

May 2024

SVDP Society- Milwaukee Council

Standards of Excellence Assessment by Conference Members

TO: Conference Members- SVDP Society Milwaukee Council

In 2022, the National Council of the United States encouraged all Councils and Conferences to regularly examine structures and activities using the *Minimum Requirements for Existing Traditional Conferences* as a guide. The *Standards of Excellence Questionnaire for Conferences* was distributed in 2023 as a process of self-evaluation.

In the 2024 annual assessment, please do the following together at a conference meeting:

1. Review your completed 2023 *Standards of Excellence Questionnaire* (SOE).
2. Use the *Conference Strengths Assessment Guide* for each member to consider how your conference did toward meeting the Minimum Requirements.
3. Evaluate your progress as a conference and submit a summary using the statements below as a guide:
 - a. We have identified areas that have shown progress according to the Minimum Requirements.
 - b. We have prepared a plan to improve area(s) in need of attention.
 - c. We are considering how to implement at least one of the recommended best practices.

Please return the completed *SOE Conference Summary* sheet to the Council Office **by June 30, 2024**. Your submission will be used as reference for the **VisionSVdP** synodal listening process.

All members will be invited to gather for a Council meeting this summer to embark in a celebration of our spirituality and shared mission of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for sharing your feedback.

Yours in Vincentian spirit,

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Conference Strengths Assessment Guide

For personal use. Do not turn in to Council Office.

Conference Name: _____

Member Name: Optional _____

Personal Evaluation of My Conference

Topic (min. requirement #)	Doing Very Well	Satisfactory	Can be Improved	Comments
Welcoming new members (1)				
Members feel acknowledged and spirit of friendship				
Frequency of meetings (2) (minimum 2x month)				
Full slate of officers (3) Pres./VP/Sec./Treas. & Spiritual Adv.				
Succession plan for next leaders				
Time spent in prayer: (4) reflection, discussion, listening				
Non-judgment of those being served on home visits (7)				
Home visits made by two Vincentians (8/9/10)				
Raising funds for conference (11/17)				
Annual financial review & completed annual report (14)				
Representation at Council meetings (12)				
Attendance at Archdiocesan or regional events (13)				
Informing Parish about activities and needs (15)				
Collaboration or twinning with other conferences (18)				
Communicating with Pastor (16)				
Promoting SVDP				
Acts of Service (ex. Food Pantry or Meal Program)				
Follow Rule of the Society (19)				
Safeguarding requirements				
Other:				

Standards of Excellence Conference Summary

Please return by June 30, 2024.

Mail: SVDP Society of Milwaukee Attn: SOE, PO Box 26537, Milwaukee, WI 53226

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Name of Conference

Date: _____

Conference President:

1. Areas that our conference has shown progress according to the Minimum Requirements:

Provide Minimum Requirement number for reference.

2. Our plan to develop areas in need of attention:

Please note how Council staff assistance is needed.

3. We are considering how to implement at least one of the recommended best practices.

- Serving in Hope series as formation for our conference members
- Participate in regional or national meetings virtually or in person (Refer to E-Gazette for listing of events.)
- Inquire for information when there is a call for members or nominations for Council level committees.
- Develop a list of local resources to share with neighbors.
- Reach out to local community agencies to seek opportunities for information and collaboration.
- Create relationships with local businesses which can enhance services to neighbors.
- Seek opportunities to learn about Systemic Change programs.
- Make follow-up calls or visits with neighbors in need to deepen relationships.
- Engage with the Voice for the Poor Committee as a way to advocate for change in local, state, or federal policies.