



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

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Fred Talk

Our Vincentian
Virtues:
Gentleness



Rule 3.7 Young Members

Young members keep the Society young. They see with new eyes and often look far ahead. The Society works constantly to form Youth Conferences and welcomes young members into all Conferences. Their experience in a community of faith and love and their exposure to poverty deepen their spirituality, spur them to action, and help them grow as human beings. The senior members assume the responsibility of assisting them along their path of training, respecting their personal choices and their aspirations of Vincentian service.

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



COUNCIL ELECTION UPDATE

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

On **July 14, 2025** the Council Board of Directors will meet and the winner will be announced.

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 Rutherford 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: Lauren Graceanna (married) - 30yrs., Ryan Jordan (married) - 30yrs., Sydney Dornak - 30yrs.
- 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 (Bismarck, TX) - Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)
 Professional or occupational: _____ 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
 Regional or National SVQP Conferences: Conference Assistant, Council Practice Kit, "Getting Ready", Growth and Spiritualization, Volunteer Appreciation, Instrumental in the revitalization of Assembly and St. Andrew 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. Malin Tenet ministries. Former board member of the VACB, St. Rose of Lima Catholic School and St. Andrew Catholic School.
 Signature of Nominee: Patricia Dornak Date: 3/3/25

Approved by the Board of Directors on March 28, 2018

Nominee Statement 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
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- 4) Email: bob8187@hotmail.com
- 5) Date of birth: month/date/year: 09/07/1958
- 6) Marital status: single ☐ 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 BA/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

Nominee Statement 2- Bob Miller

A **letter** was sent to each District President from our current Council President, Gerardo Rivera.

Is your conference ready to receive the young adults Pope Francis called to be pilgrims of hope?

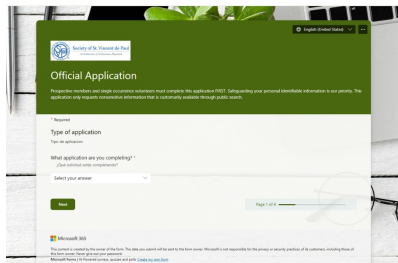
New Members Must Follow These



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



Upcoming getFED Topics:

Thursday, June 12, 2025

7:00PM-7:45PM

Annual Black Bag Campaign

Tuesday, June 26, 2025

12:15PM-1:00PM

Annual Black Bag Campaign

Click Here to register for the next Formation Events.

Calendar of Events:

| June | July | August |
|---|--|------------|
| <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</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> | <p>TBD</p> |

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| Training-Adapting St. Cecilia 11720 Joan of Arc Drive Houston, Tx 77024 8:30am - 1:00pm | Must Attend Both | |
| September | October | November |
| TBD | Leadership Training Begins! | TBD |
| December | January | February |
| TBD | TBD | TBD |

View the **Formation** page on the Council website

Join Us in Strengthening Our Mission Work!

The Development Department is calling on all parishes to help amplify our mission and spread awareness. We have created a [digital toolkit](#) to make it easier than ever to engage your community and share the impact of our work. Additionally, our online giving portal is fully operational, providing a seamless way for donors to support those in need. Your participation in spreading the word can make a profound difference!

Have questions? Need assistance? Connect with our Development Team at [832-538-0325](tel:832-538-0325) or development@svdphouston.org—we're here to help.

Together, we can strengthen our mission and extend our reach to those who need it most. Thank you for being a vital part of this work!



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Save the Date!

JULY 12-13
2025 BLACK BAG COLLECTION

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GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM

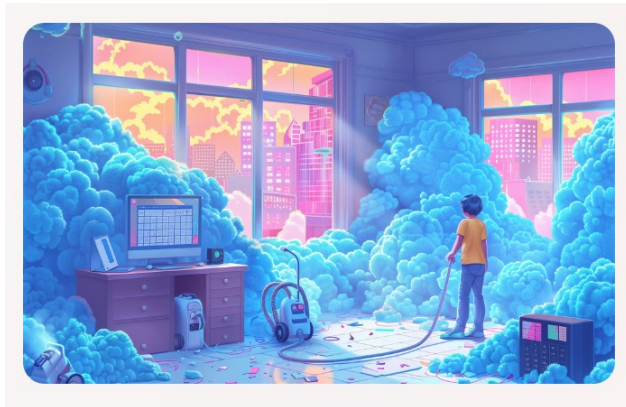
On Saturday, May 17, 2025, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul proudly celebrated 31 graduates from its 8th cohort! The celebration was held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. This milestone highlighted the dedication and hard work of participants who committed themselves to overcoming the ever-present challenges of poverty.

Phase 1 of the "Getting Ahead" program, is 16 weeks. During this phase, participants engage in a comprehensive curriculum designed to explore the complexities of poverty. Each individual studies various aspects of economic hardship, assesses their personal circumstances, and analyzes community resources to overcome challenges. Through this process, participants not only gain valuable insights into their own lives, but also learn how to create a supportive network that fosters positive change.

The Getting Ahead program runs two cohorts each year, starting in January and July. Currently, we are accepting applications for the upcoming fall cohort. Sessions will start **July 21st**. This is an excellent opportunity for neighbors we encounter during home visits to make greater changes in their lives. Learn more [HERE](#) and refer the neighbors in need to the application below:



9th Cohort to begin meeting week of
Jul 21, 2025 - Nov 5, 2025:
Applications are being accepted now!



How To Check And Manage Your Digital Foot Print

You don't need to go off the grid to maintain your digital footprint. By taking small, intentional steps to reduce it, you can improve your data privacy, reduce the risk of scams and breaches, and build better online habits that will last a lifetime.

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