

A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY (FAMVIN) HELD AT ST. LOUISE PROVINCIAL HOUSE OF THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY, NCHIA-ELEME, RIVERS STATE FROM 29TH APRIL-1ST MAY, 2022.

THEME: “THE POOR SUFFERS MORE DUE TO LACK OF COLLABORATION”.

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Vincentian family Nigeria, met at St. Louise Provincial house of the Daughters of Charity, Nchia-Elеме, Rivers State from 29th April-1st May, 2022 and deliberated prayerfully on the aforementioned theme do hereby issue the following communique:

That,

- ❖ Collaboration involves hard work, empathy, listening, and more hard work in the growth of the church.
- ❖ Collaboration involves the formation of Vincentian Professional Confraternities like lawyers, engineers, teachers, doctors, graphic designers, e.t.c.
- ❖ In the spirit of systemic change, the ‘hand-on’ approach was preferred to the ‘hand-out’ approach of Vincentian charity.
- ❖ The various arms were encouraged to listen to each other to further deepen the spirit of collaboration.
- ❖ We should develop a functional website for data collection and classification survey of members.
- ❖ There should be proper communication among the various arms of the family.
- ❖ Members need to eschew competition and support joint FAMVIN projects.
- ❖ The CMs and the DCS should improve on the spiritual formation and accompaniment of other arms of FAMVIN.
- ❖ There should be restructuring of the Vincentian Marian Youth (VMY) to make them more formidable.
- ❖ There is need for increased financial commitment of the various arms for effective running of the FAMVIN affairs.
- ❖ The different arms should fashion out strategies to groom and mentor young future Vincentians.

- ❖ There should be more focus on internal funds generation for project sustainability while welcoming external interventions.
- ❖ There should be regional reports of FAMVIN activities of the different zones at AGM.
- ❖ There should be improved partnership with governmental bodies to fashion out strategies to contain the growing rate of poverty in Nigeria.

The president Fr Cletus Kpalap and the vice-president Sr Ifeoma Arinze should see to the SSVF crisis in Lagos and ensure it is resolved.

Conclusion

Relying on the intercession of Our Lady of the Miraculous medal, we commend the members of the FAMVIN Nigeria to the spiritual patronage of saints Vincent and Louise.

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President

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