



# Application for Chapter Charter

(three parish OSV members are required)

The International

# Order of Saint Vincent



Name of Parish \_\_\_\_\_, Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed name of Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Parish address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the Purposes, Objects, and Rules of the Order of St. Vincent (**see below**). I pledge before God that I will do my utmost to support and encourage the faithful application of these principles by all of the members of the proposed Chapter, and I will assure that the same persons fully comprehend the obligations they undertake when becoming members of the Order and the Chapter. I further pledge that the conduct of the proposed Chapter will comply with the Constitution of the Order of St. Vincent, knowing that failure to submit annual Chapter and member dues and roster to the office of the Order will be cause for the placement of the Chapter on inactive status. As such, no member may wear the OSV medal, and the Chapter may not display its Charter. I also understand that if the Chapter should remain inactive for three consecutive years, a new application for Chapter Charter must be made with full fees paid to reactivate the Chapter.

Signed this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, AD 20\_\_ . Name of Chapter Warden \_\_\_\_\_

the Rev'd \_\_\_\_\_ Signature X \_\_\_\_\_

(Rector, Vicar, or Priest in Charge)

## The Purpose of The Order of St. Vincent

- To emphasize a world-wide fellowship of lay ministers within the Catholic Communion of Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church
- To encourage every lay minister at our Lord's altar to have a progressive rule of life based on the Sacraments
- To instill within each lay minister an interest in proper liturgics within their branch of the Church
- To encourage knowledge, understanding and preservation of traditional rituals
- To pray that all members will consider their service as Lay Minister to be a vocation

## The Objects of The Order

- To promote holy living among its members
- To promote loyalty and full cooperation to 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 brotherhood among lay ministers
- To teach the complete Sacramental Faith as taught in the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, and to promote the practice of the same

## The Rule of The Order of St. Vincent

- To pray each morning and each night
- To be faithful in the reading and study of Holy Scripture
- To make due preparation before the service and to say the Order's prayer
- To attend Mass and receive Communion, if possible, every Sunday and Holy Day, and to be duly prepared through self-examination and confession
- To fully cooperate with, and support the clergy and other spiritual leaders
- To always speak reverently of Holy Things and when in Holy places
- To pray for the Order and all her members
- To pray for the unity of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church

## The Spirit and Motto of the Order:

***Amori Christi et Ecclesiae***

(For Love of God and Church)

Make check payable and send to

## The International Order of St. Vincent

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**Application Fee: --- New Chapter - \$35 --- Reactivate a dormant Chapter - \$35 --- Replacement Charter for presently active Chapter**