Our Mission Statement
A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.
Approved April 14, 2018 SVDP-USA

Act of Love Prayer
O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because you are all-good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

Let us love one another for love comes from God.
1 John 4:7

In Remembrance
We Pray for Our Dearly Departed Vincentians
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Jack Godden
St. Eugene Conference

Eugene Horn
St. Roman Conference

Carol Runningen
Blessed Savior Conference

NEWS FROM THE CENTRAL OFFICE
Please share information with members of your conference who may not have email.

For information from Penny Krafczyk, Council President, regarding the progress of the search for a North side Thrift Store location, please click here.

Revision to Collection of W-9 Forms for Rent Payments
The SVDP National Office has notified us that it is not necessary to continue to collect W-9 forms from landlords when paying rent on behalf of our neighbors. It is suggested that we not file the forms to the IRS as we have not
done so previously. For the time being, please discontinue collecting W9 forms from landlords. Michelle Martin, Director of Finance, will provide notification if there is a change in this process. Thank you for all you do for those we serve!

**Voice of the Poor Committee**

2nd Saturday of the Month | 10:00am-Noon | 9601 W Silver Spring Dr.
Contact Dave Busch if you are interested in hearing more about how you can get involved.

**Minutes December 7, 2019**

January meeting canceled due to weather

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Welcome, Rebecca Surges, Director of Development and Communication!

Greetings, SVdP family!

I am thrilled to have accepted the role of Director of Development and Communication at St. Vincent de Paul Milwaukee’s Council Office. As a proud Milwaukeean - born and raised - the mission of our organization truly resonates with my personal values. As a double alumna of Alverno College in Milwaukee, I am passionate about the community in which I live and am excited to share this passion with others. My professional background is varied and includes work in philanthropy, partnership development, marketing communications, and enrollment management.

On a personal level, I am a self-identified “crazy cat lady” and enjoy spending time with my friends and family. I am a passionate thrifter and hope to see you at one of our local stores! Outside of work, I am a member of several Milwaukee organizations including Professional Dimensions, TEMPO Milwaukee EWL (Emerging Women Leaders), and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) West Suburban Milwaukee branch.

In my role as Director of Development and Communication, my vision is to create a philanthropic culture within the Society – one that allows our organization to expand upon the incredible impact we have on the Milwaukee community. My work will include corporate and foundation relations, grant writing, individual and major gifts, and special events. One of my first goals is to personally connect with our membership to introduce myself. I welcome the opportunity to meet you – an incredible friend of SVdP – and hope to engage in a conversation about how we can partner to further strengthen the impact of the Society on the Milwaukee community.

I can’t thank you enough for your ongoing partnership and support of the SVdP mission.

With gratitude,

Becca Surges

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Contact Us By Phone at 414-462-7837
We love to hear from you!

Vincentian questions on referrals, Melanie- Ext 107
Intake line for basic need requests- Ext. 110
Vincentian membership assistance, Maria Welz- Ext 109
Participant applications are still being accepted through Monday, February 17, 2020 for the Back2Work Program. Click on the image above for application information.

AREA MEETINGS

Reigniting the Vincentian Fire - 175 Years

In anticipation of the North Central Region (NCR) meeting to be held in Waukesha on June 11-13, 2020 we are focusing the theme for our area meetings to reflect the NCR theme. This is also in recognition of the 175th anniversary of the Society in the United States. Any guesses on when the first conference established in Milwaukee? (Click here for the answer!)

The All Area Meeting was held in January with presentations on our "Fire Starters" Our Vincentian Founders: St. Vincent, St. Louise, Bl. Frederic and Bl. Rosalie. Then, Vincentians shared stories, thoughts and suggestions about the "Spark in Vincentian Commitment". We invite you to consider a discussion as a conference about the spark in your conference. What do conference members need to be reignited? We encircled our meeting in prayer with A Prayre to Ignite the Fire of Our Vincentian Hearts and a Prayer to the Holy Spirit to kindle the Vincentian fire we need to grow and revitalize our conferences.

January 25, 2020 All Area Meeting Materials

In March, we will hold four local area meetings. We encourage you to attend the meeting in your own area so as to provide input and gather resources that focus on goals and plans for the revitalization of individual conferences and strategies for growth of new conferences. Please save the date as listed below. All are welcome! Agenda and details will be provided soon.

Save the Date

North East Area Meeting Tuesday, March 10th 6:00-7:15PM Holy Family Parish, Whitefish Bay
North West Area Meeting Thursday, March 5 6:30-7:45PM St. Margaret Mary Parish, Milwaukee
South East Area Meeting Wednesday, March 18th 6:00-7:15PM St. Roman Parish, Milwaukee
South West Area Meeting Tuesday, March 31st 6:00-7:15PM St. Gregory the Great Parish, Milwaukee
The Council has been working to provide support for conferences in their efforts to implement the ServWare data management system. Conferences can be informed of referrals right at the time of intake completion through email notification. Most conferences are using the system regularly to input home visit notes and assistance types and amount. If your conference has not attended a training session or would like to learn additional information about the features of this system, please [click here](#) to contact Maria.

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You are invited to partake in a **DAY OF RETREAT IMMERSED IN VINCENTIAN SPIRITUALITY**
**Saturday, February 15, 2020**

The Retreat is hosted by the St. Dominic Conference, Brookfield and will be held at:  
**St. Dominic Catholic Church**  
18255 W Capitol Dr, Brookfield, WI 53045  
Retreat will be held in the [Marcy Center](#) (Below the Main Church)  
(Park and enter on the South Side of the Church)

Presenters: Mary Steger, Joe Kruse and Deacon Rich Gulig

9:00AM  Registration and refreshments  
9:30AM  Opening Prayer and Welcoming  
10:00AM  Serving with a Vincentian Heart  
11:15AM  Blessed Frederic Ozanam – A Loving Heart  
12:00PM  Lunch  
12:45PM  Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction (Chapel)  
1:30PM  The Sacred Heart of Jesus  
2:45PM  Retreat Closing – Recommitment and Prayer

**NOTE:** There will be adequate time for personal prayer and reflection throughout the day. Refreshments and lunch will be served. **Please respond if you are coming by February 5th** so we have an idea of how many will attend. A $15 donation to cover the cost of lunch is requested at the registration on the day, but no one will be excluded for the lack of a donation.

Please email your intentions to join in this retreat to:  
**Andrew Orgovan -- email: ajorgovan@hotmail.com**
Archdiocesan Council General Meeting

The Ozanam Medallion is awarded to an individual or to a conference to present a model of service for the broader community, for the purpose of increasing its knowledge of the works of the Society and to assist the Society in creating an image helpful in recruitment and resource development. The 2020 Medallion will be awarded at the Archdiocesan General Meeting on Sunday, April 19 at St. Mary's Parish in Mayville. Meeting registration information will be forthcoming. Click here for information to nominate an individual or conference to be awarded the Ozanam Medallion.
The 2020 North Central Regional Meeting will be held at the Milwaukee Marriott-West, W231N1600 Corporate Ct. in Waukesha, June 11th-13th. As our Archdiocesan Council is hosting this year, we invite you to attend this wonderful opportunity to meet, greet, pray and learn with fellow Vincentians across our region. The planning committee is finalizing registration details and preparing a list of volunteer positions needed to provide an inviting experience for attendees. Please help in welcoming fellow Vincentians by volunteering during the event. Information coming soon!
NEW VINCENTIAN SPIRITUALITY RESOURCE

VINCENTIAN MEDITATIONS II
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By praying and reflecting on these meditations you will be led to a deeper understanding of how to live your Vincentian Vocation.

This is the second volume of Vincentian Meditations from Fr. Tom McKenna, CM who has studied, meditated, preached about Vincentian charism for over 50 years. It is from this depth of prayer that he simply and profoundly captures the heart and soul of our Vincentian spirituality.

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Click on SVdP Members, scroll down and click on Order Materials
or
Email order to: materials@svdpusa.org

Links You Can Use
Vincentian Resources on SVdP Milwaukee Website
Toolbox of Information for Conference Revitalization from National SVdP Website
Documents in Spanish for Conference Revitalization from National SVdP Website
News and Discounts SVdP Milwaukee Stores

A Look Ahead

March
14 Voice of the Poor Committee Meeting CO 10AM
Local Area Meetings: Contact CO for dates

April
10 Good Friday CO and Both Meal Sites Closed
12 Easter Sunday- Meal Served Noon-12:45PM at Cross Roads Kitchen
18 Ozanam Orientation CO 8:00AM-1:30PM
19 Archdiocesan Council General Meeting- St. Mary Church in Mayville

NEWS FROM THE MEAL PROGRAM
Thank you so much for all you do; you ARE the HEART of our program!

Attention Serving Groups
If due to inclement weather you are unable to make your scheduled meal with the meal program, PLEASE inform Peggy at 414-915-3353 at your EARLIEST convenience. We will try to keep meals on hand throughout the winter. However if you are not coming, we still need time to prepare them. Thank you in advance for your help with this!

A listing of Meal Sites by zip code is available by clicking here.

NEWS FROM THE THRIFT STORES

We congratulate our Thrift Store teams for the following recognitions!

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel 2019 Top Choice Award
Best of Greater Milwaukee 2019
We are very proud of all that they do and what they have accomplished in support of our mission.

You Are Invited

Come and visit the Thrift Store at the Greenfield location on Thursday, April 23 6:00PM-7:00PM. Get a behind the scenes tour, meet store staff and get answers to questions about gift certificate redemption or delivery procedures.

Please click here for How to Write a Gift Certificate updated 5/2019.

Delivery Guidelines Updated: 6/19/2019
Please click here for a quick reference guide about delivery service.
Click here for a Q&A list regarding the Delivery Policy.
Click here for the current Delivery Policy.

Anyone can use the Text Club Discount- share during your home visits (Text SVDP to 64600-messaging rates may apply)

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Print our Friends and Family Coupon to share! Coupon expires July 31, 2020.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

The National Voice of the Poor Committee is hosting a webinar on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 2:00PM Central Time. The webinar will focus on advocacy issues and trends that could be prevalent in 2020, and share resources and strategies to help Vincentians be effective voices for people in need. Register Here. After registration you will receive a confirmation with information on connecting to the webinar.

The Friends of the Poor® Grant Program

Friends of the Poor® is an original SVdPUSA program to provide direct service to the poor in the United States, coordinated by the National Council through the national volunteer network of SVdP Conferences and Councils. The purpose of the Friends of the Poor® Fund is to raise significant amounts from the general public for direct service to the U.S. poor, through the wide variety interventions of the 100,000+ volunteer members of the Society nationwide.

Information on applying for a Grant can be found in the Grant Guidelines and Schedules by clicking the on the title above.

Questions, Suggestions or Success Stories? Contact: Maria Welz, Vincentian Membership Coordinator at mwelz@svdpmilw.org or 414-462-7837 ext. 109.

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