

## **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, ABUJA CENTRAL COUNCIL**

### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY TO DECEMBER, 2019**

#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

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.

A conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was first established in Abuja at Our Lady Queen of Nigeria, Garki in February 1984. This was followed by Holy Rosary Conference, Wuse in 1986, St Paul's Conference, Gwagwalada in 1987 and then the Holy Trinity Conference, Maitama in August 1995. Today, the Society has spread to many parishes in the FCT.

The Abuja Central Council is the Archdiocesan body of the Society which supervises and coordinates the activities of the Conferences within the Federal Capital Territory. The Council was established in 1993 through the efforts of Vincentians such as Bro. Vincent Duru, Sis. Margaret Egenti, Bro. C.I.Amajironwu, Sir. Peter Aliu, Sis. Ugbodaga, Sis. Ogunleye and Sis. Jumai Kwanashie amongst others.

The current Council President, **Sis. Joy Ohiagu**, was elected on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 and she will lead the Society until November 2021.

#### **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**

The Abuja Central Council is populated by over 1000 members from all walks of life across the Federal Capital Territory; helping to change the lives of people in need.

##### **4.1. The Board Members**

The following executive members in addition to the permanent and higher Council board members were appointed by the Council President to assist in overseeing the Council.

S/N	Name	Phone No.	Position	E-mail
1.	Rev Fr. Sebastian Musa	08033379434	Spiritual Director	attah_u@yahoo.com
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4.	Bege Joseph Shemang	08065212503	Youth Coordinator Africa 1	
5.	Vincent Duru		Central Council Patron	
6.	C.I Amajirionwu	08061159543	Central Council Patron	
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13.	Anaedobe Ugochukwu	08069058107	CC Secretary	vitalisugo@yahoo.com
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22.	Sir. Emmanuel Ajewole	08065709528	Project Officer	eoajewole@gmail.com
23.	Egenti Margaret	08033063140	Special Board Member	kujanti@yahoo.co.uk
24.	Sir. Peter Aliu	08033492837	Special Board Member	peteroaliu@yahoo.com
25.	Nwachukwu Charles	08036082939	Special Board Member	nwachukwuemeka14@yahoo.com
26.	Sylvester Odogwu	08038804804	Special Board Member	<a href="mailto:silveodogwu@gmail.com">silveodogwu@gmail.com</a>
27.	Jummai Kwanashie	08034511101	Special Board Member	
28.	Kolo Audu	08034517650	Youth Supervisor	
29.	Fidelis Akomaye	08069258134	Youth Coordinator	<a href="mailto:castroworld1987@gmail.com">castroworld1987@gmail.com</a>
30.	Patrick Ebhojie (Jnr.)	08059217395	Asst. Youth Coordinator	

#### 4.2. Conferences and Centers in Abuja Central Council:

S/No	CONFERENCE	STATUS	MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH			AGGREGATION DATE	DATE FOUNDED	CGI NO.
			M	F	TOTAL			
1	<b>OLQN Garki</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>03-06-96</b>	<b>Feb-94</b>	
2	<b>Holy Trinity, Maitama</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>20-04-98</b>	<b>12-11-95</b>	
2a	<i>Arch Angel Michael Police Chaplaincy, Maitama</i>	<b>Center</b>			0			
2b	<i>Church of Annunciation, Gishiri.</i>	<b>Center</b>			0			
2c	<i>St. Aloysius Parish GRA Mpape</i>	<b>Center</b>	3	1	4		05-02-12	
3	<b>Holy Family, Life Camp</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>03-07-01</b>	<b>1997</b>	
3a	<i>St. Fabian Mbora, Life Camp</i>	<b>Center</b>			0			
3b	<i>St. Mathew Police Chap., Gwagwa Karmo</i>	<b>Center</b>	5	7	12		12-05-13	
4	<b>Holy Rosary, Wuse</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>03-06-96</b>	<b>1989</b>	
5	<b>Church of Assumption,</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>17-06-12</b>	<b>Jan.2012</b>	<b>59977</b>

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	<b>Asokoro</b>							
5a	<i>Church of Annunciation Centre, Kpaduma 2, Guzape, Asokoro</i>	<i>Center</i>	5	4	9		15-03-05	
6	<b>Christ the King, Kubwa</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>20-04-98</b>	<b>20-07-97</b>	
6a	<i>St. Louis Marie de Montfort, Chikakore</i>	<i>Center</i>			0			
7	<b>Holy Cross, Gwarimpa</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>14-08-05</b>	<b>59983</b>
8	<b>St. Luke, Kubwa</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>12-06-12</b>	<b>Jul-00</b>	<b>59998</b>
8a	<i>St Edwin Kubwa</i>	<i>Center</i>			0			
9	<b>Church of the 12 Apostles</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>59978</b>
10	<b>St. Mary, Karu</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30-06-04</b>	<b>01-03-98</b>	<b>54425</b>
11	<b>St. Martins Lugbe</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>06-07-06</b>	<b>60948</b>
11a	<i>St. Mary Tudun Wada</i>	<i>Center</i>			0			
11b	<i>St. Monica Sauka</i>	<i>Center</i>			0			
12	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul, Nyanya</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>1995</b>	
12a	<i>St. Augustine Angwandadi</i>	<i>Center</i>	4	4	8		06-06-10	
12b	<i>Archangels Police Chapel Nyanya</i>	<i>Center</i>	6	9	15		12-10-12	
12c	<i>St. Joseph Kugbo</i>	<i>Center</i>			0			
13	<b>St. Kevin Jikwoyi</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>30-06-04</b>	<b>11-01-02</b>	
14	<b>St. Donald Karu</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2002.00</b>	
14a	<i>St. Gabriel Conference Karu</i>	<b>Center</b>			0			
15	<b>Guardian Angel Police Chapel Lugbe</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>29-07-12</b>	
15a	<i>St. Michael, Piwoyi.</i>	<i>Center</i>			0			
15b	<i>St. John Mary Vianney- Trademore Estate</i>	<i>Center</i>			0			
16	<b>St. JohnMary Vianney Kubwa</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>Feb-11</b>	
17	<b>St. Agnes Wuye</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>			0			
18	<b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Galadimma</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>		<b>30-08-12</b>	<b>70369</b>
19	<b>St. Charles Lwanga, Apo</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15-06-17</b>	<b>05-07-13</b>	<b>70590</b>
19a	<i>Holy Cross, Apo Mechanic</i>	<i>Center</i>			0			
19b	<i>St. Peter, Damangaza</i>	<i>Center</i>			0			
19c	<i>St. Theresa, Wumba</i>	<i>Center</i>			0			
20	<b>St. Christopher Games Village</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15-06-17</b>	<b>11-02-11</b>	<b>70360</b>
21	<b>Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Sabon Lugbe</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>17-06-12</b>	<b>14-09-03</b>	<b>59975</b>
21a	<i>Holy Family, Gosa Centre</i>	<i>Center</i>	4	4	8		10-09-12	
21b	<i>St. David Gbaupe, Airport Road</i>	<i>Center</i>			0			
21c	<i>Airforce Base Chaplaincy</i>	<i>Center</i>			0			
22	<b>Sacred Heart Gwagwalada</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>03-Jul-01</b>	<b>1997</b>	
22a	<i>St. Catherine Giri</i>	<i>Center</i>	8	6	14		15-Jun-15	
22b	<i>St. Peter Abaji</i>	<i>Center</i>	7	6	13		05-09-14	
22c	<i>St. Dominic Kwali</i>	<i>Center</i>			0			
23	<b>St. Kizito Kuje</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12-06-12</b>	<b>2000</b>	
23a	<i>St. Anthony of Padua Pasali Kuje</i>	<i>Center</i>			0			

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23b	St. Francis Peggy	Center			0			
<b>24</b>	<b>St. Monica Byazhin</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>15-06-17</b>	<b>15-03-03</b>	<b>70356</b>
24a	Holy Spirit Byazhin	Center	9	11	20		26-05-16	
<b>25</b>	<b>St. Theresa, Bwari</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17-06-12</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>59984</b>
25a	St. Michael Sabon Gari	Center			0			
25b	Seat of Wisdom, Law School	Center			0			
25c	St. Mathew, Ushafa.	Center			0			
25d	St. Gabriel, Kuduru-Bwari	Center			0			
<b>26</b>	<b>St. Jude, Zuba</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>			<b>0</b>		<b>03-03-06</b>	
<b>27</b>	<b>St. Patrick, Karshi</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15-06-17</b>	<b>Sept. 2004</b>	<b>70366</b>
27a	St. Andrew Orozo	Center			0			
27b	St. William Catholic Church, Angwan Hakimi	Center			0			
<b>28</b>	<b>St. Joseph Gwagwga/Jiwa</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>			<b>0</b>			
28a	St. Francis of Asisi, Bagusa Dei Dei	Center	8	5	13		01-01-18	
29	All Saints Dutse	Inaugurated	8	4	12	17-06-12	2008	59976
29a	St Donatus Sokale	Center	5	8	13		16-02-14	
29b	St. James Dawaki	Center			0			
<b>30</b>	<b>St. John Paul, Kubwa</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15-06-17</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>70358</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Holy Ghost, Saburi</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>32</b>		<b>2012</b>	
31a	Church of Epiphany, Saburi 1	Center			0			
31b	Church of Ascension Filindabo	Center			0			
<b>32</b>	<b>St. Linus Chika</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>			<b>0</b>		<b>sept. 2010</b>	
32a	St. Francis Galadimawa	Center	8	7	15		06-05-04	
<b>33</b>	<b>St. Anthony Kabusa</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15-06-17</b>	<b>25-05-12</b>	<b>70361</b>
33a	St. Peter Dogongada	Center			0			
33b	St. Augustine, Waru	Center			0			
33c	Blessed Iwene Tansi Pyakasa	Center	4	5	9		Mar-17	
<b>34</b>	<b>St. Mathew Karmo</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>03-06-96</b>	<b>19-07-92</b>	
34a	St. Peters Idu	Center			0			
34b	St. Philip, Old Karmo	Center			0			
<b>35</b>	<b>Church of Archangel Gaduwa/Durunmi</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>2011</b>	
35a	St. Gabriel Chaplaincy, Durumi	Center			0			
<b>36</b>	<b>Arch Angel Raphael Garki</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15-06-17</b>		<b>70370</b>
37	St. John Mpape	Inaugurated	8	6	14		15-04-08	
38	CKC Kurudu	Inaugurated	5	5	10		25-09-10	
38a	Holy Ghost Kpeyegi	Center			0			
38b	St. Joseph Mukasa, Gidan Mangoro	Center			0			
<b>39</b>	<b>St. Paul Gwagwalada</b>	<b>Inaugurated</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11-07-94</b>	<b>26-01-87</b>	
39a	St. Peter Claver Chaplaincy Uni Abuja	Center	5	4	9			
39b	Mater-Dei Kutunku Gwagwalada	Center			0			
39c	St. Luke, Uni Abuja Teaching hospital	Center			0			

40	St. John De Beloved Tungan Maje	Inaugurated	7	5	12	15-06-17	03-06-12	70359
40a	St. Patrick, Anagada Center	Center	4	3	7		20-09-15	
41	Sacred Heart Airport	Inaugurated	4	6	10		15-09-13	
42	St. Benedict Efab Estate Lokogoma	Inaugurated	13	15	28		03-01-12	
42a	St. John Conference, Ketti	Center	3	2	5		07-04-14	
42b	St. Augustine, Suncity Estate	Center	6	13	19		05-05-18	
43	St. Augustine of Hippo Dutse Sagbayi	Inaugurated	5	4	9		2007	
44	St. Rita Dakwo	Inaugurated	13	21	34	15-06-17	18-04-14	70589
45	Church of Annunciation Arab Road Kubwa	Inaugurated	9	9	18	15-06-17	27-05-12	70367
46	St Joseph Zone 7 Lugbe	Inaugurated	8	4	12	05-06-17	23-06-13	70365
47	Our Lady Queen of Peace Utako	Inaugurated	11	9	20		21-10-10	
47a	St. Anthony Jabi	Center	7	5	12			
47b	St. Cyril Kadokuchi	Center			0			
47c	St. Brandy, Jahi	Center			0			
48	St Pius X Gbagalape	Inaugurated	13	10	23		2007	
49	St. Ephraim, Jikwoyi	Inaugurated	3	7	10		01-07-07	
50	Our Lady of Fatima Karomajigi	Inaugurated	14	10	24		19-04-09	
51	St Ignatius of Antioch, Karu	Inaugurated	8	7	15		15-08-15	
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>697</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>1375</b>			

5. **GROWTH:**

<b>NEW CONFERENCES</b> (Conferences Inaugurated within the year under review)			<b>NEW CENTERS</b> (Centers founded within the year under review)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our Lady of Fatima Karomajigi</li> <li>St. Ignatius of Antioch</li> </ol>			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St. Gabriel Chaplaincy, Durumi</li> <li>Holy Family Gosa Toge Airport Road</li> <li>St. Patrick Gbaupe Airport Road</li> <li>Holy Angel Angwan Gboko, Sabon Lugbe, Airport Road</li> <li>St. Andrew, Sauka</li> <li>Church of Transfiguration, Behind Airforce Airport Road</li> <li>St. Theresa Abaji</li> <li>St. Mathew Police Chap., Gwarimpa</li> <li>Church of Annunciation Centre, Kpaduma 2, Guzape, Asokoro</li> <li>St. Brandy, Jahi</li> <li>St. Louis Marie de Montfort, Chikakore</li> <li><u>St. Peters Idu</u></li> </ol>		
<b>TOTAL NO. OF NEW CONFERENCES</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>TOTAL NO. OF NEW CENTERS</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>			<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>		
<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>96</b>

**NEW MEMBERS THAT JOINED THE SOCIETY WITHIN THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW:**

M	F	TOTAL
74	102	176

**NEW CENTRES**

MAJOR ACTIVITIES	GROWTH CHALLENGES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Society Meetings at least once a week</li> <li>• Hospital/Prisons/IDP Camps/Orphanages and other institutions visitation</li> <li>• Empowerment of the poor and the needy</li> <li>• Visitation to homes, offering spiritual and financial assistance and investigation of masters</li> <li>• Compulsory Easter &amp; Christmas Sharing of food, clothing etc</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsteady members</li> <li>• Paucity of fund</li> <li>• Inexperienced members</li> <li>• Lack of training</li> <li>• Lack of material benefit from the Society</li> </ul>

**6. MAJOR PROJECT:**

S/NO	COUNCIL	NAME OF PROJECT	YEAR STARTED	CITY	FUNDING BODY (e.g. CIAD, TWINNAGE, etc.)	FUNDS RECEIVED ANNUALLY	STATUS (e.g. Year completed, Now self-supporting etc.)
1.	ABUJA CENTRAL COUNCIL	Ozanam House Project	May 2012	Kuje Abuja	Abuja Central Council	N1,000,000.00	On-Going

**7. PROGRAMMES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO DECEMBER, 2019:**

PROGRAMMES EMBARKED UPON	DATE	PROGRAMME USEFULNESS
<b>1. Awareness Campaign</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Matthew Ushafa</li> <li>• St. Peter Claver</li> <li>• St. James Dawaki</li> <li>• St. Andrew Orozo</li> </ul>	03/2/2019  23/6/2019  07/6/2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As the subject matter suggests, awareness is created among the parishioners on what the Society stands for. This event attracts people to willingly join the Society.</li> <li>• Some conferences that were inactive were reactivated through visits and discussions, awareness campaign and membership drive in their respective parishes.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Prison Visitation</b>	May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council grouped conferences into 12 groups to carry out Monthly Visitation to prisons. Providing food, clothing, money etc. to prisoners every month through the guidance of the prison chaplain in the archdiocese.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Hosting of the Vincentian Family Annual General Meeting</b>	21–24/03/2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three (3) persons from the Systemic Change Commission abroad delivered talks and trained the family on the Concept of the Systemic Change. The meeting was attended by members of the various arms of the Vincentian family nationwide and about 64 SSVp members attended from different conferences in Abuja Central Council.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Central Council</b>	18/5/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Abuja Central Council conducts training twice annually for conference</li> </ul>

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<b>Training</b>	<b>&amp; 19/10/19</b>	<p>officers and members where the ethics and conduct expected of members of the Society are explained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members were also trained on leadership and accountability which inculcates in them the essential elements of a leader and the importance of rendering financial accounts of monies entrusted upon them.</li> <li>• The training also gave Vincentians insight on the new concept of systemic change, the basic notion and the application of systemic change in works for the poor and needy.</li> </ul>
<b>5. Easter Food sharing</b>	<b>20/4/19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a usual practice, food sharing during the Easter period was organized to happen simultaneously across all conferences on the same day and at the same time.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Metro and National Youth Rallies</b>	<b>August 29 to September 1, 2019.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The youth of the Council were sponsored to participate in the youth rallies where the youth were educated on their roles in the Society and made to understand that they are the future of the Society and should be prepared to take up leadership roles in the Society in future.</li> </ul>
<b>7. Novena in honour of St. Vincent de Paul and Feast day Food Sharing/Visitations</b>	<b>18-26/9/19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various conferences in the Council carry out Novena in honour of the Patron Saint of the Society. This is a period which affords members the opportunity to uplift themselves spiritually; praying for themselves and the Society through the intercession of St. Vincent de Paul. On the feast day proper, members attend masses for the feast celebration in their various conferences where they renew their commitment to the Society.</li> <li>• Members also within this period carry out food sharing or visitations to prisons, orphanages, hospitals etc</li> <li>• The Council also carried out joint visitation to a rural community where food, clothing and other materials were shared among the needy.</li> </ul>
<b>8. Central Council celebration of feast of St. Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>6/10/2019</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the conferences in the Council gathered together to celebrate the feast of the patron saint where they reflected on the works and spirituality of St. Vincent de Paul as well as the essence of the vocation.</li> </ul>
<b>9. Conference Monitoring</b>	<b>As arranged by each zone</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As usual the 6 Zonal Structure created by the Council whereby members of zonal committee visits conferences within their jurisdiction; monitoring, carrying out awareness campaign and reviving dysfunctional conferences, make corrections where necessary on the operations of the conference visited, settles disputes in conferences and reports to the Council quarterly.</li> </ul> <p>The monitoring teams have been very effective and have brought a lot of improvement in the activities of conferences within their zones.</p>
<b>10. Submission of Quarterly and Annual Reports:</b>	<b>Every Quarter &amp; Annually</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In order to ensure accountability within the conferences, the Council mandated all conferences to be submitting their financial reports quarterly and annually. This has enabled the Council to ensure that Conferences are keeping the records of their finances as expected using their annual report booklet. They are also encouraged to submit these reports to their parish priests.</li> <li>• The annual reports of the various conferences are also collated by the Central Council and submitted to the Metro Council</li> </ul>
<b>11. Conducting Election for Presidents of Conferences</b>	<b>As the tenure of the president expires</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the period under review, the Council sent delegates to conduct elections on its behalf for conferences whose tenure of their presidents has elapsed.</li> <li>• Within the period under review, Seventeen (17) new conference presidents were elected to cater for their conferences for a period of 4 years.</li> </ul>
<b>12. Christmas Food Sharing</b>	<b>21/12/19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a usual practice, food sharing during the Christmas period was organized to happen simultaneously across all conferences on the same day and at the same time.</li> </ul>
<b>13. Youth Rural outreach at Tungan Madaki, Airport road</b>	<b>23/11/19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The youth with the support of the Council visited the rural area where food, clothes and other household items were distributed</li> </ul>

8. **SPIRITUAL FORMATION/TRAINING**

ACTIVITIES	TOTAL NO.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE NON ATTENDANCE	ESSENCE OF TRAINING OR PROGRAMME
Trainings Conducted by Conferences	56	725	458	To build the capacity of members of the Society in the management of our masters and finances in the midst of dwindling resources and other challenges thrown up by the society.

ACTIVITIES	TOTAL NO.	NON ATTENDANCE	ATTENDANCE	DATES	ESSENCE OF TRAINING OR PROGRAMME
<b>Trainings Conducted by the Council:</b>					
<p><b>Vincentians were trained on the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Visiting the Poor”</li> <li>• “Vincentian Ethics”</li> <li>• Comments and Observations on the 2018 Annual Report</li> <li>• General Questions &amp; Answers</li> </ul>	1	90	280	18/5/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vincentians were taught on their behavior and conduct while visiting the poor. They were told that the intent of visit should be to transform the poor and raise them up: in material needs, psyche, morals and their trust in God. And provide them with vital information they are not privy to that would be of help to them.</li> <li>• Vincentians were informed that Vincentians apostolate is one that demands, at all times, a sound and excellent mind in the discharge of his duties Vincentians were trained on how to treat the poor with respect and dignity.</li> <li>• A review of the previous annual reports submitted by the conferences was done to point out the mistakes made by each conference and ensure that they make corrections.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Systemic Change Approach Towards Our Services to the Poor”</li> <li>• “Essential Elements of Systemic Change”</li> <li>• Further insights on Systemic change strategies and applications.”</li> <li>• Overview of Annual Report Writing</li> </ul>	1	50	320	19/10/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vincentians were trained on the basic notion and concept of systemic change.</li> <li>• Members were also trained on the application of systemic change in works for the poor and needy.</li> <li>• The catholic social teaching were also x-rayed in relation to the systemic change concepts and essential elements</li> <li>• Members were also</li> </ul>



					<i>refreshed on writing and packaging of annual report.</i>
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**Programmes embarked upon by the Council:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in the Metropolitan Council Meeting hosted by Idah Central Council</li> </ul>	1	3	6	15-17/03/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Reports of the Council was presented to the Metro Council</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in the National Council AGM in Kaduna</li> </ul>	1	1	8	May 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual report of the Metro Council was presented to the National Council and other pertinent issues were discussed for the progress of the Society.</li> </ul>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	2	4	14		

**Other Programs**

**1. Novena in honour of St. Vincent de Paul and Feast day Food Sharing/Visitations:**

- Various conferences in the Council carry out Novena in honour of the Patron Saint of the Society. This is a period which affords members the opportunity to uplift themselves spiritually; praying for themselves and the Society through the intercession of St. Vincent de Paul. On the feast day proper, members attend masses for the feast celebration in their various conferences where they renew their commitment to the Society.
- Members also within this period carry out food sharing or visitations to prisons, orphanages, hospitals etc
- The Council also carries out joint visitation to a rural community where food, clothing and other materials are shared among the needy.

**2. Central Council celebration of feast of St. Vincent de Paul**

- All the conferences in the Council gather together to celebrate the feast of the patron saint where they reflect on the works and spirituality of St. Vincent de Paul as well as the essence of the vocation.

**3. World Sleep Out Day by Vincentian Family on December 7, 2019**

The Council participated actively in the World Sleep out day at the 12 Apostles Cathedral, Kubwa organized by the Vincentian family where funds were raised through selling of T-Shirts for the world homeless poor and the less privileged.

<b>TOTAL:</b>	3	50	130		
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**Trainings Attended by the Council:**

ACTIVITIES	TOTAL NO.	NON ATTENDANCE	ATTENDANCE	DATES	ESSENCE OF TRAINING OR PROGRAMME
<p><i>"Concept of the Systemic Change."</i></p> <p><b>At the Vincentian Family Annual General Meeting 21 – 24 March, 2019 at DRACC Abuja.</b></p>	1	Nil	8	21-24/3/19	Vincentians were trained on the new Concept of Systemic Change which the Society is geared towards utilizing as a better way of pulling people out of poverty permanently.

**9. MAJOR CHALLENGES:**

One of the greatest challenges being faced 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 is equally raising fund to kick start the project.

Furthermore, the need to maintain accurate record keeping by conferences is a challenge the Council has decided to tackle headlong. Council believes that maintaining good and accurate book keeping will uplift the image of the Society and as well build the confidence of the benefactors, the Priests and more importantly, the lay faithful's on the Society. The lay faithful's financial contributions to the Society form the bulk of the income of the Society which is utilized for the work of the Society in catering for the poor and needy.

**10. AGGREGATION, INSTITUTION & TWINNING:**

Name of Council	Date of Institution	Certificate No.	Conference or Council Twinned To
Abuja Central Council	3 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2001		Nil

**10.1. Aggregation Certificates:**

Also within the period under review, the Council has received applications from various conferences for aggregation. These applications have been submitted to the Metro Council for onward transmission to the Council General through the National Council.

**10.2. Twinning:**

While the Council or any of her conferences have not been twinned beyond the shores of the Council, Council is still operating her Internal twinning arrangement which was introduced as part of the efforts to make conferences understand the twinning practice and procedures. This enables conferences twinned together to interact for cross fertilization of ideas, financial assistance and mutual collaboration in resource sharing.

It is hoped that very soon, Conferences will fully understand the modalities and benefits and take advantage of it.

**11. 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.

Also, the Council introduced conference monitoring which enables closer interaction between the Council and Conferences.

**12. WAYS HIGHER COUNCILS CAN ASSIST LOWER COUNCILS:**

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. Higher Councils should also as much as possible, consult the lower Councils when matters such as levies are planned to be introduced.

There is also the need for the higher Council to conduct trainings for the lower Council especially on the effective annual report writing so as to ensure a uniform understanding of the income and expenditure heads as well as the statistical part of the annual report writing.

**13. YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

<b>TOTAL NO. OF YOUTH IN THE CENTRAL COUNCIL:</b>	<b>305</b>
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ACTIVITIES		TOTAL NO.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	REMARKS
Youth Meetings		5	65	Meetings on 10/2/19 and 28/07/19 at at Holy Family, Life Camp and St. Pius X Conference, Gbagalape, respectively
Training (Organized by the Council Youth)	Central Council 25/05/2019	1	69	The youth were given talk on the following topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Role of the Vincentian Youth as the Life Engine of the Society: By Rev. Fr. Chidiebere Benneth Umeh</li> </ul>
National & Metro Youth Rallies	August 29 to September 1, 2019.	1	37	Abuja metro Council hosted the year's rally hence it became expedient to merge to collapse both metro and National youth rallies. The event held at Our Lady of Apostles, Akwanga. The Council youth participated actively with the support of the Central Council to see to the success of the event.

**14. SOURCES OF FUND:**

The Council derives fund from the following sources:

1. Levies
2. Alms Box Collection
3. Secret Bag Collection
4. Donations from Benefactors
5. Anonymous Donations
6. Donations from Members
7. Annual Dues
8. Publications

**15. FINANCIAL & STATISTICAL REPORT:**

**15.1. Income Analysis**

S/No.	INCOME DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT(₦) 2018	AMOUNT(₦) 2019
1	Brought forward from the previous year	9,347,289.87	18,683,059.13
2	SBC( Secret Bag Collection)	3,401,975.00	2,743,400.00
3	Alms Box Collection	49,913,578.80	54,933,201.00
4	Grants From Higher Council	1,799,235.00	1,758,290.00
5	Church Collections	23,748,835.00	27,336,530.00
6	Anonymous Contributions/Donations	7,557,217.00	8,949,745.00
7	Donations From Benefactors	28,645,689.36	27,018,213.35
8	Annual Dues	1,086,500.00	775,650.00

9	Fund Raising	14,260,199.00	23,253,021.20
10	CGI Funds	0.00	0.00
11	Endowment Funds	19,000.00	0.00
12	Foreign Aid	450,000.00	504,000.00
13	Projects	12,132,240.00	12,495,705.00
14	Sales Of Magazines	1,297,350.00	22,800.00
15	Other Publications(Sunday Bulletin sales),	3,301,350.00	4,371,060.00
16	Refunds	3,273,630.60	4,171,610.00
17	Bank Interest	173,306.69	147,473.12
18	Others(Please Specify): Adverts, etc	484,800.00	139,630.00
19	<i>Total Income Less Brought Forward:</i>	<b>151,544,906.45</b>	<b>168,620,328.67</b>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>160,892,196.32</b>	<b>187,303,387.80</b>

**15.2. Expenditure Analysis**

S/No.	EXPENDITURE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT(N) 2018	AMOUNT(N) 2019
1	Cash Spent on Adoptees including Food	55,893,436.00	61,066,379.89
2	Rent And Repair of Houses	2,802,100.00	2,976,340.00
3	Beddings/Clothing	101,831.00	75,000.00
4	Building of Houses & Shelters		336,700.00
5	Payment of School Fees and Training	Nursery	408,080.00
6		Primary	2,490,220.00
7		Secondary	3,939,710.00
8		Vocational/Training	2,923,050.00
9	Subscription to Council and Annual Dues	7,865,385.00	10,248,210.00
10	Stipends for Masses	628,705.00	1,692,316.00
11	Drugs/Hospitals	37,232,979.00	47,148,817.00
12	Overheads (Stationary, Transportation, Etc.)	5,738,544.00	5,481,565.00
13	Correspondences (Mails, Letters, Etc.)	1,366,910.00	1,457,445.00
14	Cash Spent On	Prison Visits	2,133,000.00
15		Orphanage Visits	923,020.00
16		Old People's Home Visits	75,800.00
17		IDP Camp Visits	384,250.00
18	Endowment Fund	172,500.00	51,500.00
19	Youth Development	197,200.00	295,200.00
20	Way Sides	1,735,260.19	1,842,380.00
21	Projects	7,583,195.00	12,183,775.00
22	Bank Charges	725,328.90	189,649.17
23	Magazines	80,755.00	14,455.00
24	Almanac	52,300.00	9,500.00
25	Other Publications(Sunday Bulletin publication)	3,242,730.00	2,922,200.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>138,696,289.09</b>	<b>163,682,964.06</b>

**SUMMARY**

	<b>2018 (JANUARY-DECEMBER)</b>	<b>2019 (JANUARY-DECEMBER)</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>160,892,196.32</b>	<b>187,303,387.80</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>138,696,289.09</b>	<b>163,682,964.06</b>
<b>Total Carried Forward:</b>	<b><u><u>₦22,195,907.23</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>₦23,620,423.74</u></u></b>

**15.3. Non-Financial Statistics:**

<b>NON-FINANCIAL STATISTICS</b>		<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Number of Councils		1	1
Number of Conferences		49	51
Number of Auxiliary Members		96	254
Number of Benefactors		526	571
Number of Active Members	M	657	609
	F	494	605
Number of Weekly Attendance		670.02	691.08
Number of Meetings held between January – December 2019		2330	2556
Average Weekly Absence with permission		247.27	254.71
Average Weekly Absence without permission		375.11	337.29
Total Number of Adoptees		4620	7004
Total Number of Adoptees visited at Home		2148	2104
Total Number of Adoptees visited in Institution		1290	2085
Total Numbers of Masters attended to by the Wayside		1516	1900
Total Number of Visits to Various Families and Groups		724	1801
<b>Visits to:</b>			
· Homes(No. of visits)		1074	2260
· Prisoners(No. of visits)		131	128
· Hospitals/The Sick(No. of visits)		559	1372
· The Elderly(No. of visits)		67	170
· Children’s’ Home (No. of visits)		36	159
· Wayside Cases(No. of visits)		1126	625
· IDP Camps(No. of visits)		45	26
· Other Institutions (please specify):School for the blind, Rural Community		6	12
<b>Educational Projects:</b>			
· Nursery Schools(No. of masters sponsored)		73	21
· Primary Schools(No. of masters sponsored)		118	144
· Secondary Schools(No. of masters sponsored)		96	179
· Vocational Schools(No. of masters sponsored)		59	112
<b>Homes for:</b>			
· The Elderly(No. of masters attended to)		158	243.00
· People with disabilities(No. of masters attended to)		40	84.00
· HIV/AIDS etc. (No. of masters attended to)		32	112.00
· Rehabilitation Centers(No. of masters attended to)		1	6
<b>Housing:</b>			
· Day Centre(No. of masters accommodated)			5
· Night Shelter(No. of masters accommodated)		10	28
· Low cost housing(No. of masters accommodated)		239	17
<b>Stores/Warehouses:</b>			
· Food Bank(No. of masters attended to)		10336	17339
· Clothing (New/Old) (No. of masters attended to)		6176	15523
<b>Catering:</b>			
· Soup Kitchens(No. of masters attended to)		852	1782
· Canteens(No. of masters attended to)		7	759

**16. OBITUARIES:**

The Council lost forty-nine (49) masters, Seven (7) members, eight (8) benefactors and a host of relatives to members during the period under review. Resurrection prayer was said for the members and masses equally had been booked for all the faithful departed.

**17. APPRECIATION:**

The Council remains extremely grateful to the Archbishop, 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 period under review. 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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**Sis. Joy Ohiagu**  
**President**

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**Bro. Ugochukwu Anaedobe**  
**Secretary**