



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

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



"The Society"

## Rule 3.9 Subsidiarity and Freedom of Action

The Society embraces the Principle of Subsidiarity as its basic standard of operation. Decisions are made as close as possible to the area of activity to ensure that the local environment and circumstances (cultural, social, political, etc.) are taken into consideration. In this way, the Society promotes local initiatives within its spirit. This freedom of action of Conferences and Councils, which has been kept faithful since the origins of the Society, enables them to help the poor spontaneously and more effectively, free from excessive bureaucracy.



### A friendly note from your gal pal, Val:

As we begin the last quarter (Jul - Sept) of fiscal year 2025, let's reflect on what we accomplished in the 2024 fiscal year. View our 2024 financial and community impact report by clicking [HERE](#)  
Let's encourage each other to continue growing spiritually as friends! Together, we make positive impacts on so many lives by alleviating their suffering and distress. Through Christ, we continue to serve ☐



# Café Catholica 2025: Hope in the Lord

## St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

6800 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, TX

District Associates will be attending, and you should join them to help introduce other Catholics to the St. Vincent de Paul ministry!

There will be dynamic speakers, prayer, and socializing.

- July 7: *Spirit night: Starting a New Chapter*

Archbishop Joe Vásquez

- July 14: *Hope for Your Future: A Catholic Guide to Adulthood*

Paul J. Kim, Catholic speaker

- July 21: *Hope in the Hunger: Radical Confidence in the Love of God*

Katie Villareal, Holy Family School Counselor in Austin, TX

### 4th Annual Parish Engagement Conference

Equip Your Conference to Lead with Hope & Purpose

**Saturday, July 19, 2025, 9:00 AM - 3:45 PM**

Inspirational workshops available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

- Practical strategies to increase member engagement.
- Tools to foster collaboration across other ministries.
- Renewed vision of stewardship rooted in faith & hope.
- Lots of Catholic networking.

[Register Today - Just \\$10](#)

includes lunch



The  
**Catholic**  
**Church** is  
absolutely  
committed  
to the  
**safety**  
of **children**

**Safe Environment Coordinators** are located at every Catholic Church across the Archdiocese to ensure everyone performing ministry service on parish property completes the virtual **CMG: Safe Haven training**.

**Check your parish bulletin or website to contact this person.**

A list of Vincentians whose **CMG: Safe Haven certification expired** was provided to District Presidents and Associates in February 2025.

Conference Officers are aiming to be **100% compliant** with the **Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Safe Environment policy**.

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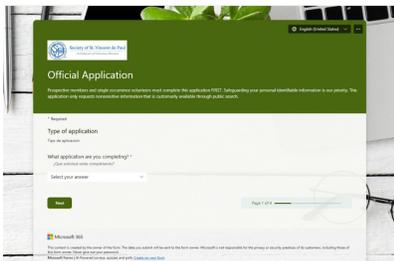
If a Vincentian completed VIRTUS training in the **past 5 years**, they **do not** need to create a new account.

They will log in with their previous user ID from VIRTUS and enter the password: 1234.

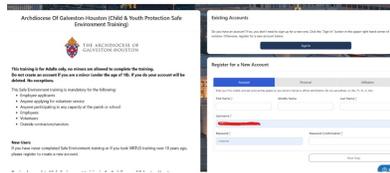
Once logged into their CMGConnect account, they will be able to change their password.

If they do not remember their user ID or are unable to log in, please contact **[OCYP@archgh.org](mailto:OCYP@archgh.org)**.

**Circle of Grace:** Safe environment training for youth under 18  
Tim Colbert: 713-741-8723 or **[tcolbert@archgh.org](mailto:tcolbert@archgh.org)**




**CMG CONNECT**  
**CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING**



**Vincentian Membership Application**

**Child & Youth Protection Catholic Mutual Group (CMG) Instructions**

**A welcoming, introductory email sent to the applicant and Conference Officers**

# St. VINCENT DE PAUL FORMATION CALENDAR

July 2025	August 2025	September 2025
<p align="center"><b>VIRTUAL Ozanam Orientation</b> <i>Must Attend Both</i> Tuesday, July 15, 2025 6:30PM - 8:30 PM</p> <p align="center">Thursday, July 17, 2025 6:30PM - 8:30PM</p>	<p align="center"><b>getFED: How to Recruit &amp; Retain Members</b> 2nd Tuesday on Zoom August 12, 2025 12:15PM</p>	<p align="center"><b>Leadership Training for Current &amp; Prospective Officers</b> Saturday 9/27/2025 St. Anne Catholic Church 2140 Westheimer Rd. Houston, TX 77098 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM</p>
October 2025	November 2025	December 2025
<p align="center"><b>Leadership Trainings for Current &amp; Prospective Officers:</b></p> <p align="center">Saturday 10/4/2025 St. Mary Catholic Church 816 Park Drive.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Leadership Training for Current &amp; Prospective Officers</b> Saturday 11/1/2025 TBD 9:00AM - 12:30PM</p>	<p align="center"><b>Christmas Holiday Friendship &amp; Fellowship Activities</b></p>

La Porte, TX 77571  
9:00AM - 12:30PM

**Tuesday 10/7/25**  
Holy Family Catholic Church  
1510 Fifth St.  
Missouri City, TX 77489  
6:00PM - 8:30PM

**Saturday 10/11/25**  
TBD  
9:00AM - 12:30PM

**Saturday 10/18/2025**  
St. Martha Catholic Church  
4301 Woodridge Pkwy  
Porter, TX 77365  
9:00AM - 12:30PM

**Advent Retreat**  
Sunday 11/16/2025  
8:30AM - 12:30PM  
Location TBD

January 2026	February 2026	March 2026
<p><b>General Assembly</b> Saturday 1/24/2026 TBD 8:30AM - 2:00PM</p> <p><b>Ozanam Orientation</b> Saturday 1/31/26 West Houston Area 8:30AM - 2:00PM</p>	<p><b>Ozanam Orientation</b> Saturday 2/21/2026 Fort Bend County 8:30AM - 2:30PM</p> <p><b>Lenten Retreat</b> TBD</p>	<p><b>Ozanam Orientation</b> Saturday 3/21/2026 North Houston Area 8:30AM - 2:30PM</p>

St. Vincent de Paul  
Formation Registration  
Click [HERE](#)

Formation Questions?  
[AskOzanam@svdphouston.org](mailto:AskOzanam@svdphouston.org)



**Asian Catechist Day**  
Saturday, August 9, 2025  
Vietnamese Martyrs parish  
10610 Kingspoint Rd.  
Houston, TX 77075



Keynote speaker  
**Rev. Randy Gibbens, SJ**  
President of Cristo Rey Jesuit  
College Preparatory School of Houston



**Save the Date**



**getFED** (Formation Education & Development)

Variety of topics on a monthly basis via Zoom.  
Each monthly topic will be offered on the second Tuesday,  
12:15 PM - 1:00 PM  
Register [HERE](#)

## IN GOD'S IMAGE DISABILITY CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY: OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS  
MINISTRY WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



Speaker Sponsored by  
**Sadlier**



**Esther Garcia**  
KEY NOTE SPEAKER

ESTHER GARCIA DEVELOPS AND COORDINATES EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY OUTREACH WITH CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESES, PARISHES, AND COMMUNITIES TO SUPPORT MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND TO ENRICH A VARIED AUDIENCE ON CATECHESIS AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY. ESTHER SPECIALIZES IN LEADING CATECHETICAL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES. SHE CURRENTLY STUDIES AT THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE AND HOLDS A BACHELOR'S IN COMMUNITY STUDIES AND SEVERAL CERTIFICATES IN CATECHETICAL LEADERSHIP. SHE WAS HONORED WITH THE WILLIAM SADLER JINGER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN HISPANIC MINISTRY AND CATECHESIS AT THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF RAICES Y ALAS 2022. SHE HOLDS SEVERAL CERTIFICATES AND IS A NATIONAL BILINGUAL SPEAKER ON LEARNING DIFFERENCES.

WHERE: CHRIST THE REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH  
WHEN: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH 2025  
8:00AM - 4:30PM

11507 HUFFMEISTER RD. HOUSTON, TX 77065



# GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM



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

**APPLY**

**NOW!**



Spring 2025 Graduation Photos [HERE](#)

## 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 can be found here in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

## Best Vacation and Travel Cybersecurity Tips



Whether you're lounging on a beach or hiking through the mountains, these days, you probably stay connected during your trip. Taking a few small steps before you head out the door can make a big difference.

[Read More Here](#)

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES



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