



## Nominations for the St. Louis Archdiocesan Council President

Are you interested in becoming the next Council Board President for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis?

There is a great opportunity for a rewarding experience!

We will host an Information Session for those individuals discerning Council President candidacy on:

**Monday, August 15**

**7:00-9:00 p.m.**

SVdP Council office

1310 Papin Street

St. Louis, Missouri 63103

**Please consider attending if you are at all interested and please register ahead of time.**

[Click here to register for the Information Session](#)

### **Upcoming schedule:**

- *September 1, 2022:* Nominations will be closed
- *September 29, 2022:* District Presidents will elect the Council President
- *October 1, 2022:* The newly elected President will take office

Each nominee will be asked to submit an **Autobiographical Statement**, a **Platform Statement** (*click the links for more information about each*), and a photo of themselves. These should be mailed to:

Nominating Committee for the Council President

1310 Papin Street

St. Louis, MO 63103

The next term begins October 1, 2022.

The *Rule* (Part 3, Statute 12) states, "The term of office of a...Council President is three years,

once renewable.”

The basic roles and responsibilities of the president are at this [link](#). Desired Qualities in a Council President are at this [link](#). If there are questions about this process, they can be directed to John Luth at [jluth1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jluth1@sbcglobal.net).

Thank you, and God bless.

John Luth  
*Chair of the Nomination Committee*

## Friends of the Poor Walk/Run



**Mark your calendar:  
Saturday, September 24, 2022 for the  
Friends of the Poor Walk/Run**

This is a GREAT way for your Conference and Parish to join together on a beautiful, crisp, fall morning to enjoy the weather, enjoy each other, get to know the families of your Vincentians, fellow parishioners, and the neighbors in your community. All while raising significant funds to help your Neighbors in need. All funds you raise stay right there in your Conference! One Conference raised over \$32,000 from their Walk.

More information will follow but now is the time to start forming your Walk Committee. For more information contact Steve Rupp at [stever@svdpstl.org](mailto:stever@svdpstl.org) or 314-881-6018

## Program Updates

### SVdP 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](mailto:juliek@svdpstl.org)



### Car Purchase Program Reinstated!

The Car Purchase Program has been reinstated and is available for all Conferences to utilize! For information on the program please visit:

<https://svdpstlouis.org/vincentians/svdp-st-louis-program-handbook>

(Password: Vincent).



# Roe v. Wade Overturned: Vincentians help mothers and their babies

We applaud the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v Wade. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops responded to the news stating, "*Now is the time ... for coming together to build a society and economy that supports marriages and families, and where **every woman has the support** and resources she needs to bring her child into this world in love.*"



For Vincentians, this is not new - the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has always supported pregnant women. In recent years, our Board of Directors authorized an initiative to formalize support of women and their unborn children.

Our Pregnancy Care Partnership ensures pregnant mothers, especially those in crisis, have the support they need **throughout their pregnancy and after**. This is PRO-LIFE! This is pro family! Now more than ever, our work is critical. If your Conference is not actively participating in the Pregnancy Care Partnership and would like to, please contact Julie Komanetsky at [juliek@svdpstl.org](mailto:juliek@svdpstl.org) or join us on Zoom to hear about the important work being done by Vincentians.

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## Pregnancy Care Partnership Informational Zoom Meetings:

**Wed, Aug 3 at 1 PM**  
Meeting ID: 881 3423 6811  
Passcode: 360366

Click here to join meeting on  
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## Volunteers Needed for the National Assembly Steering Committee!



Volunteers are needed to join the 2023 National Assembly Steering Committee. The 2023 event will be held right here in St. Louis, hosting Vincentians from all over the country.

Joining the steering committee is a great opportunity to make new Vincentian friends, work on the SVdP 2023 National Assembly and plan a host-city reception!

Interested? Email Sharon Steis at [steissharon@gmail.com](mailto:steissharon@gmail.com)

# Job Opportunities for Neighbors in Need



SVdP is hiring -- positions available at each store location and at the processing center.

[View SVdP Thrift Store Opportunities](#)



**ITALIAN RESTAURANTS**

The Pasta House Company is hiring in St. Louis area restaurants.

[View Pasta House Opportunities](#)

## 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](#)

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### Vincentian Meditation

In the Identity Statement created by the National Office, the Society is referred to as “a Catholic lay organization.” What does lay mean? The laity (laypersons) are those baptized Catholics who have not entered into orders (deacons, priests, bishops) or religious life (religious brothers and sisters). In other words, the laity are most of the Catholics we see at Mass and in our work in the Society.

The primary founder of the Society, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, was a layman. He was a devout Catholic, husband, father, and professional. His life and witness inspired a greater understanding of the role of the laity in the Church.

What is that role? Grounded in the Universal Call to Holiness and Mission, we are charged with renewing, through witness and word, the whole temporal order under the light of the Gospel: marriages, families, friend groups, workplaces, neighborhoods, civic organizations, and more.

Thank you for living this call out in your life and Vincentian work!

## Our Lemay Store is Moving! Opens August 10



St. Vincent de Paul  
Thrift Store in Lemay

# WE'RE MOVING!

Visit our new location at 2500 Lemay Ferry Road in the Dierbergs Lemay Plaza.

**GRAND OPENING  
CELEBRATION**  
Wednesday, August 10

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Store Blessing and  
Ribbon Cutting – 8:30 a.m.  
Store Opens – 9:00 a.m.



Saturday, August 13  
Join us for Free Pretzels  
and Soda – Noon - 2:00 p.m.



## Church Bulletin Announcements: 3rd Quarter 2022

Click below to get church bulletin announcement suggestions for July - September 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](#)

## From the Voice of the Poor Committee

### Check out Voice of the Poor on the Web!

VOICE  
of the POOR

The St. Louis Council website now includes many new Voice of the Poor features and resources. The [“What We Do” pages](#) include the Voice of the Poor Committee’s goals, priorities, bill positions, action alerts, and more! The [Vincentian Resources page](#) provides many ways that you can engage in the Voice

of the Poor mission, such as subscribing to Voter Voice to receive legislative action alerts, reviewing home visit mentoring tips, submitting Voice of the Poor announcements in your parish bulletins, and discussing recommended books, pastoral letters, and videos in your Conference meetings. Check it out! Feedback is welcomed at [vopstlouis@gmail.com](mailto:vopstlouis@gmail.com).

## The Opportunity Divide

The [Opportunity Atlas](#) maps a low-income child's outcome in life based on the neighborhood where he or she grew up. Future income and the likelihood of graduation, incarceration, marriage, and employment are all linked to where the child was raised.

To create the Opportunity Atlas, researchers at Harvard University mapped the actual outcomes in adulthood of 20 million children born between 1978 and 1983. The researchers found striking differences in a low-income child's opportunity to climb the income ladder, and in other life outcomes, based on the neighborhood where the child grew up.

For example, a low-income child (defined as a child whose family is at the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile of income distribution) who grew up in the Greater Ville

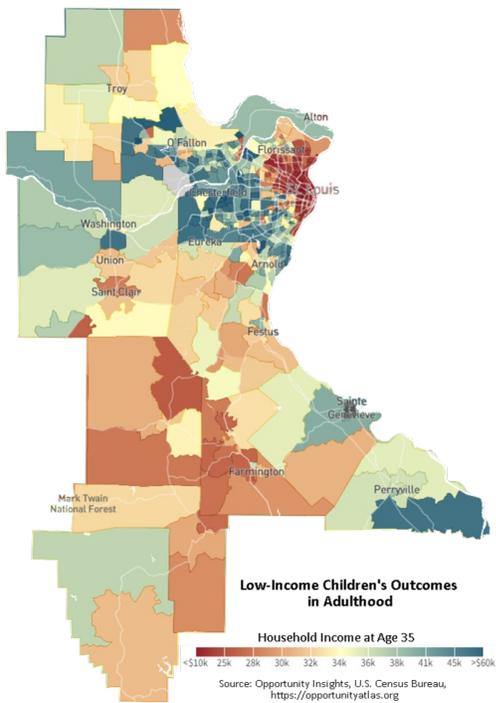
neighborhood had, on average at age 35, a household income of \$15,000-\$19,000 and a chance of incarceration of 5.5% - 9.1%, depending upon the exact census tract where he or she was raised. By contrast, a low-income child who grew up in Kirkwood had, on average at age 35, a household income of \$28,000 - \$43,000 and a chance of incarceration of < 1% to 3.6%, depending upon the exact census tract where he or she was raised.

Remarkably, researchers also found that every additional year that a child spent in a neighborhood with better outcomes resulted in better outcomes for the child in adulthood.

Recognizing the opportunity gaps within neighborhoods, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Council of the United States has launched Neighborhoods of Hope<sup>SM</sup>, a data-driven, collective impact approach to address the complex issues facing communities. Neighborhoods of Hope begins with enhanced home visits to identify the obstacles to sustainability in a given neighborhood, then brings together a steering committee of Vincentians and business and community leaders to remove the obstacles. Engagement of Neighbors in the solutioning is key. The initial focus of Neighborhoods of Hope is jobs; i.e., ensuring our Neighbors are employed at their full earning potential and removing the barriers that prevent this.

The National Council cautions to start small, in an area of high unemployment or underemployment that is served by a vibrant Conference. To that end, the 2023 – 2025 Strategic Plan for the Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis includes the following goal: *Establish a Steering Committee comprised of one staff person and three Vincentians to begin a systemic change initiative: identifying a target community; enhancing home visits; identify impediments to prosperity and assess community needs.\**

If you are interested in working toward systemic change, please contact the Voice of the Poor Committee at [vopstlouis@gmail.com](mailto:vopstlouis@gmail.com) and consider joining us.



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# 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:**

**Dolly Darmody**  
*St. John the Baptist*

**Please Pray for The Deceased:**

**Sister Carolyn Mruz**  
*St. Agatha*

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

