



Dear Vincentians,

We have been hearing feedback about the recent "All Things New" listening sessions in area Parishes. We bet you have, too.

Many of us are talking about what's ahead for us . . . or predicting what we think might be ahead of us. There are many emotions. Resolve. Acceptance. Skepticism. Sadness. Confusion. Anger.

While we can't foresee the Parish mergers plan, we can tell you this. At the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in St. Louis, we have begun our planning process. What we do know is that many of our Conferences will eventually merge after the "All Things New" plans are revealed in May 2023. In coming months, we will share thoughts, reflections, updates, video messages and helpful tools with you.

This gives us all time to prepare. As Catholics, Parishioners and Vincentians, we wonder, what is God asking of us at this time?

Pray about it.

Be a model of light, strength and hope in our Catholic community.

Meet with the Conferences in your Parish's planning area.

Continue your work for Him serving those in need.

So, while we see change on the horizon, remember Jesus's words in the Gospel of Matthew: "*The poor you will always have with you.*"

His work for us at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul won't change.

We love Him and will continue to feed His sheep. We'll do it together as we have for more than 175 years.

We're here to support you and will keep you updated as we learn more.

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*"Do you love me?" Jesus asked Peter,
"Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."
Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."
~John 21:17*

SVdP Sunday is this Sunday, November 6

Our Prayers for a successful St. Vincent de Paul Sunday this coming weekend!

Remember, this is a great opportunity to

- Alert your parish as to the wonderful works of your Conference
 - Stories of Vincentians experiencing spiritual growth
 - Heartwarming stories of Neighbors you've helped
- Thank your parish for its support
- Invite parishioners to join your Conference
- Invite parishioners to donate to your Conference



CAR Report in ServWare!



Want to do your CAR in ServWare? Please watch the video (to the left) to see how to configure ServWare so that it produces data for the CAR report.

Save the Date! iGiveCatholic

We're excited to announce that we are participating in #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday, November 29, 2022. This is a nationally recognized, special day set aside to



honor the beauty of our Catholic faith.

Keep an eye out for an email later this month detailing how you can donate and help us towards our goal of raising \$5,000 for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul during #iGiveCatholic!

Program Updates and Resources

Help for Our Neighbors

Conference activity is high as more neighbors request assistance with rent, utilities, food and other needs. Often, we can help with these needs and sometimes we identify other resources to help as well. Below are several important resources.

LIHEAP

Energy Assistance is available now and the Energy Crisis Intervention Program will be available to all in December. (It is currently available to those 60 and over or to the disabled).

[Learn More about LIHEAP](#)

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: For Conferences who are working with a pregnant woman, join us on Weds, Nov 16 to learn more about the partnership and work being done by Vincentians.

Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 1 PM:

Meeting ID: 892 3402 0991

Passcode: 046766

[Join Zoom](#)

St Louis Tax Assistance Program



The Tax Assistance Program helps working families whose income is under \$55,000 and assists them in claiming the earned income tax credit.

To learn more about the program and how they help families realize the tax refunds to which they are entitled, you can contact by email or phone:

Gregory P. LaVigne
314-962-9631
gplavigne@sbcglobal.net

Anne Skelton
314-602-8622
anneskelton@live.com

Cardinal Ritter Senior Services

Cardinal Ritter Social Services offer services for low-income seniors and seniors in crisis, including case management and support for grandparents raising their grandchildren.

[Click here to read an informational flyer](#)

[Click here to watch the pre-recorded Zoom Session](#)

The password is: 5u^grAT0

Vincentian Meditation



Our Rule lays out “a vision of the civilization of love” (7.2). This ideal of a civilization of love also serves as the conclusion of the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. That is what we are called to in this life, so that we can experience heaven in the next!

With the mid-term elections next week, we invite you to pursue Catholic Social Teaching in a deeper way in pursuit of the civilization of love! Catholic Social Teaching is part of the saving mission of the Church. And Vincentians have contributed to its development and live it out every day.

- Did you know the Society's principal founder, Bl. Frédéric Ozanam, was a forerunner of Catholic Social Teaching with his emphasis on living wages and the dignity of work?

- Did you know the first professional economist to be beatified, Bl. Giuseppe Toniolo, was an active Vincentian and an inspiration to the encyclical *Rerum Novarum*?

If you are free, we have a Catholic Social Teaching workshop today from 3:00 – 5:00. You can register here [<https://portal.svdpstlouis.org/event/catholic-social-teaching-workshop/>]. We have drawn the content from numerous authoritative sources. We promise you will learn a lot! If you are not able to join us, we will be recording the session and making it available later.

Although the elections are approaching, we are called to live and share Catholic Social Teaching every day!



Catholic Social Teaching Workshop - November 2

Join us for a special workshop to learn about Catholic Social Teaching and how we are called to live it out in our lives!

The session will be held Wednesday, November 2 from 3:00 – 5:00 on Zoom.

Drawing from foundational texts of the Church, we will cover what Catholic Social Teaching is—including its 7 themes, its history, why it is important, our spheres of activity, and Catholic voting principles laid out by the bishops. Although we often hear more about Catholic Social Teaching in election seasons, we are called to live it out every day!

[Register Here!](#)

Church Bulletin Announcements: 4th Quarter 2022

Click below to get church bulletin announcement suggestions for October - December 2022. Please work with your Parish's bulletin creator/coordinator to submit the copy. Placement in your Parish bulletin will help get visibility and support for your SVdP Conference. Of course, you can always customize these to meet your specific Conference needs.

Just click and the announcements will download as a Word document.

[Click to Download Bulletin Announcements](#)

Mid Central Fall District Meeting

ALL Vincentians Are Invited - Please Join Us!

Learn more about the latest news at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul,
meet fellow Vincentians and enjoy a great meal!

MID CENTRAL

11:00 am

Saturday, November 5

SVdP Cool Valley Thrift Outlet

1225 S Florissant

From the Voice of the Poor



Systemic Change: Our Tradition and Our Calling

In one of his first home visits in the spring of 1833, to a desperate woman with five children, young Frédéric Ozanam employed the concepts of systemic change. The woman's husband drank to excess, using up the wages she earned, leaving the family hungry, and becoming violently abusive towards them. After providing for the family's immediate needs, Frédéric researched the woman's legal options, discovered she was not officially married, and obtained an official document enabling her to leave the household.

Soon realizing the husband's wrath, Frédéric suggested a legal procedure forcing the man to leave Paris. But listening to the woman's counsel, he instead obtained a legal order preventing the man from leaving the city. With the help of a collection for her travel expenses, the woman and her youngest children left to live with her mother in Brittany, while the two oldest boys were apprenticed to Emmanuel Bailly's printing establishment and cared for in the Bailly household. Frédéric recognized the root cause that was keeping the woman and her children in poverty, listened to her solution for moving out of poverty and the abusive situation, and used his social capital to make it happen...

[Read
More](#)

Local Girl Scouts Partner with SVdP!

This month, a troop of Girl Scouts partnered with Sacred Heart (Valley Park) parish to deliver donated coats and Halloween costumes to our Ballwin store. This partnership has continued with this Girl Scout troop for nineteen years, and since then, over 4,000 items have been collected



and donated!

Neighbors in Need with the appropriate voucher could come in and pick a coat for each family member and a costume for each child 12 years old and under.

Thanks to the SVdP employees who helped facilitate this donation, and to the Girl Scouts for collecting and bringing in the donations!

Our Vincentian Virtues - Videos



National Formation Director Tim Williams has a six-part video series of "Fred Talks" about the Essential Virtues (Rule, Part I, 2.5.1).

[Click to Open the Video in Vimeo](#)

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

Keep in Your Prayers

Please Pray for The Sick:

Please pray for Vincentians and Neighbors in Need who are ill.

Please Pray for The Deceased:

Andrew Kliethermes
St. James Conference, Catawissa, MO

Anne Vigil
St. Gabriel

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

