



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

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Rule 2.5 The Spirituality of St. Vincent

Members of the Society are inspired by his spirituality and manifest his attitudes, thoughts, example and words.



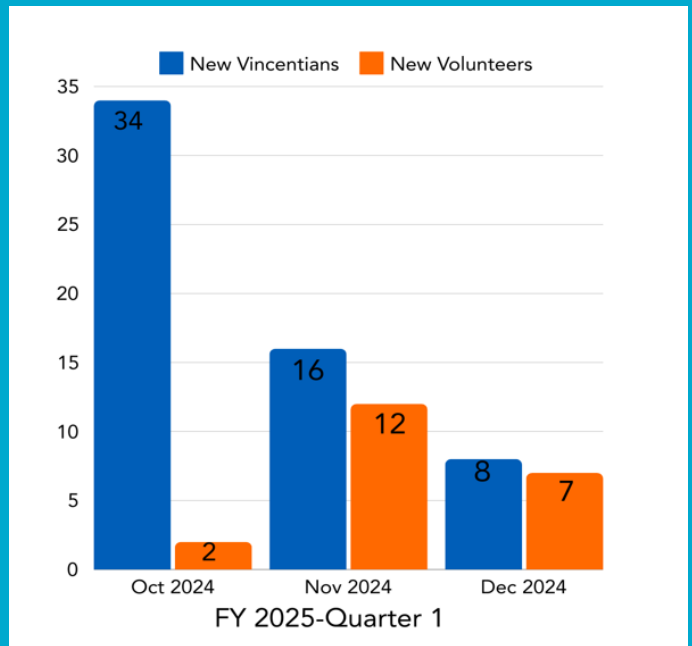
Be the face of Christ. See the face of Christ.

FY25 Q1

October 2024 - December 2024

\$392,889

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Archdiocesan Council President Election Timeline:

- The deadline to submit nominations to our Council Office is **April 15, 2025**.
- Names of persons nominated, who agree to serve if elected and meet the requirements of this position, will be submitted to all District Presidents by **May 1, 2025**. All

nominees will complete an Autobiographical Statement and Platform Statement that will be distributed.

- District Presidents will share candidate information within their District Conferences and ask that each Conference prayerfully discern their choice for Council President and communicate their vote to their District President who will vote by secret ballot at the **July 14, 2025** Council Board meeting.
- The person having the majority of the votes will be duly elected and Conferences will be so notified by **July 18, 2025**.

This timeline will allow the newly elected Council President to “shadow” the incumbent President for a couple of months so that there is a smooth transition of responsibilities and will allow the new President to attend the National SVDP meeting in late August.

Full Archdiocesan Council Election Letter

Nominee Autobiographical Statement

Elections for Districts 4 & 6

The election of Conference Presidents will take place no later than **March 31st**.

This may be a normally scheduled meeting or a special meeting.

A process for breaking a tie must be established before the vote occurs.

Voting is done in the form of a secret written ballot.

The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee will present the candidates, distribute the ballots to the Conference Presidents (within that District), and collect the filled in ballots.

If established in advance, mail-in votes may be acceptable and would be included.

Members of the committee will count the ballots and report results to the Committee Chairperson.

The Committee Chairperson will then reveal the name of the person elected to the office of Archdiocesan Council President.

At no time will the ballot count be revealed to the members or the candidates.

If there are more than two candidates, the candidate who receives more than 50% of the total ballots cast becomes the President-Elect.

If none of the candidates receives this simple majority, the Committee Chairperson will announce the two candidates with the most votes and there will then be a runoff election held as soon as possible.

There are times when only a single candidate comes forward and when this this occurs, the election process must still be followed and must still be a secret ballot.

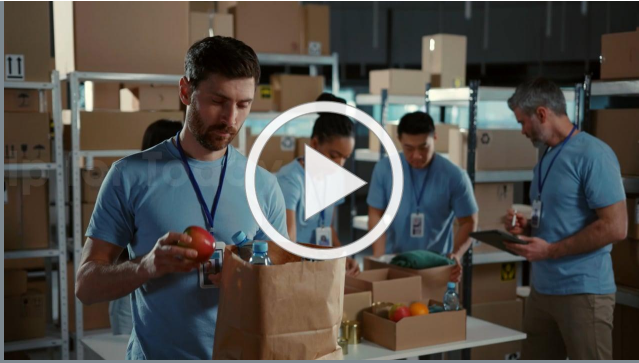
A “yes” or “no” vote must be cast; only the votes cast are counted.

If the single candidate does not receive a simple majority of approval, then the Nominating Committee must find other candidates.

Should there be no qualified candidates interested in the role of District Council President by **January 1st** when the Nominating Committee has to submit the names of candidates to the Conferences, then the Archdiocesan Council President is to be notified; the District will need to be disbanded and the Conferences report to other District Councils.

The Archdiocesan Council President will be responsible for working with the District Conferences discussing options for the District and will need the months of January through May to explore options.

Formation Registration



Don't miss
General Assembly
[RSVP HERE](#)

Saturday, January 25th
8:30AM - 1PM
St. Jerome Catholic Church-
Parish Activity Center
2749 Hollister Rd, Houston,
Tx 77080



ONE Society with essential virtues:

- Simplicity
- Humility
- Gentleness
- Selflessness
- Zeal

Open to New Engaging Experiences

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getFED:

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

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2nd Tuesdays 7:00pm - 7:45pm
4th Thursdays 12:15pm - 1:00pm

The same topic is discussed both days each month.
Pick the one that better fits your schedule.

getFED Topics for FY25

- **JANUARY 23, 2025 12:15PM-1:00PM- WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?**
- **FEBRUARY 11, 2025 7:00PM-7:45PM- COLLABORATIONS ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON.**
- **FEBRUARY 27, 2025 12:15PM-1:00PM- COLLABORATIONS ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON.**

OZANAM ORIENTATION DATES

FEBRUARY 15, 2025- (DISTRICT 7) ST. MICHAEL LAKE JACKSON 8:30AM-2:30PM	FEBRUARY 22, 2025- (DISTRICT 1) ST. ROSE OF LIMA 8:30AM-2:30PM	MARCH 5, 2025- (DISTRICT 5) LOCATION TBD 8:30AM-2:30PM
APRIL 12, 2025- (DISTRICT 3) ST. FRANCIS DE SALES 8:30AM-2:30PM	JUNE 7, 2025- (DISTRICT 6) ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA 8:30-2:30PM	VIRTUAL OO TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025 6:30PM-8:30PM THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025 6:30PM-8:30PM

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Home Visit Training FY25

TO BE ANNOUNCED
by
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Continuous Funding Opportunity

We are thrilled to share with you a glimpse of the profound impact our Getting Ahead program has

had on participants, all made possible by your generous support:

*"The biggest impact Getting Ahead has had on me was **giving me hope**. I deal with a lot of depression and suicidal thoughts, and I needed to know that I was not alone and that God would take care of me. Then, I was offered a chance to do 'Getting Ahead.' There I learned that I am not alone... other people are dealing with all kinds of difficulties and trying to make their lives better. Some of the classes were about money management and budgeting, but I got more out of the new ways of thinking... Emotional intelligence is very important not just in my personal life but in my professional life. I hope to be returning to school to become an MRI Tech. I am **excited to change my life for the better** and use what I learned in the program... So I have exactly what I need to be successful."*

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AUDIT TIME

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Vincentian-led organization that has the same financial functions as a business. It recognizes revenues, incurs expenses, and provides monetary support to numerous families in need of financial assistance. In addition to Conference Treasurers, the Society has a Council Finance Department for oversight to review, process, and record financial transactions.

Annually, the Board of Directors, along with the Finance Committee, approves a report of financial activity, which is required to be audited and reviewed by a certified public accounting firm. This independent external audit includes assessing internal controls, compiling financial statements and related disclosures, and testing a sample of financial transactions (**both at the council and conference level**) of the past fiscal year. Additionally, the audit tests compliance with the single audit requirements related to applicable federal programs which include the food we receive from the USDA.

Submitting Conference Reports on time ensures successful auditing. All Conference reports must be **completed by the 30th of the following month**. The Finance team strongly encourages all conferences to submit your report by the 20th of the following month to help ensure a successful consolidation of the results.

To learn more, visit your **Vincentian Portal on the website**. You will find the link to the Conference Treasurer's Manual at the bottom left. This document contains internal control guidelines, instructions on conducting your conference's annual internal audit, as well as other useful information.



SVDP Conference
Treasurer's Manual

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