

Milwaukee District Council Vincentian E-Newsletter
July 2017

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Holy Spirit Prayer

Come, Spirit, Comforter and Consoler.

Heal the wounded. Soothe the anxious. Be consolation for all who grieve and ache.

Come, Spirit, who energizes our being.

Keep us from the tangles of toil and travail. Lead us to moments of prayer and solitude.

Come, Spirit, consuming Fire of Love.

Fill us with enthusiasm for your vision. May the desire for truth be vibrant in us.

Come, Spirit, joy of our souls.

Dance amid life's hills and valleys, center us in the chaos of our lives.

Come, Spirit of wisdom and insight.

Draw us toward your goodness and light. Direct our growth and guide our ways.

Come, Spirit, strength of wounded ones.

Be warmth in the hearts of those grown cold. Empower the powerless. Rekindle the weary.

Come Spirit, source of our Peace.

Deepen in us the action of peacemakers. Heal our hearts and center our lives in your love.

Amen.

Links You Can Use

[Friends of the Poor Walk registration](#)

[Vincentian Resources](#) on SVdP Milwaukee Website
[Toolbox of Information](#) for Conference Revitalization from

A Look Ahead

August 9 - South Meal Site Picnic

August 10 - North Meal Site Picnic

August 12 - VOP Meeting 10AM

Aug 29-Sept 3- SVDP National Meeting Tampa, FL

September 2- North Meal Site

National SVdP Website
[Documents in Spanish](#) for
 Conference Revitalization from
 National SVdP Website
[Coupons and Discounts](#) for SVdP
 Milwaukee Stores
[Annual Conference Report](#) for
 2017 annual report form

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 Vincent de Paul Society of
 Milwaukee as your charity to
 support and .5% of eligible
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Closed
September 4- Council Office
 Closed; South Meal Site Closed
September 9 - VOP Meeting
 10AM
September 30- Friends of the
 Poor Walk

**** Make it a special day with SVdP ****
National Grandparents Day-
September 10th

Invite your grandchildren to spend
 the day with you- serve at the
 meal program or visit our stores!
 Let your young adult
 grandchildren know how your
 conference needs their help! They
 have the ability and interest
 in technology, social media,
 marketing and public speaking to
 help your conference boost
 membership.

News from the Central Office

10th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk- Save the Date: Saturday,
 September 30, 2017. Information and registration materials for this Meal
 Program fundraiser were recently sent to Vincentians. Special thanks to the
 conference at St. Alphonsus Parish for hosting this special anniversary year of
 our walk. Please [click here](#) for information. Hope to see you there!

Invitation to Serve is an effective resource to help you recruit new members
 and let your parish know more about your calling and work as Vincentians. The
 materials provided include bulletin announcements, a suggested short pulpit
 appeal and ideas for follow up with interested parishioners. [Click here](#) for the
 most up to date *Invitation to Serve* materials. For assistance in your
 recruitment efforts, please email [Maria](#) or call 414-462-7837 ext 109. Please
 notify the Council Office if you have new members so that we can provide new
 member registration packets.

Accounting Update... Please be aware that the store bills you receive will
 have a new look due to a change in the accounting system we are using. Please
 contact [Michelle](#) if you have any questions on the new format.

Contact Us By Phone at (414) 462-7837

We love to hear from you!

Intake line for basic need requests- Ext. 110
 Administrative Assistant, Natalie- Ext. 101

Vincenian questions on referrals, Melanie- Ext 107
Executive Director, Debbie Duskey- Ext 102
Finance and HR, Michelle Martin- Ext 108
Vincenian membership assistance, Maria- Ext 109

10th Annual Friends of the Poor® Walk

Saturday, September 30, 2017
at

St. Alphonsus Parish &
Scout Lake Park
in Greendale



Proceeds from the Walk benefit the SVDP-Milwaukee Meal Program. The walk starts at St. Alphonsus Parish and follows a walkway bridge to the park then back to the church. Join us as we gather with meal guests and some of the best volunteers in town for our walk on the meandering path of Scout Lake Park! Our event is family and pet friendly.

Fee:

Child (ages 5-17) \$10
Adult \$20

Checks payable to SVDP-Milwaukee
Register by 9/10 for free t-shirt!

Registration & Check-in 8:00AM
Walk Start: 9:00AM
Celebration & Refreshments
9:30-10:30AM
Award Presentation 10:45AM



Online Registration:
<http://svdpmilw.brownpapertickets.com>
Event Coordinator:
Maria Welz 414-462-7837 ext 109
mwelz@svdpmilw.org



News from the Meal Program Summertime Help

You're invited to join us for our **SVDP Meal Program Block Parties!** The Block Parties will be on **August 9th** at the south site and **August 10th** at the north site. Many hands are needed to serve a neighborhood! Volunteers are especially needed at the North Site Block Party. Set up begins at Noon and the meal is served from 4PM to 7PM followed by clean up. The North Side Block Party is also in need of sponsors for face painting, children's games, a bounce house and more that will help make the event memorable. We welcome your conference or any individuals to volunteer. Please contact Peggy at 414-915-3353 for more information or to sign up.

Charity Bingo Event at Hamburger Mary's

Our Meal Program will benefit from this fundraising event on Wednesday, August 16th at 8PM. Not your typical BINGO at a not so typical hamburger restaurant! Based near the neighborhood of our south meal site, we have been selected as the charity of choice for HamBingo. Must be 21 years old to participate as the show can be a little risque. Hamburger Mary's is located at 730-734 S 5th Street. Cash donations, drink specials and 50/50 raffle all benefit the Meal Program.

College Break Means Less Volunteers Available

The college students who normally serve at our meal program went home for the summer which means we desperately need volunteers to help serve meals to our guests at both meal sites! Help us through the busy summer as we tend to serve more families and children. Volunteers are especially needed for set up (South- 2:00-4:30 PM and North- 3:00-4:30 PM) & clean up (6:15-7:00 PM at both sites).

North Site Schedule: Tuesday- Saturday 3:00 PM-7:00 PM 2600 N 2 St.

South Site Schedule: Sunday-Friday 2:00 PM-7:00 PM 931 W. Madison St.



Find Special Savings for Back To School at SVDP Thrift Stores!

It's time once again to start back to school shopping so please [share this coupon](#) with your family and friends for summertime savings. It's a thoughtful item to give out on your home visits as well! Feel free to make copies- special 25% discount runs through September!

Questions about completing vouchers correctly? Contact [Donna](#) for useful advice!

Anyone can use the Text Club discount- share the news on your home visits (Text **SVDP** to 36000-messaging rates may apply) click [here](#) for a Text Club flyer you could copy and take on home visits.

Bundle Sunday calendar is FULL for the summer. However, BUNDLE UP for winter and schedule a date during the cold months. Contact Cindy at 414-462-7863.

St. Vincent de Paul Awareness Month

September is St. Vincent de Paul Awareness Month throughout the Milwaukee Archdiocese. The Voice Of the Poor Committee will again this year sponsor a month of activities to help parishes bring greater awareness to the ministries of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Conference Presidents will soon be receiving a booklet with ideas and themes relating to the gospel readings for each week of September. The VOP Committee encourages all conferences to use these themes to schedule events that will best highlight your conference and add new members or new revenue to your conference.

2017 Annual Conference Report Changes

The SVDP National Office published new annual conference reports for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Click the link below for the new report which will need to be used for the 2016-2017 reporting cycle

http://www.svdpmilw.org/member_resources.aspx

The two major changes include **no more** membership information and **no more** recording telephone contacts and services to people. All other reports on the website, related to tracking data, have been updated to reflect the changes also. If you have any questions about the new annual report form please contact Michelle mmartin@svdpmilw.org or 414-462-7837 ext.108.

Thank you for all that you do!

Community News

(click the title for more information about each listing)

[Eviction Defense Project](#)- This program of Legal Action of Wisconsin is a resource for low income tenants facing eviction to receive free legal advice and representation.

[Hope to Dream Program](#) -A portion of every mattress set purchase at Ashley HomeStore goes to this program which is designed to provide a free twin mattress, bed frame, bedding and pillow to children between the ages of 3-16 who need a new bed.

[St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy](#) in Madison, WI audio interview as posted on Wisconsin Public Radio.



**Pray For Our Dearly
Departed**
Alvina Kavanagh
St. John Paul II

*May her soul and the
souls of all the faithful
departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in
peace. Amen.*



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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