

# **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

## **Orientation Program**

### **Session 2**

**February 25, 2021**



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# SVdP Member Orientation Program

## Session 1 - SVdP Operations



- Date/Time: Thursday, Feb 25 (7- 8 pm)
- Delivered By: Dan Manack, Gary Mayerick, Russ Keenan
- Topics: Vincentian Rule, Conference, Online Resources

## Session 2 - SVdP Overview

- Date/Time: Thursday, Mar 4 (7- 8 pm)
- Delivered By: Deacon Mike, David Rosengrants, and Tim Williams
- Topics: Vincentian Heritage, Mission, Vocation, Spirituality

## Session 3 - SVdP Help Line

- Date/Time: Thursday, Mar 11 (7- 8 pm)
- Delivered By: Linda Dickson and Janice Mappes
- Topics: Vincentian Help Line

## Session 4 - SVdP Home Visit

- Date/Time: Thursday, Mar 18 (7- 8 pm)
- Delivered By: Janice Mappes and George Bednarz
- Topics: Vincentian Home Visit



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# Agenda

- Opening Prayer – Deacon Mike
- SVdP Organization Overview - Dan
- The Rule – Gary
- The Conference – Gary
- Online Resources – DB and Conference Website - Russ
- Open Discussion and Questions - All

Note: Tonight's session is being recorded for those unable to attend



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# Opening Prayer

Father, we ask you to provide all that we need as we do the work you have given us. Fill our hearts with your love, help us to listen with compassion and to speak with kindness and confidence. Clear the way before us, so that those we visit will be able to receive not only the material goods, but also our love and blessing. Amen



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# SVdP - An International Society

Today after 187 years in existence

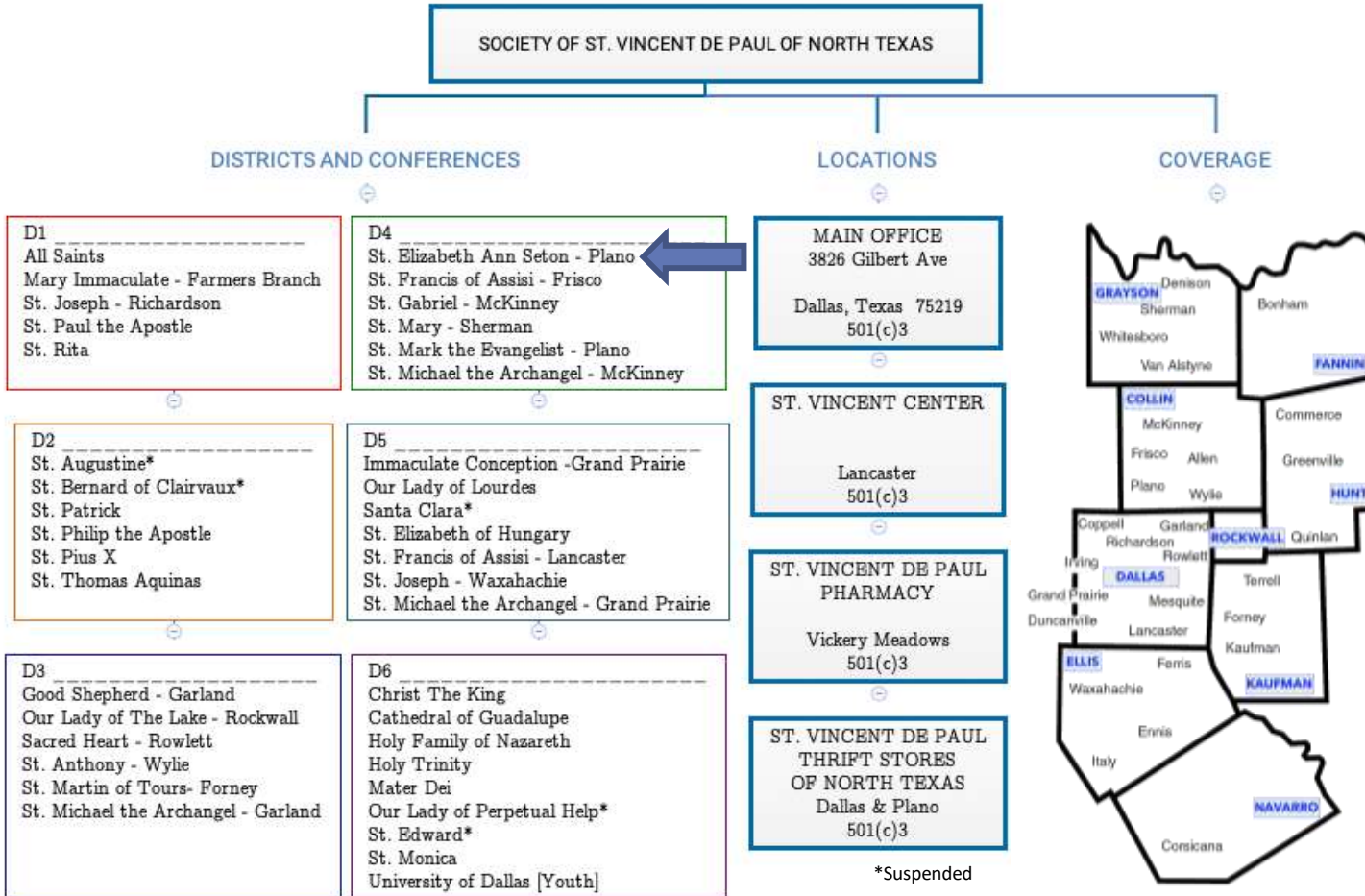
- We hold a presence in 153 countries (12 Regions)
- Have 800,000 members
- Serve 30 Million people around the World.



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# SVdP North Texas Organization



## The Numbers

<b>750</b>	Volunteers
<b>40</b>	Parish-based Conferences
<b>5</b>	Facility Locations
<b>9</b>	County Service Area
<b>65</b>	Years in Service
<b>92%</b>	Percent of donated dollar for services



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# **Rule of the International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**



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# Our SVdP Rule

- Our Rule states:
  - *“Vincentians are called to journey together towards holiness.... they aspire to burn with love of God as revealed by Christ and to deepen their faith and fidelity”*
- Our Rules gives us a way of life, it expresses who we are as Vincentians. It is a way of wisdom where we find that the union of prayer and action is fundamental to authentic holiness.
- Given to us by Blessed Frederic Ozanam, it has been used by Vincentians for more than 187 years.
- Those that live by the rule have lives that radiate:
  - The love of God
  - The love of the Society
  - and love of those who are poor.



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# Our SVdP Rule

- Our Rule Captures the heart of the Essential Elements of the Society
- Our Rules creates a free and open space in our lives for **Spirituality**:
  - Where the loving presence of God can touch us and set us free to love.
  - It teaches us how to pray and reflect so that we can find that we are first loved by God.
- Our Rule calls us to **Service**:
  - By instructing us how to discipline our heart and mind so that we can be generous with our time, our possessions and ourselves in our mission of charity.
  - It is in our loving service that the poor can catch a glimpse of God's great love for them.
- Our Rule joins us together in **Friendship**:
  - Where we encourage each other in a spirit of prayer, sharing, listening, and gathering.
  - We mutually sustain each other by our friendship and discipleship.
- Living the Rule, in the context of an active SVDP Conference, can truly transform your life.



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# The SVdP Rule Handbook

- The Rule contains information, rules and guidelines for:
  - The Origins of the Society and Services
  - Vincentian Spirituality and Vocation
  - Members, Conferences, Councils
  - Relationships within the Vincentian and Catholic Network
  - Relationship within the Church Hierarchy
  - Other Relationships
  - Relationships with Civil Society
- From a practical point of view, the Rule tells us how to behave as Vincentians and as a conference
- All the actions of the SEAS SVDP Conference are consistent with the Rule
- It is strongly recommended that you read the entire Rule Handbook.



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# SEAS SVdP – The Basics



SVdP Helpline

- Our engagement with our neighbors in need begins with their call into our helpline (972-532-9607)



SVdP SEAS Online Resources

- Once qualified, neighbor information is maintained in our SEAS/SVdP database that all members have secure access to



SVdP Advocates

- The assigned advocates (female & male) own the evaluation and make a recommendation on how to best address the need



SVdP Conference Mtg

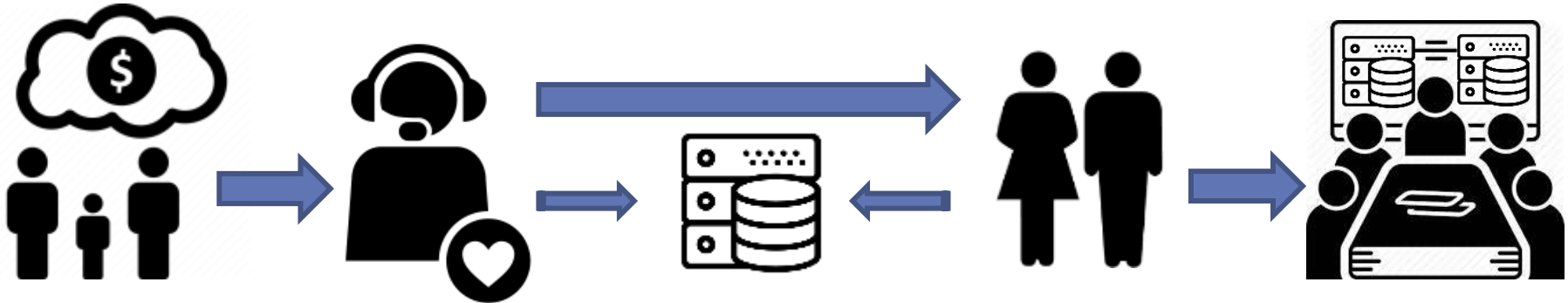
- The SVdP Conference (all members) reviews and votes on each recommendation.



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# How Does the SEAS SVdP Conference Operate?



**Neighbors in Need**  
(SEAS Parishioners  
or Zip = 75023)

**SVdP Helpline**

Warmly welcomes,  
reviews basic info,  
and creates/  
updates record if  
qualified

Then notifies "on  
call" Advocate

**SVdP SEAS Online  
Resources**

Single repository for  
all information on  
neighbor

Rich source for  
reference materials,  
local service  
organizations, and  
"how to" guides

Maintains schedules  
for members

**SVdP Advocates**

Contact Neighbor to  
listen and learn about  
situation details\*

Offer hope, guidance,  
& prayers

Input data and make  
recommendation in  
database

**SVdP Conference Mtg**

Meets for ~1 hour each  
Monday @ 7PM\*

Spiritual Reflection

Reviews all open  
recommendations and  
agrees (by majority  
vote) on decision

Advocates then work  
back with neighbor to  
close on request

\* Neighbor Contact (Home Visit) and Conference Meeting Via Phone Due to COVID. Normally in person.



# SVdP Conference Meeting Agenda

- Mondays @ 7 PM - Conference Room at Activity Center (WEBEX for the past ~year)
- Starts with an Opening Prayer (includes Prayer for Building the New Church)
- Spiritual reflection most often from Deacon Mike
- Roll call and approval of Minutes from previous week
- Weekly summary of activity (calls, fund balances, administrative items)
- Review of all advocate recommendations from the previous seven days
- Vote on recommendations (motion/second and conference vote).
- Opportunity to raise other items the Conference should be aware of
- Joke (s)
- Closing Prayer (including opportunity for intercessions)



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# Conference Meeting Preparation

- All Vincentians are encouraged to attend the weekly meetings if their schedule permits
- Advocates that have active neighbor support engagements are asked to update their client record with the latest information
- Each Sunday, a list of neighbors with open recommendations are sent to the Conference
- If possible, members are asked to spend a few minutes reviewing the proposed actions prior to the Monday call
- Most proposals are approved unanimously based on the neighbor record
- At times there may be discussion on other assistance options or request for more information



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# SEAS SVdP Membership

Member	Member	Officer	Advocate	Hotline	Database	Res. Book
George Bednarz	x		x			
Tom Birkett	x		x	x		
Linda Dickson	x	Secretary	x	x		
Kathy Grondin	x			x		
Mary Halsey	x		x	x		
Russ Keenan	x				x	
Dianne Landen	x		x			
Dan Manack	x	President	x			
Hanks Mappes	x	VP	x			
Janice Mappes	x		x	x		
Gary Mayerick	x	VP	x			
Mary Mayerick	x		x			
Pat McCormick	x					x
Susan McKeefer	x		x			
Greg McKeefer	x		x			
Carmin Murillo	x		x	x		
Rudy Murrillo	x		x	x		
Joe Orchowshi	x	Treasurer	x			
Raja Rethinam	x		x			
David Rosengrants	x		x			x
Mike Seibold	x	Spiritual Advisor				
Mary Vogds	x		x			
Richard Zenner	x		x			
Melonie Zenner	x		x	x		



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# SEAS SVdP Conference Assistance

Founded July 2014

Active members: 24

In our first six years, we have helped 3,998 families, with 10,211 members, with \$1,191,805 in assistance

Best practices:

Use of the Data Base

Response times as a Conference

Our Resource Book

Our Collective Wisdom

Challenges:

Need for new members

	People	Total
2015	1,176	\$160,837
2016	1,377	\$177,194
2017	1,800	\$223,859
2018	1,914	\$221,445
2019	2,043	\$225,226
2020	1,901	\$183,244
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,211</b>	<b>\$1,191,805</b>
	Rent	Families
2015	172	\$92,334
2016	171	\$90,181
2017	191	\$100,002
2018	223	\$106,943
2019	252	\$113,709
2020	281	\$114,503
	Utilities	
2015	128	\$36,135
2016	117	\$26,338
2017	161	\$33,234
2018	158	\$35,154
2019	189	\$46,690
2020	179	\$38,594
	Shelter	
2015	61	\$19,314
2016	61	\$18,120
2017	155	\$40,589
2018	107	\$30,736
2019	94	\$24,071
2020	77	\$18,268



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# SEAS SVdP Monthly Assistance

	YTD						
	<u>Avg/Mo</u>	<u>Year 6 Avg</u>	<u>Year 5 AVG</u>	<u>Year 4 Avg</u>	<u>Year 3 Avg</u>	<u>Year 2 Avg</u>	<u>Year 1 Avg</u>
<b>Hotline Calls</b>	105	100	107	102	109	104	116
<b>Home Visits</b>	61	60	64	58	59	38	34
<b>Clients Helped</b>	65	62	68	61	62	43	37
<b>Children</b>	70	79	83	98	88	72	61
<b>Spouse</b>	18	18	19				
<b>Funds Raised</b>	\$17,456	\$19,416	\$19,172	\$18,020	\$18,294	\$17,341	\$13,699
<b>Funds Dispersed</b>	\$18,383	\$15,229	\$18,769	\$18,454	\$18,655	\$14,766	\$13,403



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# SVdP Online Resources

- Eight years ago, St. Monica SVdP was using index cards to maintain information on neighbors being assisted.
- Many other conferences were using an Excel spreadsheet, but the need was for a base record and history for each neighbor assisted
- The current SVdP database was developed to meet that need and is now used by 13 Conferences!
- This is a secure system, available 24/7, that is used to record all interactions with our neighbors.
- It provides robust create, update, search and reporting capabilities enabling the Conference to efficiently administer all those that we assist
- We also have a comprehensive SVdP webpage that provides an abundance of links to tools, resources, reference materials and other helpful information.
- Session 1 is intended to simply display this information to you at a summary level
- Link to webpage: <https://parishplus.com/Seton/web.htm>
- Additional training will come in future sessions on the SVdP Online Resources



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# View Online Resources



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# Questions or Comments



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# Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the interest that these candidates have expressed in joining us in the work of SVdP. We are also grateful for the opportunity to assist our neighbors in their time of need. Strengthen and guide us all each day. Give us an awareness of your presence in our lives. Help our neighbors to walk the path with you that will lead to the resolution of these present needs and concerns. Amen.



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# APPENDIX



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# What Are the SVdP Volunteer Opportunities?



## SVdP Helpline

For the day when available (opt in)

Monitor Google Voice Mail (0 – 5)/day

Return calls to validate qualification or redirect

Update DB

Notify Advocate as required

1-2 hour of effort on average



## SVdP SEAS Online Resources

Review Local, State and Federal assistance services and update content on SEAS SVdP website

Assist with technology/useability issues

Work on as needed and when convenient



## SVdP Advocates

When available (opt in)

Update status on open requests

Receive inbound requests from Helpline

And then, contact neighbor for details

Update DB

2-3 hours of effort on average (i.e. 1 evening /week)



## SVdP Conference Mtg

All members are encouraged to attend

Open requests available in advance for review

Spiritual Reflection (Deacon Mike)

With the combined wisdom and empathy of the members, open requests are reviewed and decided.



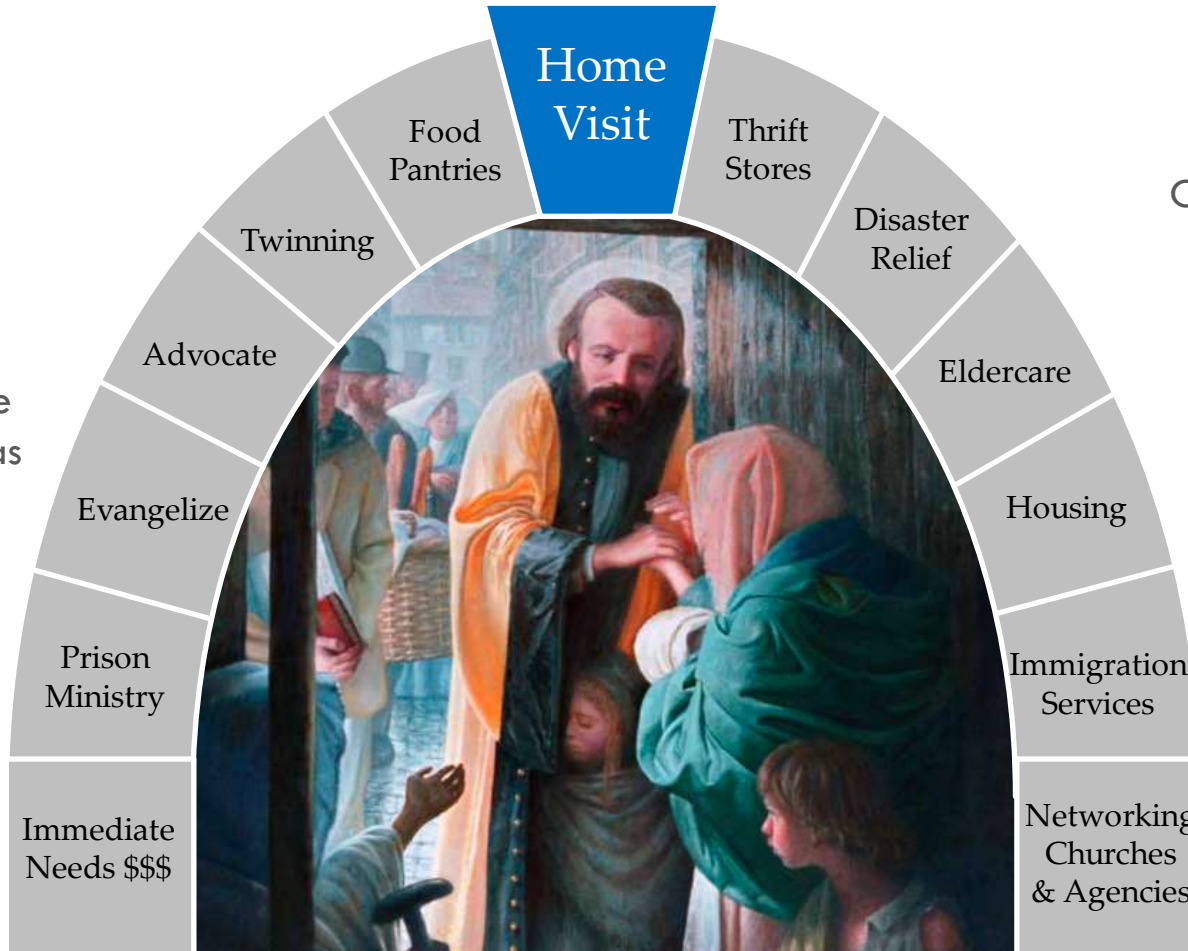
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# The Core Work of the Society

Serving in the United States since 1845, starting in St. Louis, Missouri

Ministering in the Diocese of Dallas since 1954



Coordinating services with Catholic Charities in the United States since 1910

Teaming up with CCD on Disaster Relief and Food programs



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