National Council of the United States,
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Inc.

Expectations of Individual Members

Answering Christ’s call, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul fosters hope by providing spiritual, emotional and material assistance on a person-to-person basis to those living in poverty, the lonely and the forgotten in our communities across the United States. The Society and its members adhere to a Rule and to the highest standards of excellence. We believe we see the face of Christ in those we encounter. We believe we are called to a lay vocation to serve those in need and each other as we grow in holiness and friendship with each other and offer ourselves as servant leaders in our mission of charity and justice. Therefore, each member agrees to:

1. Strive to grow in holiness.
2. Value the importance of friendship with fellow Vincentians and those we serve.
3. Regard home visits as the primary method of service to those in need.
4. Attend scheduled meetings and offer insight and wisdom regarding strategic and tactical matters of importance to the Society and those we serve.
5. Support fellow Vincentians in our Vincentian journeys.
6. Act in accordance with our Rule, Bylaws and Policies.
7. Be an advocate and voice for the poor.
8. Be in solidarity with the various levels of the organization.
9. Participate in major events as often as is possible.
10. Encourage twinning both domestically and internationally.
11. Support the Society with personal monetary contributions based on his/her own personal circumstances.
12. Offer self as a servant leader when called upon and to offer the gifts and skills granted to each one for the common good of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.
13. Be goodwill ambassadors for the Society to promote our mission, vision, values, and programs in our communities.