Criteria for Requests to *Spem Miram Internationalis*

(General Council, 28 February 2012)

A. Preliminary Criteria:

1. There are good financial procedures and accounts within the province.
2. Responsible reports have been given to the General Curia.
3. The request has been approved by the Provincial Council and submitted by the provincial.
4. The request is justified as fulfilling the mission of the Order.
5. The request is recognized as an integral part of a larger provincial plan.
6. If requests have been made to other provinces or funding agencies, this must be reported as well as any funding received.
7. The percentage of money which will come from within the province and from its own fund raising efforts.

B. Priority should be given to those entities which:

1. Exist within poor countries where resources are not available.
2. Are economically fragile due to the inability of the brothers to realize adequate funds from their own work.
3. Have a project that is important for the Order even if it is not necessarily a poor province, but one that needs assistance in realizing the project.

C. Priorities for grants from *Spem Miram Internationalis* of the Order should be ranked according to the following needs:

1. The formation of the brothers.
2. Those projects that will directly fulfill the mission of the Order and province and to which the province is committing its own resources.
3. The advanced education of future professors within the province and Order.
4. A province that wants to begin a new mission outside of its own territory but needs financial assistance.

D. Once a grant is given:

1. A progress report is to be given annually along with an account of how the funds were used.
2. If there is no accountability for a grant already given, an application for a second grant will not be considered.