



Statutes of the Servants of Charity (SoC)

(A Humanitarian Initiative founded by Doninu (Malta) International)

Preamble

The *Servants of Charity* (SoC) is a modern humanitarian initiative rooted in the timeless values of solidarity, justice, and compassion. Founded by **Doninu (Malta) International**, SoC is inspired by the noble ethos of historical knightly orders, but reinterpreted for the 21st century to serve the vulnerable and build peace. Members bear the suffix “SoC” (Servant of Charity) to reflect their service-based identity.

Article 1: Name and Identity

1. The full name of the entity is **Servants of Charity (SoC)**.
2. It operates as a humanitarian branch under the auspices of **Doninu (Malta) International**.
3. SoC shall be referred to as “The Order” or “The Mission” in these statutes.
4. The suffix “SoC” is used by members after their name, symbolizing their commitment to charity.

Article 2: Founding Body

1. **Doninu (Malta) International** is the **founder** of the Servants of Charity.
2. The *Board of Doninu (Malta) International* serves ex officio as the **governing Board of the Servants of Charity**.
3. All operations, administration, and strategic direction are aligned with Doninu (Malta) International's broader mission.

Article 3: Mission and Objectives

1. To provide direct support and advocacy for vulnerable persons.
2. To act as a voice for the voiceless: persons with disabilities, hospitalised children, the elderly, and the socially excluded.
3. To promote peace, truth, dignity, and reconciliation globally.
4. To inspire compassionate service through example and cooperation.
5. To grow an international network of individuals committed to active love and charity.

Article 4: Core Values

1. **Service** – placing the needs of others before one's own.
2. **Compassion** – acting with empathy, mercy, and kindness.
3. **Justice** – standing for equity and the rights of the vulnerable.
4. **Peace** – working to reduce conflict and build harmony.
5. **Truth** – acting with transparency, honesty, and integrity.

Article 5: Membership

1. Membership is open to all persons, regardless of status, religion, or background, who support the values and mission.
2. There are two main categories:
 - **Honorary Members:** Persons invited due to their public service or humanitarian record.
 - **Active Members (SoC):** Persons who contribute directly to the mission, bearing the suffix "SoC".

3. All members must respect the statutes and mission and sign a commitment form to uphold SoC values.
4. Membership may be revoked by the Board in cases of misconduct or serious breach of principles.

Article 6: Structure and Governance

1. The **Governing Board** of Servants of Charity is the **same Board as that of Doninu (Malta) International**.
2. This Board shall:
 - Guide strategic decisions and oversee all missions.
 - Appoint regional representatives or coordinators where necessary.
 - Approve honorary titles and membership entries.
 - Ensure compliance with national and international law.
3. Working groups, councils, or national chapters may be formed with Board approval.

Article 7: Titles and Roles

1. Members may use the suffix “**SoC**” as a visible sign of their commitment.
2. Roles such as Coordinators, Chaplains, or Ambassadors of Peace may be appointed by the Board.
3. Titles within SoC do not imply hierarchy but function as service roles.

Article 8: Activities

The Servants of Charity may:

1. Organise humanitarian aid distributions.
2. Carry out hospital visits, support for persons with disabilities, and outreach in poor communities.
3. Organise vigils, campaigns, or public appeals for justice and peace.
4. Partner with other NGOs, churches, or peace-based movements.
5. Participate in peacebuilding and conflict-prevention forums.
6. Offer symbolic blessings, prayers, and moral support to those suffering.

Article 9: Relationship with Doninu (Malta) International

1. SoC is fully under the spiritual, moral, and operational authority of **Doninu (Malta) International**.
2. All legal and financial matters are handled in accordance with Doninu's framework and integrity protocols.
3. All representations by SoC must align with Doninu's humanitarian neutrality and international compliance.

Article 10: Finances and Support

1. SoC is **non-commercial and non-profit**.
2. It does not accept or hold funds directly. Any fundraising or donations are received and processed solely through **Doninu (Malta) International**, subject to ethical oversight.
3. Members may volunteer time, materials, or goodwill, but there is no fee for membership.

Article 11: International Presence

1. SoC may establish national chapters in collaboration with Doninu's international branches or partner VOs.
2. All chapters must remain aligned with this statute and report annually to the central Board.

Article 12: Amendments

1. These statutes may be amended only by a majority vote of the Board of Doninu (Malta) International.
2. Amendments shall be communicated to all members and, where needed, made publicly available.

Article 13: Dissolution

1. The Servants of Charity may only be dissolved by formal resolution of the Board of Doninu (Malta) International.
2. In such case, any remaining symbolic materials or properties revert to Doninu for future humanitarian purposes.

Approved by the Board of Doninu (Malta) International

On this day: *14 July 2023*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jean Pierre Calleja', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chev. (Jean) Pierre Calleja
Leader / Founder
Doninu (Malta) International