



# Honoring Heritage Embracing Change

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
2025 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
August 27 – 30, 2025

## Tuesday, August 26

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12:00PM – 5:00PM	Pre-Meeting Activity Options
3:00PM – 5:00PM	Registration & Exhibit Set-up
3:00PM – 5:00PM	Executive Director Tour (Limited Space)

## Wednesday, August 27

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7:30AM – 8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Rosary
8:00AM – 9:00AM	Morning Mass
9:00AM – 9:30AM	Hospitality Break
9:00AM – 5:00PM	Board of Directors Meeting
9:00AM – 3:30PM	National Stores Meeting
9:30AM – 4:00PM	Formation/Spiritual Advisors Training
9:30AM – 12:30PM	Executive Director Meeting
10:00AM – 5:00PM	Multiple Optional Tours (Limited Space)
12:00PM – 1:00PM	Vincentian Group Lunch
1:00PM – 4:00PM	DSC 360 (Disaster Services Workshop)
5:30PM – 6:30PM	Welcome Reception
	Dinner on your own

[Access Workshop Speaker Bios](#)

## Thursday, August 28

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7:30AM – 8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Rosary
8:00AM – 9:00AM	Daily Mass
9:15AM – 9:45AM	Hospitality Break
9:45AM – 10:45AM	Presidential Welcome
10:45AM – 12:00PM	Keynote Address with Gregg Colburn
12:00PM – 1:00PM	Vincentian Group Lunch
1:15PM – 2:15PM	<b>Workshop Block #1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When a Reporter Calls: Making the Most of Media Interviews</li><li>• Finance for Conferences, Districts and Councils</li><li>• Living Catholic Social Teaching in Our Vincentian Vocation</li><li>• Vehicle Donation Fundraising</li><li>• Homelessness Prevention Bootcamp</li><li>• Water Works Presentation - <i>A Getting Ahead Success Story</i></li><li>• Discernimiento y Consenso, Buscando la voluntad de Dios <i>(Presented in Spanish)</i></li><li>• Stores Workshop - Thriftworks POS</li></ul>
2:30PM – 3:30PM	<b>Workshop Block #2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guiding Families: Building a Multi-Step Continuum To Financial Stability</li><li>• Letters from a Young Frederic Ozanam</li><li>• Love Creative to Infinity: Inspiration and Innovation from the Beginning</li><li>• A Simple Way to Get New Members: “Just Ask!”</li><li>• Centro Rendu: Poverty Alleviation through Community-Based approaches and Inclusive Practices</li><li>• Líder de Servicio Efectivo <i>(Presented in Spanish)</i></li><li>• Change a Life with \$500: SVdP First-Generation Scholarship</li><li>• Stores Workshop - Secure Retail POS</li></ul>
3:30PM – 4:00PM	Hospitality Break
4:00PM – 6:00PM	Regional Meetings
6:00PM	Dinner on your own
8:00PM	Concert Performance

## Friday, August 29

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7:30AM – 8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Rosary
8:00AM – 9:00AM	Vincentian Group Breakfast
9:30AM – 10:45AM	Keynote Address with Dr. Andrew Abela
11:00AM – 12:15PM	Spiritual Retreat - "Rekindling the Fire: A Reflection on Love and Mercy"
12:15PM – 1:30PM	Vincentian Group Lunch
1:45PM – 2:45PM	<b>Workshop Block #3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What are our elected officials doing in DC, and what is the Vincentian response?</li><li>• Financial Literacy - <i>The Key to All Systemic Change</i></li><li>• Rooted in Spirit, Ready to Serve</li><li>• The Importance of Governance (John Hallissy)</li><li>• Behind Bars, Beyond Barriers: <i>Reentry from the Inside Out</i></li><li>• There's No Place Like Home: <i>How to Launch a Motel to Home Program in Your Community</i></li><li>• Fundraising for Vincentians</li><li>• Visitas Domiciliarias Parte 1: Preparándome para un Encuentro con el Espíritu Santo (<i>Presented in Spanish</i>)</li></ul>
2:45PM – 3:15PM	Hospitality Break
3:15PM – 4:15PM	<b>Workshop Block #4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• So You Want to Hire an Executive Director - Unless You Shouldn't</li><li>• Do You Hear What I Hear?</li><li>• Governance &amp; Finance a Panel Discussion/Q&amp;A with the National President, Treasurer and Governance Chair</li><li>• How to Serve Pregnant Women</li><li>• Embracing Change for those Seeking Change</li><li>• Latino Engagement: From Getting Ahead to Systemic Change</li><li>• ServWare - Neighbor Assistance Management and Financial Reporting</li><li>• Honrando nuestra Herencia, y el Importante Papel de Hispano/Latinos (<i>Presented in Spanish</i>)</li></ul>
4:45PM – 5:45PM	Mass & Recommitment Ceremony
6:30PM – 9:30PM	Host City Event - Muhammad Ali Center

## Saturday, August 30

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7:30AM – 8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Rosary
8:00AM – 9:00AM	Retiring NCM Breakfast (By Invitation Only)
8:30AM – 9:00AM	Hospitality Break
9:00AM – 10:15AM	Keynote Presentation with Stephanie Land
10:30AM – 11:30PM	National Council Business Meeting – Part I
10:30AM – 11:30AM	<b>Workshop Block #5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sharing the Society with Our Clergy</li><li>• Living the Gospel in Every Encounter</li><li>• Restorative Justice: How Catholic Heritage Could Transform a Nation in Lockdown</li><li>• Forming Young Vincentians Through Meaningful Relationships</li><li>• Visitas Domiciliarias Parte 2: Cambio Sistémico - Transformando Vidas y Comunidades (<i>Presented in Spanish</i>)</li><li>• Prepare 2026 (Disaster Services Corporation)</li></ul>
11:45AM – 12:45PM	Vincentian Group Lunch
1:00PM – 4:30PM	National Council Business Meeting – Part II
1:00PM – 2:00PM	<b>Workshop Block #6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Our Essential Servant Leadership</li><li>• Governance Open Forum (Mike Syslo)</li><li>• Creando una sociedad más justa a través de la abogacía (<i>Presented in Spanish</i>)</li><li>• One Society, One Response (Disaster Services Corporation)</li></ul>
2:00PM – 4:00PM	Service Project at the SVdP Louisville Special Works Campus
2:15PM – 4:15PM	<b>Optional Committee Time</b>
5:00PM – 6:00PM	<b>Vigil Mass</b>
6:30PM – 9:30PM	Cocktail Reception & Closing Banquet – Cash Bars Only