

#### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

 $Archdiocese\ of\ Galveston ext{-}Houston$ 

#### JUNE 15TH, 2024 NEWSLETTER ISSUE

## What's happening in June?



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**WEDNESDAY** 

JUNE

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Holiday

19-22

**WED-SAT** 

JUNE

South Central Regional Meeting

DALLAS, TX

**27** 

**THURSDAY** 

JUNE

**GetFED WORKSHOP** 

How to raise funds for your Conference

REGISTER FOR TRAININGS





National Immigrant Heritage Month



### JULY 20-21

2024 BLACK BAG COLLECTION

Learn more + Donate today!

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Mark your calendar and spread the word! **JULY 20-21, 2024.** Parishes across the Archdiocese will hold a special collection for the *Society of St. Vincent de Paul.* 

Unlike many of our local Catholic organizations, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul does not receive DSF funding. Your generosity and those of your fellow parishioners will help us continue to serve our neighbors in need.











#### GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM

**SVDP HOUSTON** 

Now accepting applications!

### GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM July Cohort

Vincentians! We can now refer individuals to our upcoming Getting Ahead Program Cohort. Visit our <u>website</u> to learn more or <u>APPLY TODAY</u>.

#### **IMPACT STORY**

**JUNE 15TH, 2024** 

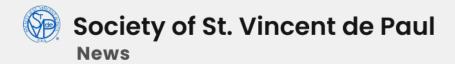
Underserved Communities Initiative Grant



From
Homelessness to
Hope:
Supporting a
Veteran's
Journey Home

A 40 year old military veteran called the *Society of St. Vincent de Paul* seeking assistance after his rent increase. He shared with our Vincentians that he had been deployed four times and unfortunately left the military with PTSD. This veteran had been homeless for five years mostly staying between shelters and the streets. After finally deciding to seek assistance, the **St.Patrick Conference** was able to lend him a hand with the help of the **Underserved Communities Grant.** Vincentians leading the prayer at the end of our visit said "We thanked God for watching over him while he was serving our country and asked that he continue to watch over him now that he is back home."

**Submit you Underserved Communities Impact Story HERE.** 



#### Full Circle of Service: Society of St. Vincent de Paul Partners with Spalding University

In this Blog post, we discuss Building a Strategic Partnership to Empower Greater Houston's Underserved Communities

2 min read



READ MORE HERE \*

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Laura, an occupational therapy student at Spalding University, will be working with St. Thomas Aquinas, one of the Conferences funded by the Underserved Communities Grant, from now until the beginning of the fall semester. Her capstone project is designed to enable Vincentians to better serve those facing situational poverty.



Click HERE to hear more from Laura.

#### **FORMATION** WORKSHOPS

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS** 

**GetFED Workshops - ONLINE WORKSHOP** 

How to raise funds for your Conference

**THURSDAY, JUNE 27TH** (12:15 pm- 1:00 pm)

Workshop conducted via Zoom

Join this workshop to explore innovative fundraising strategies for your Conference, enabling you to support more families and individuals in your community.

#### **GetFED Workshops - ONLINE WORKSHOP**

#### **Introduction to Vincentian Services**

**TUESDAY, JULY 9TH** (7:00 pm- 7:45 pm)

**THURSDAY, JULY 25TH** (12:15 pm- 1:00 pm)

Workshops conducted via **Zoom** 

Learn about support programs and opportunities available at the council level for Vincentians aiming to enhance their Conference development, as well as for individuals seeking support.

#### **OZANAM ORIENTATION**

**SATURDAY, JULY 13TH** (8:30 AM- 2:00 PM)

St. Jerome Activity Center- 2749 Hollister Rd, Houston, TX 77080

This orientation offers an opportunity to renew your commitment to the core values of our Service Ministry. Vincentians will learn about the Society's scope, mission, and vision statements, as well as the significance and impact of its special works and essential elements.

#### SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH** (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.)

St. Cecilia Catholic Church- 11720 Joan of Arc Dr, Houston, TX 77024

During this program we will explore the Church's rich history of Contemplative Prayer.

The transition from Verbal Prayer (speaking to God) to Contemplative Prayer (listening to God) provides the means of developing a more intimate relationship with God. As our love of

God thus deepens, our love for others grows into service for our brothers and sisters.

We will explore the rich history of the many forms of Contemplative Prayer over the past two thousand years, and have the opportunity to experience one of those forms together in community.

This workshop is encouraged for ALL Vincentians. It is not limited to only Spiritual Advisors.

For any questions regarding our V-FORM system Ask Ozanam.

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# THE ELEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP



Friendship is one of our **Essential Elements** here at SVDP. It means to bring together people of goodwill and to assist them by mutual example and true friendship in drawing nearer to Christ.

# FREDERIC OZANAM AND HIS FRIENDS.

Driven by their faith and compassion, *Frederic Ozanam* and his friends founded the *Society of St. Vincent de Paul* to help the impoverished in 19th-century Paris. Their initiative quickly grew into a global network of volunteers dedicated to providing direct assistance and support to those in need.

# FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO BECOME A VINCENTIAN



- 1. Complete Online Application
- 2. Complete CMG Safe Guarding Environment Training
- 3. Begin Conference Stewardship

#### ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON- HOUSTON MESSAGE

CMG is the safe environment program the **Archdiocese of Galveston Houston** uses for all parishes. We are reminded of the call to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, which includes the protection of children and other vulnerable individuals.

This responsibility belongs to **EVERYONE**, especially Christians. EVERYONE, especially those volunteering in a church-related activity or Catholic ministry, is required to take the self-paced, virtual safe environment course (CMG connect)

For more information or assistance, please contact your parish safe environment coordinator.

Click **HERE** to view our

MAY 28TH, 2024 DISASTER RESOURCE NEWSLETTER





Let's Rebuild.

**Donate Today!** 

As we come close to hurricane season, we need your help! Together we can help rebuild, restore and support those who have been affected by weather catastrophes.

# WE HAVE NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE



Share these resources with anyone who may be in need.



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EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDING



DISASTER RECOVERY RESOURCES















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