



The Society Scoop



Join Us for Spring Assembly 2022!



You are cordially invited to join us for our 2022 Spring Assembly! It will be held Saturday, March 26, from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm at Saint Louis University High School.

Fr. James Mason, President-Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (left), will be our keynote speaker. Bishop Mark Rivituso (right) will be our celebrant and homilist.

It will be a wonderful day of Vincentian friendship, spiritual growth, and inspiration—All In-Person! We've been itching to "See" each other again. The Assembly can scratch that itch! You won't want to miss it!

Here are some reflections Vincentians had to say....

"Great Meeting! Very Spiritual—makes you realize how special we are in God's plan."

"Everything from Mass to keynote speaker and testimony. Very nourishing and just what I needed."

"Excellent gathering. Want to attend all future gatherings. So wonderful."

[Register Now](#)

Note: We continue to closely monitor COVID developments. In the event the Assembly cannot be held in person, we will offer it the same date via Zoom. Your registration will work for either scenario.

Welcome our new SVdP St. Louis Council Spiritual Advisor!

Welcome Father Daniel Thiess, our new SVdP St. Louis Council Spiritual Advisor!

Father Daniel Thiess was ordained a priest in June 1990. Born and raised in the Chicagoland area, Father Dan's involvement with SVdP began when he was a child, inspired by his father's work with the Society.

His religious work for the Congregation of the Mission began in high school work and eventually led him to development of outreach programming and college curriculum for DePaul University. He has also served in outreach programs in the St. Louis area, specifically at St. Vincent DePaul Parish where he serves today.

With a true heart for service to the poor, Father Dan's work at St Vincent de Paul's Parish includes a food pantry, a daily lunch window, a homeless meals program, a clothing window in collaboration with the Ladies of Charity and is the Spiritual Advisor for St. Vincent's Young Adult Ministry. He also serves in collaboration with DePaul USA, aiding the poor and he is the Superior of the House for the Vincentians at Lazarist residence

Father Dan shares he is a true believer in the words of St. Vincent de Paul, "Let your love be inventive to infinity."

"These words and the trust in providence can guide us as we go about the work of following Christ the Evangelizer of the poor," says Father Dan.

From the Voice of the Poor Committee

VOICE
of the **POOR**

Is your Neighbor Eligible for Medicaid?

Tens of thousands of eligible Neighbors have yet to enroll in Missouri's Medicaid program, called MO HealthNet. Health insurance improves financial security, leads to early diagnoses and better

outcomes, and enables Neighbors with treatable conditions to continue working to support themselves and their families.

Neighbors can apply for MO HealthNet by visiting <https://mydss.mo.gov/healthcare> or calling 855-373-9994. They can also find free professional assistance to navigate the enrollment process by visiting showmecoverage.org or calling 800-891-7350. There is no deadline for enrollment.

[Click for Eligibility and Additional Information](#)

Program Updates

Help for Conferences Working with Pregnant Women

Vincentians working with women in the Pregnancy Care Partnership are invited to join us on Zoom to share resources, ask questions, and get support in order to best serve these women and their unborn children.

Informational Zoom Meetings:

February 16, 1 - 1:30 PM

Topic: Pregnancy Care Partnership Update
Time: Feb 16, 2022 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82283104567?
pwd=TVg0WIBKOHpFUU5EODZrL09vQTYyQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82283104567?pwd=TVg0WIBKOHpFUU5EODZrL09vQTYyQT09)

Meeting ID: 822 8310 4567
Passcode: 238255
Audio only: 312 626 6799

[Click to Join Meeting on
2/16](#)

Wed, March 2, 1 - 1:30 PM

Topic: Pregnancy Care Partnership Update
Time: Mar 2, 2022 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Wed, March 16 at 6 PM

Topic: Pregnancy Care Partnership Update
Time: Mar 16, 2022 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89631238375?pwd=dkgyc2tLZi9vR0hkREU3bTZkM1hsdz09>

Meeting ID: 896 3123 8375

Passcode: 244721

Audio only: 312 626 6799

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83464004943?pwd=LzJqajBCOVdYQUo1cHNieUNYanZXZz09>

Meeting ID: 834 6400 4943

Passcode: 956831

Audio only: 312 626 6799

Click to Join Meeting on
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Click to Join Meeting on
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SVdP Rapid Rehousing Expanding to More Districts!

SVDP Rapid Rehousing is now available in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Jefferson County, St. Francois County and Ste. Genevieve County. Conferences must have participated in a Rapid Rehousing Training Session to use the program. To refer a Neighbor into the program, please complete the Eligibility Checklist and Referral Form and email them to homeless@svdpstl.org

Council Bed Vouchers

All Bed Vouchers have been given to District Presidents to share with Conferences. Bed Vouchers may also be twinned to other Conferences if needed.

Utility Assistance

SVdP participation in HUSTL Rise and Shine provides funds to the Council Office for utility assistance to our Neighbors. If you have a Neighbor in need of utility assistance, please complete a Council Program Form and send it to requestcouncilprogram@svdpstl.org

Job Listing: Manager Vincentian Data

We are seeking someone to help us manage our Vincentian Data, including ServWare, in a full-time position at our Council Office!

Do you know someone who could be a fit for the job?

Apply at the link below and read the overview to see if this is a fit for you or someone you know!

[Learn More and Apply!](#)

OVERVIEW

The Manager of Vincentian Data contributes to a variety of data platforms, databases, and web-based initiatives in service to Vincentians. ServWare, a Neighbor Relationship Management (NRM) software system is used for record keeping and reporting by Vincentian Conferences and the Council Office. This position manages the training (in person, over Zoom and via a learning management system), problem solving, troubleshooting, and daily support of ServWare by others, and plays a key role in the ServWare Steering Committee. This position is expected to maintain positive, productive relationship with the ServWare Developer in creating user requirements for requested software enhancements and oversee new feature introductions in close coordination with the Vincentian community. In addition, this position is also responsible for management and development and implementation of an internal membership database (VMS), future enhancements, and the usage of it for analytics and reporting. Lastly, this position supports the Council Office to design, integrate, and utilize data systems so that they can more effectively support and guide the mission of SVdP.

District President Spotlight: Dave Little South District President



How long have you been a Vincentian with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Dave Little: I believe I became a Vincentian in 2008.

What inspired you to join?

DL: I saw a notice in our parish bulletin to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and it seemed like the right time to help others. With a lot of things in life I believe that the Holy Spirit helps guide us in the choices we make and the direction we go.

How has your spirituality grown with your service to the poor?

DL: I believe the Holy Spirit has been a guiding force in my experience as a Vincentian. The Spirit has led me to become a Vincentian and guided me through hundreds of home visits over the past 13 plus years and to the various committees that I have served on and to my current position.

What is your home parish?

DL: I have been a member of Queen of All Saints Parish in Oakville since 1987.

Tell us a little about you, your family.

DL: I have been married to my wife Sandy for 52 years. Sandy and I are retired. I worked for the United States Department of Agriculture for 34 years mainly in Information Technology. Sandy worked for SSM as an Occupational Therapy Technician and before that as a Pharmacy Tech. We have three children. Mark, Tim, and Christy. Mark is the News Director for the NBC television station in Jackson, Mississippi. Tim has his own Logistic Business. Christy works in Financial Crimes for Wells Fargo Advisors. We have seven grandchildren ranging in age from 25 to 7, four boys and three girls.

What are your hobbies? What do you like to do in your free time?

DL: My main hobby is playing golf. We have a golfing group from our parish and we play 12 months a year if weather conditions allow. Generally, if it's above 40 degrees and relatively dry we layer up and head out to play. I also like to watch older movies. I'm a fan of the movies on Turner Classic Movies. Since I became the President of the South District and a member of the Board of Directors my free time is a little less. But I enjoy what I'm doing for the Society.

Are you originally from St. Louis or grew up elsewhere?

DL: I grew up in Crestwood, Missouri. I graduated from St. Elizabeth of Hungary School and St. John Vianney High School. I have a B.S. Degree in Business Management from Southeast Missouri State in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Any words of wisdom for other Vincentians?

DL: Recently I met with a Conference that is just forming, St. Cecilia's. They were looking for guidance in what they were doing in helping the neighbors in their area. I told them that I was there to support them just as the Council is there for them. If you need our help, ask. Most every situation they encounter someone has faced before. Look for guidance when in doubt.

Vincentian Formation and Support

Formation Events

Home Visit 101

Wednesday, February 16, 2022
10:00am – 12:30pm
Delivered via Zoom

[Click to Register](#)

Ozanam Orientation

Monday, February 28, 2022
1:00 – 4:00 pm
Delivered via Zoom

[Click to Register](#)

Join the St. Vincent de Paul Young Adult Conference!



Needed . . . young adults to make a difference for Neighbors in Need!

Join the St. Vincent de Paul Young Adult Conference!

The founder of SVdP, Frederic Ozanam, was a college student himself when he started the Society. Young adults are a key part of the transformational work that the Society is doing in our area. This is an excellent time for them to grow in fellowship and in their faith as they volunteer to serve those in need.

For more information, please email Bryan Kirchoff at bryankirchoff@att.net

Vincentian Meditation - Divine Charity

Someone asked the other day: what does service or even programs, that may seem secular in nature, have to do with the spiritual growth of Vincentian, or growth in holiness?



Many people, once becoming familiar with the rule of the Society, are surprised to see the emphasis on spiritual growth and personal holiness. They might think, “I thought this was a service organization!” On the other hand, others who are familiar with the Society may then

raise questions such as, “what does a bed program have to do with spiritual growth?”, or, “what does paying this utility bill have to do with holiness?”

We also often hear about the 3 essential elements of the Society: spirituality, friendship, and service. It is easy to see these as distinct, and perhaps in some ways it is helpful to recognize them as distinct elements. But viewing them separately can make it seem as if they aren’t connected or create a reality where one is emphasized, and another is less realized.

The key is to ask ourselves what unifies these 3 elements, what makes them a unity? ([Read More](#))

Bl. Rosalie Rendu – Vincentian Holy Day – February 7th



On February 7, we celebrated the feast of Bl. Rosalie Rendu. Rendu was born Jeanne Marie Rendu in 1786. In 1807, Rendu made her first vows in the Daughters of Charity. The Daughters were founded by St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac.

Rendu spent 54 years in the poor Mouffetard District of Paris, where she helped establish a network of charitable services. She served as a mentor to Bl. Frederic Ozanam and other early founders of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Rendu was beatified by Pope John Paul II on November 9, 2003. The Pope’s beatification homily provides a beautiful description of the charity and spirituality of both Rendu and the Vincentian family: ***“Where did she draw the strength to carry out so many things? From her intense prayer life and the continuous praying of the Rosary, which she never abandoned. Her secret was simple: to see the face of Christ in every man and woman, as a true daughter of St***

Vincent de Paul and like another Sister of her epoch, St Catherine Labouré. Let us give thanks for the witness of charity that the Vincentian family gives unceasingly to the world!"

Let us continue this witness to the world!

Computer Update



The spare computers the Council had available have been given to Conferences or utilized in the Stores to meet new requirements. There are no remaining computers available!

Need Meeting Space?

Conferences and Vincentians are welcome to use the Conference rooms at the Cool Valley Thrift Outlet.

To schedule a conference room, contact Steve Poppe at stevep@svdpstl.org or 314-881-6024.

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:

Ken McWhorter Sr.
St. Martin of Tours

Please Pray for The Deceased:

Dick Dittmann
St. Anthony of Padua, High Ridge

Mary Ann Angelo
St. Ferdinand

Ollie and Donald Dahmer
Our Lady of Guadalupe

To add a name to the list contact Steve Rupp
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