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



Rule 3.12 Formation of Members

It is essential that the Society continually promote the formation and training of its members and Officers, in order to deepen their knowledge of the Society and their spirituality, improve the sensitivity, quality and efficiency of their service to the poor and help them be aware of the benefits, resources and opportunities that are available for the poor. The Society also offers members higher training in order to better help to raise the cultural and social level of those who request this support.

Incoming Council Board President Patricia Dornak

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

Installation mass will be on Monday, November 3, 2025, at 5:00 PM

Warren Chapel 2401 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX 77021



*"Two are better than one because they have a more satisfying return for their labor, for if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion."
Ecclesiastes 4:9*

One Society, One Mission: Serving Together in Faith

In a beautiful display of synergistic collaboration, the St. Joseph SVDP Conference partnered with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to package peanut butter for neighbors in need. This effort wasn't just about food—it was a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish when we come together as One Society, united in faith and purpose.

As Vincentians, we are called to be servant leaders, stepping up and serving our community person-to-person. This partnership exemplifies that calling—two groups, one mission, working side by side to lift up those who need it most.

Let's continue to build bridges, support one another, and serve with love. Together, we are stronger. Together, we are Vincentians. Together, we are One Society.

Systemic Change Initiative; Opportunities for Neighbor's in Need



Greater Houston

The United Way of Greater Houston's Community Leadership Council was established to increase community voices and gather critical input towards the regional *Integrated Client Journey*.

This cohort will consist of 10-12 community members who may identify as ALICE (asset limited, income constrained and employed) or have recently been ALICE.

Diverse perspective and experience representation is needed from *Northeast Fort Bend County who may identify as ALICE or have recently been ALICE.

Must be 18 years of age or older and attend 4 scheduled meetings during the months of September, October, November and December 2025.

The community Leadership Council Members will have the opportunity to:

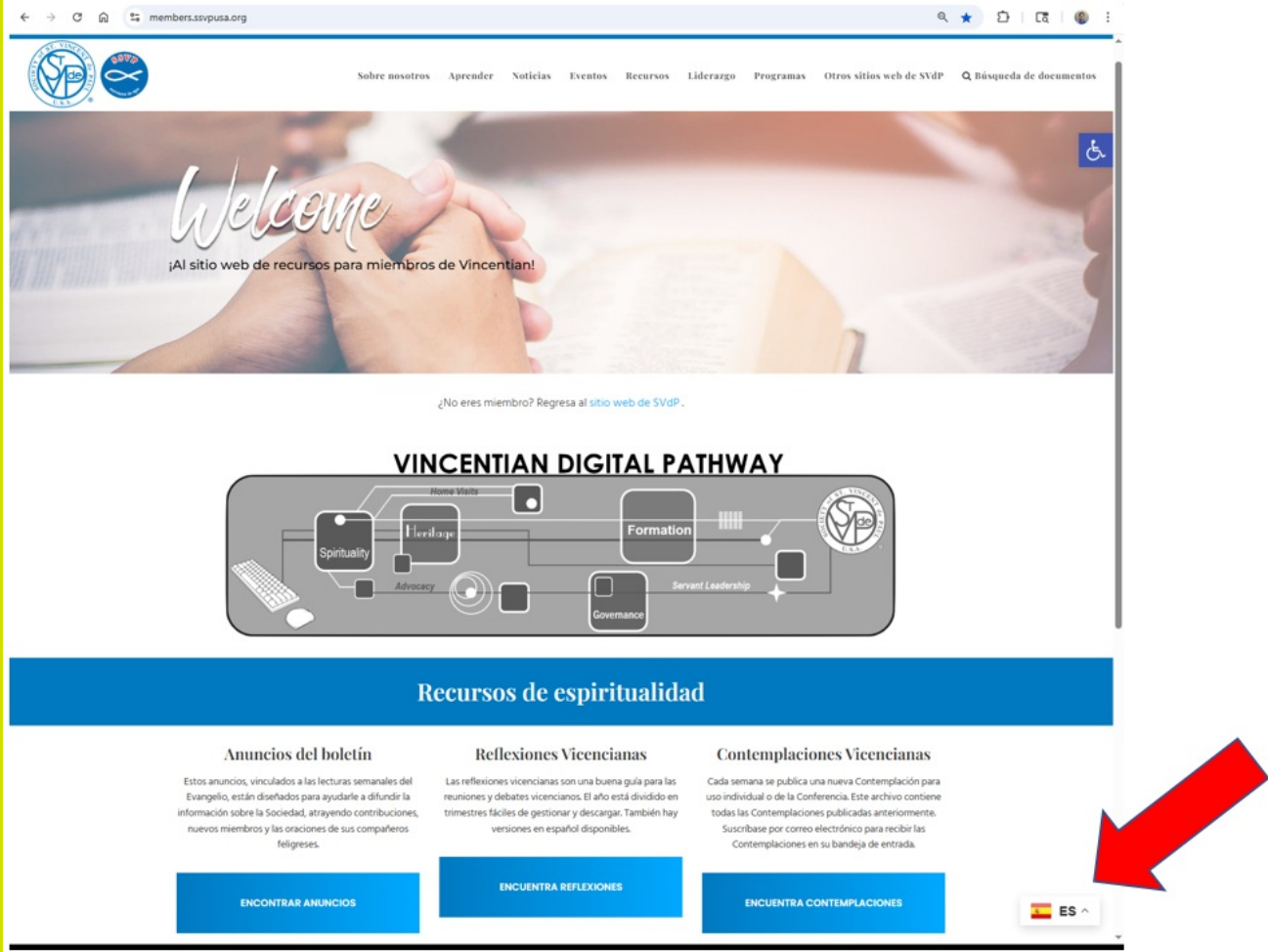
1. Share their lived experiences, perspective and knowledge with United Way of Greater Houston.
2. Make an impact that benefits the Greater Houston community.
3. Receive a stipend of up to \$400 for meeting attendance.
4. Take a role in shaping and influencing the future of UWGH funding investments.

*Including but not limited to Sugar Land, First Colony, Aliana, Stafford, DeWalt, Missouri City, and Meadows Place.

Zip codes: 77053, 77407, 77459, 77477, 77478, 77479, 77489, 77498, 77545.

[Apply Now](#)

Deadline September 1st, 2025



Multilingual Tool Now Live on the [Members Website!](#)

We're pleased to announce that the multilingual selection tool is now enabled on the SVDP Members Website!

Located at the bottom right corner, this feature opens access to a wide range of content in **Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, French, and German**—making Vincentian resources more inclusive and accessible.

While translations may not be perfect, they still effectively convey the intended meaning. This tool is a valuable step toward supporting our diverse Vincentian community.

A WHEEL OF OPPORTUNITIES



Home visit Team! Case Management System User! Recruiter!

Whatever your gifts, the Society has the right opportunity for you.

Vincentian Service Wheel

CMS Database Clean-Up: Preventing Duplicate Records

A recent CMS database clean-up successfully resolved over 2,800 potential duplicate records. This effort helps ensure that each Neighbor's assistance history is stored in a single, unified record, which is a best practice for accurate data analysis and service continuity.

Why This Matters

Storing a Neighbor's history across multiple records can lead to confusion, incomplete data, and inefficiencies in providing assistance. Keeping everything in one record ensures we have a clear and complete picture of each Neighbor's journey.

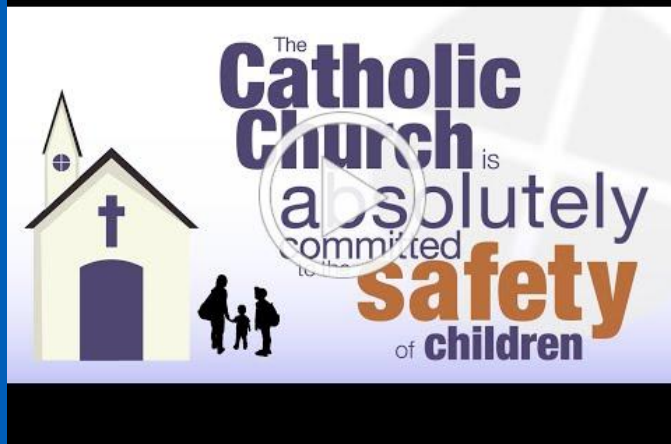
TIP for CMS Intake Persons

When performing case intake, always use the **"Select"** option if a client match appears. ***Do not click past the client match screen if there is a match for the Neighbor being helped. Doing so creates multiple client records for the same person, which we want to avoid.***

Let's work together to maintain clean, accurate data—every click counts!

**Have you completed your
CMG Training?**

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 have issues with your online account.

Vincentian Formation Calendar:

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
<p>getFED: "How to Recruit & Retain Members"</p> <p><i>2nd Tuesday</i> September 9, 2025 12:15 PM - 1:00 PM Zoom Call</p> <p>Leadership Training for Current & Prospective Officers</p> <p><i>Saturday</i> September 27, 2025 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM St. Anne Catholic Church 2140 Westheimer Rd. Houston, TX 77098</p>	<p>getFED: "How Council Supports Conferences"</p> <p><i>2nd Tuesday</i> October 14, 2025 12:15 PM - 1:00 PM Zoom Call</p> <p>Leadership Training for Current & Prospective Officers</p> <p><i>Saturday</i> October 4, 2025 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM St. Mary Catholic Church 816 Park Drive. La Porte, TX 77571</p> <p><i>Tuesday</i> October 7, 2025 6:00 - 8:30 PM Holy Family Catholic Church 1510 Fifth St. Missouri City, TX 77489</p> <p><i>Saturday</i> October 11, 2025 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Location: TBD</p>	<p>getFED: "Key Elements of Vincentian Gratitude"</p> <p><i>2nd Tuesday</i> November 11, 2025 12:15 PM - 1:00 PM Zoom Call</p> <p>Leadership Training for Current & Prospective Officers</p> <p><i>Saturday</i> November 1, 2025 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Location: TBD</p> <p>Advent Retreat</p> <p><i>Sunday</i> November 16, 2025 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Location: TBD</p>

	<i>Saturday</i> October 18, 2025 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM St. Martha Catholic Church 4301 Woodridge Pkwy Porter, TX 77365 <i>Saturday</i> October 25, 2025 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Location: TBD	
DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
TBD	General Assembly	TBD



getFED
 (Formation Education & Development)

Vincentian Recruitment & Retention Training coming up!



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

When: Tu 9/9

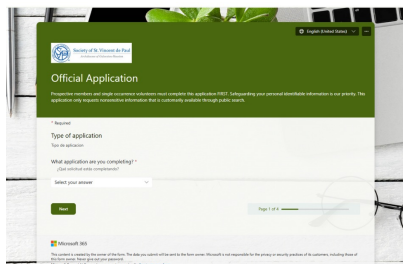
Time: 12:15pm - 1:00pm

How: Via Zoom

[Formation Registration](#)



3 Steps for New Members:



[New Member Application Form](#)



[Catholic Mutual Group: Safe Haven Instructional Flyer](#)



[National Society of St. Vincent de Paul Member Database](#)



“Do you have any paperclips?”

“Do you have any more paperclips?”

That’s what one woman quietly asked me—not for food, not for money, but for *paperclips*. She had just showered at [The Beacon](#), but was already soiled again—managing both incontinence and her cycle with nothing more than makeshift supplies.

Her dignity was hanging by a thread—and it pained us to know we didn’t have what she,

and so many others, truly needed.

Every day, nearly half of our guests silently battle incontinence while facing Houston's relentless heat and the uncertainty of homelessness. What they need isn't complicated—but it's crucial: adult diapers.

These simple items can mean the difference between isolation and confidence, despair and dignity.

As Vincentians, we are called to restore more than just basic needs. We restore hope. We affirm worth.

Will you help us answer that call?

Your donation of adult diapers or hygiene products makes a real and immediate difference.

To coordinate in-kind contributions, please contact:

Darrell Gordon – 832.288.7689

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



COMMUNITY RESOURCES



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ONE Society: one body, one voice & one sound.

Click the image on the left to view the digital copy of our **2024 Annual Report** reflecting the work accomplished from October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024.



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