



The Society Scoop

Vincentian Meditation

“The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.” – Mt. 20: 28

We often speak of Servant Leadership as the unofficial fourth Essential Element of the Society. Following the life and example of Christ, leadership in the Society is not motivated by power, prestige, or material benefit. Rather, servant leadership is ordered to the good of those we serve.



Servant Leadership is especially important in the Society because we are structured like an upside-down pyramid. Our Neighbors are on top, followed by our Conferences/Vincentians, followed by our Council Office, and so on. The Rule calls Presidents to “provide an encouraging atmosphere in which the talents, capacities, and spiritual charism of the members are identified, developed, and put to the service of the poor and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.”

While Presidents have a special role to play, ALL Vincentians are called to servant leadership within their proper domains. We all have people we work with intimately, whether as part of our Vincentian life or beyond. And with all the pending changings coming as part of All Things New, we will need a great flowering of servant leadership to ensure the long-term flourishing of the Society and our Archdiocese.

Let us all officially embrace this unofficial Element and promote the good of those around us!

Program Updates and Resources

Help for the Homeless

For a list of warming center sites,

please visit the United Way website by clicking the button below.

[Click Here for Warming Center Sites](#)

Rapid Rehousing

Thanks to all who participated in a Rapid Rehousing Information Session. Conferences must have participated in a session to refer a family into the program. Information, eligibility guidelines, and the Rapid Rehousing referral form can be found [here](#)

Pregnancy Care Partnership

This partnership ensures pregnant women have the support they need during and after their pregnancy. SVdP is seeking Conferences willing to provide support and friendship to these women and their children. For more information, contact Julie Komanetsky at juliek@svdpstl.org.

Pregnancy Care Zoom: If your Conference is working with a pregnant mother and you would like to discuss her situation or learn about possible resources, please join us on Zoom!

Join us tonight!

Wednesday, February 1 at 6 PM

Meeting ID: 827 4289 0057
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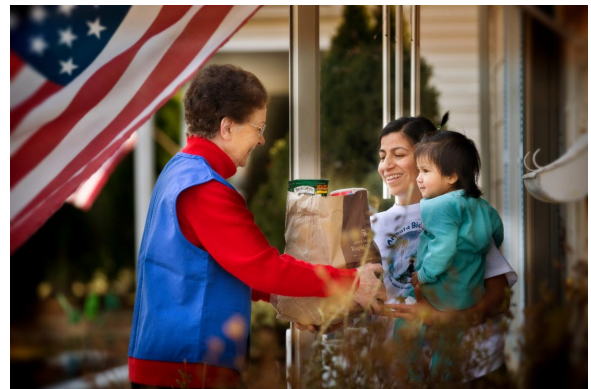
Wednesday, February 15 at 1 PM

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Home Visit 101

Home Visit 101, a foundational offering open to all Vincentians, builds on the brief home visit section in the Ozanam Orientation. This introductory session, created specifically for St. Louis area Vincentians, covers home visit basics, the spirituality of the home visit, the why of the home visit, the how of the home visit, and self-care.



Tuesday, February 28

6:15 – 8:45 pm

St. Norbert Catholic Church

Click Here to
Register

Spring Assembly 2023 - ALL Vincentians Are Invited!

On Saturday, March 25th, from 9 AM-Noon, come join hundreds of your fellow Vincentians at St. Louis University High School for a morning of Spirituality, Friendship and Service including:



- Mass—The perfect way to start our day!
- Continental Breakfast
- Keynote Address--Fr. Chris Martin, Vicar for Strategic Planning overseeing All Things New.
- Breakout Sessions—Great opportunity to get to know the Vincentians you may be merging with under All Things New.
- Formation, Programs and All Things New planning updates.

Seating will be according to the 15 “Planning Areas” described to you at the All Things New Listening Sessions held at each parish.

We will have large name tags displaying your name and your parish. You will be sitting in the “Planning Area” that includes the parish or parishes you may be merging with. The name tags will make it easy to link up with Vincentians from those parishes and get to know them. We’ll have exercises that will help those new relationships begin to grow into friendships.

You can review the 15 Planning Areas and the merger options [here](#)

You won't want to miss this event. **Reserve your spot TODAY!**

Register Now

Vincentian Wisdom Series

We are excited to announce our 2023 Vincentian Wisdom Series! These Zoom sessions will feature wisdom from Vincentians and staff members on important and timely topics.



We invite you to register for one of the following sessions:

February 15 (6:00 – 7:00 pm): **ServWare Configuration Options: Setting Your Conference Up For Success.** This webinar will demonstrate and discuss how a

ServWare conference administrator can configure settings to optimize and fully utilize many of the most useful features of ServWare. We will be joined by several ServWare “super-users” to discuss their experiences and help answer any questions.

[Register Here |
Feb.15](#)

March 8 (6:00 – 7:00 pm): **Essentials for Conference Vitality and Growth.** This webinar will cover minimum standards, standards of excellence, and other material important to conference vitality and growth.

[Register Here | Mar.
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Important changes in SVdP's Thrift Store volunteer program

SVdP's Thrift Stores have benefited from the generous volunteer hours spent in our stores.

Recently, we have been made aware of implications to our volunteer program as outlined by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The Act separates the roles of both employee and volunteer in a commercial enterprise such as our Thrift Stores. FLSA does not allow volunteers to replace the work of paid employees, even in non-profit commercial environment.

[Read
more](#)

Note: This has no impact on the Conference use of Thrift Store Vouchers.

Service Saturday





Vincentian volunteers spoke with Neighbors to help them with utility bills during the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Service Saturday at the Holy Name of Jesus Community Center in Bellefontaine Neighbors.

Evangelization 101 Workshops



Catholics across the archdiocese are invited this spring to learn the basics of evangelizing in their daily lives.

The Office of Evangelization and Discipleship will host Evangelization 101 workshops in each of the 15 planning areas in February, March and April. The workshops will focus on what it means to evangelize and how to share your personal stories of faith, said Brian Miller, director of evangelization and discipleship.

"We all have a call — a right and a duty, as the Catechism says — to evangelize. Are people confident in their ability to do that?" Miller said. "We want people to be comfortable talking about their own relationship with God and sharing it with others."

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

From the Voice of the Poor



Who We Are

The Voice of the Poor (VOP) Committee works to break the cycle of poverty by listening to our Neighbors, raising awareness, and enabling Vincentians to be effective servants of the poor and advocates for just policies and systems consistent with the mission of the Society, Catholic teaching, and the Missouri Catholic Conference.

This New Year, resolve to sign up for Voter Voice!

With Voter Voice, you will receive action alerts on legislation impacting our Neighbors in Need. The alert will include a link to a pre-composed email to your legislators, which you can make even more powerful by personalizing the subject line and text based on your own Vincentian experience.

For federal legislation alerts from the National Voice of the Poor Committee, visit the [Voice of the Poor Action Center](#) and enter "St. Louis" in membership group.

For state legislation alerts from the Missouri Catholic Conference, visit the [Missouri Catholic Advocacy Network \(MOCAN\)](#).

Be an advocate for our Neighbors in Need today!

Reminder... Rosary Every Wednesday Night



Join us --
SVdP St. Louis
Rosary Wednesday
8 p.m. via Zoom.

[Click Here to Join](#)

Meeting ID: 989 8066 7271 **Passcode:** Vincent **or dial in:** (312) 626-6799

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Please Pray for The Sick:

Gene Murphy
Seven Holy Founders

Jacque Frieda
Sacred Heart, Florissant

Please Pray for The Deceased:

Donna Layton



All Saints

Dick Walsh
St. Claire of Assisi

To add a name to the list, please contact Steve Rupp at stever@svdpstl.org or (314) 881-6018

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