December	6,465,917	500,000

On January 4, 2018, the Society has received an aggregate amount of S\$6,500,000 being the shares of S\$1.00 of 6,500,000 ordinary shares.

The liquid will be in "cash in hand" flowing manner:

(i) S\$4,000,000 for the purchase of a property for the Society, including all related costs including but not limited to legal fees, stamp duty and the purchase and costs of renovation.

The purchase of a property located at 371 Geylang Road, Singapore 384 599 amounting to S\$4,000,000 has been completed on 28 January 2018. The property is held in the names of four trustees for the Society.

(ii) S\$1,000,000 to be applied as rental towards the setting up of an Endowment Fund, wherein only the income earned from the fund is to be utilized for the financial support for the benevolence of the Society.

(iii) S\$1,500,000 for the employment of all necessary staff to the Income and Charitable Fund to support the social and administrative functions for a period of two (2) years, and will also include the operational costs of the social enterprise retail shop, and the programmes to strengthen the communication capabilities and professional skills of the staff and volunteers.

4. Mid-to-Maturity Investments

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Impaired investments, at cost		
At beginning of the year and at the end of the year	<u>72,320</u>	<u>72,320</u>

Helena "Gully" Investments (referred to as "Gully Investments") is a fund managed by "Gully Investments" which is a subsidiary of Confederation Internationale des Societes Sœurs Vincent de Paul, Paris.

The fund's investment portfolio is managed by Gully Investments and its subsidiaries.

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**5. Property, Plant and Equipment**

	Freehold Property \$	Computers and furniture \$	Total \$
<b>Cost</b>			
Additions	71,000		71,000
31.12.2017	71,000	-	71,000
Additions	4,772,194	3,774	4,775,968
31.12.2018	4,843,194	3,774	4,846,968
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>			
Charge for the year	-	-	-
31.12.2017	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	3,774	3,774
31.12.2018	-	3,774	3,774
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
31.12.2017	71,000	-	71,000
31.12.2018	4,843,194	-	4,843,194

The freehold property (held in the name of the trustee for the Society).

The freehold property is located at 80,500, A Leyang Road, Singapore 398599 which will be used for office and assembly hall (hold 9).

**6. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash on hand	62,418	57,257
Cash at bank	1,376,157	1,534,948
Fixed deposits with bank	271,307	201,356
	1,709,882	1,833,561

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents approximate their fair value and are denominated in Singapore dollars at the end of the reporting period.

Cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Restricted funds	711,162	422,000
Commitment funds	1,021,871	1,411,561
	1,733,033	1,833,561

Short-term fixed deposits earned average effective interest rates of 0.15% (2017: 0.06%) per annum.

\*\* This company is not a financial institution as defined in the Financial Statements Act.

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**7. Other Receivables**

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Unpaid bank charges		9,530
Debits & prepayments	9,005	1,233
Other receivables	2,622	1,679
	11,627	12,442

The carrying amounts of other receivables approximate their fair value and are denominated in Singapore dollars at the end of the reporting period.

**8. Other Payables**

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Accrued operating expenses	10,150	36,333
	10,150	36,333

The carrying amounts of other payables approximate their fair value and are denominated in Singapore dollars at the end of the reporting period.

**9. Related Party Transactions**

TRX 244. This related party of the trustee/charities boards and the management of the Society. It includes:

- A person or a close member of the person's family of the person:
  - Has control or joint control over the reporting entity;
  - Has significant influence over the reporting entity; or
  - Is a member of the key management personnel of the reporting entity or of a person of the reporting entity.
- An entity is related to the reporting entity if any of the following apply:
  - The entity and the reporting entity are members of the same group;
  - The reporting entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity;
  - The reporting entity and the other entity are joint ventures of the same third party;
  - The entity is a joint venture of the reporting entity and the other entity is an associate of the reporting entity;
  - The entity is a subsidiary or an associate of the reporting entity and the other entity is a joint venture of the reporting entity or an associate of the reporting entity;
  - The entity and the reporting entity are both subsidiaries of the same parent entity;
  - The reporting entity is a subsidiary of the other entity and the other entity is a member of the key management personnel of the reporting entity or of a parent of the reporting entity.

The management personnel include the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer of the reporting entity.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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10. Fair Value

The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged or settled between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction, other than in a forced or liquidation sale.

Financial instruments whose carrying amounts approximate fair value

The Society's financial instruments carrying amounts of cash at hand, and at bank, other receivables, and other payables, based on their contractual amounts, respectively approximate their fair values because these are mostly short-term in nature.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities are determined as follows:

(1) The fair values of financial assets and liabilities with a standard term and credit risk and traded on active liquid markets are determined with reference to quoted market prices.

(2) The fair values of derivatives instruments are determined using the market-quoted value or estimate from independent valuation estimates using generally accepted pricing models taking into consideration duration of the instruments and curves for similar instruments.

At the end of the reporting date, the Society does not have any financial instruments which will require disclosure of fair value measurements by level of fair value hierarchy.

11. Financial Risk Management Objective And Policies

The Society's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks. The Society's approaches in managing these risks are discussed below:-

Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Society's exposure to foreign exchange risk arising from currency exposures is minimal.

Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Society. Receivable balances are measured as an ageing basis.

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents and other receivables represent the Society's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to these balances. No other financial assets carry a significant exposure to credit risk.

The Society places its cash with creditworthy institutions.

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11. Financial Risk Management Objective And Policies - Continued

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of the Society's financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Society's exposure to interest rate risk arises primarily from deposits placed with banks. Such deposits are classified as term deposits with reputable banks which give better returns than cash at bank. The proceeds generally have short term maturity (less than 1 year) with the Society with no flexibility to use the existing equal assets.

Based on sensitivity analysis performed at the end of the reporting period, management has concluded that the exposure to changes in interest rates is minimal and hence the resulting impact on the statement of the comprehensive income of the Society is insignificant.

Liquidity risk

The Society manages the liquidity risk by maintaining sufficient cash flow and funding requirements.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market prices whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual security or by factors affecting all securities traded in the market.

The Society does not hold any quoted or marketable financial instrument, hence is not exposed to any amounts in market prices.

12. Comparative Figures

The following comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to standard practice presentation to reflect the reduction of the Singapore accounts.

	2017 As reclassified \$	2017 As previously reported \$
<u>Statement of comprehensive income</u>		
Total income	5,560,502	5,350,232
General donations (Grilly fund)	(50,000)	-
As reclassified	<u>5,510,502</u>	<u>5,350,232</u>
<u>Balance sheet</u>		
Cash at hand	-	-
General donations	500,000	-
As reclassified	<u>500,000</u>	<u>-</u>



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### 12. Comparative Figures - Continued

	2017 As stated in the report \$	2017 As previously reported \$
<b>Statement of cash flows</b>		
Net cash inflow from operating activities	452,155	495,730
Net increase in Cash and	(507,000)	-
As disclosed	<u>3,655</u>	<u>492,730</u>
Net cash flow from financing activities	-	-
Net increase in Cash and	570,000	-
As disclosed	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

### 13. FRB and FNT FRS Issued But Not Yet Effective

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, the following FRB and FNT FRS that are relevant to the Society were issued but not yet effective:

FRB / FNT FRS	Effective from (annual periods beginning on or after 1/1/2019)
FRS 116 - Intangible Assets	1 January 2019

The Society has not yet adopted these standards and the management does not expect them to have any material impact on the Society when adopted.

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The Accompanying Supplementary Statement of Comprehensive Income

Has Been Prepared for Management Purposes Only

And Does Not Form Part of the Audited Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Position (continued) 30/06/2018  
 (Restated Financial Statement)

Statement of Financial Position - Supplementary Schedule  
 for the year ended 30/06/2018

Account	2017 Total £	2017 Current Year £	2017 Prior Year £	2017 Current Year £	2017 Prior Year £	2017 Current Year £	2017 Total £	Total £
Current year contributions received	1,527	1,527	-	10	-	117	1,654	165
Expenses	<u>1,527</u>	<u>1,527</u>	<u>1,918</u>	<u>2,001</u>	<u>2,124</u>	<u>2,124</u>	<u>3,751</u>	<u>3,586</u>
Balance sheet opening contributions	1,226	1,226	1,121	1,121	1,121	1,121	2,347	2,347
Total	<u>1,527</u>	<u>1,527</u>	<u>1,239</u>	<u>1,132</u>	<u>1,242</u>	<u>1,242</u>	<u>3,998</u>	<u>3,933</u>
Current contributions	1,527	1,527	-	-	-	-	1,527	1,527
Total	<u>1,527</u>	<u>1,527</u>	<u>1,239</u>	<u>1,132</u>	<u>1,242</u>	<u>1,242</u>	<u>3,064</u>	<u>3,064</u>

The figures are subject to audit by the auditor of the company, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Statement of Financial Position (continued) 30/06/2018  
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Statement of Financial Position - Supplementary Schedule  
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Account	2017 Total £	2017 Current Year £	2017 Prior Year £	2017 Current Year £	2017 Prior Year £	2017 Current Year £	2017 Total £	Total £
Current year contributions received	124	124	-	24	-	124	148	124
Expenses	<u>124</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>284</u>	<u>1,047</u>	<u>1,047</u>	<u>1,047</u>	<u>1,495</u>	<u>1,371</u>
Balance sheet opening contributions	124	124	124	124	124	124	376	376
Total	<u>124</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>522</u>	<u>501</u>
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Current year contributions	124	124	-	-	-	-	124	124
Total	<u>124</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>522</u>	<u>501</u>

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Statement of Financial Position (continued) 30/06/2018  
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Statement of Financial Position - Supplementary Schedule  
 for the year ended 30/06/2018

Particulars - 2017 - 2018

Account	2017 Current Year £	2017 Current Year £	2017 Prior Year £	2017 Current Year £	2017 Prior Year £	2017 Current Year £	2017 Prior Year £	2017 Current Year £	Total £
Income	10	10	-	10	-	10	10	10	10
Current year contributions received	10	10	-	10	-	10	10	10	10
Expenses	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
Balance sheet opening contributions	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Total	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
Total	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
Current year contributions	10	10	-	-	-	-	10	10	10
Total	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
Current year contributions	10	10	-	-	-	-	10	10	10
Total	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
Current year contributions	10	10	-	-	-	-	10	10	10
Total	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

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Current year contributions received	10	10	-	10	-	10	10	10	10
Expenses	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
Balance sheet opening contributions	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Total	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
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Current year contributions	10	10	-	-	-	-	10	10	10
Total	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

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Table 1.15. Mexico. De Facto Expenditures on Health, 1990-2000  
 National Level, US\$ million

Source: Author's compilation of official statistics reported by the Secretaría de Salud, Secretaría de Economía, and Secretaría de Hacienda.

Number of Health Personnel:

Category	Female Personnel	Total Personnel	Physicians	Nurses	Mid-level Personnel	Other Personnel	Physicians per 1,000	Nurses per 1,000	Mid-level Personnel per 1,000
Total	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Physicians	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Nurses	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Mid-level Personnel	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
Other Personnel	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400
Physicians per 1,000	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Nurses per 1,000	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Mid-level Personnel per 1,000	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
Other Personnel per 1,000	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400

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Number of Health Personnel:

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Total	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Physicians	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Nurses	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Mid-level Personnel	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
Other Personnel	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400
Physicians per 1,000	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Nurses per 1,000	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Mid-level Personnel per 1,000	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
Other Personnel per 1,000	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400

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Nurses	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Mid-level Personnel	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
Other Personnel	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400
Physicians per 1,000	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Nurses per 1,000	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
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Mid-level Personnel	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
Other Personnel	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400
Physicians per 1,000	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
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Total							
Operating income	1,000	950	900	850	800	750	700
Operating expenses	(800)	(750)	(700)	(650)	(600)	(550)	(500)
Operating profit	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Net income	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
Net income per share	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Dividends per share	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Dividend yield	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS hereby given that the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (National Council of Singapore) will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 at 7.45 pm at Agape Village Multi-Purpose Hall, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 3192646.

**AGENDA**

1. Opening Prayers
2. Address by National Spiritual Adviser
3. Address by National Council (NC) President
4. To note the minutes of the 63<sup>rd</sup> AGM held on 18th May 2018, which was confirmed at the NC meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018.
5. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.
6. Election of NC Honorary Treasurer
7. Matters Arising
  - A. Financial Report - National Treasurer
  - B. Sub-committee Reports
    - (a) SSVP Shop
    - (b) Social Office
    - (c) SSVP Ltd
8. Re-appointment of External Auditors
9. Secret Bag Collection
10. Any other business

For and on behalf of the National Council,  
Patrick Neo  
NC Hon. Gen. Secretary  
Dated: 18 April 2019

Note: The Annual General Meeting will be preceded by Mass at 7.00pm Agape Village (followed by buffet dinner after AGM).  
Registration and fellowship starts at 6.15pm.

Notice of 64<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting



**A: National Council ("NC") formally invites all members to participate in the nomination of candidates for NC Treasurer.**

Please submit by email the attached completed nomination forms to Patrick Neo by 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (midnight)

Extract of SSVP Constitution:

5. Election and Management of National Council and ExCo of National Council:

5.2 Eligibility:

Any member of the Society may be nominated to be appointed as a National Council member subject to him/her meeting the following criteria:

- He/she must not be over the age of 71 years at the time of nomination;
- He/she must not have any previous criminal record (other than minor traffic offences); and
- He/she must not be an undischarged bankrupt.

In addition to any other criteria set out in this Constitution, the nominee for the position of President of National Council must also have previously held an ExCo position in any Conference or any Particular Council or the National Council.

5.6 Election and Appointment:

(b) The National Council Treasurer shall be elected through majority of secret votes cast by the Society's full members.

**B: Timeline for notices**

- A period of one month shall lapse between the nomination of candidates and the ballot. During the period of election, members are invited to pray for the candidates who are prepared to accept their responsibilities.
- At least two (2) weeks' notice shall be given of an Annual General Meeting and at least ten (10) days' notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society.
- Any member who wishes to place an item on the agenda of a General Meeting may do so provided he gives notice to the National Council General Secretary two (2) weeks before the meeting is due to be held.



**SSVP Nomination Form for election of 2019/2021 NC Hon Treasurer**

(to be submitted to Patrick Neo by email [patrick.neo@ssvpsingapore.org](mailto:patrick.neo@ssvpsingapore.org) by 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 midnight.)

1. Position nominated for: **NC Honorary Treasurer**

2. Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Candidate's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Proposer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Second's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Consent of Nominee has been obtained and confirmed: Yes/ No

Note: A Nomination Committee comprising 3 persons will review the eligibility of the candidates for the above positions.



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Performer: Rev. Fr. Eugene Vaz, D.D., Archdeacon, Singapore  
 President: Florence Tan

Minutes of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (National Council of Singapore) held on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.30 pm at Agape Village, Multi-Purpose Hall 1 & 2, ground floor.

### Present

Florence Tan - President  
 Stanley Lim - Vice President / Funding  
 Teresa Yeo - Vice President / External Community  
 Angela Ong - Hon Gen Secretary  
 Gabriel Goh - Hon Treasurer  
 Patrick Foo - Asst Treasurer

NC Members and Sub-Committee Leaders/Officers: Harry Fering (Funding), David SJ Ong (Social Office), James Ang (SVH), Noel Low (IT/Salas Force), Sean Lee (Youth), PC Presidents: Rajendran Pillay (PCD), Joey Goh (PCW) and Aerian Cher (PCB) with another 110 members from 23 conferences attended.

### 1 WELCOME

A warm welcome was extended to all by National Council Social Office Leader David Ong, the emcee for the night.

### 2 SPIRITUAL ADDRESS by Fr Paul Lim, Asst Parish Priest of Christ The King, in the absence of National Council Spiritual Advisor Rev Fr Eugene Vaz (at Mass held prior to AGM)

Gospel reading and sharing on John 21:15-19

In the Gospel Jesus calls His disciple, Simon Peter and asks him three times "Do you love Me?" Three times, because Peter denied Jesus three times (Jn 18:17, 25-27). After the three affirmative responses, Peter becomes a "Beloved Disciple" and receives the order to take care of the sheep. Notice that Jesus does not ask anything else, except "Do you love Me?" Love is at the centre of the mission.

Just like our mission as Vincentians. Throughout life, Peter, and we too, gain maturity. The practice of love will take root in our lives and the service to our brothers and sisters out of love will prevail and will lead us to be better Vincentians. To love, is above all, a profound experience of relationship among our family and friends, in addition to our Friends-in-Need and fellow members.

### 3 ADDRESS BY NATIONAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

NCP Florence Tan warmly welcomed everyone and thanked members for making an effort to be present at the AGM.

A Spiritual Segment – Top 5 Takeaways from Pope Francis' Gaudete Et Exsultate (Gaudete Et Exsultate, which means to "Rejoice and be Glad" and an extract from Pope Francis' message on 5 practical ways in our journey in the call to holiness in today's world). NCP Florence encouraged all members to spend two minutes to reflect on the messages, which resonate with each one of us personally. She reminded us that as Vincentians should rejoice and be glad as we focus on both Word of the Lord and charitable works, must come together as we do the Lord's will.



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### B. SSVP Vision & Mission

Florence reported that CGO president has informed that SSVP's mission is to be recognised as a global organisation that seeks the integral dignity of those in greater need. This should be a good reminder to all that we should be empathetic towards our FINS, whose needs are greater than our own. Our values of 'service, spirituality, humility, charity and empathy' must be constantly tapped on in our mission to serve the poor and marginalised.

### C. Stepping Up

She advised that many more Vincentians had since May 2017 stepped up to higher leadership roles in NC and its sub-committees. This was encouraging. The NC is always in need for more good and qualified Vincentians and she encouraged more Vincentians to come forward.

Florence introduced the various NC members and sub-committee leaders present, and thanked them on behalf of all members for their continued generous support and service to the Society and its Friends in Need (FINS.)

### D. Strategic Plans – NC & Conferences

She commended the 22 conferences, who had submitted their 5 strategic thrusts plans and strongly urged them to continue with developing and carrying out their 2017 strategic plans to fruition in 2018/2020. We all need a road map to show where we are heading and to ascertain how we have journeyed and the need to realign, where relevant.

### E. Many Excellent Initiatives

- Know the Rule Workshop (with follow up on 2 modules to be conducted at conference level)
- SSVP Constitution accepted has been approved by Commissioner of Charities and Registrar of Societies with one key amendment which is inclusion of the clauses to erect "Foreign diplomats shall not serve as Exco members of NC, PC and Conferences"
- SSVP Trust Fund – formed
- NCP commenced and shared some of the conferences and PCs excellent initiatives and projects.

### F. Blessings – The Bequest

Blessed by a bequest to scale to new heights, albeit the Society now has a greater sense of responsibility. Various teams have been formed to plan and work collectively towards the fruition of this 'blessing'.

### G. Conferences Updates

Florence on behalf of all other Vincentians welcomed and congratulated the members of the Church of the Transfiguration Conference on being the 30<sup>th</sup> Conference with its inception on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017. She complimented Julie Boon and Michael Koh, who both moved from LIM conference to help develop the COTT conference, which is a testimony of fraternal love.

St Alphonsus Conference will cease to operate at the Novena church from end May



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### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 61<sup>ST</sup> AGM, 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018

It was noted that the minutes of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 was confirmed and adopted at the NC Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

### Key Sub Committees Reports

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

##### A. Financial Report

NCP, Gabriel Lok thanked all Conference & Particular Council Treasurers for their prompt and timely submission of their accounts, which enabled the external audit to be completed efficiently.

##### B. Major Annual Requiring Expenditure

GLok highlighted that the society's annual expenses managed by NC. This is about \$580,000 annually. Note \$350,000 is on social work assistance (for FINS benefit) and two local charitable causes. He stressed that all Conferences ExCo and members should and must be aware of these controlled society's expenses:

- Social office cost with 2 qualified & experienced case workers - S\$180,000
- Silent Poor (local) - S\$100,000
- St Vincent Home Contribution (operating costs) - S\$70,000
- Overseas - winning (SSVP Philippines & Indonesia) - S\$70,000
- CCF Contribution - S\$25,000
- Admin office cost with one staff - S\$50,000
- Statutory Audit cost - S\$20,000
- Logistic cost for annual day of recollection; Rally for our FINS; Feast Day; Spiritual formation retreats, talks & social works - S\$20,000
- Seminars for Vincentians
- Communication & media costs: printing of Annual Report; SSVP Constitution; The Rule Book; 25/50 year award plaques; brochures - S\$20,000

### 6. I. Adoption of Annual Report and Financial Statements

Meeting resolved to receive and adopt the 2017 Annual Report and audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31st December 2017.

Without further amendment, the 2017 Annual Report and audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31st December 2017 were agreed upon unanimously by show of hands from members present.

### II. Re-Appointment of Auditors

National Council requested the re-appointment of Veronica Chan & Associate as the Auditors for the financial year 2018. The meeting agreed by majority to the re-appointment for the financial year 2018.

### 7. SSVP Shop – National Social Enterprise (The Bequest)

NCP Florence shared that the start up of a sustainable social enterprise cum office enables SSVP to conduct out reach to more people outside the Catholic Church parishes' grounds. This retail shop provides new services to more people. It will be a welcoming space for everyone; a place conducive for connections; and provide people in greater need with essentials for life in contemporary Singapore. In turn this will be good





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character development for all Vincentians as we reflect our true values in our social mission.

Members present gave a round of applause to the SSVP Shop sub-committees, as a show of their appreciation.

### 8. **SSVP Trust Fund**

NCVP, Stanley Lim reported that the first board meeting was held on 25 Apr 2018. He and his team are working on an online fund raising portal, which will be rolled out this year. More information will be forthcoming and will be explained in detail before the launch.

### 9. **Social Office (SO)**

SO Lead, David Ong reported that the SSVP Social Office has come a long way. Five years ago when the SO idea was introduced, it was met with much resistance from some members. But today we see that it has literally changed the lives of many FINS. David introduced Meera Rameshwaran and Avin Dawson who helm the SSVP Social Office. Both of them were commended on their remarkable work and invaluable support to the majority of conferences. There is presence of good rapport and partnership. From Jan to Dec 2017, a total of 143 cases were handled and resolved. David, together with Meera and Avin will reach out to the rest of the other conferences who have yet to engage SO in order to render possible assistance.

### 10. **Youth**

Youth leader Sean Lee gave a brief of the plans he and his team would like to roll out. He will be contacting conferences to engage in further discussion.

### 11. **Secret Bag collection: \$824.00**

### 12. **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

No other matters.

### 13. **CONCLUSION**

As no other matter was raised, meeting ended at 9:00pm with VP Teresa thanking Irene Swasie and David Ong for the annual report design and production and Mag Tan, Angela Ong and Melanie Tan for organising the mass and the AGM logistics. This was followed by closing prayers led by Teresa Yeo. AGM fellowship dinner followed suit thereafter.

Minutes recorded by: Angela Ong, NC Hon Gen Secretary

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Signed by: Florence Tan, President, National Council

Date:





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## Prayer of The Vincentian Family

LORD JESUS, You who willed to become poor;  
Give us eyes and a heart directed toward the poor;  
Help us to recognise You in them –  
In their thirst, their hunger, their loneliness and their misfortune.

Enkindle within our Vincentian family,  
unity, simplicity, humility and the fire of love  
that burned in St Vincent de Paul

Strengthen us, so that, faithful to the practice of these virtues,  
We may contemplate You, and serve You, in the person of the poor.  
And may one day be united with You and them in Your kingdom.

*Amen*

## The Vincentian Pledge

AS FAR AS WE ARE ABLE:

We **PROMISE** to do all we can to make Christ's Law of Love prevalent among all men and women, practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

We **PROMISE** to sanctify ourselves through prayer, attendance at mass and frequent reception of the Sacraments in order to fulfill better our duties as Vincentians.

We **PROMISE** to visit the Poor and the Sick in their homes and institutions in order to provide their needs both spiritually and materially.

We **PROMISE** to impart knowledge of our Faith to our friends in need and those we come into contact by sharing our Faith and the Good News with them by our actions.

We **PROMISE** to participate in the annual retreat and the 2 feast days of the Society so that our zeal for souls may be rekindled.

We **PROMISE** to help advance the works of mercy by our offering in the secret bag collection within our means.

We **PROMISE** to increase the influence of the Society by convincing qualified people, especially young men and women to join the Society and to guide them with our experience.

We **PROMISE** to pray for each other, so that we may be strengthened in our vocation as Vincentians.

