



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

FEBRUARY 15TH, 2024 NEWSLETTER ISSUE

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY?



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MARDI GRAS

Mardi Gras arrived in North America as a French Catholic tradition. French for "Fat Tuesday", Mardi Gras originated as a time of preparation and celebration before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

Feb
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ASH WEDNESDAY

"for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

GENESIS 3:19

Feb
14

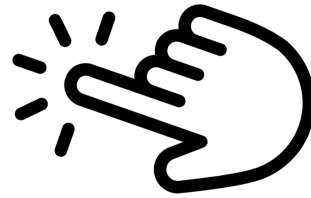


ST. VALENTINE'S

Patron Saint of affianced couples, engaged couples, happy marriages, love, and young people

2024

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT OUR 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. Use CMS to report Conference activity
3. To have 35% of Spanish speaking members & members under 60 years old
4. To Retain & Attract members with our [Vincentian Service Wheel](#)

V-FORM IS NOW LIVE.

REGISTER FOR ALL UPCOMING FORMATION
EVENTS TODAY!



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

You **Cancel** your event registration (In case you can't
make it)

AND you can **view** all events you have signed up for

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

YOU CAN ACCESS **V-FORM** THROUGH OUR WEBSITE.

FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW.



As of **February 15th, 2024**, this will be the **only** way in which you can
register for all upcoming Formation events with a few simple steps:

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

Click and **save** this [LINK](#) to skip the steps above.

COMING
SOON

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR TRAINING
OZANAM ORIENTATION
SPIRITUAL GROWTH TRAINING
GETFED WEBINARS



FORMATION EVENTS

Refer to The Member Handbook pg.9

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

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE
SPIRITUAL
Advisor Training

**FEB
24TH
2024**

WITH
**TIM
WILLIAMS**
NATIONAL
DIRECTOR OF
FORMATION

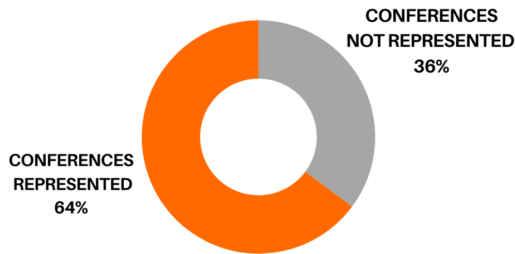
TRAINING IS FOR:
SPIRITUAL ADVISORS
COUNCIL/DISTRICT PRESIDENTS
CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS
ST. ROSE OF LIMA
8:00 AM- 3:00 PM

REGISTER

<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>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>getFED sessions</p> <p>All sessions Online.</p> <p>VIA ZOOM</p> <p>Register through V-form.</p>
<p>Register ></p>	<p>Register ></p>	<p>Register ></p>

General Assembly 2024

DID YOU KNOW?



64% OF OUR CONFERENCES WERE REPRESENTED AT OUR **GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024** AT ST.JEROME PARISH.



WE ARE CALLED TO MISSION AND SERVICE AND NOT TO SURVIVAL.

TAKE SOMETIME TO **READ OVER** THE SOCIETY
OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOUSTON GENERAL
ASSEMBLY KEYNOTE ADDRESS

FR. PATRICK MCDEVITT, C.M.



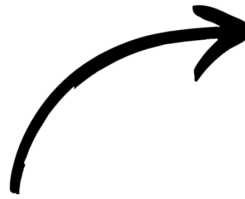
To become a member,

Step 1: [APPLY HERE](#)

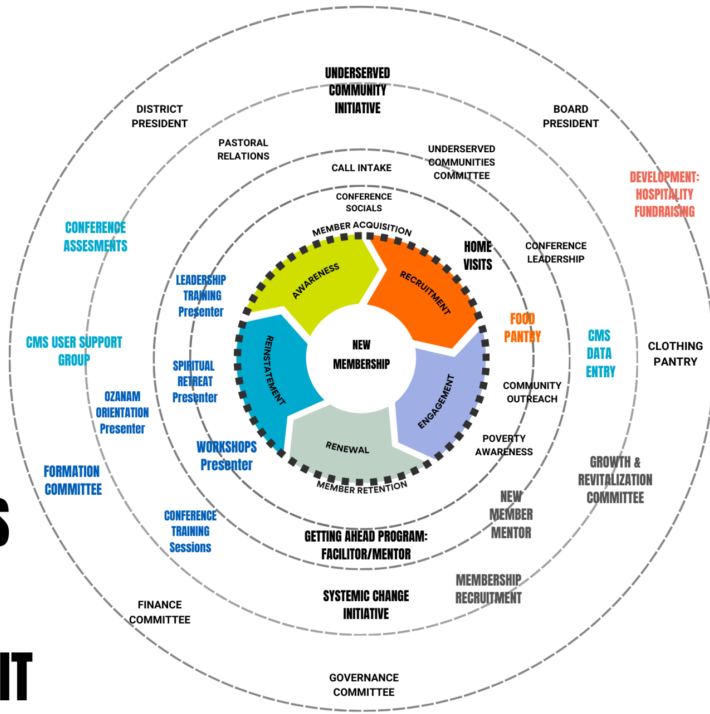
Step 2: [CMG TRAINING](#)

Safe Environment training

If you have taken Safe Haven training
more than 4 years ago, please remember
to do the **[CMG RENEWAL](#)**



VINCENTIANS, THIS IS HOW WE CAN SERVE AND RECRUIT



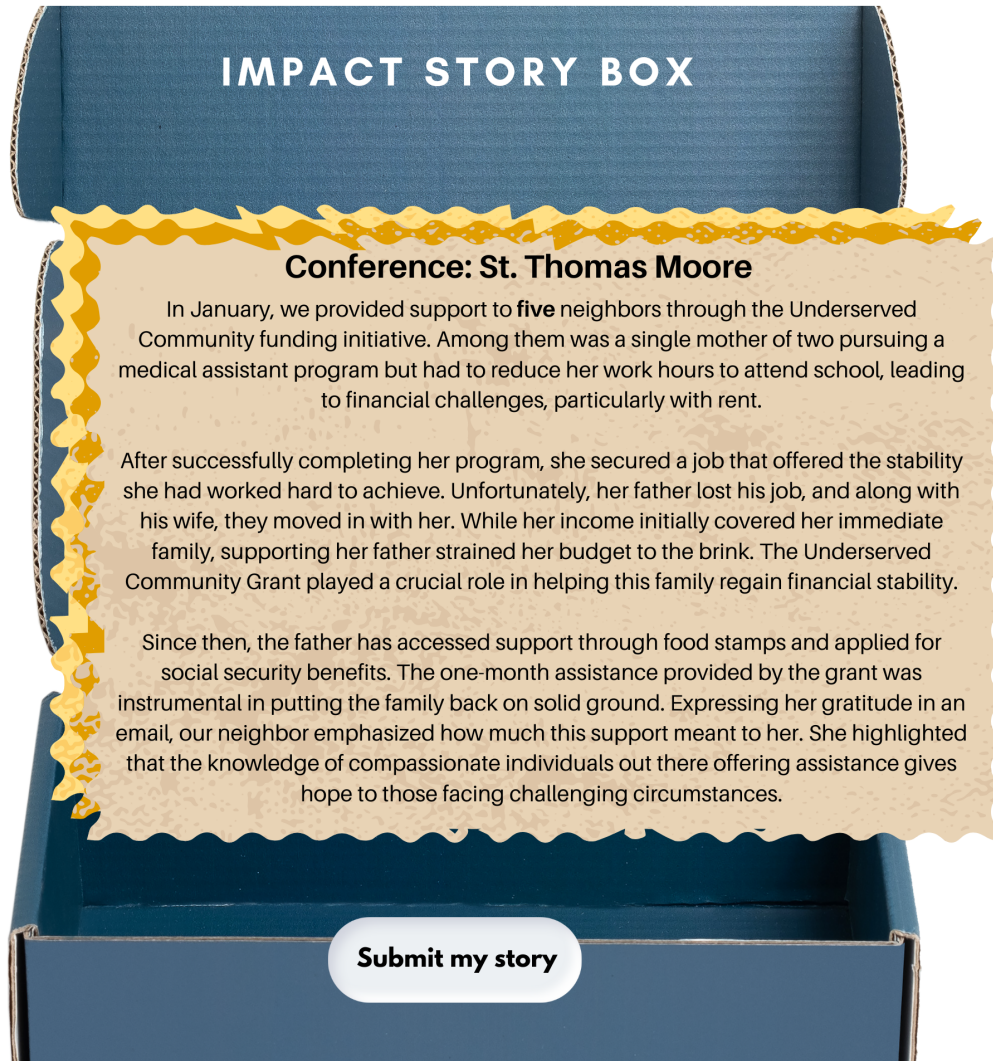
JOIN US FOR HOSPITALITY + GRATITUDE



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We want to invite you to join us in writing and signing cards of appreciation to our generous donors. Let's show our donors just how much they mean to us!

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



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Systemic Change Initiative

Promoting systemic change means offering holistic support that empowers those we serve to make their way out of poverty and into self-sufficiency.

GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM

[LEARN MORE](#)

[APPLY TO PROGRAM](#)

Sessions begin in
January & July
each year

Program Goals

Working in a group learning environment, participants, become "investigators", and learn how money is only one of eleven resources to achieve success. Resources participants learn to move from crisis to sustainability:



CHECK OUT OUR

[GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM](#) PAGE

SYSTEMIC CHANGE: GETTING AHEAD PROGRAMS

SINCE INCEPTION,
we have had

64 Getting Ahead
Participants

42 Graduate Program
Participants

17 Alumni program
Participants

TO ACHIEVE

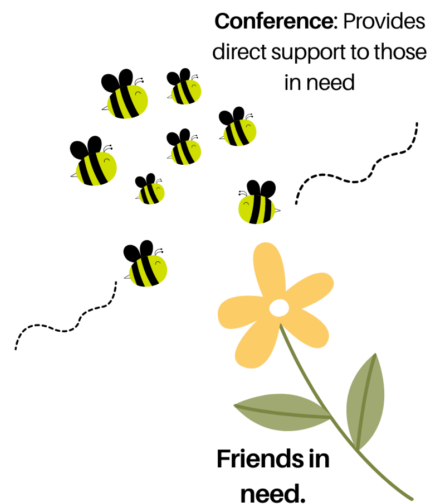
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PARTICIPANTS

WE NEED YOU.

A DIFFERENT WAY TO SERVE.

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

CONTACT US TODAY.



...Councils exist to serve all Conferences coordinated. Councils help to develop spiritual life, intensify service and diversify activities so that we may always be responsive to the needs of those who suffer...

Refer to Rule book, Part I, Article 3.6

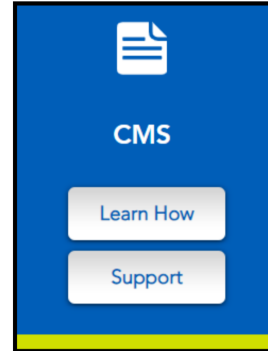
ACCESS CMS IN 3 STEPS.

ACCESS TO CMS INCLUDES TRAINING AND SUPPORT MATERIALS.

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

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

STEP 3: SCROLL DOWN TO FIND **CMS**



Point of contact for: Assistance with **CMS Training** & Assistance with **CMS Orientation**

Please 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



DATA PRIVACY &
CYBERSECURITY



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