



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

MARCH 1ST, 2024 NEWSLETTER ISSUE

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH?

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



MARCH 4	LENT APPEAL BEGINS ends April 30th
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MARCH 9	OZANAM ORIENTATION TRAINING St. Theresa Catholic Church
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MARCH 15	ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC Feast Day
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MARCH 20	HOSPITALITY + GRATITUDE with coffee and donuts
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MARCH 29	The Passion of Christ
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MARCH 31	Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord
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THIS IS THE TIME TO GIVE!

Lent appeal



Your support is not just a donation—it is an expression of our shared commitment to making a positive difference in Greater Houston. Whether you can contribute financially, spread awareness, or volunteer your time, your actions during this Lenten season will be a source of strength and support for our neighbors. As we reflect on the journey of Lent, let us embody the true spirit of compassion and service.

DONATE FROM MARCH 4TH
THROUGH
APRIL 30TH, 2024



"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full."
Proverbs 19:17.



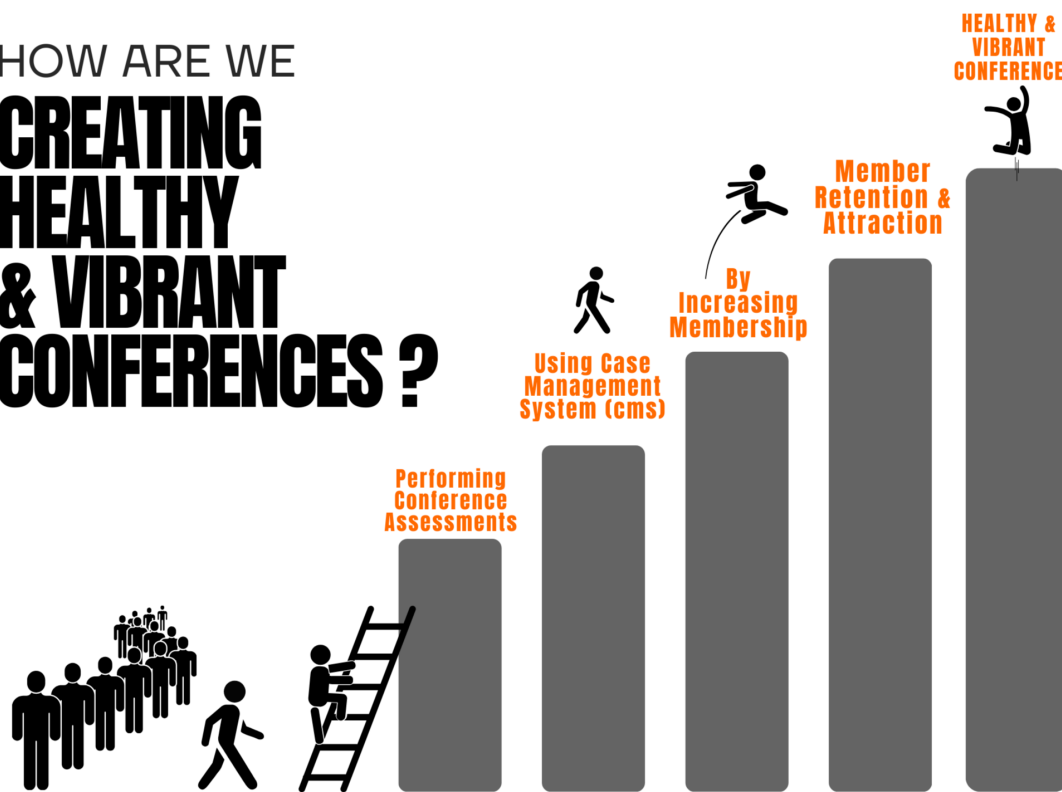
**DONATE
TODAY**



2024 STRATEGIC PLAN



HOW ARE WE CREATING HEALTHY & VIBRANT CONFERENCES ?



To grow our **Mission Impact** we need:

1. To perform a Conference Assessment every 3 years
2. CMS to report Conference activity
3. 35% of Spanish speaking members & members under 60 years old
4. Attract & Retain members with our [Vincentian Service Wheel](#)

LET'S START USING V-FORM

THIS IS HOW WE REGISTER
FOR OUR UPCOMING
FORMATION EVENTS.



What can I do through **V-FORM**?

- You can now **register** for ALL formation events through ONE system.

For any questions regarding our new **V-FORM** system, please [Ask Ozanam](#).

- You can **cancel** your event registration (In case you can't make it)
- You can **view** all events you have signed up for

YOU CAN ACCESS V-FORM THROUGH OUR WEBSITE.

FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW.



Effective **February 15th, 2024**, this will be the **only** way in which you can register for all upcoming Formation events:

1. Visit our website: SVDPHOUSTON.ORG
2. Hover over "**Get Involved**" and click on the "**Members-only**"
3. Scroll down to find the Formation section and click on "**Gal-Hou SVdP**"
4. **Click to register** for an event or **Click for instructions** to navigate through V-FORM.

Save this [LINK](#) to skip the steps above.

COMING
SOON

FORMATION EVENTS

OZANAM ORIENTATION
SPIRITUAL **GROWTH TRAINING**
GETFED WEBINARS

Refer to The Member Handbook pg.9

Formation develops the
minds, hearts and spirits we
bring to our ministry.



<p>Ozanam Orientation Training</p> <p>March 9th, 2024 8:30 am- 3:00 pm</p> <p>ST. THERESA, SUGAR LAND</p> <p>705 St Theresa Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77498</p> <p>Register ></p>	<p>SPIRITUAL GROWTH TRAINING</p> <p>May 18th, 2024 Time: TBA</p> <p>ST. ANNE, HOUSTON</p> <p>2140 Westheimer Road Houston, Texas 77098</p> <p>Register ></p>	<p>getFED sessions</p> <p>All sessions Online.</p> <p>VIA ZOOM</p> <p>Register through V-form.</p> <p>Register ></p>
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DON'T MISS OUT ON THE

SPANISH

Ozanam Orientation

**ORIENTACION
OZANAM**

EN ESPAÑOL

INVITAMOS A TODOS LOS
VICENTINOS QUE HABLEN
ESPAÑOL

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

901 Roselane St, Houston, TX 77037

9:00 AM- 2:00 PM

**ABRIL
13
2024**

**INSCRIBETE
AHORA**

VINCENTIAN *celebration*



3+ YEARS OF SERVICE
AT ST. PATRICK
CONFERENCE.

THANK YOU ANGELA
AND ENEDINA FOR
YOUR DEDICATION &
SERVICE.

WISHING YOU AN
ABUNDANCE OF
BLESSINGS ON YOUR
NEW JOURNEYS



25+ YEARS OF SERVICE
AT ST. THOMAS MOORE
CONFERENCE



Recruitment is continual,



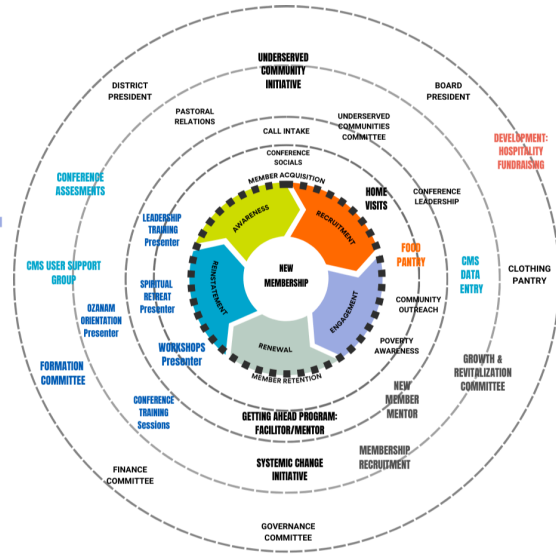
Safe Environment training

If you have taken Safe Haven training

Step 1: [APPLY HERE](#)
Step 2: [CMG TRAINING](#)

more than 4 years ago, please remember
to do the [CMG RENEWAL](#)

A DIFFERENT WAY TO SERVE.



SERVE NOW WITH **HOSPITALITY** + GRATITUDE

This is an opportunity to serve and learn about fundraising the Development Department does to support the SVdP mission.



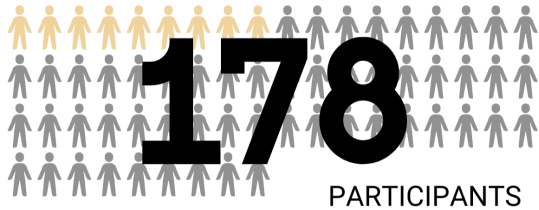
Those who sign up will be signing cards of appreciation to our generous donors.

[RSVP](#) for a morning of gratitude... coffee and donuts too!

SYSTEMIC CHANGE: GETTING AHEAD PROGRAMS



TO ACHIEVE



USE YOUR GIFTS

TO BECOME A **FACILITATOR,**
MENTOR OR **SPEAKER** FOR OUR
GETTING AHEAD PROGRAMS.

CONTACT US TODAY.

Since inception,

64 Getting Ahead Participants

42 Graduate Program Participants

17 Alumni Program Participants

Help people learn how to fish to feed
their families for a lifetime.

Become an

OZANAM ORIENTATION

Presenter

Ozanam Formation Training will be held at the

2024 SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING

June 19th in Dallas TX

[Click here](#) for more information



An Ozanam orientation presenter is a way to serve. You will be able to
communicate to our prospective and onboarding Vincentians.

To learn more about this role please contact our [Formation Committee](#)

Quieres ser **Presentador** para la **ORIENTACION DE OZANAM?**

Contáctanos antes de Marzo 20,
2024 para mas información.

Un presentador de orientación de Ozanam es una forma de servir. Podrá comunicarse con nuestros vicentinos potenciales y en proceso de incorporación.

Para obtener más información sobre este rol, comuníquese con [Servicios Vicentinos](#) antes de Marzo 20, 2024.



IMPACT STORY BOX

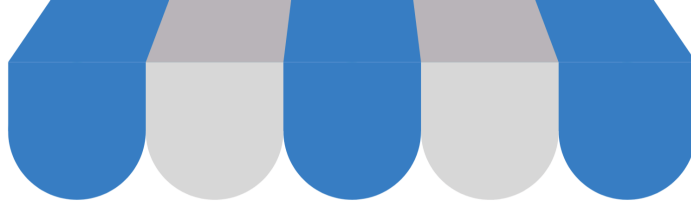
Conference: ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

When we encountered our friend in distress, she resided in a women's shelter with her young child, having recently fled an abusive relationship in another state, leaving everything behind. During our meeting, she expressed feelings of isolation, instability, and uncertainty about her and her child's future. She revealed contemplating suicide but refrained for her child's sake. While receiving counseling at the shelter, both she and her child needed ongoing support in **rebuilding their lives.**

At the time of our visit, she was in the process of transitioning from the shelter to an apartment. Despite having a job, she had taken an extended leave due to the challenges of escaping and relocating, and her job security was at risk because of her living situation. Eventually, she managed to secure an apartment, acquiring basic furniture and household items from the shelter and other organizations. However, financial constraints hindered her ability to cover the first month's rent.

Fortunately, she had funds for utility deposits and other expenses. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, our **St. Thomas the Apostle Conference** preferably decided to provide \$800 in assistance. During the follow up call, our Vincentians discovered that the family needed additional items, such as blankets. The Vincentians promptly purchased these items and delivered them to her new apartment.

[Submit my story](#)



CLOSING SOON

Last day Saturday, March 23, 2024

SVdP wants to thank the entire greater Houston community for its outpouring of support and assistance.

MARCH 4th- 9th
Everything **50% OFF**

MARCH 11th- 16th
Everything **75% OFF**

MARCH 18th- 23rd
Bag SALE

JOIN US AT THE

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING



"Removing the Veil"

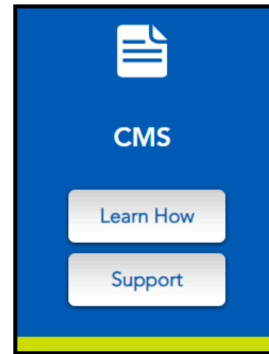
JUNE 19TH- 22ND, 2024
DALLAS, TX

ACCESS CMS IN 3 STEPS.

STEP 1: VISIT **SVDP- HOUSTON WEBSITE**

STEP 2: SEE “GET INVOLVED” TAB AND
CLICK ON **MEMBERS ONLY**

STEP 3: SCROLL DOWN TO FIND
CMS




Assistance with **CMS Training & CMS Orientation**

Contact: [CMS COMMITTEE](#)

HEY VINCENTIANS, **WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE**

**SHARE THIS WITH ANYONE WHO
MAY BE IN NEED.**



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FREE TAX
PREPARATION



DISASTER
PREVENTION



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