

SEPTEMBER

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FROM THE HEART



A MONTHLY SVDP MKE VINCENTIAN NEWSLETTER



Celebrate our Vincentian Feast Days

September 9 -Bl. Frederic Ozanam

September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul



Almighty God, fill us with the grace to loyally befriend, lovingly serve and pray with those whom you call into our midst as Vincentian brothers and sisters.

May we together renew our strength in this mission and inspire others by our example.

Blessed Frederic...Pray for us.

St. Vincent de Paul...Pray for us.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

10 VisionSVdP 6PM- St. Sebastian

12 VisionSVdP 6PM- St. Veronica

25 Growth & Revitalization

Committee Meeting 4PM- St. Sebastian

26 Resource Fair 9:45AM- Our Lady of Lourdes

October

19 Ozanam Orientation 9:45AM- Wauwatosa Library

26 Vincentian Appreciation Breakfast and Annual Membership Meeting 9AM- St. Alphonsus

29 Conference Secretary & Treasurer Workshop- 6PM Wauwatosa Library

See Page 4 for Event details

Dolores Kaczowski

Obituary

Hands of Christ & St. Augustine/
Immaculate Conception

Christine Crowbridge

Obituary

St. Rita

In Memoriam

Don Roethig

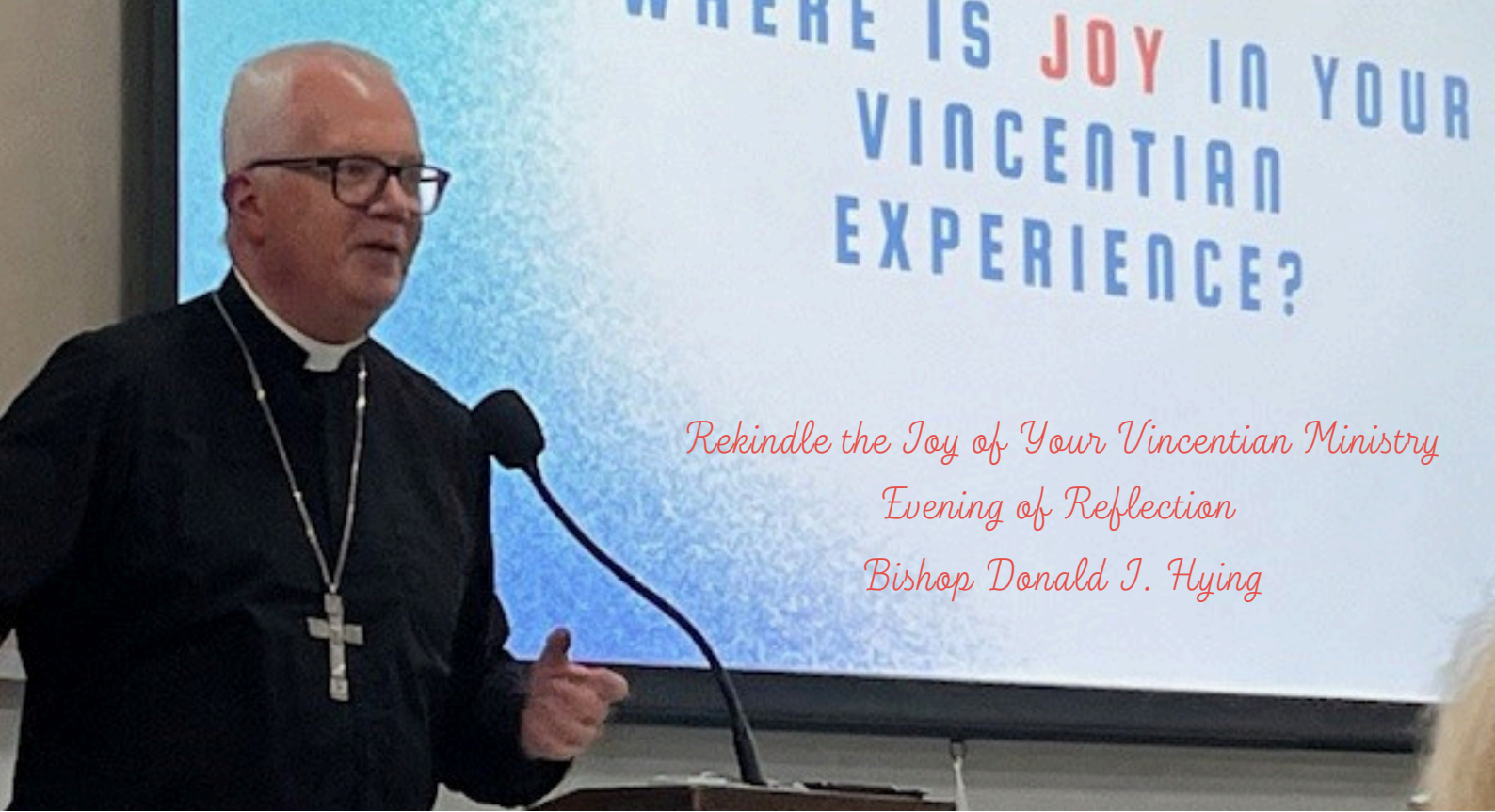
Mother of Good Counsel

Aggie Barczynski

Lincoln Store Volunteer

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.





*Rekindle the Joy of Your Vincentian Ministry
Evening of Reflection
Bishop Donald J. Hying*



Bishop Don enthusiastically engaged over 100 Vincentians who attended this special gathering with a reflection on Joy and Hope as supernatural gifts from the Holy Spirit. He guided Vincentians to consider this by sharing personal moments when God was so palpable that he was “cut to the heart”. Those moments that fill us with joy and hope are when we experience the glory of God. Bishop Don drew participants to be renewed by the message of the Kerygma (**Acts 2**). “God created everything good and we’re the crown of His creation. He already gained victory for us. He loves us to the depths of our toes and is planted in our hearts. Nothing can shake us if we are rooted in the Lord.”

Vincentians are invited to pray upon and discuss with each other two reflective questions ~

What brought you into this call as a Vincentian?
Why do you stay?

We are called to be witnesses and insert the Joy, Hope, Light and Love of God into these turbulent times.





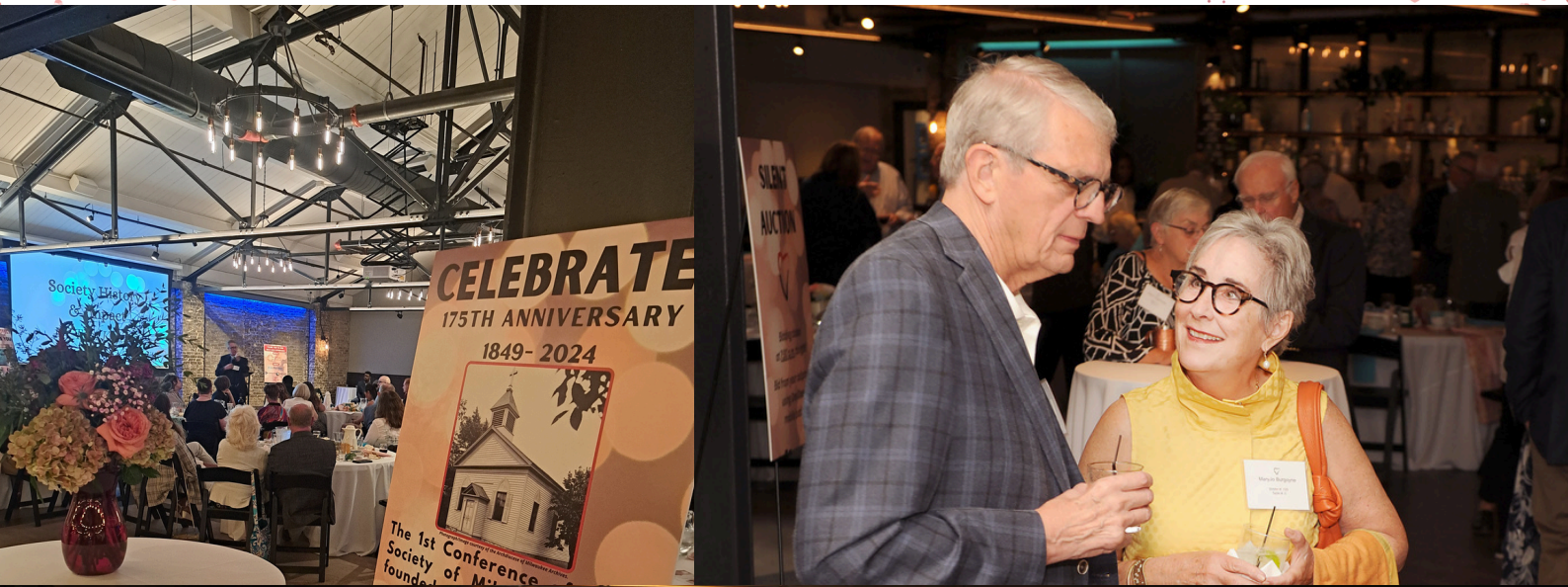
"Giving from the Heart"

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Thank you!



VINCENTIAN EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE...PLEASE JOIN US!



- **Vincentian Awareness Month** begins on September 29th and continues through October. This is an opportunity to thank fellow parishioners for their support, inform them of your works and needs and invite new members. The [resource booklet](#) and supporting materials can be found on our [website](#). Please consider how you might share the good news of Vincentian Life!
- **VisionSVdP Listening Sessions:** Every Voice Matters as the Society adapts to a changing world (Rule 1.6). We invite you to engage in a reflection, sharing & listening process with other Vincentians from our Council as VisionSVdP moves us forward in renewal.
 - Attend either session! **RSVP** to Beth, 414-667-0240.
 - **Tuesday, September 10** | 6PM-7:15PM | St. Sebastian Parish Hall | 5400 W. Washington Blvd. Use 54th St. entrance.
 - **Thursday, September 12** | 6PM-7:15PM | St. Veronica Parish Johnson Hall | 4001 S. Whitnall Ave.
- **Resource Fair** | **Thursday, September 26** | 9:45AM-12:15PM | Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall | 3722 S. 58 St. ~ Presentations and resources will equip Vincentians with knowledge on helpful services for neighbors in need. Learn from UMOS Energy Assistance, Catholic Charities Refugee & Immigration Services, NEW Ladies of Charity Children's Clothing Center. Additional presenters are being determined.
- **Ozanam Orientation** | **Saturday, October 19** | 9:45AM-3:00PM | Wauwatosa Public Library Firefly Room | 7635 W. North Ave. ~ New members are asked to attend an orientation within the first year of Society membership. Learn history, heritage and home visit basics which will enrich your understanding of your Vincentian call to service. Register by October 10th.
- **Vincentian Appreciation Breakfast & Annual Meeting** | **Saturday, October 26** | 9:00AM-11:30AM | St. Alphonsus Parish Community Room | 6060 W. Loomis Rd., Greendale ~ Enjoy breakfast on us as we join in fellowship and prayer followed by the annual membership meeting. Afterwards, take a relaxing walk in the beauty of the fall season.
- **Conference Secretary & Treasurer Workshop** | **Thursday, October 29** | 6PM-7:30PM | Wauwatosa Public Library Firefly Room | 7635 W. North Ave. ~ This workshop is ideal for those who are new to their roles as Secretary, Treasurer or President. Topics include duties of Secretary and Treasurer, requirements of IRS & SVDP Rule, detailed review of Annual Report sections, ServWare summary, tools and resources.

Please refer to our [website](#) for flyers. RSVP: [email Beth](#) or call 414-667-0240.

Special Invitation for New Members

We are filled with joy that you chose the SVDP Society as an expression of your Christian service and life of prayer. We hope you can join us at the annual in-person Ozanam Orientation to learn about our history and mission!

Milwaukee Council
**OZANAM
ORIENTATION**
Saturday,
October 19, 2024
9:45AM-3:00PM



**Location: Wauwatosa Public Library
Firefly Room
7635 W North Ave, Wauwatosa**

Pre-Registration requested by October 10th.
Contact Beth
414-667-0240 bhohenfeldt@svdpmilw.org

About the Ozanam Orientation

Participation in the Ozanam Orientation is a requirement for new members of the Society in the United States. Topics of presentation and discussion include:

History & Mission Spirituality Focus
Conference & Council Life Understanding Poverty
Home Visit Best Practices

Participant materials & lunch are provided.

*A minimum number of participants is required to hold the orientation.
Kindly register by October 10th so that materials can be ordered.*

Council Office News

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a **DISPLAY KIT** for your use to help promote the SVDP Society? The kit includes a beautiful tablecloth (8ft- pictured right), a 2ft. banner, tabletop signs, flyers, and more. This is a great eye-catching display! To reserve, please **contact Beth.**



Conference **Annual Reports** and Membership Lists will be **due by Friday, November 1, 2024.** Useful forms and tools for Secretary/Treasurer can be found on our **website.** Report forms and instructions will be forthcoming by email to Presidents and Treasurers.

Be a Vincentian Partner!

Be part of a new Vincentian Services model! Share your strengths with our Milwaukee Council Vincentian community. We need 2-3 more volunteers to join our Sub-List. Schedule works around your availability or ability in these areas of need.

- Bi-lingual (Spanish) assistance for phone calls or visits
- Team up on a home visit when someone needs a partner
- Share an impact story during Mass or at parish group meetings

Are you willing to lend a hand to other Vincentians in need of support? We invite you to share your time with fellow Vincentians at YOUR pace. A current urgent need is for help in the Spanish language. **Contact Maria** for more information.

Conference Officers & Succession Planning

Now is the time to make a plan for the future of your conference leadership. Each member can have a role in strengthening your conference. Here are some resources to help:

Description of Conference Officer Duties

Conference Officer Election Process

Discussion Questions on Leadership

Discernment Process

Presentation Recording





UPDATED BELOW

August - December 2024 Volunteer Sign-Up links

South Meal Program Site

Cross Roads Kitchen

931 W. Madison St. 414-649-9555

crossroads@svdpmilw.org

Serving: Sun.-Fri. 5:30PM-6:15PM

North Meal Program Site

Harambee Kitchen

2600 N. 2nd St. 414-249-3866

harambee@svdpmilw.org

Serving: Mon.-Fri. 5:30PM-6:15PM

Meal Program Manager - Peggy West-Schroder

pwest@svdpmilw.org 414-722-1353

**Thank You
We Need You**



Thank you for your help to make the return of the Summer Block Party a success. The menu included chicken, burgers, hot dogs and brats and 675 meals were served (400 at South-Cross Roads Kitchen and 275 at North-Harambee Kitchen).

We know this- **WE NEED VINCENTIANS** to help serve meals and help guests feel welcome. Thank you for inviting others to serve with you!

Please continue to pre-register for volunteer shifts. Click on the location links above for calendars on Sign-Up Genius.

Are you able to provide any of these items that are much needed for our Meal Program? Please bring donations to either location 4pm-6pm. Thank you for your generosity!

- Coffee
- Creamer
- Sugar
- individually wrapped snacks
- Travel size hygiene products
- Juice (real juice in quart or gallon size) & Juice Boxes





2024 Meal Program Block Parties



Special thanks to all who helped to make these summertime gatherings so joyful. Thank you to volunteers, staff, Vincentians and Hands of Christ conference members for your hard work and smiles!



Resources



Click on the *Vincentian Shared Resources* link to see a collection of resources compiled from other conferences. Please check accuracy or availability before distributing to neighbors.

If you have a resource to share, please [email Maria](#).

[Vincentian Shared Resources](#)

Elder Resources

- [Senior LAW](#)
- [Elder Benefits Specialists](#)
- [Medicare Counseling](#)
- [Senior Farmers Market Voucher](#)

[Mental Health & Wellness Resource Guide](#)

[MKE Rental Housing Resource Center](#)

[Impact211- Website for Resources](#)

[Community Advocates-Services](#)

[Hunger Task Force Food Bank](#)

[Home Visit Under Distress- Recording](#)

Check the links on our website for more resources: [Vincentian Resources](#)

Need Conference Supplies?

We are happy to provide these supplies for your conference. Just [email](#) or call Beth 414-667-0240 to arrange for pick-up or to have them mailed to you.

- Conference Cares Forms
- Appliance Vendor Forms
- Care Cards for Neighbors
- Thank You Notes
- Need Help? Services Business cards

You can also locate the Conference Cares Forms and Appliance Vendor Forms on the password protected ServWare system. Click View> Files/Links>District for list of forms.

July 2024

Appliances-174
Beds- 198
Furniture & Household- 246
Rent & Utilities- 24
Other-83

Referrals Made to Conferences: 423

Intake Summary

August 2024

Appliances- 143
Beds- 180
Furniture & Household- 225
Rent & Utilities- 18
Other- 84

Referrals Made to Conferences: 391

Thrift Stores



Summary of Conference Cares Process

1. Determine items to be redeemed at the Thrift Store.
2. Complete Cares Form. List specific items OR enter a general \$\$ amount for furniture, household items, and clothing.
3. PLEASE verify that the birthdate listed on the neighbor's Picture ID is the same as the date you enter on the Cares Form. Let Beth know if a correction needs to be made to the Assistance Request on ServWare.
4. Provide Neighbor with the Instruction Card- 'Care Card'. Picture ID is required.
5. Submit Conference Cares Form to Beth. Several options available.
6. Neighbor provides picture ID to Customer Service counter. Staff retrieves shopping list based on the information on the submitted Cares Form. Valid for 30 days from data entry date.

Neighbors may contact Beth 414-667-0240 or Cindy 414-462-7863 ext. 113 to check on status of the Cares Form. Contact stores on weekends or off-hours about status.

Bed Supplier Update

Our Thrift Stores have switched to the Chicago Mattress Company as the supplier of beds and bed platforms. Twin and full beds will now be supplied in a double wrapped durable plastic bag that easily fits into a car or other vehicle. The mattresses will no longer come in a box; however, the bed platforms will still be supplied in a box. The new pricing is reflected in the updated

[How to Issue a Gift Certificate Guide \(7/24\).](#)

Be sure to review the guide for the average values of merchandise as some of the values have changed. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to strive to offer our best in quality & value.

GREENFIELD 4476 S. 108 St. 414-377-9077

Mon.-Sat. 9:00AM -7:00PM Sun. 11:00AM -6:00PM

Donations Mon.- Sat. only 10AM-5PM

LINCOLN 2320 W. Lincoln Ave. 414-672-2040

Mon.-Fri. 9:00AM - 7:00PM Sat. 9:00AM-6:00PM Sun. Closed

Donations Mon.-Sat. 10AM-5PM

BRADLEY 8010 N 76 St. 414-363-8099

Mon.-Fri.9:00AM - 7:00PM Sat. 9:00AM-6:00PM Sun. Closed

Donations Mon.-Sat. 10AM-5PM

Donations Pick-Up Line 414-462-7863 Ext 113



SVDP Society Safeguarding: Milwaukee Council Update

The Milwaukee District Council Safeguarding Policy is now in effect. Going forward, **prospective and current members will be required to complete their Safeguarding training before having a second interaction with Those We Serve.**

For assistance, please see contact information below.

We are ready to help you!

- [Safeguarding Explanation Flyer](#)
- Milwaukee Council [Safeguarding Policy](#)
- [Process to Register](#)

Guidelines:

- We are available to provide individual or group training at a location convenient to members/volunteers as long as internet access is available. We can provide the devices for individuals to use.
- For those who have absolutely NO PUBLIC INTERACTION (NPI) with Those We Serve, we still must record this status on the CMG Connect database. Please contact one of us with name, address, phone and date of birth of members or volunteers who fall into this NPI category.
- All members and volunteers must participate in the Society's Safeguarding training, even if having previously completed the Safe Environment certification for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.
- Everyone associated with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul must be accounted for Safeguarding compliance.
- One first-time only exception is permitted when a new person is discerning if our service is something they wish to continue doing.

Need help? Email or Call us!

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Contact Your SVP Support Team

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