



# National Council of the United States

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Michael Acaldo began his role October 1, 2024 as National Chief Executive Officer of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA. He supports more than 90,000 Vincentian members in 4,000+ parish-based Conferences across the country, helping them to grow spiritually, serve the poor, and help people out of poverty.

A native of Baton Rouge, Michael received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and his Master of Business Administration from Louisiana State University.

He has been a member of the Vincentian Family since 1990 when he began serving as the CEO of the SVdP Diocesan Council of Baton Rouge.

In his tenure in Baton Rouge, Michael led the St. Vincent de Paul Council to incredible growth. In 1991, he oversaw the founding of the Bishop Ott Shelter Program, which has since grown to five emergency shelters serving men, women, children, and families, and which provided more than 31,000 guest nights of shelter in 2023. In 1995, he helped establish the St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy, the first SVdP Charitable Pharmacy in the nation. The Baton Rouge St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room served over 300,000 meals to neighbors in need in 2023. And if that weren't enough, he's also the creator, host, and executive producer of the SVdP Beacons of Light television show, which has been on the air since 2006.

Michael is well respected within the Society, and within the larger Catholic community. He has received various honors for his work with the Society in Baton Rouge, including receiving the Benemerenti Medal from Pope John Paul II in 2002 for service to the Catholic Church; serving as a John W. Barton, Sr. Fellow for excellence in community nonprofit leadership, also in 2002; being inducted into the Catholic High School Hall of Fame in 2009; and receiving the inaugural St. Joseph's Cathedral Community Award in 2013.

Michael and Paula, his wife of over 30 years, are the proud parents of adult twin daughters and proud grandparents to Stella and Harvey.



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