

Voice of the Poor Committee

Meeting Agenda

Saturday, August 8, 2020 – 10:00 AM

Audio only conference call - Milwaukee, WI 53225

Item

1. **Opening Prayer**
2. **Review Minutes of the meeting held June 20, 2020**
3. **Updates:** *please limit your report to five minutes*
 - Energy** – Dave Busch
 - Health Care** – Marge Sebern
 - Housing** – Rose Lue-Hing
 - Hunger Food Share** – Tom Jozwik
 - Immigration** – Sharron Schmidt
 - Human Trafficking** – Mary Steger
 - Labor/Minimum Wage** – Dave Busch
 - Criminal Justice** – E. Michael McCann
 - Waukesha Update** – David Anderson

Old Business:

4. **Backing Gun Legislation** – Review our response to the National VOP and our local Board re: closing the loopholes in gun buyers background checks
5. **Support of Policing Reforms** – Letter urging the National VOP to expeditiously support policing policy reform bills now in Congress

New Business:

6. **SVDP Awareness Month** – Discuss plans for this annual October campaign to promote the Society
7. **Next VOP Meeting – September 12, 2020**
Next meeting on the Second Saturday in September
8. **Closing Prayer**

Opening Prayer for SVDP Society meetings (short form)

All: In the Name of the Father, etc.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, live within our lives.

All: And strengthen us by Your Love.

L: Send forth your spirit and new life will be created.

All: And the whole face of the earth will be renewed.

L: Let us reflect on the words of Our Lord Jesus Christ, recalling His unity and presence among us: "Where two or more are gathered together in my Name, there am I in the midst of them." (moment of silence)

All: Lord Jesus, deepen our Vincentian spirit of friendship during this meeting and make us responsive to the Christian calling to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering, or the deprived so that we may bring them your love. Help us to be generous with our time, our possessions, and ourselves in this mission of charity. Perfect in us your love and teach us to share more fully in the Eucharistic Sacrifice offered for all. Amen.

Closing Prayer: Prayer for the victims of discrimination

All: Lord Jesus, You love us all the same as your children and provide your mercy to all who open their hearts to You. As your followers, we are saddened that many people today still fall victim to discrimination. Your Gospel has been preached for centuries, but sadly there are men, women, and children who are persecuted, ignored, and even hated simply because of their beliefs, physical characteristics, social status, or mental capabilities.

We pray for all who are discriminated against for whatever reason that they may find courage to obtain the equality due them.

We pray for lawmakers and elected officials to be advocates for them and to help facilitate changes in our city and in our country so all people can be treated equally as your children.

Help us to treat those we meet every day and in our ministry as Vincentians as your children, and help us to stand up for those discriminated against.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

L: That our departed friends and relatives, our Vincentian Brothers and Sisters, and those whom we have served, be welcomed into your Kingdom and joined in love, we pray to the Lord...