



# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE US SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

## Commissioning Ceremony

### Installation of a New Formator

**Leader:** As we gather together to commission           (Name)           as a Formator for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we pray that God's love will ignite your heart, capture your imagination, shape your dreams, and awaken possibilities.

May you be a disciple on fire with God's love so that your spiritual formation programs will bring new life to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

We pray that you will have the grace to be a Fire Holder!

### *(Alternate sides)*

- May you be a Fire Holder with a single-hearted ember which will ignite Vincentian spirituality in the hearts of others.
- May you be a Fire Holder aglow with joy and wisdom, being a catalyst for fellowship and friendship.
- May you be a Fire Holder seared and purified by the heat and heartaches of life, filled with compassion for those who are suffering and poor.
- May you be a Fire Holder filled with integrity and love for the heritage of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

**All:** God of fire, burst into flame into           (Name)           heart, fuel him/her into thankfulness and empower him/her to trust in you always. Amen

**President:** (The President presents the Formator pin)

*Receive this pin as the sign of your leadership and responsibility. May the Holy Spirit grant you a receptive mind and a loving heart so that you will to come to know the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac, Blessed Frederic Ozanam and Blessed Rosalie Rendu.*

I now ask you:

Do you promise to develop the Vincentian spiritual life of the members so that they may better understand the heritage and charism of our Founders.

**Formator:** I do, and I pray for the strength and wisdom to faithfully serve the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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**President:** Do you promise to help all members reach a deeper faith awareness of their spiritual journey and their Vincentian vocation?

**Formator:** I do, and I pray that we will all grow in spirituality and be filled with the grace to serve those who live in poverty as we foster friendship with each other.

**Leader:** (Name), you have generously accepted an important responsibility as a Formator in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. I now ask all of us here present to share in that responsibility by our prayers and support.

Let us now raise our hands in blessing as we pray together:

**All:** In the spirit of Jesus, as a servant leader, and in the name of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and Blessed Rosalie Rendu we commission you (Name) as a Formator of the (Region).

We ask for the grace that with your wisdom and leadership, we may together:

- grow in holiness,
- deepen our spirit of friendship with each other, and
- serve the poor in charity and justice, love and compassion.

For this we pray, Amen.