

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
National Council of Canada

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SUBJECT: PRE AGGREGATION TWINNING –(PAT)

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PURPOSE: Pre aggregation twinning is defined as a process by which Conferences and Councils can legally financially twin with parishes and dioceses, mostly in the three territories (Yukon, Nunavut and Northwest Territories). PAT is conducted for the purpose of developing aggregated Conferences in those regions. Financial assistance to Northern and impoverished regions of Canada is also realized by such twinning.

New Conferences become eligible for Internal Twinning when they become aggregated.

POLICY: **Pre-aggregation twinning (PAT) is recognized as a form of Canadian twinning with Mission parishes and dioceses with the intention of Conference formation and aggregation within two years.**

PROCEDURE: An aggregated Conference submits application for PAT with the relevant Chair, Provincial/Regional Twinning Committee.
The application shall state the level of financial assistance that can be provided, with assurances that invoices submitted by the twinned partner will be honoured accordingly.

Conferences/Councils conducting PAT should maintain regular contact with their twinned Mission parishes or dioceses to develop a better understanding of their needs; to provide financial and moral support, and to provide advice on the development of a Conference.

A Mission Conference should normally be ready for aggregation within two years.

ACCOUNTABILITY: The President or chairperson of the Mission Conference to the President of the aggregated Conference.

The President of the aggregated Conference to the Chair of the Provincial/Regional Twinning Committee.

The Chair of the Provincial/Regional Twinning Committee to the Chair of the National Twinning Committee.

LOCAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

The aggregated Conference should communicate with the PAT Conference on a regular basis.

The aggregated Conference will review and pay invoices received.

Aggregated Conferences shall submit annual activities report to the Chair of Provincial/Regional Twinning Committee, who shall submit comprehensive report to the Chair of the National Twinning Committee.

REFERENCE: The Rule (rev 2007)
National Policies TW 001; TW 002

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