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MERRY CHRISTMAS



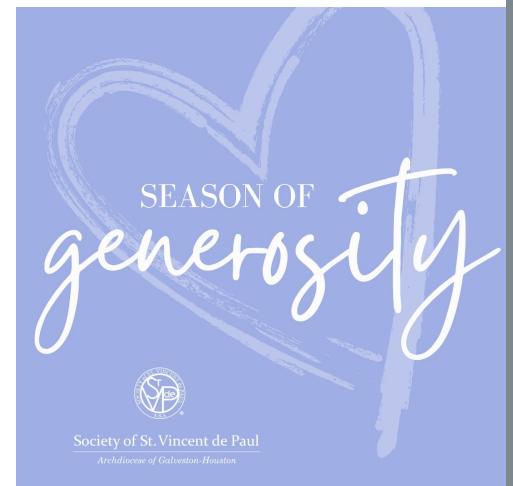
Rule 2.3 Prayer in Union with Christ



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

□ 'TIS THE SEASON OF GENEROSITY □

Thank you for being a part of our Vincentian family. You, more than anyone else, know the positive impact we make together, as One Society, in service to our neighbors in need. If you haven't yet made a year-end gift, now is the time! Please support our 2024 end-of-year campaign and join us as One Society in this Season of Generosity. Ready to make a gift? [**Click here!**](#)



Forbes

2024

AMERICA'S TOP 100
CHARITIES

#59



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA has been named the 59th largest nonprofit charity in the nation by Forbes magazine!

Up from 75th last year, this incredible network of charity is honored to bring Christ's love to our neighbors in need—across the greater Houston area, around the nation, and beyond!

FORMATION WORKSHOPS & TRAINING EVENTS



You don't want to miss
General Assembly
Saturday, January 25, 2025
9AM - 1PM
St. Jerome 'Parish Activity
Center'
2749 Hollister Rd. Houston,
TX 77080

RSVP HERE

**ONE Society honoring our
Essential Virtues:**

- Simplicity
- Humility
- Gentleness
- Selflessness
- Zeal

Open to New Engaging Experiences



OZANAM ORIENTATIONS:
January 11, 2025
(District 4)

Epiphany of the Lord- Katy
8:30AM-2:30PM

February 22, 2025
(District 1)
St. Rose of Lima
8:30AM-2:30PM



getFED:

Formation Education and Development

Short virtual sessions designed for Vincentians to grow in spirit, knowledge, and skill!

2nd Tuesdays 7-7:45pm

4th Thursdays 12:15-1:00pm

The same topic is discussed both days so pick the one that better fits your schedule.

Upcoming getFED Topics

January	February	March
Who is my neighbor?	Collaborations Across the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston	"60yrs of Women's Contributions" Women's History Month
April	May	June
"Celebrating Essential Elements" Volunteer Appreciation Month	To be announced	"Understanding Annual Black Bag Collection"
July	August	September
"Summer Learning	"Summer Learning	To be announced

Series"	Series"	
October	November	December
FY26	FY26	FY26

Click [HERE](#) to register for Formation workshops & trainings

JINGLE BINGO RECAP

Over 30 people attended this event on Dec. 5th at St. Dominic's Village Auditorium



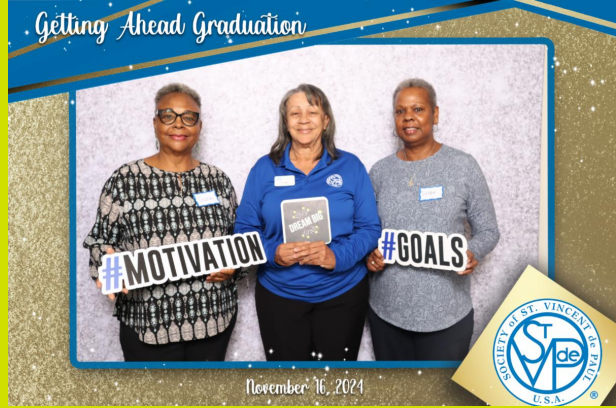
Santa's Helpers District 6 wrapped presents for children in need at their annual Christmas Party.



Systemic Change Initiative:

Getting Ahead Program

Neighbors in need must
Apply Now
for the January 2025 class



SCAM ALERTS:

Stay ahead by learning about these common scam types.

Business email compromise scams

You receive an email from your supplier/vendor requesting money be sent to a different account. The supplier/vendor email appears to be familiar, but this is a scammer who obtained access to the network of your supplier/vendor.

Check washing

Check fraud in which a scammer steals a completed, signed check from a mailbox or postbox, uses household chemicals to erase everything but the signature and then rewrites the check to send money to themselves.

Payment scams

Be wary if you are urged to make a purchase or payment for a neighbor in need through an unfamiliar bank account.

Fake housing rental

Scammers set up a fake website that lists a house for rent. You send your neighbor in need's first month's deposit to the scammer who is pretending to be the landlord/owner. The house is actually being sold by the real owners.

Fraudulent mortgage closing

A person receives an email or text message that looks similar to the real estate agent's contact info that indicates there is a last-minute change to the wiring instructions and instructs you to wire closing costs to a different account.

IRS scams

Scam artists are pretending to be IRS officials. They call, email, or text claiming a person owes back taxes or there's a problem with the tax return. They even rig caller ID to make their call look official to play on a person's fears.

Grandparent scam

You receive a text message from someone claiming to be a grandchild or loved one asking for money to help with an emergency and instructions on where to send the funds.

Impersonation scams

Scammers pose as a legitimate company and request personal information, or a payment transfer in order to make things "right" on the account. They might also use a fake caller ID that could show up as a legit company's number. Always asks them to verify their identity and the account associated with the Conference.

Tech support scams

Fictitious claims that your computer has malware and requests payment to fix the defects or requests to access your computer to fix the "issue".

QR code scams

When scanning QR codes, always use your smartphone's default camera app to avoid scams and potential fraud.

Scammers use 3rd party QR code scanner apps to direct users to fake or malicious websites designed to obtain your personal information.

Neighbors who have been a victim of a scam should

- Report the scam to the [BBB Scam Tracker](#) and the government via the [FTC Report Fraud site](#).
- Report scammers directly to the [FBI](#).

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