



**VIVAT**  
*International*



*Vivat Deus unus et Trinus...*

*May the one and Triune God  
live in the hearts of all...*



**Let justice live!**

In the beginning...

**A letter announced the formation of a joint SVD/SSpS venture, namely the establishment of an NGO that will work towards acquiring NGO status at the United Nations.**

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**‘We anticipate that  
this will give us the  
opportunity to give  
witness to what Pope  
John Paul II has called  
*the new Aeropagus.*’**



As an NGO, we will have...

- ◆ **access to UN information resources and receive regular briefings**
- ◆ **the right to attend meetings and conferences**



As an NGO, we will have...

- ◆ **the opportunity to participate in the formulation of policy and the development of UN documents (many of which will go to form international law).**
- ◆ **the opportunity to bring matters of concern before UN agencies.**



**The idea was first conceived in 1994 by both the SVDs and the SSpS, and a time of exploration and research was conducted by Judith Vallimont, SSpS and Bernard Spitzley, SVD**



**The research led both congregations each to send a delegate. They were Carmen Castro, SSpS and Lawrence Correa, SVD**



**The Congregational Leadership of the SSpS Sisters got the full support to go ahead with the NGO in their Assembly of provincials and regionals in Pune India in September 1999.**



**The SVDs waited for the General Chapter 2000 where the General Council was given mandate to establish the NGO.**



**We believe that the humanitarian goals of the United Nations are very consistent with our own goals and that collaboration with the United Nations can be an important way of working for the kingdom.**



**WE BELIEVE WE HAVE  
SOMETHING TO OFFER**

**Our faith  
commitment**

**The experience  
and expertise  
of many of our  
religious  
members all  
over the world**



**WE BELIEVE WE HAVE  
SOMETHING TO OFFER**

**We have a long  
term presence  
with the poor and  
the marginalized**

**A high level of  
education**

**An effective  
international  
network**

# OUR GOAL

**We have the resources to bring the voice of the poor and marginalized to the decision-making levels of world bodies.**

**...to disseminate information from the UN and to raise awareness of UN issues among our congregations.**

**...to gather information about on-the-ground realities from the members around the world, and draw on the expertise of members in reflecting on the standpoint which VIVAT International should take on various issues.**



***Our Vision***

## **VIVAT International**

**shares a vision of the world and of every human being as created in goodness and dignity, and believing in the equality in rights and in dignity of all individuals, peoples and cultures, we commit ourselves to promote justice, harmony and reconciliation in the world.**



**Reach out to those living in poverty of any kind.**

**Promote human rights, sustainable development, understanding and harmony among people regardless of race, religion, or culture.**

**To promote participative societies,  
both local and universal.**

**To work for ecological sustainability,  
the protection of biodiversity,  
and the preservation of the richness  
of the planet for future generations.**

***Our Mission***



**To network among members, disseminating updates and relevant materials that can promote the concerns (work) of the United Nations:  
peace, human rights, socio-economic development, and ecological well-being.**

**tasks & challenges**



**To work toward a more organized VIVAT International that can gather information and experiences, and draw on the expertise of members in reflecting on the standpoint which VIVAT International should take on its issues and lobbying at the UN.**

**tasks & challenges**



**To liaise with other  
NGOs and civil  
societies, especially  
at the UN,  
to promote a more  
collaborative work  
with them.**

**tasks & challenges**

**Women**

**Migrants,  
Refugees,  
Displaced  
People**

**HIV/AIDS**

**Ethics**

**Ecology**

**Indigenous  
People**

**Poverty**

**Eradication**

**Sustainable  
Development**

**Ethnic  
Relations**

**Culture  
of Peace**

**HUMAN  
RIGHTS**