



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

# St. Vincent Times SVDP Archdiocese Galveston-Houston Council

July 15, 2025 Issue



## Rule 3.10 Democracy

All decisions are made by consensus after the necessary prayer, reflection and consultation. The democratic spirit is fundamental at all levels of the Society and, when appropriate, matters are put to a vote.

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

## **Our New Council Board President is Patricia Dornak**

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

### **Fun themes to spruce up your Conference meetings this month:**

- **July 15** — Give Something Away Day. Perfect for surprise giveaways, or maybe just decluttering that junk drawer.
- **July 16** — National Hot Dog Day. One Vincentian brings the weiners, the others bring the buns and condiments!
- **July 17** — World Emoji Day. Send a text to all your Conference's Vincentians; don't forget to use ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

- **July 18** — World Listening Day. God gave us one mouth and two ears.
- **July 18** — Nelson Mandela International Day: Honor the memory of the humanitarian and activist.
- **July 20** — National Ice Cream Day & World Chess Day. Skip the agenda; just have ice cream and enjoy a good game of chess!
- **July 24** — Cousins Day: Invite your cousin to a Conference meeting.
- **July 25** — National Wine & Cheese Day
- **July 26** — Aunt and Uncle Day. Invite your nieces and nephews to a Conference meeting. They could be the Society's next Vincentian.
- **July 29** — National Chicken Wing Day. Eating with your hands is polite.
- **July 30** — International Day of Friendship. Not to be confused with America's National Friendship Day on August 3, gather to simply pray, socialize, and enjoy each other's company.

**Highlight your diverse community.** Share stories and celebrate the different backgrounds of your Vincentian members. People appreciate social groups that transcend location, season, culture, or background.

Challenge each Vincentian to **“bring a friend.”** Position your Conference as a bridge that connects people across different experiences and locations.

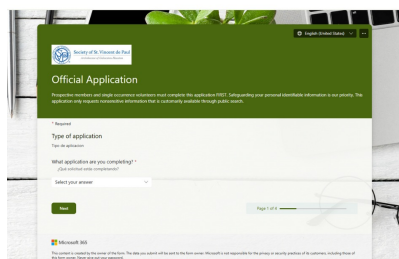
In the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul,

**Val Senegal**

**Executive Director**

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## 3 steps to become a new member:



[New Member Application Form](#)

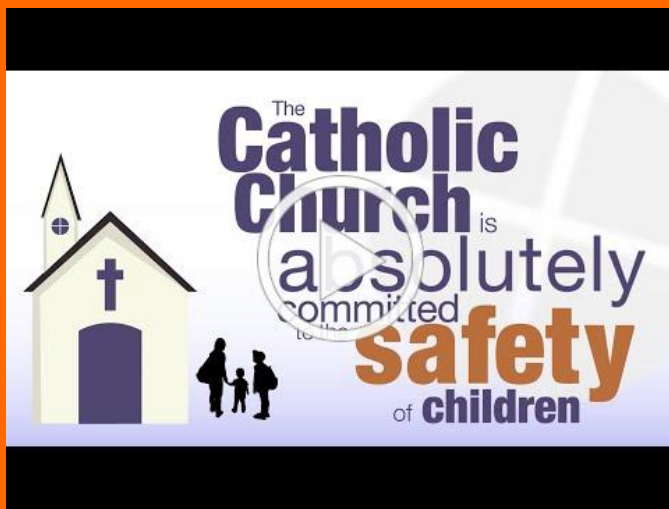


[Catholic Mutual Group: Safe Haven Instructional Flyer](#)



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





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](http://iguerraarchgh.org) if you need to immediately check on the status.



MORE THAN  
**\$1,000,000.00**  
HAS BEEN PROVIDED  
TO CONFERENCES  
FROM COUNCIL OFFICE  
Oct 1, 2024 - Jun 30, 2025



**135** new Vincentian  
member applications  
received  
Apr 1 - Jun 30, 2025

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

We are better together - one body, one voice, one sound.

Click the image on the right to

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



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## **ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 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 online access are to be requested 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 confirmed, a request is made to send a secure email to initiate the process; all new accounts are opened with the SVdP Council address.

Once the account is established, the mailing address is changed to the address of the Conference.

Other banks:

Since all Conferences operate under the same EIN #74-1464210 and do not exist as standalone entities, the Executive Director must be listed as the Acting Secretary to comply with banking regulations that require an officer of the organization to be listed.

Conference Officers are not considered officers of the organization EIN.

## **Vincentian Formation Calendar:**

## JULY

virtual  
Ozanam Orientation  
(Must Attend Both)

Tuesday, July 15, 2025  
6:30PM - 8:30 PM

Thursday, July 17, 2025  
6:30PM - 8:30PM

## AUGUST

getFED: How to Recruit &  
Retain Members  
2nd Tuesday on Zoom  
August 12, 2025  
12:15PM

## SEPTEMBER

getFED: How to Recruit &  
Retain Members  
2nd Tuesday on Zoom  
September 9, 2025  
12:15PM

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

## OCTOBER

Leadership Training Dates for  
Current & Prospective  
Officers:

Saturday 10/4/2025  
St. Mary Catholic Church  
816 Park Drive.  
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

## NOVEMBER

Leadership Training for  
Current & Prospective  
Officers

Saturday 11/1/2025  
TBD  
9:00AM - 12:30PM

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

## DECEMBER

TBD





# 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](#)

## Systemic Change: Getting Ahead Programs



9th Cohort to begin meeting week of  
Jul 21, 2025 - Nov 5, 2025:

Applications are being accepted now!

**APPLY**

**NOW!**



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, entered a partnership with [Dwyer Workforce Development](#) to better serve participants in the Getting Ahead Programs. Through this nonprofit partnership, GAP participants potentially become Scholars of Dwyer's CNA and GNA medical training programs.

## 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](#).

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



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