



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

MAY 1ST, 2024 **NEWSLETTER ISSUE**

What's happening in May?



5
MAY

SUNDAY

**HAPPY CINCO DE
MAYO!**

9
MAY

THURSDAY

ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC

FEAST DAY

12
MAY

SUNDAY

**Ascension of the
Lord**

12
MAY

SUNDAY

MOTHER'S DAY!

27
MAY

MONDAY

MEMORIAL DAY

**Asian
American
Pacific
Islander
Month**



Spread Joy and
Hope.



There is still time to
donate!



Your gift, no matter the size,
extends hope and support to
those who need it most.

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ADAPTING TO A CHANGING WORLD

Faithful to the spirit of its founders, the Society constantly strives for renewal, adapting to changing world conditions.



It seeks to be ever aware of the changes that occur in human society and the new types of poverty that may be identified or anticipated. It gives priority to the poorest of the poor and to those who are most rejected by society. **Rule, Part I, Article 1.6**

The Society encourages continual **Formation** and **Training**.

Training

Training provides the practical skills and knowledge we need in order to be effective. It answers the questions “**What?**” and “**How?**”.

Formation

Formation develops the minds, hearts and spirits we bring to our ministry. It answers the question “**why?**” by deepening our understanding of and commitment to Vincentian Spirituality.

REGISTER WITH V-FORM



FORMATION COMMITTEE

V-FORM

What can I do through **V-FORM**?

- You can now **register** for ALL formation events through ONE system.
- You can **cancel** your event registration (In case you can't make it)
- You can **view** all events you have signed up for

For any questions regarding our new **V-FORM** system, please [Ask Ozanam](#).



GET **FED** ONLINE *Workshops*

Benefits of getFED sessions

- Variety of topics for the development of a healthy & vibrant Conference
- Sessions offered online
- Join as many sessions as you'd like

UPCOMING TOPIC : **Engaging with New & Existing members**

TUESDAY, MAY 14TH - 7:00 PM- 7:45 PM
THURSDAY, MAY 23RD - 12:15 PM- 1:00 PM

- Learn how to approach and foster a connection with prospective and existing Vincentians
- Learn about creative ways to maintain Vincentian fellowship

Have the needs of your conference changed over time?

Do you have existing members who can use talents not needed before?

Come join our next getFED and learn/share how you can energize your conference membership from day 1 to day 1000.

REGISTER

GET **FED**

<p>ONLINE OZANAM ORIENTATION</p> <p>May 7th & 9th, 2024 Time: 6:30 pm</p> <p>VIA ZOOM 2- night Orientation May 7th & May 9th</p> <p>Register ></p>	<p>SPIRITUAL GROWTH TRAINING</p> <p>May 18th, 2024 Time: TBA</p> <p>ST. ANNE, HOUSTON</p> <p>2140 Westheimer Road Houston, Texas 77098</p> <p>Register ></p>	<p>HOME VISIT WORKSHOP</p> <p>May 25th 10 am- 12 pm</p> <p>St. MARY - TEXAS CITY</p> <p>1604 9th Ave N, Texas City, TX 77590</p> <p>Register ></p>
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COMING UP!

Become an
**OZANAM
ORIENTATION**

Presenter

TRAINING OFFERED AT THE
2024 SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING

June 19th in Dallas TX



[2024 South Central Regional Meeting - Draft Agenda](#)



WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITIES

Vincentians, no work of charity is foreign to the Society. It includes any form of help that alleviates suffering or deprivation and promotes human dignity and personal integrity in all their dimension.

RULE, PART I, ARTICLE 1.3

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steps

to start bridging the gap between ourselves and the communities we serve.



Ways to assist our **COMMUNITIES**

1

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Using conference funds and grants to provide assistance for food, rent and utilities.

2

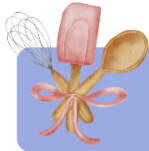
LONG-TERM NEEDS

We can assist our friends in need to reach long-term stability by utilizing resources such as:

- United way Greater Houston (211)
- Getting Ahead Program
- Council office & website resources
- Newsletter Information & Resources

Making an Impact

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX



COMMUNITY BAKE SALE

COOK OFF FESTS



SPORTS TOURNAMENT
FUNDRAISER

VINCENTIAN COFFEE
NIGHTS



FUNDRAISER WALK-A-
THON



SYSTEMIC CHANGE: GETTING AHEAD PROGRAMS



TO ACHIEVE

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PARTICIPANTS

USE YOUR GIFTS

TO BECOME A **FACILITATOR,**
MENTOR OR **SPEAKER** FOR OUR
GETTING AHEAD PROGRAMS.

CONTACT US TODAY.

Getting Ahead Webinar Training Spring/Summer 2024 - [REGISTER HERE](#)

The **Facilitator Training Webinars** will equip you with knowledge and resources to become involved with the Getting Ahead Program.

Grab your lunch and attend the training webinars on Wednesdays, **May 1st & May 8th** from 10:30 am- 1:30 pm.

*Your attendance and completion will prepare you to facilitate our next cohort in **July 2024.***

IMPACT STORY

A family of four individuals receives temporary housing assistance as their move-in dates are repeatedly postponed.

The **Holy Family- Galveston Conference** aids the mother in obtaining employment. This position enables her to stay near her children, removing the obstacle of not being able to pick them up before closing time.

SUBMIT MY STORY >

Special Moments

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Installation of Assumption Conference



St. Mary of the Purification Conference

“ Did you know **SVdP Los Angeles** is recruiting members from other denominational churches to become Associate Vincentians?" (See reference below)



"Associate members do not have to be Catholic. Who knows what the Holy Spirit will do once they become a member of the Society! There are Vincentians who were once Protestant but converted to Catholicism."



IMPORTANT **CMG** 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.

Recruitment is continual,

Step 1: [APPLY HERE](#)

Step 2: [CMG TRAINING](#)


Safe Environment training

If you have taken Safe Haven training more than 4 years ago, please remember to do the **[CMG RENEWAL](#)**

NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE



SHARE THIS WITH ANYONE WHO MAY BE IN NEED.



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CAREER ASSISTANCE



DISASTER PREVENTION



CYBERSECURITY



FREE DENTAL SERVICES



JOB FAIR



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