

Outline for New Member LOC Orientation

Opening:

Welcome members with a prayer and/or song and an overview of what they can expect from this session. Song Options: Servant Song, 'The Door is Open' at <https://soundcloud.com/famvineurope/famvin400-song> or the song of your choice.

1. Our Beginnings (What and Where)

a) *** *The story of our origin – Options include:*

- The Story of our Origin, LOC Manual, page 1 (included in attached documents)
- Video AIC Journey 1617 to Today - Link: <https://famvin.org/en/2016/08/21/august-22-1617-journey-aic-begins/>
- Vincentian Book, page 43

b) *LOC in the USA – Options include:*

- Ladies of Charity in the USA, Vincentian Book, pages 16-17 (in documents)
- LOC Manual, page 3 – last paragraph

c) → *Creation of our local association*

This will be different for each association – example in documents is from Metro Kansas City

2. Our Mission, Vision, and Virtues

a) *** *LCUSA Mission*

b) → *Local association Mission and Vision*

This will be different for each association; examples in documents are from Metro Kansas City and St. John's University

c) *LOC Prayer* – This is a communal prayer that members are encouraged to pray at 9 am. Monday morning prayer (page 24 in Manual)

d) *Virtues and Symbols*

- *** Virtues - *Options include:*
 - Charity, Simplicity, Humility – in documents is KC example
 - Could use LOC Manual, page 5
 - Could use Vincentian book, pages 63-76
- Colors – Royal blue and gold; Symbols – cross (faith); anchor (hope); heart (charity)

3. *** Our Saints – Our Inspiration (Who and Why)

- a) *St. Vincent de Paul*
- b) *St. Louise de Marillac*
- c) *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

Options include:

- In the documents are a set of information on all three saints. If you use these three documents, discuss how Ladies of Charity is the 'Strength' for St. Vincent, St. Louise, and St. Elizabeth Ann.
- Vincentian book, pages 11, 13, and 15 or pages 19-22
- Websites <https://vinformation.org/en>, <https://famvin.org/>
- If you choose something different, make sure the source you use is a Vincentian source.

4. Vincentian Service (How)

a) **Call to Service – Options include:**

- 3 Roads Homily by Fr. Dick Gielow, C.M.
- Serving with a Vincentian Heart video at <https://famvin.org/en/2018/08/19/ladies-of-charity-serving-with-a-vincentian-heart/> or at <https://youtu.be/6obsI57JISA>

b) *** → **Local association service opportunities** – this will be different for each association but could contain:

- What are the opportunities to serve?
- What are the fundraising opportunities?
- How can you get involved? – the contacts.
- Hours volunteered for the past year for your association.
- Amount raised and donated to benefactors for your association.

c) **Ladies of Charity USA and AIC International – Options include:**

- For LCUSA, could include examples of the LCUSA tri-fold, the multi-page history of LCUSA from the assembly program book, the Manual, and the Servicette.
- For AIC International, could include the Activity Report 2020-2023 that was in the assembly materials.
- St. John's University has created a PowerPoint that contains much of this information. See Section 4 PowerPoint in the documentation. Some of this

information is specific to St. John's University. A text for the PowerPoint is included in the documents.

d) Service Stories

The service stories in the documents are from Karen Brinker, the Spiritual Moderator for Metro Kansas City. These are two of her experiences from working at our Catholic nursing home. These are examples and are intended to inspire volunteerism. You are welcome to use these, but it would be better if you use experiences from your association for this section.

Closing:

Before closing, ask new members to introduce themselves and share their reasons for becoming Ladies of Charity, what inspired them from today, what service would they like to be involved with, etc. (If your group is large, you may choose not to do this.)

Pray a service prayer together. Options include:

- The Vincentian Mission Prayer by St. John Gabriel Perboyre, CM
- Prayer from Spiritual Writings of Louise
- Concluding Prayer

You may choose to close with a song as well as one of the prayers above. Suggested song is Vincent's Song – You Did it to Me. Link to this song is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9yx7vasHCo>

Additional Resources to offer members:

LCUSA: <https://aic.ladiesofcharity.us/>

AIC: <https://www.aic-international.org/en/>

FAMVIN: <https://famvin.org/>

Add your local website if you have one and provide this info to those attending the orientation.