

**2023 North Central Region Meeting
June 15-17
University of St Mary of the Lake
Mundelein IL**

Wednesday, June 14

3:30-5:00 Welcome Table (pick up your materials) & check in
5:30-7:00 Dinner

Thursday, June 15

8:00-9:00 Breakfast

9:00-5:00 Welcome Table (pick up your materials), checkin

9:00-11:00 **Rooms available for Council meetings**

11:15-11:45 **Mass**

12:00-1:00 **Lunch**

1:15-2:30 **North Central Region Leadership (Council & Conference Presidents, Executive Directors) – Lessons Learned from Standards of Excellence, and Safeguarding Implementations**

2:30-3:00 **Break**

3:00-3:10 **Welcome & Campus Orientation**

3:05-4:30 **Opening retreat – Love is Your First Gift to the Poor: Sr Rosalie Rendu & her influence on Frederic Ozanam & the Society - - [Sister Kara Davis](#)**

5:30-6:30 **Dinner**

7:00-9:00 **Host City events on the beautiful campus of University of St Mary of the Lake**

Friday, June 16

6:45 **Morning Prayer & Rosary**

7:30-4:00 Welcome Table & Check in

7:00-8:00 **Breakfast**

8:30-9:30 **Keynote – Society of St Vincent de Paul National: What Must Be Done – [Dave Barriner, National CEO](#)**

10:00-11:00 **Workshop Block #1**

- **How to do home visit training – [Tim Williams](#)**
- **Understanding Bylaws & Why They Matter – [Mike Syslo](#)**
- **Revitalizing Conferences & Members – [Susan Wiland, Jeanne Harper, Christine McCarthy, Tom Fahl](#)**
- **Thrift Store Best Practices - [Jeff Beamguard](#)**

11:15-12:15 **Workshop Block #2**

- **Cultural Competency 2.0 – [Wayne Bugg](#)**
- **What to do when parishes are closed or merged: best practices in conference mergers – [Tom Matoushek, Mike Meehan, Harry Ohde, Mike Syslo](#)**
- **Mentoring Friends in Need using Financial Tools – [Deb Zabloudil](#)**
- **Integrating SVdP's mission into your store or special works- [Julie Bennett, Julie McIntyre](#)**

12:30-1:15

Lunch

- 1:30-2:30** **Workshop Block #3**
- **Handling Challenging Home Visit Situations – open forum** – [Jeanne Harper](#), [Tim Williams](#), [Christine & Denis McCarthy](#)
 - **Food Pantry Best Practices** – [Chris Kane](#)
 - **Barriers to Entry – Policy Issues** – [Luis Cantu & Pamela Matambanadzo](#)
 - **Thrift Store Tips & Tricks: How to Execute a Successful Event** – [Ashley Berken & Brooke Trick](#)
- 2:45-4:00** **Special Works Best Practices** – learn about lockers for the homeless, home visit supply bags, National Thrift Store Committee, Building Community Relationships, and much more
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- 4:30** **Mass**
- 5:30** **Social**
- 6:30** **Dinner & Introduction to next year’s host city**

Saturday, June 17

- 6:45** **Morning Prayer & Rosary**
- 7:00-11:00** **Welcome Table & Check in**
- 7:00-8:00** **Breakfast**
- 8:30-9:30** **Keynote – TBD**
- 9:45-10:45** **Workshop Block #5**
- **Survival Kit for Conference Presidents** – [Bill Soucie](#)
 - **Rekindling Vincentian Spirit Post-COVID** – [Tim Williams](#)
 - **Serving the Homeless** – [Bob Hartzheim](#)
 - **Home visits to Hispanics / Latinos (in Spanish)** – [Dora Fabian](#)
- 10:45** **Break**
- 11:00-12:00** **Workshop Block #6**
- **Home Visits: Loving our Friends in Need** – [Brad Blauvelt](#)
 - **Recruiting New Member** – [Susan Wiland](#), [Jeanne Harper](#), [Christine McCarthy](#), [Eileen Steed](#)
 - **Understanding Our Rule** – [Tom Fahl](#)
 - **Effective Conference Meetings (in Spanish)** – [Rosa Hernandez](#)
- 12:15-1:15** **Lunch**
Raffle Basket Drawings
- 1:30-2:30** **Workshop Block #7**
- **Called to Serve: Our Unique Pathways to Vincentian Spirituality** – [Kathy Evans](#)
 - **ServWare** – [Mark & Cathy Stine](#)
 - **Protecting the Society from Sexual Harassment lawsuits** – [Doug Moran](#), [Carol Bauer](#)
 - **Best practices in recruiting Hispanic Latino members** – [Rosa Hernandez](#), [Dora Fabian](#), [Mike Meehan](#)
- 2:30** **Meeting End**