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



Rule 3.11 Presidents as Servant Leaders

Following Christ's example, the Presidents at all levels of the Society endeavor to be servant leaders. They provide an encouraging atmosphere in which the talents, capacities, and spiritual charism of the members are identified, developed, and put to the service of the poor and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The President of the Conference or Council will have special responsibility for promoting Vincentian spirituality.

Incoming Council Board President Patricia Dornak

Term effective: October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2028

Installation mass will be on Monday, November 3, 2025, at 5PM
Warren Chapel 2401 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX 77021

As **ONE Society**, we have made an incredible impact on the lives of so many people across Galveston-Houston.

We are one body, one voice, and one sound.

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the digital copy of our **2024 Annual Report** reflecting the work accomplished from October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024.



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr Charles Samperi would like all Vincentians to know that St. James the Apostle Catholic Church in Spring, TX **does not provide rental assistance**, only utility assistance. He kindly requests that Vincentians no longer refer neighbors in need to St. James the Apostle Catholic Church in Spring, TX, for rental assistance moving forward.

Attention Conference Officers

Per Board Resolution 46, the Council Director of Finance is added to all Conference Chase Bank accounts as both a signer and authorized representative to serve as the main point of contact with the conferences on their banking needs.

All new account requests, additions/deletions of signers, or requests for online access should be submitted to the Director of Finance. The Director of Finance will confirm that any new signers are listed in the SVdP National Database and are current with CMG: Safe Haven training as per the Archdiocese's Safe Environment policy.

Once compliance is confirmed, a request is made to send a secure email to initiate the process.

All new bank accounts are opened with the Council Office address; the mailing address is changed to the address of the Conference after the account has been established with activity.

Compliance with other banks besides Chase:
Since all Conferences operate under the same EIN #74-1464210 and do not exist as standalone entities, the CEO/Executive Director must be listed as the "Acting Secretary" to comply with banking regulations. Conference Officers are not officers of the organization's EIN.

Central Texas Flood Relief

Archbishop Joe Vásquez is requesting continued prayers for the flood victims and first responders helping with recovery efforts. You can read his statements [here](#).

Congratulations to *Friends of the Poor* grant recipients: St. Patrick, St. Rose of Lima, and St. Helen!

SVdP Conferences and District Councils can apply for up to \$5,000 from the National Council's Friends of the Poor® Fund. Grants are targeted to specific areas of need, above and beyond available Conference resources: assistance for rent/housing, utilities, food, clothing, medical, transportation, and baby/children needs.

[View Round #1's grant recipients here.](#)

A WHEEL OF OPPORTUNITIES



From home visits to *Case Management System* data entry, there is a place for all who join the Society!

A new member can serve as the Conference recruiter, membership onboarding, a host for monthly Conference socials, or a *Getting Ahead Program* mentor!

There are lots of ways to grow spiritually with friends.

Vincentian Formation Calendar:

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
<p>getFED: How to Recruit & Retain Members 2nd Tuesday on Zoom August 12, 2025 12:15PM</p>	<p>getFED: How to Recruit & Retain Members 2nd Tuesday on Zoom September 9, 2025 12:15PM</p> <p>Leadership Training for Current & Prospective Officers Saturday 9/27/2025 St. Anne Catholic Church 2140 Westheimer Rd. Houston, TX 77098 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM</p>	<p>Leadership Training Dates for Current & Prospective Officers:</p> <p>Saturday 10/4/2025 St. Mary Catholic Church 816 Park Drive. La Porte, TX 77571 9:00AM - 12:30PM</p> <p>Tuesday 10/7/25 Holy Family Catholic Church 1510 Fifth St. Missouri City, TX 77489 6:00PM - 8:30PM</p> <p>Saturday 10/11/25 TBD 9:00AM - 12:30PM</p> <p>Saturday 10/18/2025 St. Martha Catholic Church 4301 Woodridge Pkwy Porter, TX 77365 9:00AM - 12:30PM</p>
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
<p>Leadership Training for Current & Prospective Officers Saturday 11/1/2025 TBD 9:00AM - 12:30PM</p> <p>Advent Retreat Sunday 11/16/2025 TBD 8:30AM - 12:30PM</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>General Assembly</p>



Vincentian Recruitment & Retention Training coming up!



Join us to learn best practices when recruiting new volunteers to grow & sustain vibrant Conferences.

When: Tu 8/12 or
Tu 9/9

Time: 12:15pm - 1:00pm

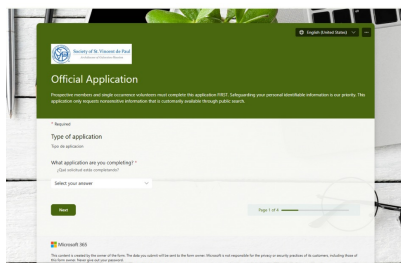
How: Via Zoom

[Register HERE](#)



Catholic Mutual Group (CMG) **WILL NOT** notify the Society's Council office once a person's training is **100% complete**. Contact your parish's **Safe Environment Coordinator** or iguerraarchgh.org if you need to immediately check on the status.

3 steps to become a new member:



2025 Hurricane Season

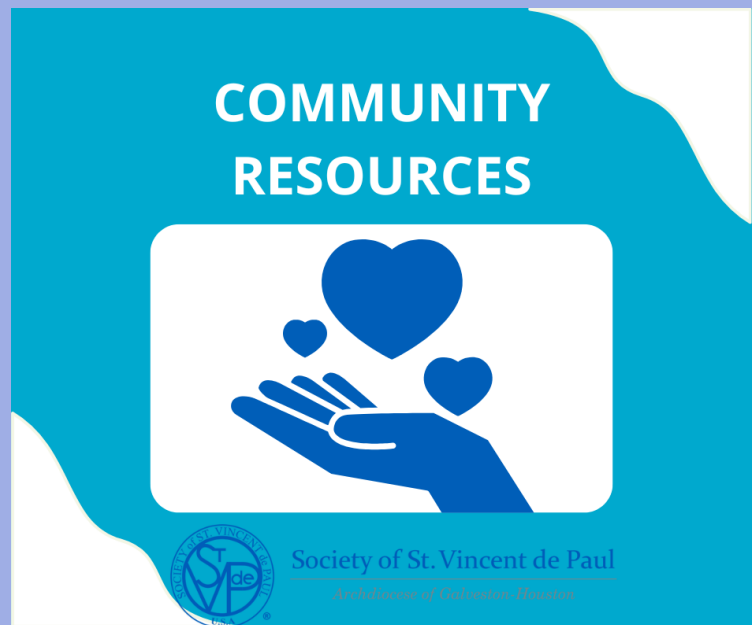
Now is the time to begin preparations for the upcoming hurricane season. The 2025 Southeast Texas Hurricane and Severe Weather Guide has been published and is available here in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

[Download the Preparedness Plan](#)

Includes:

- Fill-in-the-blank emergency contact list
- First steps to take after a disaster
- Go Bag checklist
- Special considerations for kids, pets, and seniors

In addition to
Texas 211,
here is a guide to
better serve
neighbors in
need





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