



Vincentian Formation 2023



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St. Vincent de Paul Georgia

Welcome to Ozanam Orientation!

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Inspired by Gospel values, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needing and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam and patron saint, St. Vincent de Paul.

Mission Statement

As a reflection of the whole family of God, members, who are known as **VINCENTIANS**, are drawn from **every ethnic and cultural background, age group and economic level.**

Vincentians are **united in an international Society of charity** by their spirit of poverty, humility and sharing, which is **nourished by prayer and reflection**, mutually supportive gatherings and adherence to a basic Rule.

Patron Saints

1581 - Vincent is born

1591 - Louise is born

1617 - Saw a need for organization and established **Confraternities of Charity (Ladies of Charity)** and taught them how to help the poor.

1625 - Established **Congregation of the Mission** to train Priests and Brothers to minister to the poor.

1633 - Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac co-founded the **Daughters of Charity**, non-cloistered, still the largest order of women in the world!



“You will go and visit the poor ten times a day, and ten times a day you will find God there!” Father Vincent

Frederic established the Society

1786 - Rosalie is born

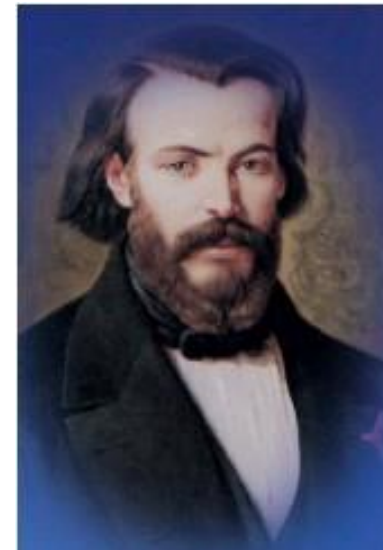
1811 - Frederic is born

April 23, 1833 - Frederic establishes the **Conference of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul** with Sister Rosalie's guidance.

The first members of the Society were determined to bring not only bread but **friendship** to the poor.



“Be kind and love, for love is your first gift to the poor. They will appreciate your kindness and your love more than all else you can bring to them.”



“I never prayed so well as I did in the streets.”

– Sr. Rosalie Rendu

April 23, 1833: The Conference of Charity



Frédéric Ozanam



Emmanuel Bailly
1st President



**Auguste
Le Taillandier**



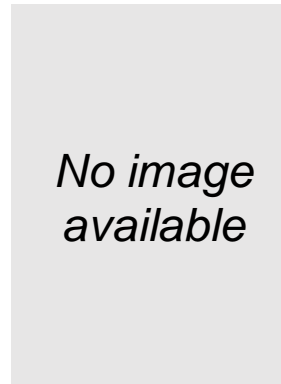
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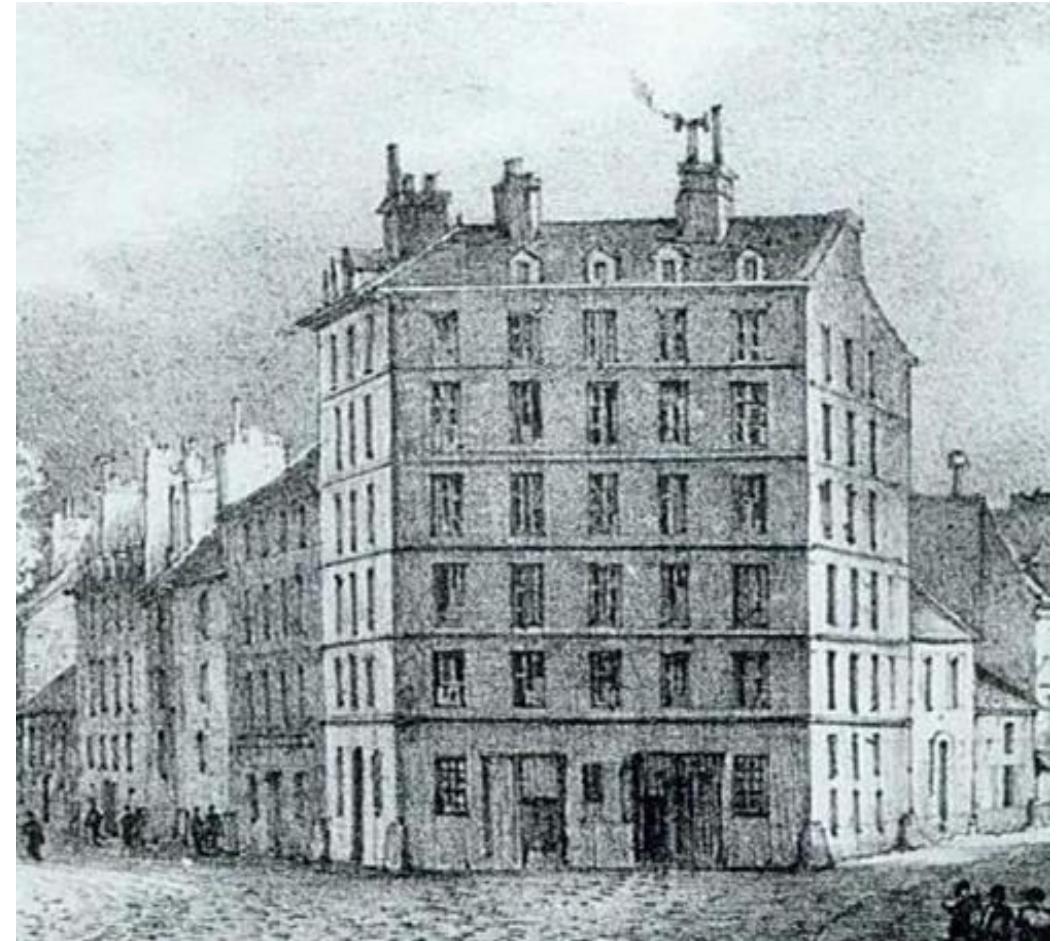


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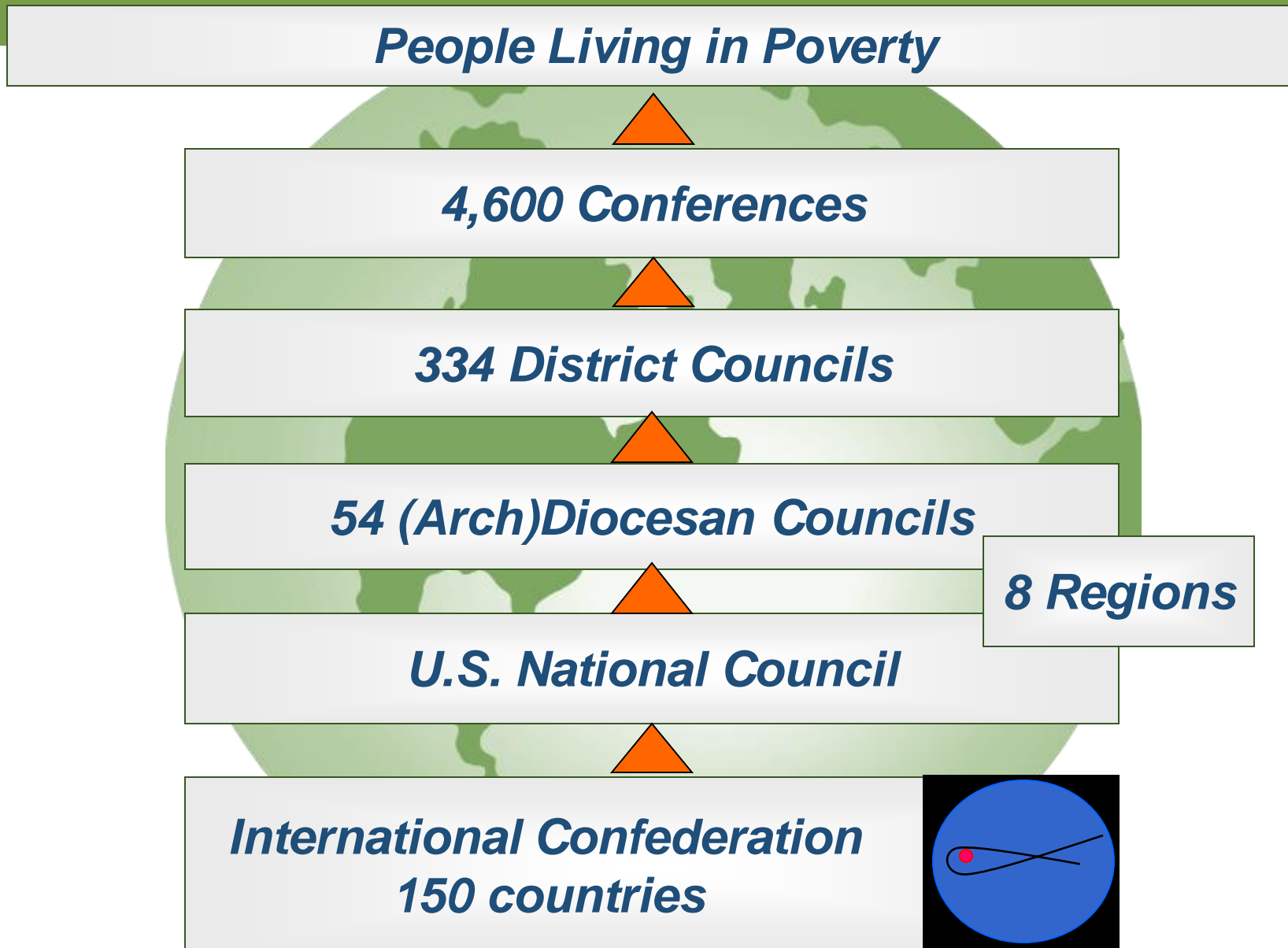


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Organizational Structure



The Vincentian Vocation

Essential Elements, Core Values, Spirituality, Discernment,
The Vincentian Pathway

The Vincentian

Essential Elements

- Spirituality
- Friendship
- Service

Vincentian Values

- Humility
- Simplicity
- Gentleness
- Selflessness
- Zeal

“The knowledge of social well-being and reform is to be learned not from books nor from the public platform, but in climbing the stairs to the poor man’s garret, sitting by his bedside, and feeling the same cold that pierces him.”

- *Frederic Ozanam*

Vincentian Favorite Scriptures

Jesus' Mission: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ... he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor...” **Luke 4:16-21**

Gospel Values: “Blessed are the poor...” **Matt. 5:2-11, Luke 6:20-22**

Last Judgment: “Whatever you did for the least of my brethren, you also did for me.” **Matt. 25:36-46**

Greatest commandment: “Love one another...Love your neighbor as yourself...” **Luke 6:32-37; Lk 10:25-28; Jn 13:34-35**

Service: “The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...” **Matt. 20:28**

Meditation on the Scripture

Vincentians regularly reflect and meditate on Sacred Scripture:

- **At home, using weekly or daily readings.**
- **In Conference meetings, using Vincentian Reflections together with the Spiritual Advisor.**
- **At Mass.**



Mary of the Immaculate Conception was chosen as patroness of the Society

Divine Providence

- The doctrine of Divine Providence asserts that God is in complete control of all things.
- **“Our little Society has grown large enough to be a providential fact”**
Trust that God will provide.
- Our daily lives are also guided by our belief in Divine Providence.
- Divine Providence is the governance of God by which He, with wisdom and love, cares for and directs all things in the universe.

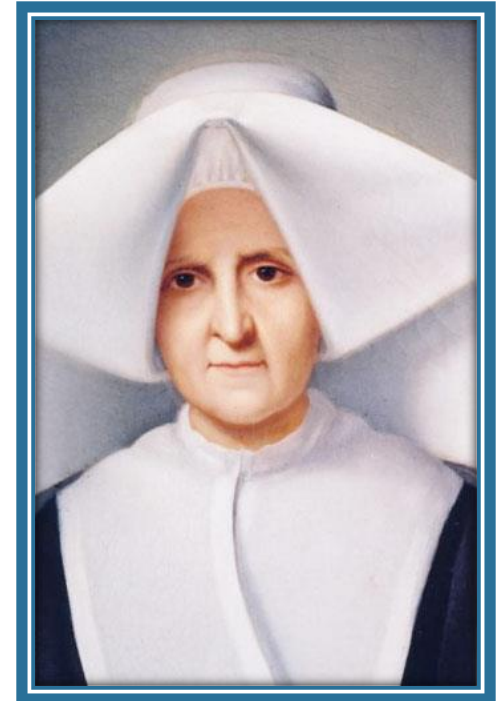
The Timeless Home Visit

Purpose, Process, Journaling and Resources

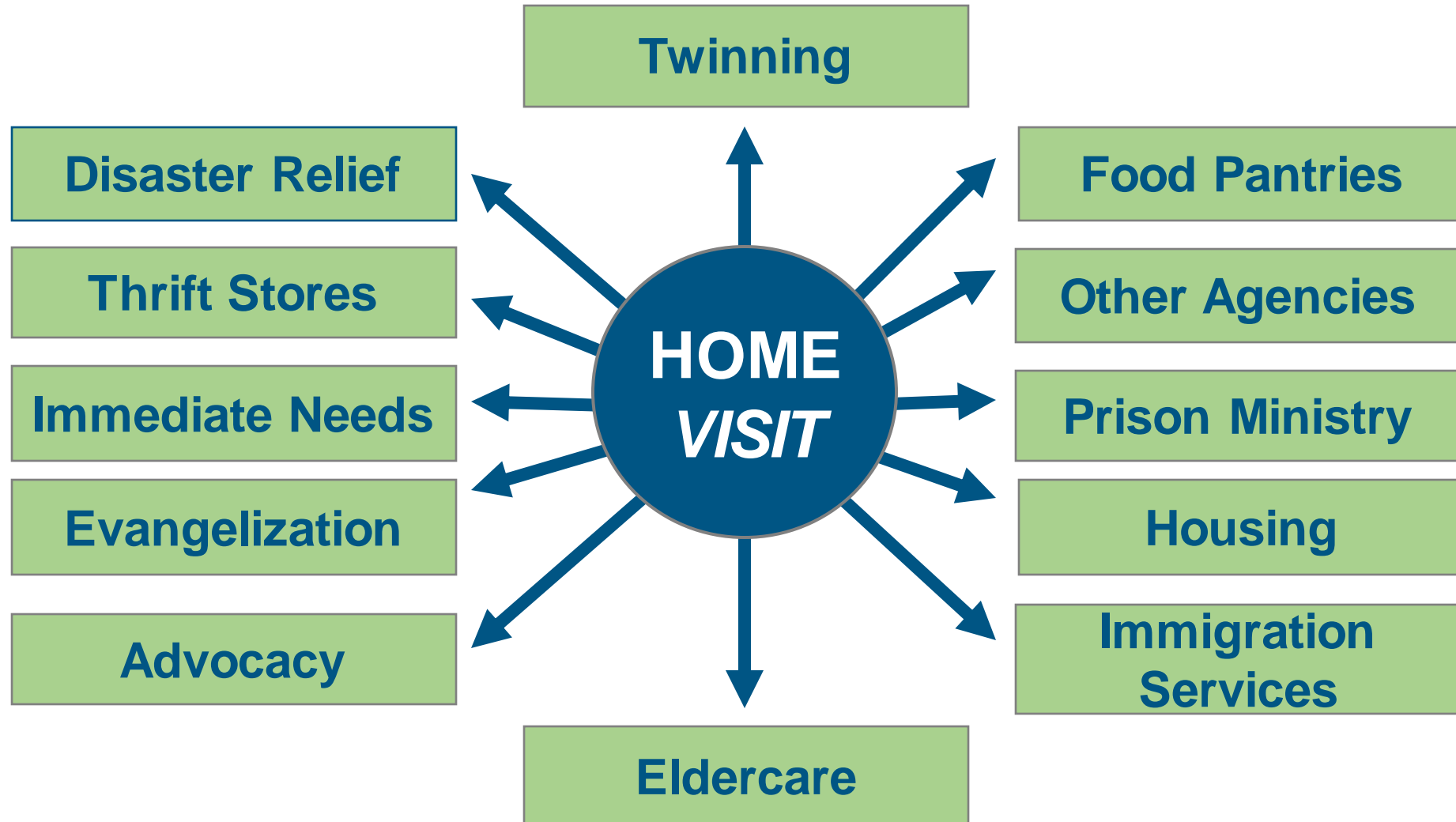
The Home Visit: Purpose

“To visit the poor in their homes is to know them, to see them as they really are, to understand their needs, and to give them help and comfort.”

Blessed Rosalie Rendu



The Home Visit: Two-by-Two



Transformational vs. Transactional

We are responsible for our effort,
not for our success.

Vincentians are called to journey together towards holiness.

The Rule 2.2



Resources: SPIRITUALITY

Weekly Vincentian **Prayers & Reflections** are available on www.svdpusa.org

The **Serving in Hope** series is available by contacting the Conference Support Center

Other Spiritual Resources
Commitment and Commissioning Ceremonies - Friday, October 28, 2011
Commitment and Commissioning Ceremonies for Vincentians. [pdf \(2011\)](#)
Canonization Prayer - Thursday, August 23, 2001
This is the official prayer for the canonization of Blessed Frederic Ozanam [read more](#) ...

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Vincentian Reflections

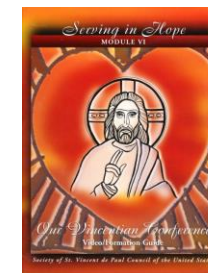
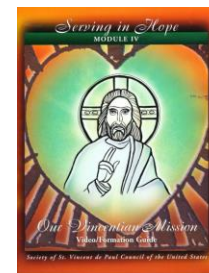
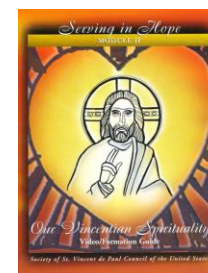
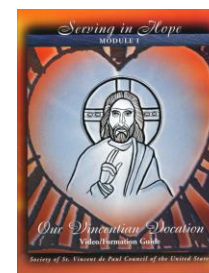


Vincentian reflections are a good guide for Vincentian meetings and discussions. The year is divided into easy to manage quarters for download. Spanish versions also available.

Vincentian Reflections-Quarterly

Title	Category	Size	Download
2011-4th Quarter	PDF	452.55 KB	Download
2011-4th Quarter	Word	681.00 KB	Download
2012-1st Quarter	PDF	621.47 KB	Download
2012-1st Quarter	Word	651.50 KB	Download
2012-2nd Quarter	PDF	636.78 KB	Download
2012-2nd Quarter	Word	571.50 KB	Download
2012-3rd Quarter	PDF	666.91 KB	Download
2012-3rd Quarter	Word	588.50 KB	Download
2012-4th Quarter	PDF	1.79 MB	Download
2012-4th Quarter	Word	1.40 MB	Download

Reflexiones Sanales Vicentinas

Title	Category	Size	Download
Primer Trimestre de 2012	Word	759.50 KB	Download
Primer Trimestre de 2012	PDF	685.51 KB	Download
Cuarto Trimestre de 2011	Word	681.00 KB	Download
Cuarto Trimestre de 2011	PDF	472.42 KB	Download



Next Steps

VirtusOnline.com

In compliance with with Archdiocesan ministry involvement, every Vincentian is required to take Virtus within the first year of service, the certification is valid for a 5-year period.

Coordination of Virtus training and background checks are managed by your parish safe environment administrator.

Waivers

Adult: <https://www.svdpgorgia.org/waiver-adult-volunteers/>

Youth: <https://www.svdpgorgia.org/waiver-youth-volunteers/>

Discernment Resources

The Rule (English & Spanish)

The Manual (English & Spanish)

Welcome presentation

Serving in Hope (English & Spanish)

Module 1: Vincentian Vocation

Module 2: Our Vincentian Spirituality

Module 3: Our Vincentian Heritage

Module 4: Our Vincentian Mission

Module 5: Our Vincentian Rule

Module 6: Our Vincentian Conference

Module 7: The Home Visit