



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

**JANUARY 1ST, 2024
NEWSLETTER ISSUE**

2024
HAPPY NEW YEAR

**TO ALL VINCENTIANS,
WISHING YOU A
HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

May this year be filled with
blessings.



LET'S ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN



LET'S

CREATE HEALTHY & VIBRANT CONFERENCES

LET'S INCREASE OUR MISSION IMPACT

Houston ranked **No. 1** overall for socioeconomic, cultural, economic, household and religious diversity according to the Greater Houston Partnership and WalletHub experts. We have been ranked #75 in America's Top 100 Charities by **FORBES**, which is why it is important to:

- Increase membership with individuals younger than 60
- Attract and retain members by offering new ways to serve (see Vincentian Service Model)
- Use the **Case Management System (CMS)**, which enables sophisticated reporting of Conference activity
- Conduct Conference Assessment every 3 years

STRATEGIC GOAL

Fifteen Conferences by December 2025, requires **YOUR HELP!**

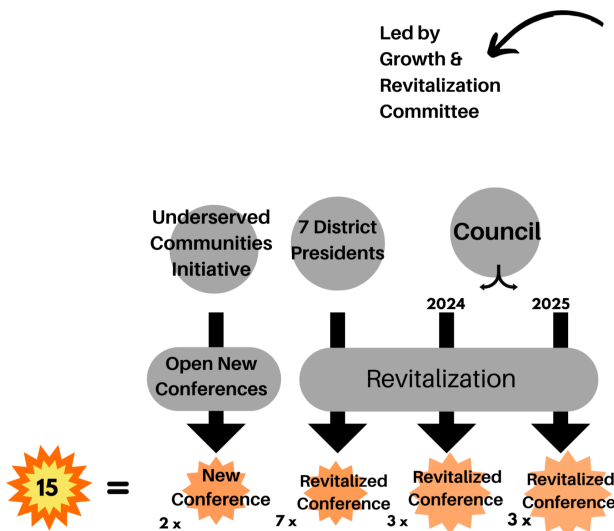
Is there a parish desiring a St. Vincent de Paul Conference?

Do you have nieces, nephews, or grandchildren wanting to grow in spirituality, friendship or service?

Let's bring Catholics home by welcoming them to the St. Vincent de Paul mission.

We live out our faith by **LOVING** and providing Hope to our neighbors in need.

Led by Growth & Revitalization Committee



Contact: Milista
Anderson, Formation
Committee Chair



FORMATION COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT.

FORMATION IS LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER:

To **increase awareness** through multiple campaigns

To **increase registration** for events

To Direct our Vincentians to **Formation resources.**

COMING SOON

- OZANAM** ORIENTATION
- GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- SPIRITUAL ADVISOR TRAINING
- SPIRITUAL GROWTH TRAINING
- GET**FED** WEBINARS



FORMATION EVENTS

RULE PART 1, ARTICLE 3.11-12

The Conference president or council will have special responsibility for promoting Vincentian spirituality.

... it deepens their knowledge of the Society, their spirituality and improves the sensitivity, quality and efficacy of their **service...**



ATTEND THE FIRST OZANAM TRAINING

St. ROSE OF LIMA
3600 Brinkman St, Houston, TX
77018

8:30 AM- 3:00 PM



Click below to

Sign up for the FIRST Ozanam training today.

FOR ALL OTHER SESSIONS, REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN EARLY JANUARY, STAY TUNED!

JANUARY 13	ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH	registration open
MARCH 9	ST. THERESA, SUGAR LAND	
APRIL 13	ST. HELEN, PEARLAND	
MAY 7 & 9	ZOOM	
JULY 13	ST. JEROME, HOUSTON	
SEPTEMBER	TBD	
OCTOBER	TBD	
NOVEMBER	TBD	

General Assembly

Building the **ARK**

ATTRACT
RETHINK
KINDLE

sign up for the General Assembly today!



ST. JEROME
CATHOLIC
CHURCH

PARISH EVENT
CENTER

2749 HOLLISTER RD,
HOUSTON, TX 77080



SPIRITUAL ADVISOR TRAINING

Click below to

Sign up today.

ST. ROSE OF
LIMA PARISH
WITH DISTRICT
PRESIDENTS



SPIRITUAL GROWTH TRAINING



STAY TUNED FOR
REGISTRATION.

getFED

FORMATION
EDUCATION
DEVELOPMENT

MARCH 12TH OR 28TH

APRIL 9TH OR 25TH

MAY- OCTOBER



STAY TUNED FOR
REGISTRATION.

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RULE PART 1, ARTICLE 2.2
The Journey together towards holiness.

We are called to journey together towards holiness, because true holiness is perfect union with Christ and the perfection of love, which is central to our vocation and the source of its fruitfulness...

...Our idea is to help relieve suffering for love alone, without thinking of any reward or advantage for themselves ”

HEY VINCENTIANS,
LET'S GET INVOLVED IN 2024



SETTING VINCENTIAN EXAMPLE

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TAKE A LOOK AT OUR VINCENTIAN SERVICE WHEEL FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES



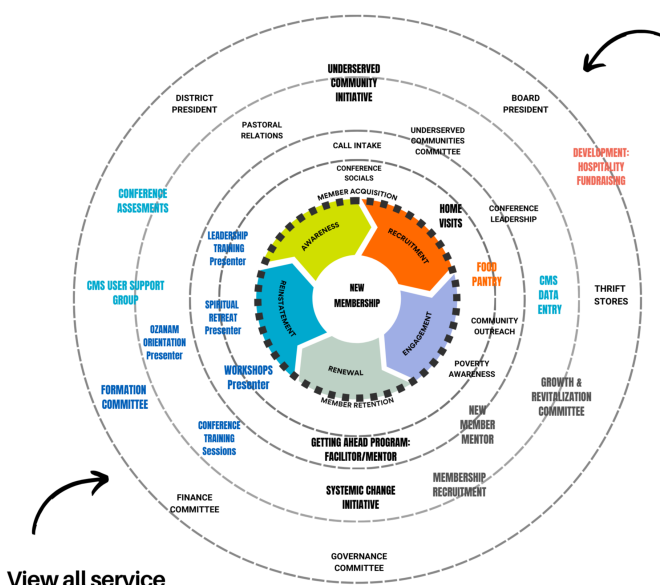
VINCENTIANS, THIS IS HOW WE CAN SERVE.

Remember that the primary call of the Vincentian life is to see Christ in those we serve.

RULE PART 1, ARTICLE 1.12 Gratitude to those we serve

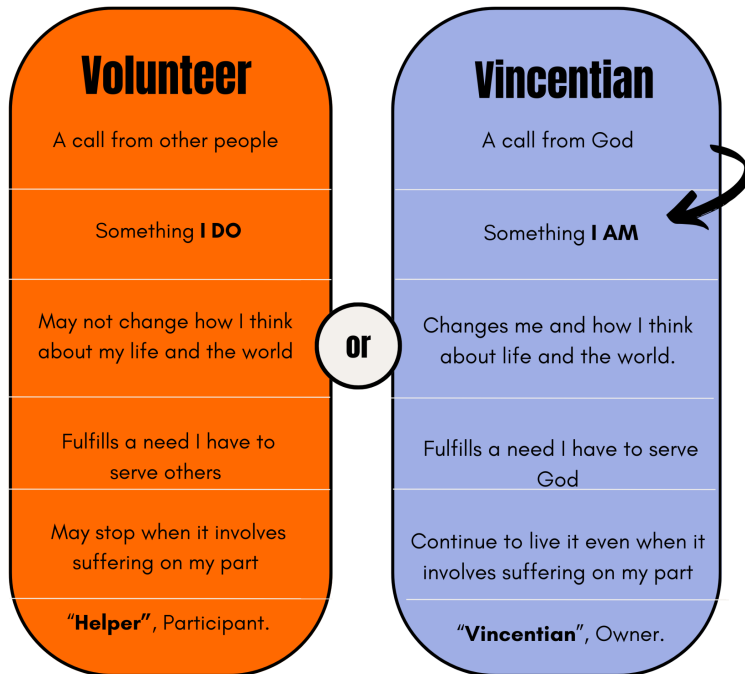
Vincentians never forget the many blessings they receive from those they visit.

Vincentians recognize that the fruit of their labor springs, not from themselves, but especially from God and from the poor they serve.



View all service opportunities.

“BEING A VINCENTIAN IS NOT SOMETHING I DO, IT IS SOMETHING I AM.”



To become a member,

Step 1: [APPLY HERE](#)

Step 2: [CMG TRAINING](#)

Safe Environment

Memo from Archdiocese Office of Child & Youth Protection Director, Jeannie

Nelson: [CMG renewal](#)

HOW TO ACCESS CMS?

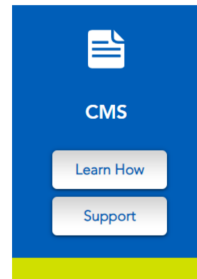
ACCESS TO CMS INCLUDES TRAINING AND SUPPORT MATERIALS.

TO ACCESS **CMS SUPPORT**, VISIT

SVDP-
HOUSTON
WEBSITE



VINCENTIAN/
MEMBERS
ONLY



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE

UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

SERVE IN THE
GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM.

CONTACT US TODAY.



Getting Ahead Online Training January 2024 by SVDP NATIONAL

REQUIRED for anyone interested in becoming a **CO-FACILITATOR** only.

REGISTER HERE FOR

Wednesday, **January 24 & 31**
5:30 - 8:30 pm (CT)

Registration closes January 16th at 12 PM for the first webinar.

ADDITIONAL SESSIONS

May 1 & 8 • Time TBD
October 9 & 16 • 5:30 – 8:30 PM (CT)

Registration TBA.

UPCOMING 2024 SESSION

GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM

GETTING AHEAD

REFER A FRIEND TO OUR
UPCOMING SESSION IN
JANUARY 2024.

SIGN UP TODAY



WHAT IS GETTING AHEAD?

IDENTIFYING AND SEEKING LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS.

Designed in three phases:

1. Getting Ahead Program
2. Getting Ahead Graduate Program
3. Getting Ahead Alumni Program

Sessions available:

Monday Morning
Wednesday Evening

REFER TO YOUR
RULE BOOK TO READ
MORE ABOUT THIS.

HOW DOES COUNCIL SERVE OUR CONFERENCES?



RULE PART 1, ARTICLE 3.6

Councils.

COUNCIL PROMOTES THE
SENSE OF BELONGING TO A
SOCIETY WHICH ENCIRCLES
THE WORLD, COUNCIL WILL...



FINANCE COUNCIL

GOOD FINANCIAL PRACTICES

AUDIT TIME

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Vincentian-led organization that has the same financial functions as a business. It recognizes revenues, incurs expenses, and provides monetary support to numerous families in need of financial assistance. In addition to Conference Treasurers, the Society has a Council Finance Department for oversight to review, process, and record financial transactions.

Annually, the Board of Directors, along with the Finance Committee, approves a report of financial activity, which is required to be audited and reviewed by a certified public accounting firm. This independent external audit includes assessing internal controls, compiling financial statements and related disclosures, and testing a sample of financial transactions (**both at the council and conference level**) of the past fiscal year. Additionally, the audit tests compliance with the single audit requirements related to applicable federal programs which include the food we receive from the USDA.

Submitting Conference Reports on time ensures successful auditing. All Conference reports must be **completed by the 30th of the following month**. The Finance team strongly encourages all conferences to submit your report by the 20th of the following month to help ensure a successful consolidation of the results.

To learn more, visit your **Vincentian Portal on the website**. You will find the link to the Conference Treasurer's Manual at the bottom left. This document contains internal control guidelines, instructions on conducting your conference's annual internal audit, as well as other useful information.



SVdP Conference
Treasurer's Manual

Click to Download

HEY VINCENTIANS,
**WHAT RESOURCES
ARE AVAILABLE**



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

211

UNITED WAY
OF GREATER
HOUSTON

**DEPARTMENT OF
NEIGHBORHOOD**

LEGAL TOPICS
WORKSHOPS

SAMHSA

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND
MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICE
ADMINISTRATION



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