

# **Partners in the Gospel SVdP Listening Sessions**

## **Overarching Principles:**

Our Catholic Faith, Vincentian Spirituality, and Catholic Social Teaching will always be core to our identity. We must do what's best for our neighbors and for our Vincentians.

We are a member-led Society that embraces consensus and the principle of subsidiarity as appropriate.

We exist to grow in holiness and serve our neighbors in need.

Local knowledge is key to achieving results in our communities.

We will be ready to implement our SVdP Partners in the Gospel plan when the parish family financial merger takes place – assumed to be mid-2027. We will balance decision making with the belief “Partners in the Gospel will move at the speed of the Holy Spirit.”

## **Rules for Listening Sessions (Similar to the Synodal Listening Sessions):**

Everyone gets to speak. We encourage everyone to speak.

Don't speak for the second time until everyone has spoken once.

No sermonizing. Keep it short and to the point – 2 minutes maximum per question.

Don't speak until others have finished speaking.

We are not here to critique or respond to what others have to say.

Stay on topic. Don't delve into unfocused conversations.

## **Discussion Questions:**

**Bearing in mind what the Holy Spirit is asking of us as we prepare to journey together...**

1. What are your hopes for the combined SVdP conference?
2. What are your concerns about the combined SVdP conference?
3. What aspects of your current conference's operations do you feel strongly should be carried over into the parish family conference?