

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, ABUJA CENTRAL COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2015**

### 1.0 BACKGROUND

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is a worldwide movement fulfilling uniquely one of the principal apostolates of the church. It was founded in France by Blessed Frederick Ozanam in 1833 and extended to Nigeria in 1960.

The Society seeks before everything else the personal sanctification of its members, which bears fruit in acts of justice and charity towards the poor.

### 2.0 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the Council lies squarely on charity to the needy; to seek and find those who are forgotten or neglected; to bring Christ's love to those suffering or deprived and comfort those troubled or in distress; to provide food, shelter and clothing to those in need; to render medical assistance to those who are sick; bring succor to those who are in prison and assist in the spiritual growth of those we serve.

### 3.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETING

The Council holds her meetings quarterly and usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month in a particular quarter slated for the meeting. The meeting rotates round all Conferences within the Council to allow for greater and active participation of Conferences and promote cordial relationship between the Council and Conferences as well as fraternity among members.

### 4.0 MEMBERSHIP

Following the expiration of the tenure of the Council President in 2014, a new President, Bro. Chibuzor Ezeani, was elected on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2014. He then appointed the following executive members in addition to the permanent and higher Council board members to assist in overseeing the Council.

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### Conferences in Abuja Central Council

S/No.	NAME OF CONFERENCE	MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH
1	12 Apostles Cathedral, CBD Abuja	12
2	Holy Cross, Gwarinpa	35
3	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Sabon Lugbe	43
4	Saint Damian, Asokoro	29
5	All Saints, Dutse	38
6	Holy Ghost, Saburi	18
7	St. Luke's, Kubwa	47
8	St. Theresa, Bwari	26
9	St. Jude's, Zuba	20
10	St. Kizito, Kuje	24
11	Christ the King, Kubwa	61
12	St. Donald's, Karu	24
13	Holy Family, Life Camp	47
14	Holy Rosary, Wuse	23
15	Holy Trinity, Maitama	67
16	St. Joseph, Gwagwa	5
17	St. Kevin's Jikwoyi	33
18	St. Mary's, Karu	31
19	St. Matthew Karmo	21
20	Our Lady Queen of Nigeria, Garki	51
21	St. Paul Gwagwalada	35
22	SS. Peter and Paul, Nyanya	33
23	Sacred Heart, Gwagwalada	42
24	St Martin's, Lugbe	43
25	Guardian Angel Police Chaplaincy, Lugbe	30
26	St. JohnMary Vianney, Kubwa	15
27	St. Agnes, Wuye	15
28	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Galadimma	14
29	St. Charles Lwanga, Apo	33
30	St. Christopher, Games Village	25
31	St. Monica, Byazhin	15
32	St. Patrick, Karshi	8

33	St. John Paul, Kubwa	10
34	St. Linus, Chika	17
35	St. Anthony, Kabusa	73
36	Church of Archangel, Gaduwa/Durunmi	15
37	St. Raphael, Garki	7
38	St. John, Mpape	19
39	Christ the King, Kurudu	18
40	St. John de Beloved, Tugan Maji	20
41	Sacred Heart, Airport	16
		1158

## 5.0 GROWTH

During the period under review, the Council secured the appointment of Rev. Fr. Sebastian Musa, by the Archbishop, as the Spiritual Director of the Council.

The Council also inaugurated 4 conferences namely:

- St John de Beloved Conference Tungan Maaji on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2015
- Sacred Heart Conference Airport.
- St. Christopher Conference Games Village on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2015
- C.K.C Conference Kurudu on 19<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 2015

## 6.0 MAJOR PROJECTS

The Councils Ozanam House project is still on course. Council is looking at every means to overcome the challenges being faced in the project. Presently the Council is weighing a lot of options on the next line of action among which is securing alternative land or embarking on the building of bridge across the valley for access to the site.

## 7.0 PROGRAMMES FOR THE YEAR:

The Council as usual continues carrying out its primary duties and activities by coordinating and supervising the activities and performances of Conferences. During the year under review, many centers had been established and brought into the Council. Some conferences that were inactive were reactivated through visits, discussions; awareness campaign and membership drive in the respective conferences.

Food sharing during the Easter and Christmas periods was organized to happen simultaneously across all conferences on the same day and at the same time.

Other activities of the Council within the year under review include:

- Hosting the Joint feast celebration of the Vincentian family. All the various arms of the family were present at Our Lady Queen of Nigeria Pro cathedral for the event.
- Hosting of the Metro Council meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015 at DRAAC, Sabon Lugbe Abuja
- Charity Walk and Hospital Visitation by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Abuja Central Council on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2015

- Visit to Internally Displaced Peoples Camp (IDP) Camp March 5, 2015. Food items, clothes, water, mats etc were distributed during the visit.

### **8.0 MAJOR CHALLENGES:**

One of the greatest challenges being face by Abuja Central Council is the development of the Ozanam House. Council is looking for ways and means to sort out the challenge of access to the site and equally raising fund to kick start the project.

### **9.0 INSTITUTION, AGGREGATION AND TWINNING**

Abuja Central Council was instituted on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2001. In pursuit of meeting with the stipulated criteria and operating strictly in consonance with the set objectives of the Society, Conferences had been encouraged to fill and submit aggregation forms and submit to the Council for further transmission to International head office. However, twenty four (24) conferences in the Council had been aggregated.

The Council has been making serious efforts in training conferences to understand the meaning, modalities and benefits of twinning. It is hoped that very soon, Conferences will take advantage of it.

### **10.0 WAYS OF COOPERATION**

There is the need for greater cooperation between the Conferences and the Council. This was achieved though rotational meetings of the Council between the Conferences and regular visits of the Council to the Conferences. Since all Conferences are working towards achieving the same goals of the Society, many conferences with more resources had been of great support to those with less resources to enable them take care of the needy in their environments.

### **11.0 WAYS HIGHER COUNCIL CAN ASSIST LOWER COUNCIL**

While lower Councils perform their financial obligations to higher Council, higher Council should in turn give moral support to the lower councils; advising them in the face of challenges and open up constant channel of communications for smooth flow of information.

### **12.0 SOURCES OF FUNDS:**

The Council derives fund from the following sources:

1. Levies
2. Alms Box Collection
3. Secret Bag Collection
4. Donations from Benefactors

### **13.0 PUBLICATIONS:**

The Council constantly made publications in the Society's Annual Magazine produced by the National Council.

### **14.0 FINANCIAL & STATISTICAL REPORT**

**INCOME**

S/No.	INCOME	AMOUNT(₦) 2014	AMOUNT(₦) 2015
1	Brought Forward	9,676,701.80	10,739,064.71
2	Alms Box Collection	28,641,422.00	28,839,954.00
3	S.B.C	1,841,000.00	2,435,302.00
4	Grants from Higher Council	1,198,000.00	195,000.00
5	Church Collections	4,881,513.00	24,333,896.80
6	Fund Raising	16,424,460.00	16,542,671.48
7	Donations from Benefactors	15,137,725.00	14,766,010.00
8	Endowment Fund	2,000.00	
9	Annual Dues	145,000.00	125,360.00
10	Others	2,334,927.34	21,712,312.00
		<b>80,282,749.14</b>	<b><u>119,689,570.99</u></b>

**EXPENDITURE**

S/No.	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT(₦) (2014)	AMOUNT(₦) (2015)
1	Cash Grant/ Food to Clients/Adoptees	24,155,230.00	35,926,005.20
2	Drugs and Hospital Bills	24,063,135.00	34,707,915.60
3	Rents/Repairs of Houses	2,224,580.00	3,694,674.63
4	Payment of School Fees/Training	3,504,815.00	6,107,986.00
5	Levies/Subscription to Higher Council	1,414,780.00	2,579,960.00
6	Payment of Endowment Fund	8,000.00	6,000.00
7	Stipend for Masses	186,850.00	521,252.00
8	Working Expenses	5,000,815.00	5,270,005.00
9	Transport & Travelling Expenses	3,682,023.00	2,838,300.00
10	Bank Charges	2,753.43	15,565.30
11	Others(Business Empowerment, Support to other Conferences, Refunds, Sales of Manual, Magazine and books etc	5,674,435.00	8,942,229.98
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>69,917,416.43</b>	<b><u>100,609,893.71</u></b>

**SUMMARY**

	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
TOTAL INCOME	₦80,282,749.14	₦119,689,570.99
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	₦69,917,416.43	₦100,609,893.71
<b>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>₦10,365,332.71</b>	<b><u>₦19,079,677.28</u></b>

**15.0 NON-FINANCIAL STATISTICS**

Number of Councils	1
Number of Conferences	41
Number of Benefactors	220
Number of Active Members	801
Number of meetings Held in the Year	1363
Average Weekly Attendance	692.5
Average Weekly Absence without Permission	159.5
Average Weekly Absence with Permission	129.6
Total Number of Adoptees	1138
Total Number of Adoptees visited at Home	549
Total Number of Adoptees visited at Institutions	269
Total Number of Client attended to by the wayside	328

**16.0 OBITUARIES:**

The Council lost twenty-one (21) clients and a member during the period under review. Masses had been booked for them.

**17.0 GENERAL:**

During the year under review, a new board led by the president, Bro. Chibuzor Ezeani, took over the affairs of the Council. The new president was elected after the expiration of the tenure of the board led by Bro. Paschal Ahizih.

**18.0 APPRECIATION:**

The Council remains extremely grateful to the Archbishop, His Eminence, John Cardinal Olorunfemi Onaiyekan, our Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Sebastian Musa, Parish Priests and Spiritual Directors of Conferences as well as Benefactors for their support and cooperation during the year. We pray for God's guidance and blessings to them all.

The Council equally appreciates the president and members of the conferences for their wonderful support, cooperation and service towards the progress of the Council.

The Council indeed remains grateful also to the Poor for giving us the opportunity to serve Christ in them.

Finally we give God the glory for given us this wonderful opportunity to perform actions towards our own salvation through the activities of the Society in caring for the poor, the needy and the less privileged ones in our environment.

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**Bro. Chibuzor Ezeani**  
 President

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**Bro. Ugochukwu Anaedobe**  
 Secretary