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Vincentian Meditation: Honoring our Heritage

September is a month to celebrate the history of the Society! And what a history to celebrate.

This week, hundreds of Vincentians are gathered in St. Louis for the National Assembly and to celebrate “Where it All Began” in the United States. Vincentians have served joyfully and courageously in the St. Louis area for 178 years.

September 8 is the anniversary of the death of Blessed Frédéric Ozanam ...

On September 27, the Church and the Society celebrate the memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul...

Learn More, Read the Full
Meditation!

All Things New



To support Conferences, the Council has prepared a thorough compilation of Conference Merger Materials, which is available online to all Vincentians. Click the link below to access the resources.

In addition, our Council Office team is continuing to contact each merging Conference to support you and navigate changes with you.

We are depending on you, our Vincentians, to let us know what is going on in your parishes and how we can better support you!

[Access Conference Merger Resources](#)

Updates & Resources

With Gratitude - We Thank You!

Thank you to all those who have attended our Vincentian Wisdom series Zoom workshops! We have had an attendance of 357 total for all workshops combined, with some Vincentians attending multiple workshops!



Below is a list of all 220 unique attendees:

Kathy Alfonsi	Linda DeLaquil	Joe Hogan	Judy Mahon	Bernie Sammons
Yvonne Allen	Jeanne Deutch	Bob Hook	Paul Mallory	Katie Schmid
Richard Aman	Ellen DeVasto	Carolynne Humphrey	Ted Martin	Mary Schmit
Michael Andert	Yolanda Diaz	Susan Hurt	Tom Matoushek	Joe Schneider
Varietta Anthony	Marilyn Dilworth	Mel Husmann	Sharon May	Barry Schoedel
Richard Aubuchon	Mario DiPrimo	Rhonda Jackson	Jo Ann May	Rosanne Schulte
Gerry Banet	Robert Dowgwillo	Ernestine Jackson	Mike McCleith	Connie Schwartz
Gena Bast	John Doyle	Julie Jacob	Mary Ann McCullough	Joseph Schwarzbauer
Peggy Bauer	Sara Drost	Frank Jakse	Nancy Melliere	Heather Sieve
Bob Becherer	Nancy Eckelkamp	Rita Johnson	Marge Mervay	Mary Skaggs
Judy Belford	Mike Edwards	Martha Johnson	Eugene Meyer	Sharon Sparwasser
Delphina Bell	Chigoziri Elekwachi	Carole Johnson	Peggy Mikko	Judy Steiner
Bernie Berns	Sarah Efrnik	Ray Kalbac	Marlene Miller	John Stephan
Cheri Bertani	Chris Emert	Bob Kalnich	Rita Mitchell	Dave Stinn
Jackie Beutel	Dana Engelhardt	Wes Kama	Joe Moses	Lester Stock
Debbie Billing	Jack Eschmann	Andrew Kassebaum	Gerard Mudd	Patricia Taylor
Joanne Blair	Kathie Fechter	John Keath	Bob Mueller	Henry Telfair
Annette Bligh	Rita Feeney	Peggy Keilholz	Mary Murphy	Mary Tietjens
Marty Bligh	Joan Fetse	Mary Kickham	Janice Myers	Dennis Tonkovic
William Blow	Betsy Feldmann	Chris Kincaid	Wayne Myers	Jane Torretta
Sandi Bohmert	John Fitzpatrick	Joan King	Tom Ney	Sam Tremont
Bonnie Borst	John Foppe	Anne Kirwan	Douglas Oberlin	David Tucker
Elizabeth Boyd	Barb Galli	Ginny Kirwin	Joan Odendahl	Mary Ellen Tucker
Margie Brenner	Dixie Garrett	Thomas Knaup	Karl Odenwald	Mindy Unland
Jean Brooking	Jane Garvin	Peggy Koch	Lynette Olweg	Bill Updike
Deanna Broughton	Ken Gebken	Paulette Kohlmeier	Donald Orf	Brenda Vanderford
Ed Bruer	Sandra Gerley	Julie Komanetsky	Marie Orf, CPPS	Lisa Vanderford
Greg Buck	Sandy Ghormley	Jim Konrad	Dan O'Toole	Theodore Vehige
Jeff Buntan	Barb Giese	Prudence Kramer	Diane Overschmidt	Gary Volk
Carole Burkemper	Jerry Gindra	Mary Kreterkamp	Linda Palmer	Susan Volk
Jack Burtelow	Tom Goettelmann	Ann Kruse	Kim Pepple	Mary Ellen Voss
Michael Carosone	Camille Graf	Charles LaGarce	Stephen Poppe	Susan Wagoner
Mike Carroll	Andrew Graf	Colleen Leahy	Connie Probst, OSF	Jack Warner
Gwendolyn Chambers	Betsy Grant	Angie Leos	Cathy Ramey	MaryEllen Watson
Theresa Chiodini	Dave Guntli	Thelma Lewis	Mary Randant	Clay Whitener
Matt Christ	Jan Gunth	Judy Liemann	Michele Randle	Timothy Williams
Robert Cogan	Carolyn Hanneken	Clare Ann Litteken, CPPS	Mary Reck	Laurel Willis
William Cornwell	Floste Henderson	Dave Little	Ron Reuther	Pat Wilson
Karen Corvey	Nancy Herholz	Paul Lodewyck	Barbara Richter	Dorothy Wokovich
Maryann Creamer	Janet Hermann	Patti Loehning	Donna Roth	Joe Wokovitch
Pat Croat	Gretchen Hermann	Rene Lorio	Mike Roth	Gary Woods
Kathy Danzo	Agnes Hinkbein	Margie Louks	Katherine Roth	Ken Worland
Fortunata Darmody	Jack Hodge	Mary Luntz	Steve Rupp	Ann Yeager
Chris Deason	Marsha Hoette	Dae Lyons	Claudia Safran	MaryAnn Zimmermann

Thank you for your commitment to continued Formation and the mission of our conferences as we reimagine our future together!

Formation Presenters Needed!

Are you interested in being an Ozanam Orientation or Home Visit 101 presenter? Vincentians love hearing from other Vincentians!

As we continue to expand our formation offerings, we are looking for Vincentians with presentation experience to help us deliver more of our foundational offerings:

- Ozanam Orientations are usually held on Saturdays.
- Home Visit sessions are usually held on weekday evenings.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Andrew Kassebaum at andrewk@svdpstl.org or 314-881-6008.

ATTN: CAR Report Instructions Update

We've updated the [CAR report instructions](#) on the website!

Conference Treasurers, please review the new instructions, specifically #230 and #410. Thank

[View Instructions](#)

you!

Safeguarding Requirements for Vincentian Members

Society of St. Vincent De Paul Archdiocesan Council (SVdP) seeks to ensure that, not only is abuse prevented and reported, but also works to create safe and respectful environments to protect the human dignity and confidentiality of our Neighbors-in-Need. Whether we visit with Neighbors or provide support for our conferences, as Vincentians it is important to know how to report abuse and support the Archdiocesan Code of Ethics.



Requirements:

All **NEW** Active and Associate Conference members must complete the Archdiocese Safe Environment Training Program within 14 days of joining a Conference and comply with the Archdiocesan updating requirements.

Current Active and Associate Conference members who have not yet completed the Archdiocese Safe Environment Training Program must do so before November 1, 2023, and report the relevant completion dates to their Conference President and the Council Office who will ensure the information is entered into the Member ServWare page.

The Training Program is all online and will take approximately two hours to complete.

[Click here to register for the Archdiocese Safe Environment Training Program](#)

[Click here for "how-to-register" screenshots](#)

Media Mania Coming 9-17 - 9/19 ONLY at Christy Store!

Are you a music lover? Movie buff? Vinyl collector?

We've got the sale event made just for you!

This September 17-19, only at our Christy store location, all CD's, DVD's, VHS and LP's will be



only \$0.75 each!

Come visit us at:

4928 Christy Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63116

After School Meals at County Libraries



Operation Food Search will provide after school meals Monday-Friday at five St. Louis County Library branches **starting on August 21, 2023.**

Stop by after school and enjoy a nutritious meal along with activities for kids. Meals must be eaten on-site and will be available free of charge for children ages 5-18.



St. Louis County **Library**

- [Florissant Valley Branch](#), 195 N. Florissant Road S., Florissant, MO 63031
 - Monday-Friday, 3:30-4:30
- [Lewis & Clark Branch](#), 9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63136
 - Monday-Friday, 3:30-4:30
- [Natural Bridge Branch](#), 7606 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63121
 - Monday-Friday, 3:30-4:30
- [Prairie Commons Branch](#), 915 Utz Lane, Hazelwood, MO 63042
 - Monday-Friday, 3:30-4:30
- [Weber Road Branch](#), 4444 Weber Road, St. Louis, MO 63123
 - Monday-Friday, 2:30-4:00

Operation Food Search is an equal opportunity provider.

MO Tenant Help



Missouri
Tenant Help

Missouri Tenant Help offers free, easy-to-use, and mobile-friendly resources to Missouri tenants facing eviction or other housing needs. Their DIY Forms are accessible to tenants, attorneys,

paralegals, or anyone helping a tenant.

Visit the
website

SVdP Rapid Rehousing Update

St. Patrick Center has hired a social worker to support SVdP Rapid Rehousing!

Mary Adcock has worked with unhoused individuals and families for the last three years and recently graduated with a Master of Social Work. She enjoys going on walks, listening to music and spending time with her cat.



Mary is currently completing orientation and meeting the Neighbors currently in the program. **We are unable to accept any new referrals at this time.**

Thrift Stores Seeking Furniture Donations



Have furniture you no longer need? Give it a new purpose and make a meaningful impact on the lives of others.

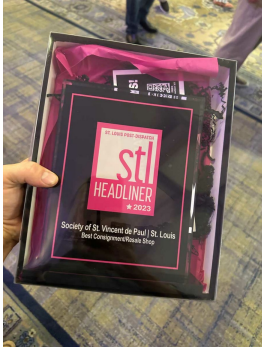
We're seeking good, usable working order, free of breakage, rips, stains, pet hair and damaged parts, and donating furniture is easier than ever!

Drop off your furniture at the SVdP [thrift store nearest you](#) or [schedule a donation pickup](#) and let us handle the logistics, while you experience the joy of giving!

SVdP in the News

SVdP Thrift Stores Chosen as STL Headliner 2023 - Winner for Best Consignment/Resale Shop!

St. Louis Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores Won *Best Consignment/Resale Shop*, picked by Post-Dispatch / STLToday readers in their STL



Headliner contest!

Look for the full rankings to be published September 24!



See Photos from the Event

Mary Mother's Metal Recycling Program Nears Goal



Volunteer members from Mary Mother of the Church Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul have been recycling scrap metals since 2009. To date, their recycling efforts have raised about \$194,000. And the group has almost achieved a goal they could never have imagined at the start; they hope to hit their \$200,000 goal by the end of the year. One hundred percent of the funds earned go directly to help the poor.

[Read about it in the St. Louis Review](#)

[Watch the news coverage on Fox2Now](#)

[Click here to read the feature on Waste 360!](#)

Upcoming SVdP Events At A Glance

Sept 5 | 8:00 am – September 9 | 5:00 pm

[2023 National Assembly](#)

Sept 8 | ALL DAY

[Memorial of Bl. Frédéric Ozanam](#)

Sept 12 | 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

[Pathways of Hope](#)

Sept 13 | 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

[Ozanam Orientation](#)

Sept 23 | 9:00 am

[Friends of The Poor Walk](#)

Sept 27 | ALL DAY

[Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul](#)

Sept 28 | 6:15 – 8:45 pm

[Home Visit 101](#)

Upcoming District Meetings

- Southwest, Saturday, September 16th Time and place TBA.
- North, Tuesday, October 3rd, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, 4:00 pm.
- Mid Central, Saturday, October 14th at Cool Valley Thrift Store, 11:00 am.
- Gravois, Tuesday, October 17th, Mary Mother of the Church, 6:00 pm.
- Northwest, Wednesday, October 25th, St. Joseph, Cottleville, 6:00 pm.
- North Central, Saturday, October 28th, Cool Valley Thrift Store, 10:00 am.

9/5-9/9 - 2023 National Assembly



It's not too late to register for National Assembly sessions if you haven't done so yet!

[Register to Attend](#)

**SVdP National Assembly
In St. Louis
"Where It All Began"
September 5 – 9, 2023**

Once you've completed your registration, you will automatically be directed to the group booking page.

9/8 - Memorial of Bl. Frédéric Ozanam

Blessed Frédéric Ozanam was educated in law, literature, and philosophy, and he taught at universities in Lyon and Paris. Challenged by a detractor of the faith to demonstrate the social good the Church was doing in France, Frédéric and six companions founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on April 23, 1833. On June 23, 1841, Frédéric married Amélie Soulacroix, and their only child, Marie, was born in 1845. He succumbed to ill health and died on September 8, 1853. Pope John Paul II beatified Frédéric Ozanam in Paris on August 22, 1997.



[Learn More](#)

9/12 - Pathway of Hope



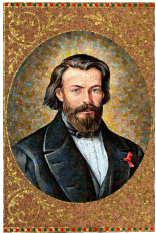
Join us for a Zoom to learn more about Pathway of Hope!

The Salvation Army's Pathway of Hope provides individualized services to families with children who desire to take action to break the cycle of crisis and vulnerability that repeats generation after generation. It seeks to address the root causes of poverty. By helping families overcome challenges like unemployment, unstable housing, and lack of education, we can lead families down a path toward increased stability and, ultimately, self-sufficiency.

Tuesday, Sept. 12
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

[Click Here to Register](#)

9/13 - Ozanam Orientation



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.

Wednesday, Sept. 13
9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
St. Vincent de Paul - Perryville

[Click Here to Register](#)

9/23 - Friends of The Poor Walk

St. Vincent de Paul
Saturday, September 23, 2023



if anyone would like to get more information on hosting a Walk, or how to tie in to an existing Walk, to contact me at stever@svdpstl.org or 314-881-6018.

<https://www.fopwalk.org/>

9/27 - Memorial of St. Vincent De Paul



St. Vincent de Paul was born in Pouy, France on April 24, 1581, and was ordained a priest on September 23, 1600. Vincent devoted himself entirely to the alleviation of suffering of the poor. To that cause, he established the Confraternities of Charity, later known as the Ladies of Charity, in 1617. In 1625, he founded the Congregation of the Mission, his community of priests and brothers. With Louise de Marillac, he cofounded the Daughters of Charity in 1633. Vincent died in Paris on September 27, 1660 and was canonized in 1737. Pope Leo XIII declared him patron saint of all works of charity.

[Learn More](#)

9/28 - 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.

Thursday, Sept. 28
6:15 - 8:45 PM
St. Paul - Fenton

[Click Here to Register](#)

From the Voice of the Poor

VOICE of the POOR

The knowledge of social well-being and reform is to be learned, not from books, nor from the public platform, but in climbing the stairs to the poor's man garret, sitting by his bedside, feeling the same cold that pierces him, sharing the secret of his lonely heart and troubled mind.

~ Frederic Ozanam

Through our home visits, we Vincentians have unique insight into the complexities of poverty and the myriad reasons that our Neighbors find themselves in it. This insight is invaluable to our Voice of the Poor Committee, which advocates for policies and programs that empower our Neighbors to move from poverty to a better, more sustainable life.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our Voice of the Poor table at the July Open House. If you are interested in learning more about the Committee's activities and how you can help, we invite you to do any and all of the following:

- Check out the **Voice of the Poor** resources on the St. Louis Council website.
- Contact Voice of the Poor Committee co-chairs Bernie Sammons (314-853-6391) and Mary Kreienkamp (314-852-2305); or email vopstlouis@gmail.com.
- Click below to find out more about Who We Are and Our Current Priorities

[Learn Who We Are](#)

[Our Current
Priorities](#)

Reminder... Rosary Every Wednesday Night



Join us --
SVdP St. Louis
Rosary Wednesday
8 PM 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



Please Pray for The Deceased:

[Jack Avery, Ascension](#)

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

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