

**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**National Council of Canada**

**Number:** TW- 001

**SUBJECT:** **TWINNING EXTERNAL – DESIGNATED COUNTRIES**

**DATE ADOPTED:** JUNE 14, 2003

**PURPOSE:** Twinning is a fundamental activity of the Society as it is the expression of Vincentian fraternity and solidarity between countries and within Canada.

**POLICY:** **All new external twinning will be conducted with Vincentian entities from the following countries:**  
**Dominican Republic (Spanish); Columbia (Spanish); Guatemala (Spanish); Haiti (French); Peru (English); El Salvador (English & Spanish) Nicaragua (Spanish).**  
**Other countries from the Americas will be considered if required and appropriate.**

**PROCEDURE:** Application forms for twinning can be obtained from the Chair Regional Twinning Committee and/or the National Council General Secretary, and/or the National website.

Completed forms are forwarded to the Chair of Regional Twinning Committee.

Upon his/her review of the application and recommendation, the application is forwarded to the National Secretary for referral to the Chair of the National Twinning Committee.

Procedures for contributions are contained in Policy TW-002.

Active twinning with countries other than those mentioned above can continue; this policy applies to all new applications for twinning.

**ACCOUNTABILITY:** Twinning Conference/Council to report to the Chair of Regional Committee annually.

Chair of the Regional Twinning Committee to report to their Council.

Chair of the Regional Twinning Committee submit an annual report to the Chair of the National Council Twinning Committee.

**LOCAL RESPONSIBILITIES:** Each twinned Conference/Council is to submit an annual report of twinning activities to the Chair of Regional Twinning Committee, who shall in turn provide a comprehensive report to their Council and to the Chair of the National Council Twinning Committee. Each twinned Conference/Council should communicate at least twice a year with their twinned Conference/Council.

**REFERENCE:** The Rule (rev 2007)  
National Policies TW 002, TW 003.

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