

■ INSTALLATION OF SPIRITUAL ADVISORS

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is:

To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.

The Mission of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul implies that as Vincentians we:

See Christ in anyone who suffers; come together as a family have personal contact with the poor help in all possible ways

Since the beginning of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, a Spiritual advisor has been appointed to help foster the spiritual life of the members under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and in conformity with the Rule of the Society.

Let us reflect on the words of Our Lord Jesus Christ, recalling his unity and presence among us: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I among you."

ALL STAND

And so now I ask you: Do you (*Name*) promise to carry out your duties with diligence and creativity to promote the work of the Society?

Spiritual Advisor ▶

I do, and I pray for the strength and wisdom to faithfully serve the members and those they visit.

◆ President ◆

Do you promise to be a spiritual animator, developing the Vincentian spiritual life of the members so that they may better understand the meaning of charity and its practical application toward those in need?

Spiritual Advisor ▶

I do and I pray that I have the strength to build among our members one mind and one heart so that we will be a sign of the presence and love of Christ in our community.

◆ President ◆

Do you promise to help all members reach a deeper faith awareness of their participation in the mystery of the Church and their vocation as Christians and Vincentians to serve and minister to others as well as each other?

Spiritual Advisor ▶

I do and I pray to be filled with the grace to identify with the poor and needy, and to foster friendship among the members as well as those we serve.

Do you promise to be loyal to the Rule and the spirit of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, attend meetings, provide scriptural and Vincentian readings and prayers, participate in the discussions and provide guidance on Spiritual matters?

Spiritual Advisor ▶

I do, and I pray that I will be generous with my time, my possessions and myself in this mission of charity.

◆ President ◆

(<u>Name</u>), you have generously accepted an important responsibility as a Spiritual advisor of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. I now ask all the members to share in that responsibility by offering our prayers and our support. Let us seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patroness of our Society, as we say together:

All ▶

Hail Mary...

◆ President ◆

Let us now raise our hands in blessing as we pray together:

In the spirit of Jesus, as a servant leader, and in the name of our patron, Saint Vincent d Paul and our Founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, we install you (Name) as the Spiritual Advisor of the (Name).

President presents Spiritual advisor pin

We ask for the grace that with your wisdom and leadership, we may together: grow in holiness, deepen our spirit of friendship with each other, and serve the poor in charity and justice, love, compassion and joy.

Amen