



## The Society Scoop

175  
YEARS of  
NEIGHBORS  
HELPING  
NEIGHBORS



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

May 2020

### "God Does Not Abandon Us..."



Dear Vincentians,

Are you feeling isolated from family, friends, your work at the Society? This pandemic can leave us feeling disconnected from everything and might even challenge our relationship with God. Have you found yourself in prayer asking, "Why, God, is this happening?"

I recently read the comforting thoughts from the United States Council of Catholic Bishops: "God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives."

We have the strength to overcome the challenges God gives us, and this time is no different. Again, now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor.

*John Foppe*

### Tidbits from a Elizabeth Barbieri

Vincentians:

I hope you are staying healthy and well. I know this is so hard for us Vincentians who are used to meeting Neighbors, listening to their stories, maybe even holding their



### Mobile Food Markets for Neighbors in Need

Foodbank.  
St. Louis Area Foodbank

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The St. Louis Area Foodbank is partnering with various churches and organizations to provide Mobile Markets. These are happening on a regular basis.

beautiful babies as we visit.

Keep your joy!  
Keep your faith!

We have so many things to be grateful for.

*Elizabeth Barbieri*  
SVdP St. Louis Board President

Individuals can drive up and food will be placed in the car. The amount given is based on the size of the family.

[Click here for Mobile Market dates and locations](#)

## Celebrating Our Conferences

Creativity. Forward thinking. Joy. These are a few of the words describing how our Conferences are living out the Vincentian Vocation during the pandemic. Because we were inspired, we thought we would share some of these best practices with you:

- *“Because Friendship and connection are so important during times of isolation, we have been meeting regularly on Zoom.”* - Last week, the Council Office sent out a letter to Conference Presidents recommending Zoom and providing instructions on its use. Contact Jim Sigillito ([jims@svdpstl.org](mailto:jims@svdpstl.org)) or Andrew Kassebaum ([andrewk@svdpstl.org](mailto:andrewk@svdpstl.org)) for assistance in setting up your video conference meetings.
- *“We encourage our members to participate in our parish’s live-streamed Masses, especially when we can do so as a Conference. There is power in “joining together” for Mass, even if we are in our own homes.”* - Contact the priest who will celebrate the live-streamed Mass ahead of time and let him know you will be watching and praying as a group.
- *“We have been calling many of our Neighbors, as well as parishioners who are elderly or isolated, to find out their needs...”* [Click here for the full list.](#)

Thank you for embracing the Vincentian Vocation!

Your Vincentian Services Team

### SVdP In The News



Our Director of Programs, Julie Komanetsky, called in to Fox 2

### SVdP In The News



Read in the *St. Louis Review* about SVdP's efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, and how

Nows to discuss our increased efforts during COVID-19.

[Click here to watch the video](#)

Catholics across St. Louis are stepping up to help.

[Click here to read the article](#)

## REQUIESCAT IN PACE Rest in Peace

**Bill Olwig**  
St. Joseph Cottleville

**Pat Olwig**  
St. Joseph Cottleville

**Joe Hackney**  
Seven Holy Founders



*May the angels lead them into paradise, may the martyrs receive them at their coming and lead them into Jerusalem, the holy city. May the choirs of angels welcome them and, with Lazarus, who was also poor, may they have everlasting peace.*

To add a name to the list contact Steve Rupp at [stever@svdpstl.org](mailto:stever@svdpstl.org) or (314) 881-6018

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