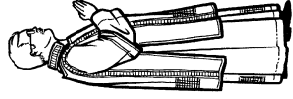
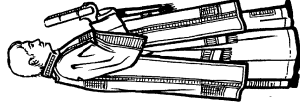
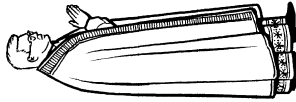
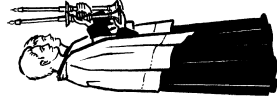
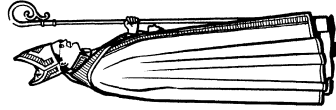
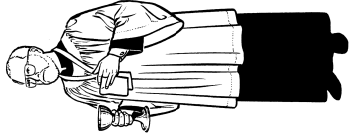


We are a group of Men, Women, Boys, and Girls who believe we are called by God to serve as Lay Ministers in one or more of the following areas:

- Acolytes
- Acolyte Warden and Adult Leaders
- Altar Guild
- Bell Ringers
- Chaliciist (L.E.M. 1)
- Chorister
- Greeter
- Hand Bell Ringers
- Lay Readers
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers (L.E.M. 2)
- Lectors
- SubDeacon
- Sacristan
- Usher
- Verger



In recognition of this calling we agree to follow the following Rules of the Order

- To pray each morning and each night.
- To be faithful in the reading and study of Holy Scriptures.
- If physically possible, to be present at the Holy Eucharist every Sunday and Holy Day.
- To make due preparation before the service and to say the prayer of the Order.
- To receive Holy Communion every Sunday and Holy Day if possible and to be duly prepared through self-examination and confession.
- To render loyalty and cooperation to clergy and to the spiritual leaders.
- To always speak reverently of holy Things.
- To pray for the order and all her members.
- To pray for the unity of the Church.

By striving to follow these Rules we individually and collectively try to live up to the following Objects of our Order

- To promote holy living among our members.
- To promote loyalty and full cooperation to the clergy and lay leaders.
- To encourage regular attendance at the Holy Eucharist, and more careful preparation for its reception.
- To promote unity in Christ and friendship and camaraderie among lay ministers.
- To teach the complete Sacramental Faith as taught in the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, and promote the practice of the same.



Membership Application

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, & ZIP CODE _____

YOUR PHONE _____

YOUR EMAIL _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PARISH NAME _____

PARISH ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

PARISH PHONE _____

PARISH EMAIL _____

DIOCESE _____

Having served at least six months, affirm that I have read and understand the Objects and Rule of Life of the Order, and ask to be admitted into that Order and Rule. I solemnly promise Almighty God and the Council of Governors of the Order that I will faithfully keep the Rule and support the Objects herein printed. I further promise to annually renew my vows and pay my oblation as long as I shall remain an active member of the Order of Saint Vincent and to notify the Chapter Warden should I desire to become inactive, thereby relinquishing my privilege of membership including not wearing the OSV medallion, pins or patches of the Order thereafter.

In testimony whereof I hereunto sign my name this ____ day of _____, AD 20 ____

APPLYING LAY MINISTER

RECTOR'S/VICAR'S WITNESS AND APPROVAL _____

Circle or check one or more of the following ministries as applicable:

- Acolyte— Adult Chapter Leader —
- Lector/Lay Reader— Chalice
- Bearer (L.E.M. 1)— Lay Eucharistic Minister 2— Usher— Verger—
- Chorister— Sacristan (Altar
- Guild)— Greeter— Sub Deacon—
- Clergy— Other _____

Initial Application Fee: \$20 *
Annual Oblation:

- Adult Member: \$20
- Junior Member: \$5
- Life Member: \$150**
- Clergy or Associate
- Member: \$20***

Notes:

- * includes Bronze medallion
- ** includes gold alloy medallion
- *** Does not receive medallion (no initial fee required)

With the approval of the Director General, Chapters may choose to use common medallions for their Junior Members and purchase bronze medallions separately. With this option no initial fee is required

Please make checks payable to:
The Int'l Order of St. Vincent

mail completed application to:
The Int'l Order of St. Vincent
P. O. Box 1245
Summerville, SC 29484-1245
USA

These Rules are captured by each member in the development of our personal Rule of Life which include:

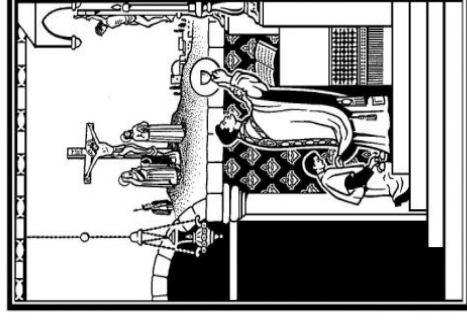
- Praying
- Worshipping
- Reading
- Giving

Our Long History and Tradition

Our Order dates back to 1882, when the first Guild of St. Vincent was formed at St. Clement's Church in Philadelphia, where the acolytes joined together in prayer, study, and training as a part of their service at God's altar. The Order was officially founded on the Feast of Vincent of Saragossa (22 January), 1915 at the Church of the Advent, Boston (which remains our oldest Chapter today) to serve Anglicans/Episcopalians in all of the North American countries. There, the Purpose, Objects, and Rule of Life were adopted by the Council of Governors consisting of clergy and laity with an advising Bishop.

In 1939, the OSV affiliated with the Scottish and British acolyte guilds. This affiliation brought acolytes throughout the Anglican

Communion into fellowship with and prayer for one another. In 1970, the Order opened membership to girls and women, and to all lay ministers involved in sacred service in 1979. The Governors voted in 1984 to continue affiliation with the newly formed "continuing" Anglican bodies and to, by word and example, call all Catholic Communities to visible and comprehensive unity. We are now truly a trans-Catholic order.



And if I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all men unto me. John 12:32

Amori Christi et Ecclesiae

(For the love of Christ and His Church)

For more information about our Order visit our website
www.OrderStVincent.org

What is The Order of St. Vincent?



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