



The Society Scoop

Carole Johnson: New Council President, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis

Carole Johnson has been voted in as new Council President at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis.

Carole begins her three-year term as Council President on October 1, 2022, the start of the new SVdP fiscal year and launches a new strategic plan that will guide the Society and its initiatives in the next three years.

Carole joined SVdP's Visitation-St. Ann Conference in 2010 where she served as member and treasurer until the parish closed in 2016. In 2017, she was a founding member, pantry coordinator and treasurer of the new St. Nicholas conference.



Eventually, her service at SVdP led to her to fill the role of North Central District President for 4.5 years and, in most recent months, as Interim Board President. Carole is the chairperson of the SVdP Thrift Stores Committee.

Passionate about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Carole says, "I believe it is my duty to reflect God's love as I share these gifts with others particularly with the poor and less fortunate."

Active in her community and the Church, Carole was president of the Bishop Healy School Board, North Deanery Council representative; president of the Visitation-St. Ann Parish Council; Chairperson of the Liturgy Committee and Chairperson of the St. Ann Devotion/Novena Committee. In addition, Carole was also the Board President of SLACO (St. Louis Association of Community Organizations), Secretary of the Lewis Place Improvement Committee, and Chairperson of the Lewis Place Fountain Park Neighborhood Association.

Carole is a retired special education teacher and elementary school principal from the St. Louis

Public Schools District. A graduate of Rosati Kain High School, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Education at Harris Stowe State University, a Master's in Education, Curriculum, and Instruction from National Louis University. As a doctoral student at St. Louis University, she received a master's specialist degree in Administration and Educational Leadership.

She is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Carole is the proud mother of two adult children and grandmother of four.

"I believe in the two greatest commandments" says Carole: "Love God with your heart, mind, soul and whole being and love your neighbor as you love yourself."

Planning for SVdP Sunday - November 6

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Sunday, November 5th is a great way 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



Convey your exciting messages through:

- Pulpit talks
- Bulletin Announcements
- One-on-one with parishioners after Mass in the foyer or parish hall

Create a festive atmosphere with:

- Posters
- Yard signs
- Brochures
- Doughnuts

"We had 9 people who wanted to join our Conference" - St. John, Imperial

"We look forward to SVDP Sunday every year to promote our work." - SVDP, Perryville

"It was a great day!" - Ascension, Chesterfield

Please fill out the attached form and let us know at what level you'll be participating and what materials you'll need. (see links below)

Sign Up and Order Marketing Materials

Pulpit Talk and Bulletin Announcement

Program Updates and Resources

Helpful Resource for our Neighbors Age 60 and Over!

Learn about the services offered by Cardinal Ritter Senior Services. This is a valuable resource for our Neighbors who are 60 and above!

Wednesday, October 26 at 3 PM by Zoom

Meeting ID: 881 9394 1454

Passcode: 132459

Join Zoom
Meeting

Pregnancy Zoom Sessions in October

Wednesday, October 5 at 1 PM

Meeting ID: 881 3423 6811

Passcode: 360366

Join Zoom
Meeting

Wednesday, October 19 at 1 PM

Meeting ID: 892 3402 0991

Passcode: 046766

Join Zoom
Meeting

Rapid Rehousing

SVdP Rapid Rehousing is available in St. Louis City and County, Jefferson County, St. Francois County, and St. Genevieve County. Referrals are being accepted for families who are facing eviction or have recently become homeless. For more information, please contact Julie Komanetsky at juliek@svdpstl.org



Friends of the Poor Walk/Run

Thank you to all those who participated in the Friends of the Poor Walk/Run on Saturday, Sept 24! Friends, families and even pets gathered, prayed, and walked to raise money for our Neighbors in Need all across St. Louis.

Eleven Walk Sites:

Festus District

Northwest District

St. Clement/St. Elizabeth Mother of John the Baptist

St. John Bosco

St. Joseph, Cottleville

St. Anthony, High Ridge

Immacolata
Queen of All Saints
St. Paul, Fenton
St. Bridget, Pacific
St. Joseph, Imperial



Immaculate Heart of Mary (Northwest)



St. John Bosco - with their dogs!



Father Tom Miller, pastor at Immaculate Heart of Mary, New Melle at the Northwest District Walk at Quail Ridge Park in Wentzville



St. Joseph - Imperial



Queen of All Saints

Catholic Woman of the Year

The Catholic Woman of the Year Dinner was held on the evening of September 25, honoring women who serve the Church and their community. The 21 candidates received a certificate from Archbishop Rozanski. **Four of these extraordinary women are Conference Presidents!**

Congratulations to **Brenda Vanderford** (President, St. Elizabeth Mother of John the Baptist), **Shirley Robinson** (President, St. Augustine), **Lori Grillion** (President, St. Gianna), and **Linda Palmer** (President, All Saints, St. Peters)!



Brenda Vanderford
St. Elizabeth, Mother of John
the Baptist Parish



Shirley Robinson
St. Augustine Parish



Lori Grillion
St. Gianna Parish



Linda Palmer
All Saints Parish,
St. Peters

Vincentian Formation and Support

Ozanam Orientation - October 8

October 8 @ 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM at Seven Holy Founders

The Ozanam Orientation is a foundational offering for all Vincentians covering the spirituality, purpose, history, approach, and structure of the Society. New Vincentians are expected to attend an Ozanam Orientation within their first year in the Society.

[Register Here](#)



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!

We look forward to having you join us!

[Register Here!](#)

By Trusting in God, Vincentians Have Grown the Society Despite Adversity

In John 14:27, Jesus says “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid”. Words of comfort and confidence for us. Since its founding on April 23, 1833, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been through many challenges. These include wars, famine, pandemics, natural disasters, economic calamity, persecution of the Church, etc. Faced with these challenges, our Vincentian forebearers did not cower in fear and give up. No, they implored the Holy Spirit, trusted in Divine Providence and persevered with an indomitable Vincentian spirit. Because of their faith and persistence, the Holy Spirit has blessed the Society beyond the founders’ wildest dreams... [\(read more\)](#)

All Things New Planning Details

To prepare for All Things New the Council Office has been offering updates at District



ALL THINGS NEW

Meetings on steps for preparation, the role of the Society, practical guidance about the planning areas and conference mergers, and a Bl. Frederic Ozanam Holy Card to remind us of our Why and How statement in the

Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis. We also have scheduled a District Presidents meeting in early November that will be exclusively focused on All Things New preparations. On the agenda for this meeting is planning area coordination, guiding resources for Conference mergers, Council-wide Zoom information sessions, and creative ideas for supporting Vincentians during All Things New.

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](#)

Fall District Meetings

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!

FESTUS

8:00 am Mass
Saturday, September 17th
St. Joseph, Imperial

GRAVOIS

6:00 pm Thursday
September 29th
Seven Holy Founders

NORTH CENTRAL

10:00 am
Saturday, October 1st
SVdP Cool Valley Thrift Outlet
1225 S Florissant

NORTH

6:30 pm
Thursday, October 6th
St. Norbert

WEST

1:00 pm
Sunday, October 9th
The Knights Hall, 1121 Columbus Ln.,
Washington, MO 63090

SOUTHEAST

9:00 am
Saturday, October 15th
St. Agnes, Bloomsdale

NORTHWEST

6:00 pm
Thursday, October 20th
Assumption O'Fallon

MID CENTRAL

11:00 am
Saturday, November 5th
SVdP Cool Valley Thrift Outlet
1225 S Florissant

From the Voice of the Poor Committee



All Things New calls for a renewed Church and enhanced evangelization to those at the margins in order to secure a vibrant future for the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Likewise, Voice of the Poor seeks to accompany and empower the marginalized on their journey to full spiritual and

material participation in their communities. Because of the synergies in our missions, the Voice of the Poor (VOP) Committee, Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis, brainstormed ways to proactively engage in *All Things New*. In late July, the VOP Committee issued a letter urging the Archdiocese to convert select vacated church properties into affordable housing units or shelters. Housing the vulnerable and marginalized within our Archdiocese would provide an opportunity for a renewed Church, for evangelization, and for practicing corporal works of mercy. The letter also cited a Catholic Charities USA guide to repurposing vacated church property that includes case studies of successful property conversions to affordable housing in Chicago, Tacoma, and Tucson.

John Foppe delivered the VOP Committee letter to Rev. Chris Martin, Vicar for Strategic Planning, at the beginning of August. John and Julie Komanetsky also discussed the letter with Bridget Flood, Executive Director of the Incarnate Word Foundation and Chair of the Social Outreach and Catholic Presence Subcommittee for *All Things New*. Bridget has received similar recommendations from other organizations. The proposal could benefit both urban and rural areas of our Archdiocese.

[Click here to read the full VOP Committee letter.](#)

[Click here to read the Catholic Charities USA guide to repurposing church property into affordable housing.](#)

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

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

