**To Establish A Formation Requirement for New Members (10/23/2010)**

*Council Resolution (10/23/10 No. 3)****RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A FORMATION REQUIREMENT FOR NEW MEMBERS***

**WHEREAS** our Rule clearly emphasizes that formation of members is essential (see Rule 3.12), and

**WHEREAS** to this end our National Council has created an Ozanam Orientation session to provide initial formation to new members, as well as a refresher for experienced members, and

**WHEREAS** Ozanam Orientation sessions have been offered in various locations in King County on average once per quarter for the past 4 years, so this formation is accessible to members, and

**WHEREAS** attendance has been optional, but for better formation of new members and fidelity to our Rule it is desired to establish this as a requirement, be it

**RESOLVED** by the Society of St Vincent de Paul Council of Seattle/King County as follows:

1. All new members of the Society in King County who join after the date of this resolution will be required to attend an Ozanam Orientation at some point during their first 12 months of membership.
2. Current members are exempt from this requirement, but are strongly encouraged to attend anyway as a great way to refresh their knowledge about and enthusiasm for our ministry.
3. Conference Presidents should notify new members of this requirement and promote attendance.  Orientation dates will be published on our members’ website and in the monthly bulletin.
4. Certificates will be presented to all members who complete the Ozanam Orientation.
5. The Council Office will keep a record of who has completed Ozanam Orientations, which will be made available to the Conference President.