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5 Things You Need to Know

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John Berry
National President

From Transactions to Relationships: A Vincentian Examination of Heart

There is a quiet shift happening in many places that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul cannot ignore. Some forms of our charitable work, even when generous, are drifting from relational to transactional – from presence to process, from shared life to “service delivery.” The Society was never founded to be a distribution system of help, but a living network of faith, friendship, and transformation among and with those who are poor. When our works become an exchange instead of a relationship, we risk losing something essential in our Vincentian identity. [Read more...](#)

A MESSAGE FROM CFO KEVIN PRIOR ON 1099s

Anyone who has worked with 1099s is familiar with the \$600 annual limit per payee that triggers the need to generate one. This limit has been the same for a very long time (decades). Some good news – this limit, effective for payments made January 1, 2026 and forward, has been raised to \$2,000, and this limit will be “indexed” each year for inflation.

What does this mean for SVdP? This will certainly reduce the number of 1099s that need to be issued each year and, for some Conferences and smaller Councils, may eliminate the vast majority of these required forms.

Note: the IRS updated instructions are not yet published (last revision is from April 2025). We will post them on our website as soon as available.

As always, good recordkeeping is still very important.

-Kevin Prior, CFO, SVdP USA



IT'S A MIDTERM ELECTION YEAR

While Election Day is months away, now is a meaningful time to learn how faith-based advocacy can help shape policies that affect people in need.

SVdP advocacy is rooted in Vincentian values and informed by what volunteers see every day through person-to-person service. Our work is nonpartisan and focused on protecting human dignity, strengthening families, and preventing homelessness and poverty.

Interested in learning how SVdP engages in advocacy and how you can add your voice? [Learn more about advocacy](#) at SVdP, and [visit our online Action Center](#).



FAITH IN ACTION. ROOTED IN LOVE.



Local Volunteer Honored at MLK Mass for Service at SVdP Among Other Organizations

Hayley Preusser, senior at Nerinx Hall High School in Webster Groves, Mo., is one of 29 teens from Catholic parishes and high schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis who were honored with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Model of Justice Award on January 18 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis. Preusser was honored for her active service to people in need at various organizations, including SVdP's food pantry at the St. Pius V Catholic Church. We are grateful for individuals like Preusser who care deeply for populations experiencing homelessness and poverty. [Read more...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 26 at 12:00pm CDT
[Getting Ahead Practitioner Call](#)

Wednesday, January 28 at 5:30pm CDT
[Getting Ahead Facilitator Training](#)

Friday, January 30 and Saturday, January 31
[January 2026 National Board Meeting](#)
(Vincentians may listen in)

Wednesday, February 4 at 5:30pm CDT
[Getting Ahead Facilitator Training](#)

Friday, February 6 at 2:00pm CDT
[Poverty Action Committee Book Club](#)



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