



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston*

JANUARY 15TH, 2024  
**NEWSLETTER ISSUE**



Remembering **Martin Luther King Jr.**,

On May 17th, 1956, in his Sermon at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, he said...

“Change does not enroll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle.”

As Vincentians, we may experience struggle as we aim to adapt to the present challenges of the modern world. But it takes heart and our spirituality anchored in CHRIST to overcome these struggles.

2024

# LET'S ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN



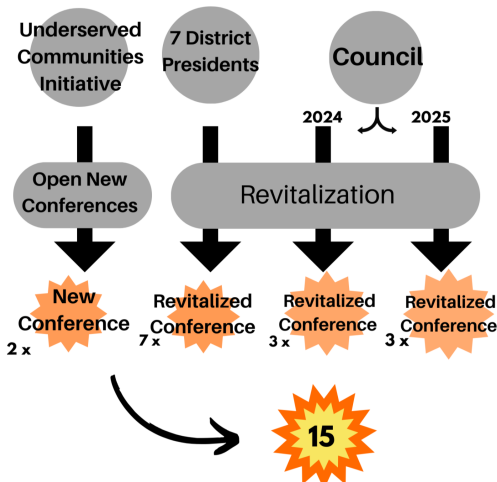
## LET'S INCREASE OUR MISSION IMPACT BY

- Increasing membership with individuals younger than 60
- Attracting and retaining members by offering new ways to serve (see Vincentian Service Model)
- Using the **Case Management System (CMS)**, which enables sophisticated reporting of Conference activity
- Conducting Conference Assessment every 3 years

WE ARE

# CREATING HEALTHY & VIBRANT CONFERENCES

## OUR 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.



# OUR FIRST **OZANAM** ORIENTATION OF 2024



SERVICE OPPORTUNITY



Contact: Milista Anderson, Formation Committee Chair

INQUIRE HERE

# FORMATION COMMITTEE

**NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT.**

COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST WILL:

Increase awareness through multiple campaigns

Increase registration for events  
Direct our Vincentians to Formation resources.

COMING  
SOON

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



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## FORMATION EVENTS

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Refer to The Manual.

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The rule unites all Vincentians throughout the world. It mandates the formation of its members and officers, in order to increase their knowledge of the Society, deepen their spirituality, and help them improve their service to the poor. (**Rule: Part I, Article 3.12**)

# MARCH - 09

**SECOND OZANAM  
ORIENTATION OF 2024**

*coming up*

ST.THERESA AT SUGAR LAND  
705 St. Theresa Blvd, Sugar  
Land, TX 77498

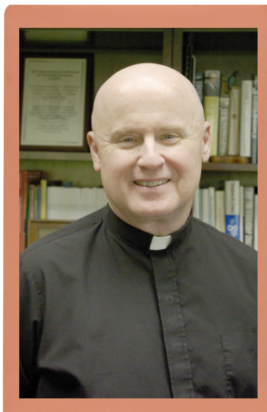
Stay tuned for **SECOND** Ozanam training registration.

<del>JANUARY 12</del>	<del>ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH</del>
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



KEYNOTE  
SPEAKER  
FATHER PAT  
MCDEVITT

**ST. JEROME  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**

PARISH EVENT  
CENTER

2749 HOLLISTER RD,  
HOUSTON, TX 77080



**sign up for the General Assembly today!**

# SPIRITUAL ADVISOR TRAINING

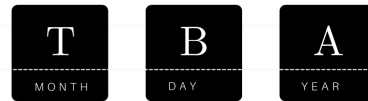
ST. ROSE OF  
LIMA PARISH  
FOR SPIRITUAL  
ADVISORS AND ALL  
COUNCIL, DISTRICT AND  
CONFERENCE  
PRESIDENTS.

Click below to

**Sign up today.**



# 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.

“ From the Society’s beginning, the central and most basic activity of Conferences has been visiting the needy in their homes. ”

Refer to The Manual, Home Visits

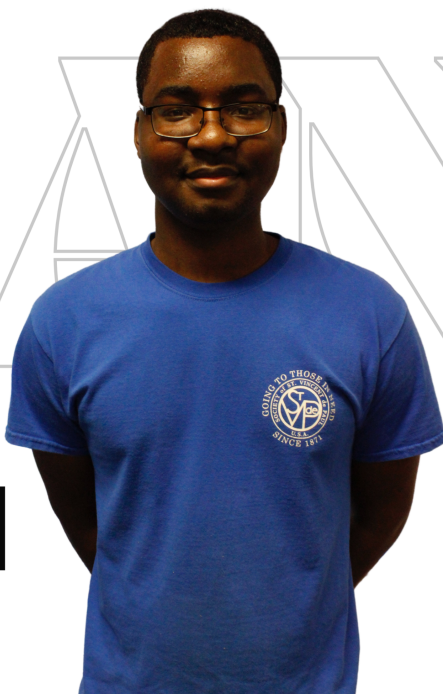
HEY VINCENTIANS,

# THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO BE INVOLVED IN 2024



## SETTING VINCENTIAN EXAMPLE

[WWW.SVDPHOUSTON.ORG](http://WWW.SVDPHOUSTON.ORG)



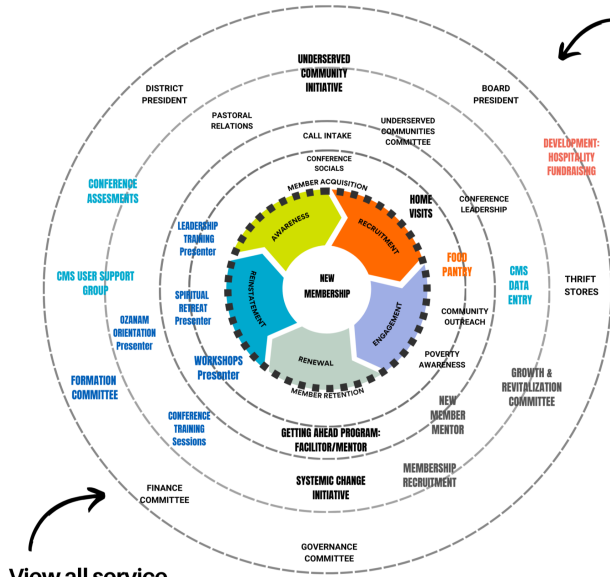
TAKE A LOOK AT OUR VINCENTIAN SERVICE WHEEL FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES

SERVICE 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.



View all service opportunities.

Our personal encounters with those in need:

- I. Start with a prayer
- II. Always show reverence to those in need
- III. Understand empathy
- IV. Promotion of self-sufficiency
- V. Include concerns for deeper needs
- VI. Be grateful to those we visit



## THE SYMBOL OF VINCENTIAN CHARISM

Home Visits are considered to be an essential part of the Society's beginning.

It is an act of selflessness and humility when making a visitation of the needy in their homes.

Refer to our Rule Book: Part I, Article 1.7-1.12.

## LET'S TALK ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY.

As Vincentians, we are building close relationships with the people we serve.

It is important to remember that any disclosures made to a Vincentian member and conference by an individual or family should only be revealed when under specified conditions and solely for the purpose of providing help.

CONFIDENTIALITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN **IMPORTANT VALUE** FOR THE SOCIETY.



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](#)

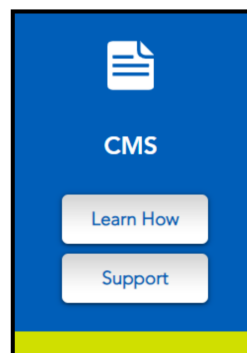
# ACCESS CMS IN 3 STEPS.

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**



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE  
**UNDERSERVED  
COMMUNITIES  
INITIATIVE**



UPCOMING 2024 SESSION

GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM

**GETTING AHEAD  
PROGRAM**

Thanks to all of your support and referrals, our **January 2024** Cohort is ready to **GET AHEAD.**



**A DIFFERENT  
WAY TO SERVE.**

SERVE IN THE  
**GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM.**

CONTACT US TODAY.

BECOME A

CO-FACILITATOR

SPEAKER

MENTOR



## 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.

## Special Webinar by SVDP NATIONAL

### SYSTEMIC CHANGE CONVERSATION

**January 22nd 12:00 PM** (CT)

with Pauline Manalo, National Vice president of Vincentian program and services.

REGISTER HERE

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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