



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston*

### APRIL 15TH, 2024 **NEWSLETTER ISSUE**

#### **The VisionSVdP Prayer**

Come, Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our hearts, and our imaginations to Your inspiration as we embark on our VisionSVdP journey and seek to discern the Father's holy will for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and how it will adapt to a changing world.

Come, Holy Spirit, transform our doubts, ignite our zeal. Help us discern new and innovative ways to bring more people into the joy of service in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Come, Holy Spirit, grant us the simplicity to share honestly with each other, the humility to serve a mission greater than ourselves, and the gentleness to listen to each other without judgment.

Amen

#### **Oración de la VisiónSVdP**

Ven, Espíritu Santo, abre nuestros ojos, nuestros corazones y nuestra imaginación a Tu inspiración Divina mientras nos embarcamos en nuestro viaje hacia la VisiónSVdP y lograr discernir en la santa voluntad del Padre, en cómo se adaptará la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl a un mundo cambiante.

Ven, Espíritu Santo, transforma nuestras dudas, ilumina nuestro fervor. Ayúdanos a discernir con formas nuevas e innovadoras de llevar a más personas a la alegría del servicio en la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl.

Ven, Espíritu Santo, concédenos la sencillez de compartir honestamente los unos con los otros; la humildad para servir a una misión más grande que nosotros mismos; y la gracia de escucharnos unos a otros sin juzgarnos.

Amén

**APRIL IS NATIONAL  
VOLUNTEER MONTH**



In celebration of Volunteer Appreciation Week, the council office extends heartfelt gratitude to all Vincentians for their invaluable contributions to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Your dedication and service truly make a difference.

*thank  
you!*



**Spread Joy and  
Hope.**

donate today



Your gift, no matter the size,  
extends hope and support to  
those who need it most.

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## **STRIVING TO CHANGE PERSPECTIVES**

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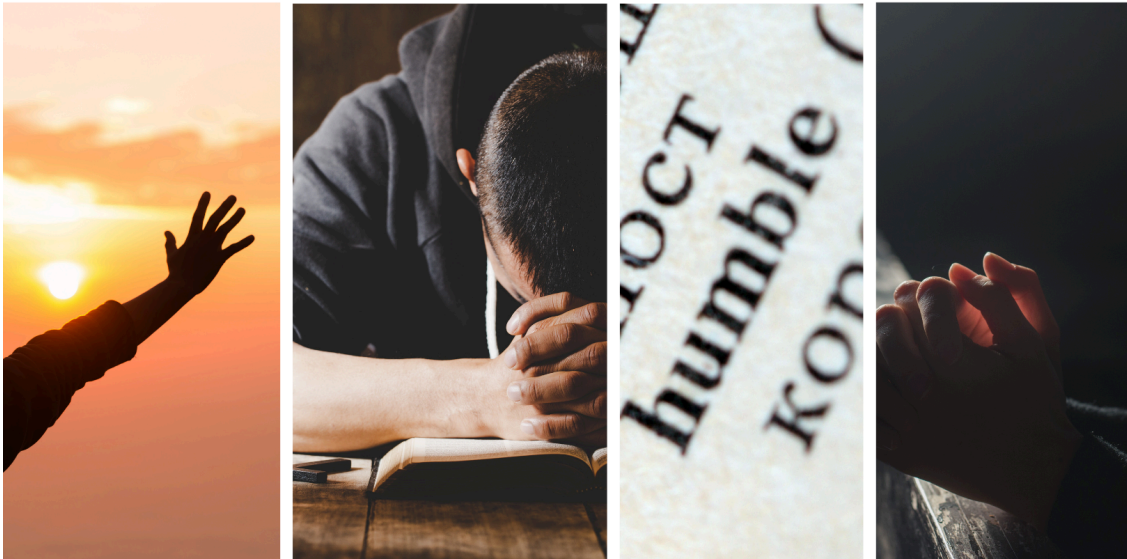
The Society promotes understanding, cooperation and mutual love among people of different cultures, religions, ethnic origins and social groups, and so contributes to the peace and unity of all peoples.

**RULE, PART I, ARTICLE 7.7**



# THE VIRTUE OF HUMILITY

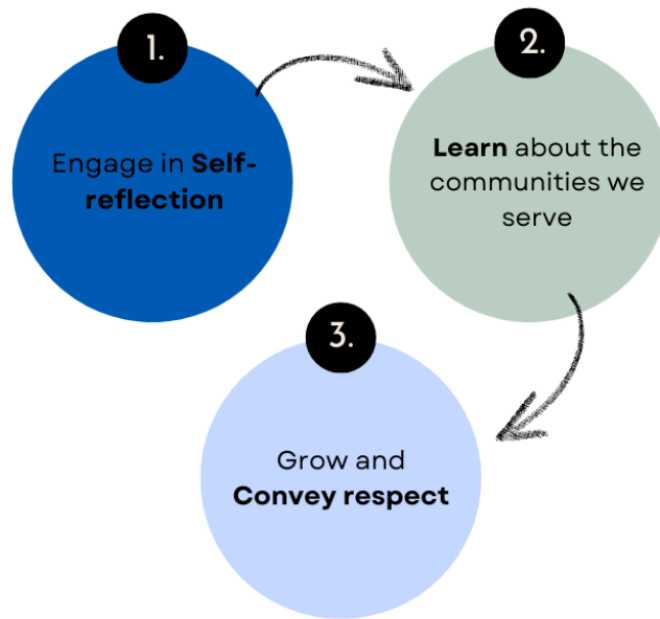
Humility is accepting the truth about our frailties, gifts, talents and charism, yet knowing that all that God gives us is for others and that we achieve nothing of eternal value without His grace..



Dr. Diana Garland's passion for social work delivered in a caring, Christian setting contributed to faith-infused social work that has helped volunteers make significant, meaningful, and lasting impacts in communities across Texas and the globe. Dr. Diana Garland made such an invaluable contribution to humanity that the Baylor University School of Social Work was named in honor of her. She engaged spirituality and promoted equity that encourages Vincentians to learn more about bridging the gap between ourselves and the communities we serve.

Stay tuned for more information.





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...Vincentine growth  
in holiness involves

combatting such prejudice wherever we  
find it: in our communities, our Society, or  
ourselves.



- Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
MEMBER HANDBOOK

The Society encourages  
continual **Formation** and  
**Training**.

## Training

Training provides the practical skills  
and knowledge we need in order to be  
effective. It answers the questions  
“What?” and “How?”.

## Formation

Formation develops the minds, hearts  
and spirits we bring to our ministry. It  
answers the question “why?” by  
deepening our understanding of and  
commitment to Vincentine Spirituality.

REGISTER WITH V-FORM



# V-FORM

What can I do through V-FORM?

- You can now **register** for ALL formation events through ONE system.
- You can **cancel** your event registration (In case you can't make it)
- You can **view** all events you have signed up for

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

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE  
**GET FED** ONLINE  
*Workshops*

WE INVITE ALL VINCENTIANS  
TO JOIN US!

REGISTER

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:**

***How to make a Recruitment Plan***

THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH - 12:15 PM- 1:00 PM

***Engaging with new & Existing members***

TUESDAY, MAY 14TH - 7:00 PM- 7:45 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 23RD - 12:15 PM- 1:00 PM

 <p><b>SPIRITUAL GROWTH TRAINING</b></p> <p>May 18th, 2024 Time: TBA</p> <p>ST. ANNE, HOUSTON</p> <p>2140 Westheimer Road Houston, Texas 77098</p> <p>Register &gt;</p>	 <p><b>ONLINE OZANAM ORIENTATION</b></p> <p>May 7th &amp; 9th, 2024 Time: TBA</p> <p>VIA ZOOM</p> <p>2- night Orientation</p> <p>May 7th &amp; May 9th</p> <p>Register &gt;</p> 
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## IMPORTANT **CMG** MESSAGE



**CMG** is the **safe environment program** the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston uses for all parishes.

We are reminded of the call to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, which includes the protection of children and other vulnerable individuals. This responsibility belongs to **EVERYONE**, especially Christians.

**EVERYONE**, especially those volunteering in a church-related activity or Catholic ministry, is required to take the self-paced, virtual safe environment course (**CMG connect**). For more information or assistance, please contact your parish safe environment coordinator.

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 WHEEL OF OPPORTUNITIES



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## WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITIES

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The Society should work not only with individuals in need but also with **families and communities**. It can help an excluded or deprived local community to develop a sense of responsibility and solidarity which leads it to improve its economic, social or environmental well-being, always retaining the personal contact of members with those who suffer.

**RULE, PART I, ARTICLE 7.9**

# Ways to assist our **COMMUNITIES**

## 1

### IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Using conference funds and grants to provide assistance for food, rent and utilities.

## 2

### LONG-TERM NEEDS

We can assist our friends in need to reach long-term stability by utilizing resources such as:

United way Greater Houston (211)  
Getting Ahead Program  
Council office & website resources  
Newsletter Information & Resources

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



## HOST AN IMMUNIZATION EVENT

Harris County Public Health Immunization Team wants to partner with you and **SVdP's strategic plan** to achieve synergistic collaborations!

HCPH is currently providing Covid-19, Adult vaccinations, and Children vaccinations to uninsured or underinsured.

**[CONTACT HERE](#)**





# SYSTEMIC CHANGE: GETTING AHEAD PROGRAMS



TO ACHIEVE

**178**  
PARTICIPANTS

## USE YOUR GIFTS

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

CONTACT US TODAY.

Getting Ahead Webinar Training Spring/Summer 2024 - [REGISTER HERE](#)

The **Facilitator Training Webinars** will equip you with knowledge and resources to become involved with the Getting Ahead Program.

Grab your lunch and attend the training webinars on Wednesdays, **May 1st & May 8th** from 10:30 am- 1:30 pm.

*Your attendance and completion will prepare you to facilitate our next cohort in **July 2024.***

# Become an **OZANAM ORIENTATION** Presenter



TRAINING OFFERED AT THE  
**2024 SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING**  
*June 19th in Dallas TX*

[2024 South Central Regional Meeting - Draft Agenda](#)

## **IMPACT STORY**

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A 51- year old man requested assistance for his rent after suffering from a stroke and a heart attack. His doctor requested he stay home a couple of weeks after he had been hospitalized. His employer wrote a kind letter indicating what an asset he has been in all the years he has worked for the company.

By the end of the month, **St. Thomas Aquinas Conference** had spent the 5,000 we received from the Underserved Community Grant. Because of this grant, we the had funds to help our neighbor with \$1,000 toward rent.

He is happy to be back at work. Our neighbor had such a great attitude and was so thankful for our help.

SUBMIT MY STORY >

# LOVE

# BASKETBALL?




Come see the priests versus the seminarians on **Friday, April 19, 2024 7:00 PM** at the **Rice University Tudor Field house.**

Purchase your ticket today by clicking [HERE](#)

# NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE



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



211

Help Card  
Street Guide


RESOURCE GUIDE




DISASTER PREVENTION



CYBERSECURITY



FREE DENTAL SERVICES



COMMUNITY LEARNING



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