

## YOU'VE HEARD HIS CALL TO HELP OTHERS. ••• IS IT TIME TO ANSWER? •••

Dear

The commemoration of the 175th Anniversary of the arrival of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the US affords us an opportunity to celebrate the impact of the Society in our community, as well as the spiritual growth in the lives of the Vincentians who preceded us and our own lives!

Our impact in our community is heightened because we work together as a Society; our individual efforts are magnified because we are part of a much bigger whole. This is also true for our efforts to share our stories and invite others to experience the joy of being a Vincentian.

In conjunction with our Anniversary celebration, we are enthusiastically initiating a council-wide effort to share our collective story and to actively invite our fellow parishioners to join us in living out the call to grow in holiness as we serve others with a kind and gentle heart.

A comprehensive plan has been prepared, complete with promotional materials and guides – virtually everything necessary for the campaign – except for the most valuable and crucial piece of all – our Vincentians!

As the President of your Conference, your leadership in guiding the members of your conference through this plan over an 8-week period is critical.

The first step is to view the video that has been prepared for Conference Leaders: https://svdpstlouis.org/recruiting.

After viewing the video, access an outline of the next steps and all the documents and materials for the campaign at the same link.

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul will continue to impact the lives of our members and our neighbors as we have for the past 175 years largely because of the humble and committed servant leadership of leaders like yourself. Be assured of our gratitude, and more importantly of our prayers, as you continue to lead your Conference forward.

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