



Our Mission Statement

A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

Approved April 14, 2018 SVDP-USA



May Jesus gift us with his presence this Lent, so that we can be a gift to others, and so we pray:

Fast from judging others; to feast on kindness. **Fast** from unrelenting pressures; to feast on trusting God.

Fast from self-concern; to feast on compassion.

Fast from personal anxiety; to feast on hope. **Fast** from discouragement; to feast on encouragement.

Fast from criticism; to feast on affirmation. **Fast** from complaining; to feast on complimenting. **Fast** from social media; to feast on prayer and silence. **Fast**

from resentments; to feast on forgiveness.

Lord, give us the grace to fast during Lent so that we can truly celebrate Easter. **Amen**

Links You Can Use

[Bulletin Announcements](#) with Conference details

[Vincentian Resources](#) on SVdP Milwaukee Website

[Toolbox of Information](#) for Conference Revitalization from National SVdP Website

[Documents in Spanish](#) for Conference Revitalization from National SVdP Website

[Coupons and Discounts](#) for SVdP Milwaukee Stores

Subscribe to the **National SVdP Frederic's E-Gazette** for valuable news from our national Vincentian family. Contact jwitzel@svdpusa.org

A Look Ahead

April 13 Ozanam Orientation 8:15AM-1:30PM CO

April 13 Voice of the Poor Committee Meeting CO 10AM

April 14 Archdiocesan Council Spring Meeting at St. Joseph Parish, Wauwatosa

April 19 Good Friday- Council Office Closed/ Both Meal Sites Closed

April 21 Easter Sunday- Cross Roads Kitchen Serving Meal Noon-12:45PM
Harambee Kitchen Closed

April 30 Catholics at the Capitol

May 4 Secretary/Treasurer Workshop 10AM-11:30AM CO

May 16 Resource Fair Christ King Parish 5:45PM-7:45PM

NEWS FROM THE CENTRAL OFFICE

SAVE THE DATE

SECRETARY/TREASURER WORKSHOP: There will be a secretary and treasurer training held in May and July. All secretaries and treasurers are encouraged to attend one of these sessions. At the workshop we will go over the responsibilities of the conference secretary and treasurer, including the reporting requirements and tools available to help in this process. We will also go through the annual report in its entirety.

Saturday May 4th at 10 am or Thursday July 11th at 4 pm.

For information or to RSVP contact Natalie:

(414) 462-7837 ext. 101

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RESOURCE FAIR: A Resource Fair will be held to provide Vincentians with helpful information to enrich the home visit experience. Topics such as housing options, energy assistance, legal aid, and the Food Share program will be addressed. In addition, a Milwaukee Police Officer will speak on personal safety. Plan to attend the Resource Fair on Thursday, May 16, 5:45pm-7:45pm at Christ King Parish North Hall, 2604 N. Swan Blvd.

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Voice of the Poor Committee

2nd Saturday of the Month | 10:00am-Noon | 9601 W Silver Spring Dr.

The Voice of the Poor Committee meets regularly to research issues related to the condition of the poor and disenfranchised and help Vincentians build their understanding of critical issues. Contact [Dave Busch](#) if you are interested in hearing more about how you can get involved. [Click here](#) for the minutes of the **February** meeting. Future meeting dates are April 13 and May 11, 2019.

Contact Us By Phone at 414-462-7837

We love to hear from you!

Vincentian questions on referrals, Melanie- Ext 107

Intake line for basic need requests- Ext. 110

Vincentian membership assistance, Maria Welz- Ext 109

Administrative Specialist, Natalie- Ext. 101

Executive Director, Debbie Duskey- Ext 102

Finance and HR, Michelle Martin- Ext 108

Thrift Store General Manager, Donna Wallace 414-377-9077

Lincoln Store Manager, Brett Peach 414-672-2040

Greenfield Store Manager, Mark Dimeo 414-377-9077

Meal Program Manager, Peggy West, (414) 915-3353

SPECIAL INVITATION
TO NEW MEMBERS & THOSE WHO HAVEN'T YET ATTENDED



OZANAM ORIENTATION
SATURDAY, April 13, 2019

8:15 am: Check-in Registration
8:30 am- 1:30 pm: Program/Lunch included
SVDP Council Office- lower level-no elevator
9601 W. Silver Spring Dr. – Milwaukee
Parking available in rear
Please RSVP by April 8th to Natalie
(414) 462-7837 or nbousquet@svdpmilw.org

What is the Society?
What is our Spiritual Heritage?
How are we Structured?
Why we do Home Visits?
How does a Conference work?
Why we have 'The Rule'?
Understanding Poverty
How do we stay connected with those in need?

**NOTE: This program is essential for new members
and a renewal for existing members!**

The Society in the United States requires that all members attend an Ozanam Orientation Session. Certificates of Attendance will be issued to all who participate.

We hope you can join us!

FREDERIC OZANAM



North Central Region Meeting: "We Rise by Lifting Others"

The LaCrosse District Council is excited to welcome you to the June 20-22, 2019 NC Region Meeting in Marshfield, WI. We have worked hard on making this event fun, educational, and affordable so many can attend.

The registration website is now open. **Click on the link to register for the meeting:** <http://www.regonline.com/northcentralregion2019>.

There are options to attend the full meeting or to attend for a single day. **Please book your hotel room soon.** The weekend of our meeting has other events in town, so we strongly urge you to register for the meeting and to book your hotel rooms as soon as possible.

The hotel hosting our meeting is Hotel Marshfield. Call 715-387-2700 as soon as possible to reserve your room and mention the SVdP North Central Region Meeting for our discounted rate of \$99/night plus tax.

If our block of rooms at the Hotel Marshfield are gone, we have overflow blocks at two other hotels:

Woodfield Inn & Suites, 715-387-2233, \$69 for Thursday, \$79 for Friday or Saturday
Quality Inn, 480-676-5420, \$114 per night.

Mention the SVdP North Central Region meeting to take advantage of our negotiated



Tap into the Zeal of Servant Leadership was the title of the program for the All Area Meeting in February. Vincentians took time to listen and share input on this final topic in the *Walking the Vincentian Pathway* formation series. The video/discussion format focused on the work of Robert Greenleaf's Servant Leader business leadership model as well as the practice and teaching of St. Vincent de Paul. Click below for documents related to this session.

- [Servant Leader Vincentian Characteristics](#)
- [Servant Leadership in the Manner of St. Vincent de Paul](#)
- [Tap into the Zeal of Servant Leaders Handout Slides](#)
- [Personal Assessment and Formation Plan](#)

With your help in 2018,
St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee
provided...



- **14,106** visits to homes, senior care centers, prisons and other non-home locations
- **\$1,646,302** worth of goods and services to people in need throughout Milwaukee County
- **89,516** nutritious hot meals served at our two meal sites located at 931 W. Madison Street and 2600 N. 2nd Street; **15,311** of these meals were served to children
- **765** St. Vincent de Paul members willing to serve
- **87,962** volunteer hours through all SVDP programs

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Just as Vincentians are often considered 'silent servants', we also are blessed to have 'silent supporters'. On any given day the Council Office door bell may ring and a community member is at the door with a gift for our programs. Recently, we received several hand made fleece blankets to distribute. We continuously receive hand made caps, scarves and mittens. A very special annual donation is pictured above. The Pitcher family, of St. John the Evangelist Parish, gathered over 40 family members to create canvas art pictures for Vincentian home visits. These lovely 'housewarming' gifts bring a

smile to those who receive them. Stop by the Council Office to pick up some items to treat the neighbors you visit with a housewarming gift!



NEWS FROM THE MEAL PROGRAM

Special Request: Easter Baskets are getting filled and ready to distribute to our meal guests. We have plenty of colorful grasses and plastic eggs but we are short on **CANDY!** Donations of candy items and individually wrapped candy pieces that can be put in the plastic eggs are needed. Please bring your donation to the Cross Roads Kitchen, 931 W. Madison St. after 2pm until 6:30pm Sunday-Friday. Thank You!

SCHEDULE

Meals are served Monday through Friday 5:30PM to 6:15PM. Volunteers are needed from 3:00 PM to 7:00PM.

Harambee Kitchen (North) : Monday-Friday 2600 N 2 St.

Cross Roads Kitchen (South) : Sunday-Friday 931 W. Madison St.

For a complete **2019 schedule** of Meal Program closing dates and Holiday serving dates, [click here](#).

Thank you so much for all you do; you ARE the heart of our program!

NEWS FROM THE THRIFT STORES

Delivery Guidelines Update: Please be sure to review the updates to the delivery guidelines and share the information with conference members. [Click here](#) for the revisions as of January 2019. During your home visit, please remind those that you visit to call the stores ahead to see if the items they are seeking are currently in stock. This helps to eliminate frustration when a client feels they have made a wasted trip to the store. Perhaps, make suggestions on your home visit for alternate means of delivery for furniture or bed requests. Full size beds are particularly in demand, please call the stores for available stock.

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Don't forget to **'round up'** when you shop at our stores. The proceeds benefit the Meal Program. In 2018, over \$12,000 was donated by rounding up! Also, store Gift Cards are available for purchase.

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Anyone can use the **Text Club Discount**- share the news on your home visits

(Text SVDP to 64600-messaging rates may apply)

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[Click Here](#) for a coupon for the Lincoln Store to distribute on your home visits.
This is printed in Spanish and English or print our [Friends and Family Coupon](#)
to share!



Network Television Premiere!
A Movie about the Society on EWTN

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

NEWS FROM OUR VINCENTIAN FAMILY

Thank you to everyone who tuned in to the network television premiere of the SVdP movie, "Our Faith in Action." If you missed movie or loved what you saw and want to see more stories of Vincentians across the country helping their neighbors in need, you can!

"Our Faith in Action" Movie Description

The spirit and charism of a 400-year-old French saint lives on through the examples of charity by nearly 100,000 dedicated men and women of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The feature-length presentation "Our Faith in Action" tells the spiritually uplifting, personal stories of our Vincentian members in direct service with people in need across the country.

The movie is available for viewing on the SVdP YouTube page and can be accessed by clicking here:

[The movie is available for viewing with Spanish subtitles.](#)

You can also view and download the movie from the Society's Vimeo page by clicking here: <https://bit.ly/2Fmp28P>.

Community Events

The Empowerment Coalition of Milwaukee

WORKSHOPS FOR ADVOCATES 2019: *Education and Empowerment for Social Service Providers and their Clients.* Workshops are offered on the third Friday of each month at the United Way Inc., 225 West Vine St. at 9AM-Noon. [Click here](#) for a list of dates and topics. Pre-registration required.

FREE LIGHT BULBS For HOME VISITS

As part of the FOCUS ON ENERGY initiative, we have a supply of **FREE LED light bulbs available at the Council Office for Vincentians to pick up.** Please distribute the light bulbs on your home visits to encourage energy saving. Additionally, please visit this website for more money saving opportunities for you and your neighbors! www.energyfederation.org/focusonenergy.



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Are you an Amazon shopper? Why not give AmazonSmile a try! Shop for the items you normally purchase on Amazon by logging in to [amazonSmile.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select St. Vincent de Paul of Milwaukee as your charity of choice. The Society will receive a donation of .5% of your purchase.

Here is the link - if you or someone you know shops on Amazon -

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0806406>



Darlene Bondowski
St. Veronica Conference

In Remembrance
We Pray for Our Dearly
Departed

*May her soul and the souls of
all the faithful departed,
through the
mercy of God, rest in
peace. Amen.*

Questions, Suggestions or Success Stories? Contact: Maria Welz, Vincentian Membership Coordinator at mwelz@svdpmilw.org or 414-462-7837 ext. 109.



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