



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

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Rule 3.6 Councils

Conferences are grouped under various levels of Councils. Councils exist to serve all of 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.

Be the face of Christ. See the face of Christ.



COUNCIL PRESIDENT ELECTION

Archdiocesan Council Board has two candidates seeking the position of Council President.

- **July 14, 2025** - Council Board of Directors meeting; a secret ballot election will be held.

Please read and discern between the two candidates' platforms; click each below:

NOMINEE'S AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT
Complete all of the following autobiographical items. To be valid, every question must be answered. If more space is needed, use reverse side and indicate on this front page additional material has been written on the back.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

1) Full name: Patricia Dornak
2) Home address: 1120 Richelieu Lane, Houston, TX 77018
3) Telephone number (include area code): 713-504-5485
4) Email: pdornak@gmail.com
5) Date of birth: month/date/year: March 18, 1959
6) Marital status: single ☐ married ☒ divorced ☐ widowed ☐
7) Spouse's name (if living): Thomas R. Dornak
8) Names and ages of children:
Lauryn Graceanna (married): 30yrs., Ryan Dornak (married): 30yrs., Sydney Dornak: 28yrs.
9) Education (check the highest level of schooling and enter years of schooling at that level):
High School: _____ College: 4 years Graduate College: _____
Indicate colleges or universities attended and degrees earned:
Lamar University (Bachelors, TX) - Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)
10) Profession or occupation: Executive Director - nonprofit
11) Your experience as a member of the Society
Date of admission to active membership: Jan. 1, 2015
List offices and positions held in the Society and years served in these capacities. Also list any important and unusual assignments carried out by you as an SVQP member:
SVQP Board member - October 2018 to present, District 1 President - October 2018 to September 2024, District 1 VP - October 2024 to present
Special or Vol. Fellow SVQP Coordinator - Conference Assistant - Council Parish Mt. Getting Ready - Growth and Spiritualization - Volunteer Appreciation - Instrumental in the revitalization of Assumption and St. Andrew's Conferences
12) List other significant achievements or involvement in civic, cultural, community service, and church activities:
In addition to SVQP ministry at my church (St. Rose of Lima), I am also a member of the Gabriel Project and the St. William Teresa ministries. Former board member of the WABC, St. Rose of Lima Catholic School and St. Andrew's Catholic School.
Signature of Nominee: *Patricia Dornak* Date: 3/31/25
Approved by the Board of Directors on March 28, 2018

Candidate 1- Patricia Dornak

NOMINEE'S AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT
Complete all of the following autobiographical items. To be valid, every question must be answered. If more space is needed, use reverse side and indicate on this front page additional material has been written on the back.

1) Full name: Robert L. Miller
2) Home address: 5522 Hummingbird St, Houston TX, 77096
3) Telephone number (include area code): 281-728-7931
4) Email: bob8187@hotmail.com
5) Date of birth: month/date/year: 09/07/1958
6) Marital status: single X married divorced widowed
7) Spouse's name (if living): Christie Heyn Daniels
8) Names and ages of children: Melody Daniels, 17, Ariel Daniels, 15, Mary Miller, 13
9) Education (check the highest level of schooling and enter years of schooling at that level):
High School: _____ College: 4 Graduate College: _____
Indicate colleges or universities attended and degrees earned:
Indiana University B.A./Decision Sciences
10) Profession or occupation: Retired ExxonMobil IT Manager
11) Your experience as a member of the Society
Date of admission to active membership: 1/1/2022
List offices and positions held in the Society and years served in these capacities. Also list any important and unusual assignments carried out by you as an SVQP member:
Performed internal audit of St Vincent De Paul conference for 2023.
District 3 president 10/24 - present
12) List other significant achievements or involvement in civic, cultural, community service, and church activities:
Provided assistance at Casa Juan Diego from September 2023 through present
Signature of Nominee: Robert Miller Date: 4/7/2025

Candidate 2- Bob Miller

Welcome Our New Staff!

Meet [Sandra Achury](#), the new Chief Program Officer for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston! Sandra is a results-oriented professional with over 15 years of experience in workforce development, economic empowerment, and nonprofit program management in Atlanta, GA, and Houston, TX. Before joining the Society, she served as the Director of Programs and Quality Assurance at SERJobs for Progress of the Texas Gulf Coast, Inc.



Before, she worked with the Latin American Association in Atlanta as Managing Director of Economic Empowerment assisting individuals to become economically self-sufficient and with the Refugee Women's Network leading the Microenterprise Program.

In efforts to honor the Society's mission to promote the dignity of people and address the conditions that cause distress through systemic change, Sandra will leverage her expertise in developing community relationships and strategically launching economic mobility projects to advance the Society's underserved communities and systemic change initiatives. She has managed multiple teams throughout her career; her team leadership, evaluation, and coalition building skills will expand the Society's blueprint across Galveston-Houston.

Sandra is native of Colombia and speaks both Spanish and English. She obtained her MBA from the Andres University and looks forward to aligning her Catholic faith with her career goals. She and her husband have two adult children and attend St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church.

Re-Introducing Your District Associates!



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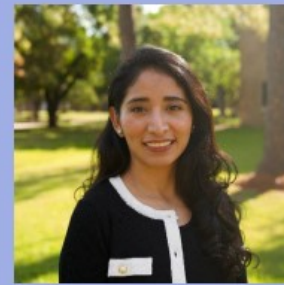
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Jessica Venegas

District Associate- South

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They assist District Presidents in creating healthy, vibrant Conferences by facilitating the growth and revitalization processes. Since October of 2024, they have been conducting outreach activities across Galveston-Houston, working to establish a floating Conference, updating and maintaining the National Society of St. Vincent de Paul membership database and conducting Conference Assessments along with a host of other tasks!

**Cardinal DiNardo: Pope Leo XIV is a 'citizen of the entire world'.
Archbishop Vásquez echoes Pope Leo XIV's call for peace .
Read more [HERE](#)**

New Members Must Follow These



STEP 1: [ONLINE APPLICATION](#)

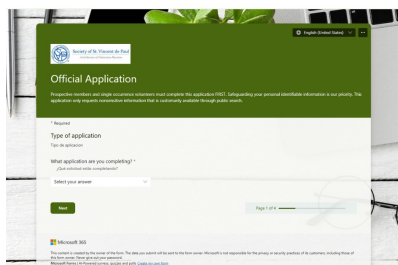
STEP 2: [CMG TRAINING](#)

Safe Environment training

Took Safe Haven training more than 4
years ago?

Never took Safe Haven?

Read [CMG RENEWAL](#)



Microsoft Application Form



CMG Instructional Flyer



Vincentian Services Email

HEALTHY & VIBRANT CONFERENCES

To read more about this please refer to **The Manual pg. 26.**

Reachable

Meet Regularly

Grow in Spirituality

Show Initiative

Regularly involved in

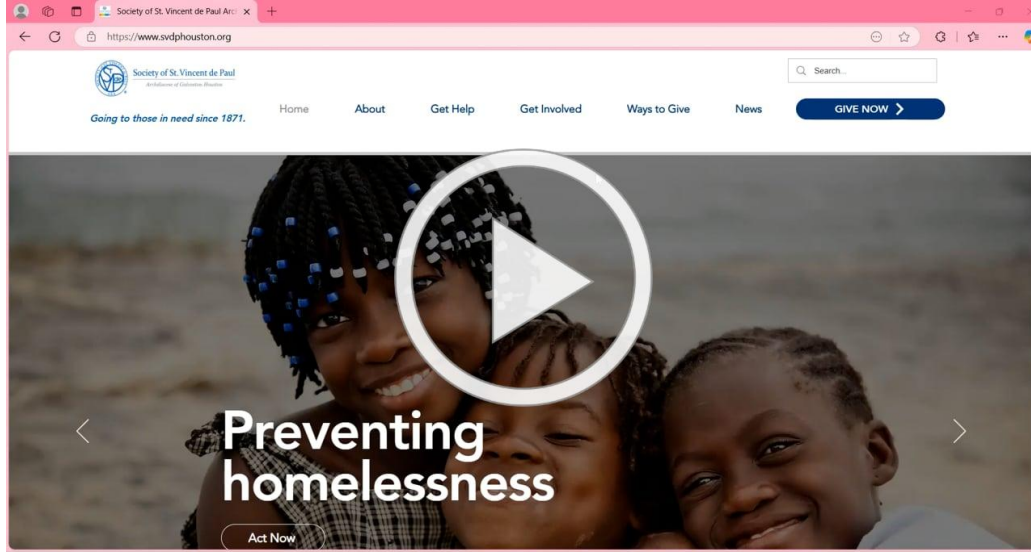
Recruit Continuously

Work with their Leaders

Collaborate with the community

VINCENTIAN RESOURCE HANDBOOK

Accessing the Grant Aid Packet



Q2 FY25 Reports

In 2022, the **Underserved Communities' Initiative** was launched. To see how much impact this grant program has made across the Galveston-Houston communities, click [**HERE**](#)

Synergistic collaborations are an integral part of the Society's mission to address conditions that cause the suffering of our neighbors. Recently, a memorandum of understanding was signed with **Dwyer Workforce Development** to provide opportunities to our Getting Ahead Program participants. This partnership aims to help them enhance their knowledge and skills to achieve upward economic mobility. To view services being offered, click [**HERE**](#)

Vincentian formation is spiritual development and formal training designed to help members of the Society live the gospel values and carry out the mission. The program is led by the Director of Membership Engagement, who ensures that at least one Ozanam Orientation is provided in each district. See the impact formation is having on Vincentians who are committed to growing spiritually with their friends by clicking [**HERE**](#)

Upcoming getFED Topics:

Thursday, May 22, 2025
12:15PM-1:00 PM
"Guidance on Enforcement Agencies"

Tuesday, June 12, 2025
7:00 PM-7:45 PM
"Annual Black Bag Campaign"

[**Click Here**](#) to register for

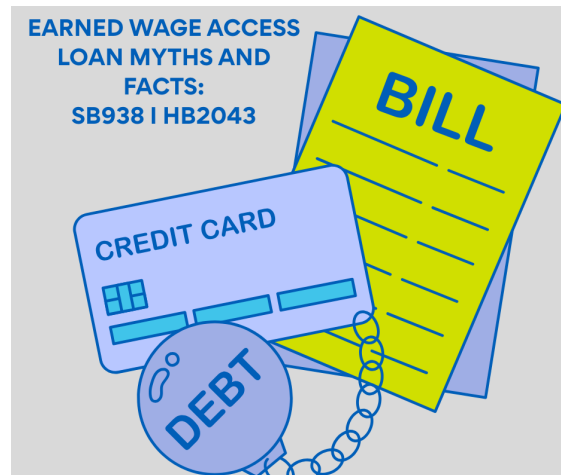


FORMATION CALENDAR

May	June	July
Guidance on Enforcement Agencies	<p>June 7, 2025 Ozanam Orientation (District 6) St. Anthony of Padua 7801 Bay Branch Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77382 8:30AM-2:30PM</p> <p>June 28, 2025 Advance Home Visit Training-Adapting St. Cecilia 11720 Joan of Arc Drive Houston, Tx 77024 8:30am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>VIRTUAL</p> <p>Ozanam Orientations: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 6:30PM-8:30 PM</p> <p>&</p> <p>Thursday, July 17, 2025 6:30PM-8:30PM</p>
August	September	October
TBD	TBD	Leadership Training Begins!
November	December	January
TBD	TBD	TBD

CHECK THE Formation page on Council website

Earned Wage Access Loan Legislation



Learn more about EWA Products [Here](#)



It's Time to Spring Clean Your Online Life!

A sloppy digital life can make your data harder to find and leaves your personal information vulnerable to bad actors. With a few steps, you can keep yourself and your family safe online with a squeaky clean digital life.

CLICK IMAGE TO SEE NETWORKING AGENCIES' EVENTS THAT CAN HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



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