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One Incredible Journey – And It Is Far From Over!

November 20 is a special date for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA. This date marks the anniversary of an event that changed the face of charity in the United States. A date that we celebrate with gratitude this year as we commemorate 180 years since the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in America.

In 1845, in St. Louis, Missouri, at the Basilica of St. Louis King of France ("Old Cathedral"), a small group of laypeople gathered to establish the first SVdP Conference in the United States. What they didn't know, and never could have imagined, was that this humble beginning would grow into a nationwide network of nearly 81,000 members serving our most vulnerable neighbors with dignity, respect, and genuine friendship for nearly two centuries.

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THIS WEEK'S FEATURE



SVdP Joins Catholic Mobilizing Network in Jubilee to Alabama

By Ingrid Delgado, National Director of Public Policy and Advocacy



2025 is a [Jubilee Year](#) which Pope Francis designated as a time to rededicate ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope." Honoring this Biblical Jubilee tradition of reconciliation and pilgrimage, earlier this month, I was blessed to join the [Catholic Mobilizing Network](#) in a Jubilee Experience to Montgomery and Selma, Alabama - along with Michael Acaldo, Connie Steward, and Paula Gwynn Grant. We had a very full but deeply moving two-and-a-half days walking in the footsteps of civil rights leaders, reflecting on historical racial injustices, and recognizing injustices that continue today. Perhaps most inspiring, though, was learning about the Catholic leaders that were on the side of justice during the civil rights movement, and the Catholic Church's work that continues in needy areas of Alabama today. Although the Jubilee year will soon come to an end, may we continue to be pilgrims of hope who seek justice for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: A parishioner has come to us asking if we could help with a loan of around \$2,000 for a real estate problem that may keep the lender from foreclosing on her home. Is this allowed?

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Q: Our annual budget is about \$120,000 plus food. We request grants to finance our activities. Recently, we have been turned down due to the lack of certified statements. Given that an audit would have little value aside from this requirement, is there any SVdP policy on Conference audits?

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FAITH IN ACTION. ROOTED IN LOVE.

Local Catholics Carry On St. Vincent de Paul's Mission to Serve the Poor

By Mirya Muñoz-Roach, Northwest Catholic



The mission of St. Vincent de Paul is very much alive in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Nearly 200 members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) from parishes across the archdiocese gathered at St. James Cathedral in October to celebrate a Jubilee Mass commemorating the 400-year anniversary of the Congregation for the Mission of St. Vincent de Paul. [Read more...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00pm CDT
[Multicultural Diversity Committee Meetings](#)

Friday, December 5 at 2:00pm CDT
[Poverty Action Committee First Friday Webinar - Reentry Programs](#)

Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00pm CDT
[Leadership Training: Effective Conference Meetings](#)

Tuesday, December 16 at 1:30pm CDT
[Getting Ahead 101](#)

Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30pm CDT
[Getting Ahead 101 \(Second Session\)](#)

Tuesday, December 23 at 7:00pm CDT
[Multicultural Diversity Committee Meetings](#)



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