

# **ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL**

## **LADIES OF CHARITY**

### **TWINNING MINISTRY**

The Ladies of Charity throughout the world are connected with the desire to help those in need. This is demonstrated by the organization of food pantries, clothing stores, etc. Quite often we see the poor helping the poor. The poor believe in the concept of helping those less fortunate than themselves. They are reminded that no matter how bad off you are, someone else is worse. The poor give from the heart. Our twinning program encompasses the spiritual, mental and physical support of participating associations. If your members are no longer able to do hands on projects, then it is extremely important to convince them of the importance of their prayer support. Prayer is such a tremendous aid to those in need of spiritual, mental and physical help. Just knowing someone cares can ease their burden. The success of the twinning program lies with the members. We need to pray that God will continue to help us recognize Jesus in the face of those in need.

#### **WHAT IS TWINNING?**

The word twinning between two entities, taken in a general context, speaks of partnership, networking, cooperation and support, getting closer and getting involved in solidarity. Twinning had been implemented in different ways: training, exchanges of experiences, co-responsibility of a specific project and visits.

#### **EFFECTIVE TWINNING**

In order for the twinning to result in growth for participation groups, it is vital to take into account various major ideas. Twinning should:

1. Meet the needs of both parties.
2. Avoid one association from becoming dependent on the other.
3. Develop self-esteem and cultivate self-growth.
4. Specify clear objectives and deadlines.
5. Learn about the other, share ideas and differences.
6. It is important for growth that the two groups must communicate.