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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT De PAUL OF ST. CHRISTOPHER CONFERENCE, INC.

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby associate themselves for the purpose of forming a corporation not-for-profit under and pursuant to Chapter 617, <u>Florida Statutes</u> (2006), and do hereby certify as follows:

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this corporation is SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT De PAUL OF ST. CHRISTOPHER CONFERENCE, INC. The corporation is sometimes referred to herein as the "Corporation."

ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

All terms used herein are to have the same meaning as said terms have in the By-Laws of the Corporation and any amendments thereto, subject to definitions set forth in the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE III PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The street address and mailing address of the Corporation's principal office is 12001-D SE Federal Highway, Hobe Sound, Florida 33455.

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ARTICLE IV REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the Corporation's initial registered office and the name of its initial registered agent at that address are as follows:

Lawrence E. Crary III

555 Colorado Blvd. Stuart, FL 34994

ARTICLE V OBJECTS, PURPOSES AND POWERS

Section 1. The Corporation shall be a corporation not-for-profit organized for non-profit purposes and activities and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or member of the Corporation and the Corporation may engage in other activity which further these purposes or are ancillary or incident thereof, and may engage in other activities permitted for charitable organizations under the laws of the State of Florida, any other state and the United States.

Section 2. The object and purpose for which this Corporation is organized is:

To serve as a Conference under the rules and bylaws of the National Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (USA).

- Section 3. The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- Section 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- Section 5. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the State Court having jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as aid court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.
- Section 6. The Corporation shall have the power to do all things necessary and proper to carry out and accomplish the above objects and purposes and of such other objects and

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purposes as are deemed necessary or proper by its Directors. The Corporation shall have all of the powers of a Corporation not-for-profit organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, and all the powers reasonably necessary to implement the powers of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VI MEMBERS

Section 1. The Members of this Corporation shall consist of Catholics who apply to and are accepted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation in accordance with the rules and bylaws of the National Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (USA).

Section 2. Membership in this Corporation cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner.

ARTICLE VII TERM

This Corporation shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE VIII BOARD OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

The President of the Corporation shall be elected by the Members for a three (3) year term which may be renewed once. The President shall appoint, from among the Members, a Board of Directors which shall consist of at least one Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other members as the President shall choose. The names and addresses of the first Board of Directors and officers who shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	Office	Address
Joseph Zarro	President	7095 SE Bluebird Circle Hobe Sound, FL 33455
Dee Celona	Vice President	3482 NE Causeway Blvd., Bldg. 2-104 Jensen Beach, FL 34957
Arthur Bourgea	Treasurer	8881 SE Sandcastle Circle Hobe Sound, FL 33455
Karen Bradshaw	Secretary	3281 SE Fairway West Stuart, FL 34997

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ARTICLE IX INDEMNIFICATION

Every Director and every officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees reasonably incurred by or imposed by him in connection with any proceeding to which he may be a party, or in which he may become involved, by reason of his being or having been a Director or officer of the Corporation, or any settlement thereof, whether or not he is a Director or officer at the time such expenses are incurred, except in such cases wherein the Director or officer is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duties; provided that in the event of a settlement, the indemnification herein shall apply only when the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being for the best interest of the Corporation. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such Director or officer may be entitled.

ARTICLE X DISPOSITION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

No member, Director or officer of the Corporation or other private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the Corporation. Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to an appropriate public body, agency or agencies, or any one of them or to any one or more non-profit corporations, associations, trusts or other organization to be devoted to purposes as nearly as practicable the same as those to which they were required to be devoted by the Corporation.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

These Articles may be amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Corporation entitled to vote.

ARTICLE XII BY-LAWS

The Corporation may adopt By-Laws governing the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation in accordance with the rules and bylaws of the National Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (USA). These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or rescinded as provided in the By-Laws by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Corporation present at any meeting of the Members.

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ARTICLE XIII INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators of the Corporation by these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

<u>Name</u>

Address

Joseph Zarro

7095 SE Bluebird Circle Hobe Sound, FL 33455

Dee Celona

3482 NE Causeway Blvd., Bldg. 2-104

Jensen Beach, FL 34957

Arthur Bourgea

8881 SE Sandcastle Circle Hobe Sound, FL 33455

Karen Bradshaw

.. 3281 SE Fairway West

Stuart, FL 34997

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporators have hereunto set their hands and caused these Articles of Incorporation to be executed this 13th day of April, 2007, at Stuart, Florida.

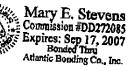
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(SEAL) Mary E. Stevens Commission #DD277085 Expires: Sep 17, 2007 Bonded Thru Atlantic Bonding Co., Inc.	May Stevens NOTARY PUBLIC Print Name: Mary Stevens My Commission Expires; 9-17-2007		
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MARTIN			
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day of April, 2007, by Dee Celona She(please check one of the following) pispersonally known to me or who has produced as identification, and who (please check one of the following) did or did not take an oath.			
(SEAL) Mary E. Stevens Commission #DD272085 Expires: Sep 17, 2007 Bonded Time Atlantic Bonding Co., Inc.	May Stevens NOTARY & UBLIC Print Name: Mary Stevens My Commission Expires: 17-2001		
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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MARTIN

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ___/_3__ day of April, 2007, by Karen Bradshaw She(please check one of the following) Vispersonally known to me or who has produced as identification, and who (please check one of the following) didnotakean cath.

(SEAL)



NOTARY PUBLIC
Print Name: Mary Stevens
My Commission Expires: 9-17-200

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at the place designated in the above Articles of Incorporation, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of Florida Law relative to keeping open said office.

Lawrence E. Crary III Registered Agent

