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To: Presidents and Vice Presidents
SSVP Youth Conferences
Trinidad and Tobago

From: Bro. Nigel H. Phillip
National Council President
Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP), Trinidad and Tobago

Subject: Introduction of Youth Leadership and Engagement with Youth Conferences

Dear Presidents and Vice Presidents.

Greetings in the spirit of Christian charity and Vincentian service. It is with great pleasure that I formally introduce Mrs. Jean Nichols, who has been appointed Vice President for Youth Programmes and Activities, and Mr. Savann Phillip, who has been appointed National Youth Coordinator for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP), Trinidad and Tobago.

In their respective roles, Mrs. Nichols and Mr. Phillip will work collaboratively with our Youth Conferences throughout Trinidad and Tobago to strengthen youth participation, encourage meaningful engagement, and support the continued growth and development of our young Vincentians. They will be reaching out to the various Youth Conferences to learn more about membership, leadership structures, ongoing activities, planned initiatives, and the challenges and opportunities experienced by each Conference.

As part of this engagement, they will also seek to learn about the projects being undertaken by your Conferences and the individuals, families, and communities you serve as beneficiaries. This will help them to gain a clearer understanding of the impact of your work, identify areas where support and collaboration may be beneficial, and encourage the sharing of good practices among Conferences. These discussions and reviews should be conducted in keeping with the SSVP Rule, established procedures, safeguarding responsibilities, confidentiality, and the principles of dignity and respect for those we serve.

I therefore ask each President and Vice President to extend your full cooperation and support to Mrs. Nichols and Mr. Phillip. Please make the relevant information available, respond to

their requests in a timely manner, and facilitate discussions or visits as needed. Your cooperation will be important in helping us build a coordinated and effective national approach to youth ministry, leadership development, and service to people experiencing poverty and vulnerability.

Upon receipt of this correspondence, please contact either Mrs. Jean Nichols at 868-360-3933 or Mr. Savann Phillip at 868-487-3795 to provide your contact details and arrange the next steps for engagement with your Conference to start a Youth Conference in your Parish or to visit the existing Youth Conference.

As a Society, we must continue to create opportunities for our young members to grow in faith, develop their leadership abilities, and place their gifts at the service of others. By working together in a spirit of unity, accountability, and compassion, we can strengthen our Youth Conferences and ensure that the Vincentian mission remains vibrant for the next generation.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and continued commitment to the Society. May our work always be guided by prayer, humility, and the example of Blessed Frédéric Ozanam and St. Vincent de Paul as we seek to serve Christ in the person of those most in need.

In service of the poor,

Nigel Phillip
National Council President
St Vincent De Paul Trinidad and Tobago