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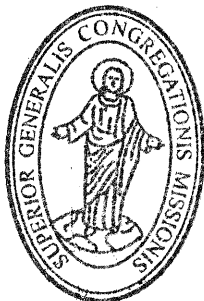
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**AND**  
**DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ASSOCIATION OF**  
**THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL**

By Pontifical concession of His Holiness Pius X, "Dilectionis Filium," of 8 July 1909, I **approve** the National Statutes of the Association of the Miraculous Medal in **Thailand**

Rome, 27 November 2007



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# Statutes

## Association of the Miraculous Medal ( AMM ) Archdiocese of Bangkok, Thailand

### Introduction:

The Medal of the Immaculate Conception, popularly known as the Miraculous Medal was designed by the Blessed Virgin herself. She appeared to Sister Catherine Laboure, D.C., at the Chapel of their Motherhouse at Rue du Bac, in Paris, France on 27 November 1830. Mary revealed to Sr. Catherine a model of a medal and told her to have medals struck upon this model. The Blessed Mother further stated that all who wear it with confidence, praying the supplication inscribed on it will receive great grace.

With the approval of the Archbishop of Paris, the first medals were made in 1832. Immediately they were distributed. The blessings promised by Mary began to shower down on those who wore the medal with trust. The devotion spread like wildfire. Marvels of grace, conversion, cures, peace and prosperity followed in its wake. Before long people were calling it the “Miraculous Medal.”

The AMM was born soon after the Apparitions to Sr. Catherine. On June 21, 1847, Pope Pius IX founded it and officially attached it to the Motherhouse of the Congregation of the Mission in Paris. Its purposes and statutes were approved and confirmed by St. Pius X on July 8, 1909, erecting it with definitive and universal nature for the whole Church. He commended its direction to the Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission. Minor revisions to the original approved statutes were made in 1990 and in 1998 by the Holy See

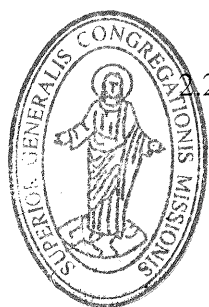
### Article 1 : Origin of the Association

The association is a result of the Apparition of Mary Immaculate in 1830 to Sr. Catherine Laboure. Mary directs Sr. Catherine’s attention to the distressing situation of the poor. She expressed her desire of the creation of an association for the service of the poor, to meet their needs and to reveal to them the love God has for them. After that apparition Sr. Catherine told her confessor, Fr. Aladel, C.M., “the Blessed Mother wants you...to be the founder and director of a confraternity of Children of Mary...” Consequently from the apparitions came the Children of Mary, now named the Vincentian Marian Youth, or simply Marian Youth. Later the AMM gradually developed from there.

### Article 2 : Nature of the Association

2.1 It is **Ecclesial**. As Catholics we support and love our Church. We work in close collaboration with the local Church in her pastoral programs and activities. It is in this context that we live as an association.

2.2 The AMM is **Marian**. Mary is the origin of the AMM. We honor Mary as Mother and Model of the Church, our example in prayer and action in favor of the poor, leading us all to Christ, her Son.



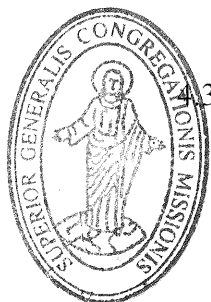
- 2.3 It is **Vincentian**. Mary gave the Miraculous Medal to the Church and to the poor of the world through a Daughter of Charity. She entrusted its promotion to a member of the Congregation of the Mission. Consequently, the AMM by its origin, direction and guidance participates in the Vincentian charism. The living out of its fundamental virtues of humility, simplicity and charity is an integral part of the life of its members. Service and evangelization of the poor are essential part of its apostolate. The members serve the poor in the manner of St. Vincent and all the saints of the Vincentian family.

### **Article 3 : Objectives of the Association**

- 3.1 To spread love and devotion to Mary Immaculate through **praying and** wearing her medal and propagating it.
- 3.2 To bring Mary, “Conceived Without Sin” to the Catholics of Thailand and to the non-Catholics through interfaith activities and dialogue.
- 3.3 To work for the sanctification of the AMM members through basic and solid formation in Christian life.
- 3.4 To support the formation of young men to the Congregation of the Mission who will later have as special mission the propagation of the Medal.
- 3.5 To promote the pious devotion of the Domiciliary Visit of the image of Our Blessed Mother as a form of family evangelization.
- 3.6 To assist the persons who are poor, who suffer injustices or marginalization, meeting their needs and revealing God’s love for them.
- 3.7 To work in close collaboration with all the branches of the Vincentian family.

### **Article 4 : Leadership**

- 4.1 The **Director General**: The Director General of the AMM is the Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission (C.M.) and of the Company of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (D.C.)
- 4.2. The **National Director**: He is named by the Provincial Superior of the C.M. and confirmed into office by the Director General. His term is for six ( 6 ) years and may be renewed for another three ( 3 ) years.
- 4.3. The **Diocesan/Regional Moderator**: This office may be held by a Vincentian or a Daughter of Charity. He/she is proposed by the National Director and is appointed by the local Ordinary to animate the association in a particular parish Church under the authority of the National Director.



## Article 5 : Membership

- 5.1 **Active:** Those who after the formation process are invested with the Miraculous Medal according to the rite approved by the Congregation for Divine Worship. They participate in the association's gatherings and apostolate and are committed to go through further formation together, pray together and work together to realize the objectives of the association.
- 5.2 **Associates:** Any of the faithful can become an associate of AMM, share its spiritual benefits and support the active members. They are all those who wear the Miraculous Medal preferably around their neck and pray often with confidence the invocation on the Medal: **“O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.”** Thus even non-Catholics can be associate of AMM. They, too, are children of the Blessed Mother. They support the active members, in any way they can to promote the devotion to the Blessed Mother.

## Article 6 : Particular Statutes

### 6.1 Name of Organization:

The Association of the Miraculous Medal ( AMM )  
DC Province of Thailand  
Archdiocese of Bangkok, Thailand

### 6.2 Postal address:

D.C. Miraculous Medal Office  
P.O. Box 50 Lamlukka  
Pathum Thani 12150, Thailand

### 6.3 Date of official recognition

by Cardinal Archbishop Meechai Kitbunchu of Bangkok: 2 August 2003

### 6.4 Organization:

The following are the elected leaders of the association for purposes of administration in the local parish level.

- a. **President** – A lay person who presides at the meetings of the association and leads the group so that all like Mary are faithful followers of Jesus and the Gospel.
- b. **Vice-President** – The person who assists/takes over the tasks of the President in his/her absence, at meetings and in the fulfillment of the plans of the AMM
- c. **Secretary** - Records and compiles the minutes of the meetings, and the other relevant reports. He/she maintains up-to-date register of all enrolled members.
- d. **Treasurer** - Keeps an accurate record of the finances of the association and gives financial reports when due.
- e. **Press Relation Officer** - One who publicizes the activities and establishes rapport with people within and outside of the association.



## Article 7 : Indulgences

Members of the association enjoy the indulgences granted in perpetuity according to the rescript of the Sacred Penitentiary given on 27 October 1995.

- 7.1 On the day of investiture.
- 7.2 On the anniversary of the establishment of the association, 2 August.
- 7.3 On the feast of the Queenship of Mary, 22 August
- 7.4 On the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, 27 September
- 7.5 On the feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, 27 November
- 7.6 On the feast of St. Catherine Laboure, 28 November

## Article 8 : Liturgical Feast Day

The principal feast of the association is 27 November, the feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on which the apparition of the Blessed Mother is recalled.

Text approved on ..... 27 Nov. 07 .....



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