



# Frédéric's 5

5 Things You Need to Know

Simplicity · Humility · Gentleness · Selflessness · Zeal

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## We Are A Youth Movement

On April 23, 1833, his 20th birthday, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam and his university friends started a powerful movement we now know and love as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Frédéric always recognized the important role the young play in revitalizing the Church and his Society: *"...it is essential for the Society to recruit its members from among the young. The Society was born fourteen years ago: it must not grow old as its founders grow old and charity becomes a common practice. Young people are useful for their boldness, and even for their imprudent acts, for the new ideas they bring, for the initiatives we had not thought of."* [Read more...](#)

## THIS WEEK'S FEATURE: Twinning

### SVdP's International Twinning Program: Connecting Vincentians Across the World

By Valeria Vlasich, International Twinning Coordinator

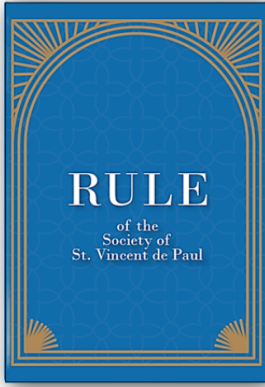
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul International Twinning Program is a powerful way for Conferences to connect with Vincentians in communities around the world. Through this program, Conferences in different countries form meaningful partnerships, sharing friendship, prayer, and support in the true spirit of St. Vincent de Paul.



Twinning is more than a financial partnership. It is a relationship built on solidarity and faith. Conferences exchange correspondence, share updates, and pray for one another, learning from each other's experiences and witnessing the impact of God's love in different cultural and social contexts. [Read more...](#)

## GOVERNANCE

*We can often attain a better understanding of our Rule by reading the International Council General **commentaries** on it. This week, let's consider Article 7.8, which discusses the Society's political independence, our approach to political questions, and the distinction between individual and Society political participation:*



## 7.8 Political independence of the Society

The Society does not identify with any political party and always adopts a non-violent approach.

It is good that some members follow and fully participate in their political vocation in such a way that they bring Christian values to political matters. Those members who hold political offices will be asked, always with charity, not to hold any mission of representation in the Society during their term of political office.

**Commentary.** *From its foundation, the Society has taken extreme care not to identify itself with any political party or political option. It even advised that there should be a total absence of party-political*

*conversations within each Conference. Of course, the Society understands and praises the members who wish to take the Christian message into active politics. But these dear members, in order to avoid misunderstandings of any kind, are begged to relinquish any representative service in the Society while they are in a period of direct political activity. This is a small sacrifice that will undoubtedly be welcome and understood by all of them. "The spirit of charity, together with Christian prudence, shall further induce us to banish party-political discussions for ever from both general meetings and ordinary meetings. (Rule 1835, PC)*

## NATIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

### CEO Michael Acaldo Quoted in Northwest Catholic

Michael Acaldo, National CEO of SVdP USA, was recently quoted in *Northwest Catholic* regarding how Catholics can apply Pope Leo XIV's apostolic exhortation, "Dilexi Te," to their everyday lives.



"The most important thing we do is to bring Christ's love to them and listen to them," Acaldo said. "To let them know that hope through Christ exists throughout the world." [Read more...](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, November 17 at 12:00pm CDT**  
[Getting Ahead Practitioner Call](#)

**Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00pm CDT**  
[Leadership Training: Annual Reporting for Councils](#)

**Wednesday, November 19 at 8:00pm CDT**  
[Reunión Grupo Entusiasta de Hispano/Latinos](#)

**Thursday, November 20 at 2:00pm CDT**  
[Voice for the Poor Third Thursday Webinar](#)

**Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00pm CDT**  
[Multicultural Diversity Committee Meetings](#)



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