



Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
*Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston*

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## Rule 3.2 Equality

The Society, in each of its Conferences (the primary basic unit of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul), makes no distinction regarding gender, wealth, occupation, social status or ethnic origin.

## **A Message from Executive Director, Ann Schorno:**

Our Rule states in Part I, 3.6 “Councils: Conferences are grouped under various levels of Councils. Councils exist to serve all the Conferences they coordinate. They help the Conferences to develop their spiritual life, to intensify their service and to diversify their activities so that they may always be responsive to the needs of those who suffer. ...In summary, to promote the sense of belonging to a Society which encircles the world.”

Now we need your feedback by **March 14th**. Our One Society model seeks to be the fabric connecting Conference to Conference and Council to Conference. Please complete this short **survey** to help us improve how we are serving to increase our mission impact throughout the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

**[Read the Full Letter Here](#)**

**One Society  
Survey**

# \$540,389

has been transferred from Council to  
a total of **21** Conferences between  
October 2024 - February 2025!



## New Leader: Val Senegal Will Head SVdP Society-Houston.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston announces its next Executive Director: Val Senegal. Senegal officially takes the reins on **April 1, 2025**. In the meantime, she has been learning about her new role from the current Executive Director, Ann Schorno. Schorno has led the organization for 15 years. KSHJ Executive Director Wyatt Goolsby sat down with Schorno and Senegal to learn more about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the leadership transition.



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Our neighbors, our loved ones, often command or desire much from us, with needs that can be met not only with our possessions, but with our time, our talents, and ourselves of which we promise to give generously. (Rule, Part I, 2.5) “Who is my neighbor?” the young man asks Christ. In reply, Jesus shows him that there is always more than one neighbor: the one in need of help, and the one who helps. As neighbors ourselves, the love that we owe is not only gentle words of reassurance, but the work of binding the wounds and the time to set aside our own plans in order to share the burdens of our wounded neighbor. We love our neighbor as ourselves.



*contemplation*  
**The Strength  
of Our Arms**



**Upcoming getFED Topics:**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025**  
**7:00PM-7:45PM**  
"60 Years of Women's Contributions"

**Thursday, March 27, 2025**  
**12:15PM-1:00PM**  
"60 Years of Women's Contributions"

**Click Here** to register for the next Formation Events.

**Upcoming opportunities:**

March	April	May
<p><b>March 8, 2025</b> Ozanam, Orientation (District 5) St. Anne 2140 Westheimer Rd. Houston, TX 77098 8:30AM-2:30PM</p>	<p><b>April 5, 2025</b> Basics of the Home Visit Workshop: "The Encounter" TBD 8:30AM-11:30AM</p>	<p>Guidance on Enforcement Agencies</p>
<p><b>March 29, 2025</b> Lenten Retreat St. Anne 2140 Westheimer Rd. Houston, TX 77098 8:30AM- 1:00PM</p>	<p><b>April 12, 2025</b> Ozanam Orientation (District 3) St. Frances de Sales 8200 Roos Rd. Houston, TX 77036 8:30AM-2:30PM</p>	

June	July	August
<p><b>June 7, 2025</b>  Ozanam Orientation  (District 6) St. Anthony of Padua  7801 Bay Branch Dr.,  The Woodlands, TX  77382  8:30AM-2:30PM</p>	<p><b>VIRTUAL</b>  Ozanam Orientations:  <b>Tuesday, July 15, 2025</b>  6:30PM-8:30 PM  &amp;  <b>Thursday, July 17, 2025</b>  6:30PM-8:30PM</p>	TBD
September	October	November
TBD	Leadership training begins!	TBD

**View the [Formation](#) page on the Council website**

**Fr. Bud Pelletier's talk: National SVdP Mid-Year Meeting**



**SYSTEMIC CHANGE INITIATIVE: GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM**



"I'm my best resource," says participant, Vonda.

### **BEWARE OF CYBER-FRAUD**

Before wiring any funds, call the intended recipient at a number you know is valid to confirm the instructions. Be very wary of any request to change wire instructions you already received.

### **SVDP-USA Disaster Services Employment Opportunity:**

The Department of SVDP's-Disaster Services is searching for a new Disaster Case Manager who serves in the following Texas Counties: Bell, Cooke, Denton, Hockley, Kaufman, Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto, Smith, Trinity, Walker, and Waller. To learn more, click on the button below:

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