



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NATIONAL FOUNDATION



Ralph
Middlecamp

President,
National Council of
the United States

In 2017, Ralph Middlecamp took office as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's 13th National President. Ralph brings to the office the significant knowledge and talents that he had developed as Executive Director and CEO of the Madison District Council in Wisconsin, where he served from 1999 until his retirement in 2017.

He began his career with the Society in 1987 as a store general manager. During his 30-year tenure, the number of stores increased to seven, and he developed and built a free-standing processing center to manage goods donation intake, sorting, pricing and distribution, as well as the Center for Vincentian Charity. The Center has nearly 300 employees today, housing the administration of the District Council of Madison, serving as meeting place for District Council meetings and events, and accommodating client services intake, as well as the largest food pantry in the country, and the first standalone charitable pharmacy in Wisconsin.

In his career, Ralph not only grew the capacity of the stores, but also increased the Society's charitable services in Dane County, including men's, women's, and children's transitional housing programs, and a storage locker program for belongings of people who are homeless.

He has served on the National Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Stores Committee and Communications Committee, and on the presenting team of the Society's national leadership development program, Invitation for Renewal.

A native of Wisconsin Rapids, he received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1970. He was an organizer and former board member of the Community Meal Program and Luke House in Madison. Having received his Eagle Scout award in 1965, Ralph remained active in the Boy Scouts for many years. For the past 10 years, he has served on the board of directors of the Baraboo Range Preservation Association, a land-conservation program.

Ralph is married to Dr. Cathy Hurt Middlecamp, who is on the faculty of the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.