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Society of St. Vincent de Paul National Foundation Honors Bishop John Quinn With Founders' Award

At the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's National Assembly, held last week in Baltimore, the SVdP National Foundation honored recently retired Bishop John Quinn with its Inaugural Founders' Award.

The award recognizes Bishop Quinn's exceptional service and outstanding contributions to the National Council of the United States, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which provides resources, training, and spiritual development for more than 86,000 Vincentians nationwide.

Bishop Quinn was enthusiastically chosen as the inaugural recipient of the award, which will be given by the National Foundation annually going forward.

"Like the Society's original founders, Frédéric Ozanam and his friends, Bishop Quinn's contributions have had a lasting impact on the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and he has left a legacy of faith and service," said Chief Advancement Officer Ryan Carney.

Bishop Quinn served the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as its National Episcopal Advisor for 12 years, helping to advance the Society and champion its mission to his brother Bishops. A beloved figure within the Society, he also spiritually fed and guided the Society's leaders and Vincentian volunteers during that time.

More recently, he has served as Spiritual Advisor to the National Foundation, which works to support the work of the National Council and strengthens the Vincentian network of charity through financial support and other endeavors.

Bishop Quinn recently retired as Bishop of Winona-Rochester, but will continue to advise and support the work of the National Foundation.

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Since its founding in Paris in 1833, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has grown to 800,000 members in over 150 countries with 1,500,000 volunteers. Vincentians understand that service to a neighbor in need is an encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ, and are aware that poverty, suffering, and loneliness are present for millions in our communities. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's work is unique in that Vincentians offer tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. This aid may take the form of intervention, consultation, or through direct financial or in-kind service.

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