



# Society of St. Vincent de Paul Northeast Ohio District Council

*Since 1930...Help for today...Hope for tomorrow*

## Start a St. Vincent de Paul Conference in Your Community

Is there no St. Vincent de Paul Conference in your parish, school, or community? You can help bring hope where it's needed most. Starting a St. Vincent de Paul Conference is a meaningful and practical way to serve neighbors in need; offering person-to-person support, compassion, and dignity right in your local community.

### Step by Step Guidelines

**Beginning a Conference is simpler than you might think.  
SVdP will guide you every step of the way.**

#### **1. Schedule an Introduction**

Contact our District Council office to set up an initial meeting and site visit. This helps you understand our mission, services, and the impact Conferences have in local communities.

#### **2. Secure Approval**

Obtain permission from your pastor, school administrator, or group leader to begin forming a Conference.

#### **3. Connect with Our Team**

Call Darlene Jones at 234-223-2933 or email [svdp@svdpneodistrict.org](mailto:svdp@svdpneodistrict.org) to:

- Learn about the formation process
- Plan a recruitment effort
- Receive guidance and support

#### **4. Host an Interest Meeting**

Invite those who want to serve to attend a brief, informal orientation. We'll share:

- What Conference members do
- How visits and assistance work
- The impact you can make locally

#### **5. Prepare for Launch**

Our team will meet with your group and provide:

- Informational materials
- A short video presentation
- A Q&A session to ensure you feel confident moving forward

#### **6. Establish Leadership**

Elect a Conference President and appoint additional officers to help guide your group.

#### **7. Begin Meeting Regularly**

Hold monthly meetings focused on:

- Prayer and reflection
- Fellowship
- Discussing how best to serve neighbors in need

#### **8. Serve with Compassion**



# Why Start a SVdP Conference?



- ✓ Meet real needs in your parish or community
- ✓ Build meaningful relationships through service
- ✓ Put faith into action in a practical way
- ✓ Create a lasting impact, right where you live
- ✓ Join a network of hundreds of local Vincentian volunteers – new friends at every turn

**With guidance from the SVdP Northeast Ohio,  
you're never working alone.**



## What Volunteers Are Saying:

*“Starting a Conference brought our parish together in a way we never expected. We’re not just helping people; we’re walking with them.”*

*“It’s simple to get started, and the support from the District Council made all the difference.”*

*“This is faith in action.  
You see the impact immediately in your neighbors’ lives and your own.”*



## You Don’t Need Experience, Just a Willing Heart

Whether you’re one person ready to lead or part of a group looking to serve, we’ll guide you every step of the way. You bring the compassion. We’ll help with the rest!

