



The Statutes
of
Spem Miram Internationalis
of the
Order of Preachers

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STATUTES OF SPEM MIRAM INTERNATIONALIS OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

PREAMBLE

As a result of the ACG Roma 2010, the Order has established *Spem Miram Internationalis* which is its organization for solidarity for the Order. The Master of the Order delegates to this organization the management of all of the solidarity funds for the Order. The solidarity funds of the Order are: The Solidarity Fund, the St. Dominic Fund, and the Dominique Renouard, O.P., Fund.

Spem Miram Internationalis is to provide a clear process to request necessary financial support for formation and scholarship and for projects and programs that support the mission of the Order of Preachers.

SECTION I

INSTITUTION OF SPEM MIRAM INTERNATIONALIS

Article 1

Spem Miram Internationalis was established by the Master of the Order of Preachers, fr. Bruno Cadoré, O.P., and his Council to manage the solidarity funds of the Order and to seek new means of supporting its formation and mission.

Article 2

Spem Miram Internationalis is an organization of the Order of Preachers under the direction of the General Chapters and Master of the Order.

Article 3

Spem Miram Internationalis shall be governed by these current statutes. These statutes apply in so far as they do not contravene any of the norms of Canon Law or of the Constitutions of the Friars of the Order of Preachers.

SECTION II

THE BOARD

Article 4

The Board of *Spem Miram Internationalis* will consist of five Friars appointed by the Master of the Order for a term of three years, which is renewable.

Article 5

1. The Master of the Order will appoint one of these Friars to be the President of the Board who will be responsible to call two meetings of the Board each year in order to review petitions for grants made to the solidarity funds of the Order. Dispersal of financial support from these funds are made twice a year.
2. The President will receive all petitions for grants made to the solidarity funds of the Order. He will ask the appropriate Regional Socius for a recommendation on petitions made.
3. The President prepares the agenda for the meetings of *Spem Miram Internationalis*.

Article 6

1. Board members are to support the work of *Spem Miram Internationalis* and to foster new ways of building solidarity within and outside of the Order.
2. Generally, Board members are from different regions of the Order. However, this does not limit the authority of the Master to appoint Friars to the Board (cf., Art. 5, 1).

COMPETENCE OF THE BOARD

Article 7

1. The Board periodically reviews the criteria for recommending grants, the forms used to attain information regarding grants, and the process for petitioning for grants. It makes its recommendations to the Master of the Order and his Council for approval.
2. The Board will adhere to the purpose of each solidarity fund as outlined in its approved and current statutes.

SECTION III

TIME FOR PETITIONS FOR GRANTS

Article 8

Petitions for grants will be completed in accordance with the forms provided by the Board. These petitions will reviewed at the biannual meetings of the board if received by 1st March for its April meeting or 1st September for its October meeting.

MANNER OF PETITIONING FOR GRANTS

Article 9

1. The petition must be submitted and endorsed by the Prior Provincial of the entity, and, when appropriate, also endorsed by the Vicar Provincial.
2. The petition will be reviewed by the Board only when all requested information has been submitted.
3. The petition should clearly state the following: the reason for the petition, information about any financial aid sought from any other entity of the Order or from other institutions, and answer all of the particular items requested in the forms.
4. For each petition, the president of the board will request a recommendation letter from the appropriate regional socius or curial promoter.
5. As a general principle, all petitions for grants shall indicate the total costs involved and the contribution made by the petitioner's entity towards the total cost.
6. The Board will review the completed grant requests and make a recommendation to the Master of the Order for his final approval. The President of the board then communicates the decision to the petitioner.
7. Once a grant is approved, it must be used for the purpose for which it was petitioned. The necessary documentary proof of the use of the approved grant will be sent to the President in a timely manner. Providing documentary proof of how an approved grant was used by an entity is a necessary prerequisite for consideration of another petition for grant from the same entity.
8. The President makes a report to the Board at its meeting on how approved grants were used.

SECTION IV

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUNDS

Article 10

1. The Administrator of each solidarity fund is the Syndic of the Order. In order for the Board to manage the funds it is required that the Administrator provide the necessary report on each fund.
2. The Administrator will present a complete annual report of the economic situation of the Fund (current assets, liabilities, grants distributed and interest available for distribution) to the board of *Spem Miram Internationalis* by 31 March. This report will

also be reviewed by the Economic Council of the Order before it is presented to the Master of the Order and his Council.

3. Where indicated in the statutes of a solidarity fund, the Board will recommend to the Master of the Order whether the undistributed interest should be returned to the capital of a fund or placed in the Dominique Renouard Fund for pending scholarships, projects, or programs.

4. The Board presents to the Administrator its fiscal budget as requested.

Article 11

1. The Board will review the annual report of the Administrator. It will take special note to ensure that, where indicated, the intentions of the donors are fulfilled.

2. Upon review, the Board may make recommendations to the Economic Council of the Order and Master and his Council accordingly.

SECTION V

AMENDMENTS

Article 12

By virtue of the constitutions of the Friars of the Order of Preachers and of the proper authority of the Master of the Order, the latter may, interpret the application of these statutes. Along with his General Council he may modify, and even dispense the application of these statutes.

APPROBATION

Article 13

The current statutes come into force from the date of approbation of the Master of the Order, after consultation with his General Council.

Approved by the Master of the Order after consultation with his General Council at the convent of Santa Sabina, Rome this 30th day of May in the year 2013.

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