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National
Board Member

Raymond Sickinger currently serves as a National Board Member and the Chairperson for the Leadership Task Force.

Raymond became a member of the Providence College faculty in September of 1974. Since then, he has served in a variety of administrative and teaching positions. He retired from the University in December 2020 and is currently Professor Emeritus in the Department of History and Classics.

He served as Director of the Feinstein Institute from 2003 to 2012. He was Chair of the Department of Public and Community Service Studies from 2006-2012 and served as Chair of the Department of History and Classics from 2015 to 2019. His research interests in History have revolved around the Nazi Era in German History, the connection of superstition and folklore in popular culture, and especially the impact of faith and service in the case of Frédéric Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. In 2018, his book entitled *Antoine Frédéric Ozanam* received first prize for best biography from the National Catholic Press Association.

Ray has been an active member of the Society since 1985 and has served in a number of leadership positions, including Conference President, Council President, National Council member, and National Vice President – Northeast Region. He was Vice President for Vincentian Services from 2005 – 2011, Leader of Goal 4 (Systemic Change) from 2011 – 2014, and Leader of Goal 1 (Formation) from 2014 – 2016. Ray has served on the National Board of Directors of the Society since its inception. He has helped to produce numerous materials and videos for the formation of the Society's members and leaders.

Ray and his wife, Patricia, are active members of Our Lady of Good Help Conference and regularly do Home Visits together. Ray and Pat live in Burrillville, Rhode Island. Together they have a wonderful family of five children and seven grandchildren.