

DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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1. Introduction

Name of the Society: Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul

Year of establishment: 1940/2000

Brief of background of the society: The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (South Indian Province) is a religious community dedicated to serving Christ through humble, compassionate service to the poor, marginalized, and abandoned. Rooted in the charism of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac, our Sisters actively uplift vulnerable communities across several states through five core ministries:

Vision: To be the hands and feet of Christ, restoring dignity to the broken-hearted, healing the sick, and empowering the marginalized to live a life full of hope and self-reliance.

Mission: Inspired by the love of Christ and the charism of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac, the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (South Indian Province) commit themselves to serving the poor, the marginalized, and the abandoned with humility, simplicity, and charity. We strive to restore human dignity and bring hope to the vulnerable by providing compassionate health care, inclusive education, protective shelters, and sustainable empowerment for women and youth, ensuring that the love of God is visibly experienced by those in greatest need.

2. Society Activity Report:

Health Care: We operate a general and T.B. hospital, three HIV/AIDS hospices, a leprosy rehabilitation centre, and several rural health clinics managed by trained Sister-nurses to bring healing to those facing chronic illness and social stigma.

Homes & Rehabilitation: We provide safe havens and dignity to the vulnerable, running three centres for challenged children, three homes for destitute elderly men and women, two children's rehabilitation centres, and one specialized home for children with HIV.

Education: Believing in the transformative power of learning, our Sisters teach in vernacular parochial schools and manage several boarding homes that support and facilitate education for underprivileged students.

Social Service & Women's Empowerment: To foster self-reliance among rural women, we run six tailoring and embroidery centres while collaborating with NGOs on vital nutrition, health education, and Self-Help Group initiatives.

