

Vincentian Awareness Month



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Milwaukee
Archdiocesan Council**



Guide for Conference Presidents

Greetings!

Vincenian Awareness Month has traditionally provided us the opportunity to share our story of service to Neighbors in Need in our communities, to provide information about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and to encourage members of our parish into action by joining a conference. Awareness Month begins with the weekend before the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul, (September 27) and resources are provided for publication throughout the following month.

The weekly topic includes the Essential Elements: Spirituality, Friendship, Service, as well as Servant Leadership and Solidarity with the Poor. This guide provides suggestions for publicity, promotion, and prayer for the topics. The information can be shared with the parish pastor or director, secretary or media and bulletin editor. The images and websites included can be used in the online platforms for social media, parish websites, as well as bulletins. Suggestions for conference prayer and activity are also included.

May you be richly blessed as you share the Good News of Christ in your service!

Image of Frederic Ozanam on a home visit in the Mouffetard district of Paris.



Information compiled by the Milwaukee District Council Staff and reviewed by the Archdiocesan Council Voice of the Poor Committee

Theme: Spirituality

Prayer for a Conference Meeting

A Prayer to Ignite the Fire of Our Vincentian Hearts

O God, you provide us with your Holy Spirit as light to guide us on our life's journey and to guide the Saint Vincent de Paul Society just as you gave your Spirit to the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday. As we recognize that light as an ember in our hearts, help us to fan that flame to be a beacon of hope to the path of our needy brothers and sisters and to revitalize our society.

We ask for your wisdom, strength, and courage to open our mind and heart as you did to the founders of our society. Help us to renew our conferences through the insight and ideas shared during this month of Vincentian Awareness. We also ask you to open the hearts of people to consider this ministry as a way to manifest their faith by service to others.

Help all of us to see where transformation in our own lives can bring us closer to You. Help us to know that growth occurs through transformation and a willingness to accept new challenges, ideas, and opportunities as we thank you for calling us to the gift of this ministry.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, our healer and source of all hope. Amen

Conference Activities

1. If the presider will allow you pulpit time, talk about the number of individuals and families your conference assisted in the past year. Tell the story of how important the gift certificates, food baskets, or holiday collections were to them. If possible, tell a short story of a special experience of a home, hospital, or nursing home visit. Sharing a personal story (keeping confidentiality in mind) is one of the most effective tools that we have for motivating parishioners to take action.
2. **Ask the pastor or parish director** to inform parishioners of the work of Vincentians.
3. Consider conducting a membership drive, using the “**Invitation to Serve**” program which details a pulpit appeal and follow up steps. It is **overwhelmingly successful** throughout the country in drawing new members. The resource is available in English and Spanish at [Outreach – St. Vincent de Paul USA Member Site \(ssvpusa.org\)](http://ssvpusa.org).
4. **Each One Reach One:** Each member commits to **invite** a friend, relative, or parish member to consider joining SVDP.
5. **Invite parishioners** to join you in one of the Society activities - serving at a meal program, helping at the pantry, or accompanying you on a visit when COVID-19 protocols allow.

Vincentian Commitment Ceremony at Mass

Offer this presider guide to your pastor as a way to profess your commitment as a Vincentian. Suggestion is to rise from your seat and stand in your pew at the appointed time during Mass. Make copies of the guide for Vincentians in attendance so that they can read aloud their response.

Presider: I invite the members of our parish who represent us as members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to stand to profess their Vincentian Commitment to serve the poor on behalf of our parish. Spirit of the living God,

Vincentians: Come and breathe your life anew.

Presider: Passionate fire of God's love,

Vincentians: Ignite the talents and gifts of everyone present here and enkindle our hearts with the fire of your love.

Presider: Do you commit yourself to spiritual growth in your work, so that you may bear witness to the love of God and to see the face of Christ in the faces of those you serve?

Vincentians: We do.

Presider: Do you commit yourself to serve the poor in a spirit of justice and charity?

Vincentians: We do.

Presider: We ask the Lord to bless you: (sign of blessing)
May the flame of God's love light your way and lead you to grow in the path of spirituality and holiness.

Vincentians: Amen

Presider: May the Spirit strengthen you in the ways of justice and charity, and may you bring hope and healing into the hearts of all those who are poor and suffering.

Vincentians: Amen

Presider: May your hands and hearts be nourished for the work that lies ahead, that you may be compassionate to human need, tender and strong in your care and faithful to the commitment of service you renew today.

Vincentians: Amen

Presider offer applause as sign of support and gratitude by the parish community.

Commitment Ceremony During a Conference Meeting

In the event that you are unable to gather during Mass, use this guide during a conference meeting to celebrate your spirit of friendship and commitment to Vincentian service.

President or
Spiritual Advisor: I invite you to join me in professing our commitment to serve the poor on behalf of our parish.

In response to the call of Christ who invites you to follow him, do you promise to be a witness to his boundless love for the poor, the lonely, the suffering and deprived, those without faith and those who feel unloved?

Vincentians: I do, and I ask for the grace to grow in holiness of life and to share in a longing for spiritual growth and enrichment.

President or
Spiritual Advisor: Do you firmly resolve to treasure the warm friendship and unity which was, from the beginning, a hallmark of our Society?

Vincentians: I do, and I ask for the grace to grow in humility and simplicity so that true friendship may grow in my heart.

President or
Spiritual Advisor: Do you promise to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived so that you can bring them your love?

Vincentians: I do, and I ask for the grace to be sensitive to their vulnerability, to respect and not to judge or blame them.

President or
Spiritual Advisor: Do you promise to be generous with your time, your possessions and yourself in your mission of charity?

Vincentians: I do, and I ask for the grace to always serve in justice and charity so that I can be an advocate and a voice for the poor.

President or
Spiritual Advisor: Do you promise to persevere in regarding your home visits as a sacred trust?

Vincentians: I do, and I ask for the grace to be more aware of the blessings I receive from those I visit.

President or Spiritual Advisor: Let us pray together:

Vincentians: Lord Jesus, you who willed to become poor, give us eyes and hearts directed toward the poor. Help us to recognize you in them—in their hunger and thirst, their loneliness and suffering. Enkindle within us the fire of love that burned in the hearts of St. Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frederic Ozanam, so that we will live our mission and core values with integrity. Grant us the grace to be faithful to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, so that we will grow in spirituality, friendship and service with and to our suffering brothers and sisters. Amen.

Theme: Friendship

A CONFERENCE REFLECTION ON AWARENESS

(Please use as a spiritual reading)

Gospel (Matthew 5:13-16)

“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”



Reflection

You are a bright, beautiful being. Feel that, know that. If you have trouble believing this, ask yourself what blocks you from shining brightly? Is it fear, ego, peer pressure, insecurity? Prepare to let go of those things that keep you hidden under a bushel. Share the brightness and beauty of Who You Are at your work place, with your customers, clients and co-workers. When you live true to who you are, at work and elsewhere, you let your light shine. When you stop short of being your authentic beautiful self, when you bow to pressure from others to be a certain way, that's just not you. You hide your light under a bushel. It helps no one and eventually dims your own life. (Linda Ferguson, *Path for Greatness: Spirituality at Work*)

Vincentian Meditation

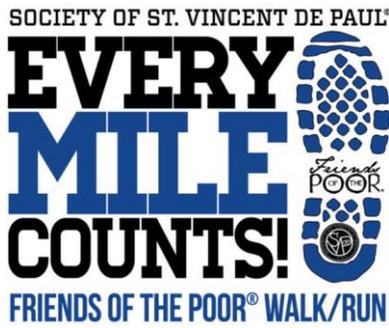
In the Society, there is a long tradition that draws our members into a quiet obscurity that often makes our works so confidential that no one knows we exist. While humility is still one of our Vincentian virtues, we must not forget what drew Frederic Ozanam and his college companions out to the ghettos of Paris: their desire to give witness to an unbelieving world that their faith was still relevant. Does our world today not need a similar witness? As Vincentians, we need to balance the admirable quality of humility with the need to become better known - not so much as individuals, but as believing Catholics who are not afraid to light our candles and put aside anything that would stop that light from being visible. We must become shining examples of good so that all may believe.

Discussion

Do our parishioners know what is being done by our conference? Do we ever report how their donations are used? What could we do to make our works be better known?

Closing Prayer

- God, there are those who do not know your presence,
-may our lives be a sign of faith for them.
- God, there are those who live in fear and doubt,
-may our lives be a sign of hope for them.
- God, there are those who do not experience your love,
-may our lives be a sign of love for them.
- God, there are those who are poor and oppressed by others,
-may our lives be a sign of justice for them. Amen



Friends of the Poor Walk/Run is a National Program with the purpose of providing local SVDP conferences and councils the framework to host an event that raises funds to support their special works projects. This year marks the 14th Year of the Walk. Funds are generated when people pledge to support the Society based on walkers who participate. The Society depends on its Vincentians to promote the program in our parishes and among their friends. Participants are welcome to run, walk or cheer on those who give this visible symbol of their support. All money generated is used locally in SVDP programs.

WAUKESHA: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 10:15AM

St. William Church —440 N. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha

(Registration begins at 8:30AM) 9:30AM Mass 10:15AM Walk about 2 miles

No charge for participating but all are asked to obtain sponsors.

Pre-registration: www.fopwalk.org

Questions? Email: mslowinski@tds.net OR jmcintyre@svdpwaukesha.com

MILWAUKEE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 10:00AM

Milwaukee Vincentians Casual Gathering & Walk in the Park

Whitnall Park 5879 S. 92 St., Franklin (near entrance at 92nd & College)

Picnic Area 8 – 10:00AM-11:30AM

*(Not an official Friends of the Poor Walk this year but a chance to gather & walk with friends)

No Charge - Registration requested: www.svdpmilw.org/vincentian-outdoor-gathering.aspx

Questions? Contact Maria 414-677-0245 mwelz@svdpmilw.org

Theme: Service

The feast of Blessed Frederic.Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was on September 9th. As a college student in 1833, Frederic led a small group of his classmates into the poor areas of Paris to do what they could to address the needs for food and fuel. September 27 was the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul (1581-1660) whom Frederic and friends took as their patron saint. Blessed Sr. Rosalie Rendu (1786-1856) taught them how to minister to God's poor. Working one-to-one with families, they gave witness to non-believers about the vitality of their faith. This model of assistance spread through Europe and arrived in our Milwaukee Archdiocese in 1849.

Stores, Meal Sites, Food Pantries

STORES

Thrift stores are a special ministry of SVDP. There are 16 St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores in our Archdiocese. In addition to providing used clothing and household goods to persons served by the 121 SVDP volunteer groups, the stores produce surplus income to support the other activities and programs in their local counties, such as free meal programs, food pantries, and other special works to help families and individuals in need.

People in need receive gift certificates for items in the stores through Vincentians in parishes making home visits. Additionally, thrifty shoppers can purchase merchandise in the stores to help cover costs and to raise funds for the many St. Vincent de Paul programs. Stores depend on your generous donations of material goods such as furniture, household items and clothing.

Conference Activities

1. Volunteer to host an 'awareness table' at your Council thrift store. Have information available about all SVDP does in your local community. Promote with flyers and signage throughout the Store. Have store discount coupons available to encourage new shoppers.
2. Make copies and display the SVDP Stores in Southeast Wisconsin flyer (on page 10).

MEAL SITES

SVDP conferences sponsor and support various meal sites throughout the Archdiocese to provide nutritious meals to families and individuals in need. Volunteers are critical to their success.

Conference Activities

1. Volunteer as a conference at one of the SVDP meal sites. They always appreciate volunteer help and you'll be rewarded by the smiles on the faces of those you serve.
2. Talk with the meal site coordinators to determine what items they need and hold a drive to collect those items for them.

FOOD PANTRIES

Many SVDP conferences operate food pantries in their parish.

Conference Activities

1. If St Vincent de Paul operates a food pantry in your parish, consider having an Open House to show what food is available, what is needed, and how it's organized. Welcome other parish members to join you!
2. Consider holding a Community Service Day as shown in the example below.

SVDP COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY September 27, 2020

Collect the following items and pack a care bag! The requested items should be packed in plastic grocery bags and will benefit the Juan Diego Center.

BAG #1
FULL SIZE PRODUCTS

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Mouthwash
- Deodorant

BAG #2
FULL SIZE PRODUCTS

- Laundry Detergent*
- Dryer Sheets
- Dish Liquid
- Dish Towel
- Sponge

*Must be in original packaging

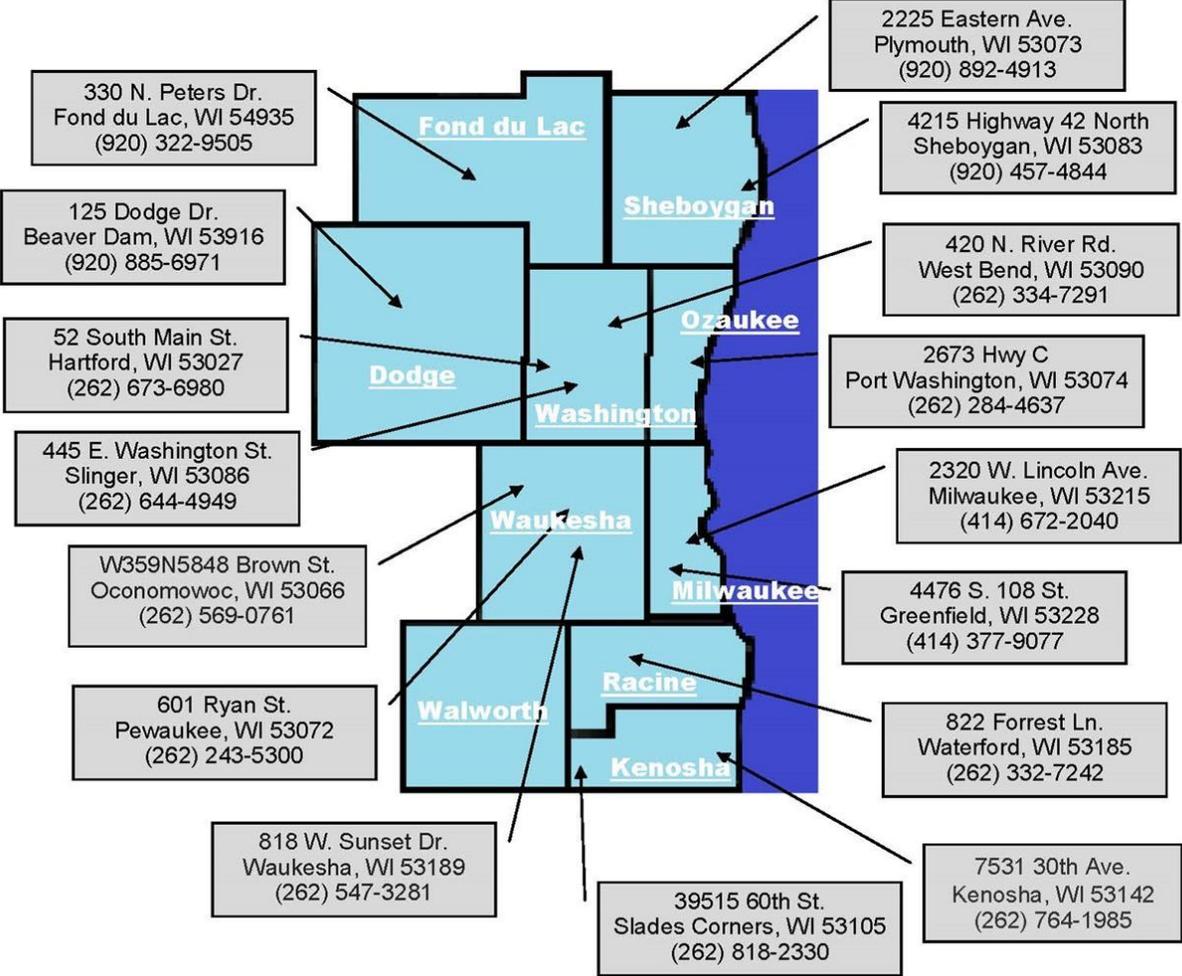
Drop bags off after any weekend Mass in the Church Common area or drive up between 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, September 27th in the West parking lot.

(Source: svdpomaha.org St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Omaha, NE)

SVDP Stores in S.E. Wisconsin

There are 16 St. Vincent de Paul store locations in the 10 county Milwaukee Archdiocesan area. In addition to providing used clothing and household goods to persons served by the 121 SVDP volunteer groups, the stores produce surplus income to support the other activities and programs in their local counties, such as free meal programs, food pantries, and other special works to help families and individuals in need.

THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING IN OUR STORES TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION!



**To find help for neighbors in need:
 In Milwaukee County, call 414-462-7837 ext. 110.
 For all other counties, call the closest store.**

Theme: Servant Leadership

A servant leader's life is based on spirituality, friendship, and service. "St. Vincent de Paul had a profound impact during his lifetime. He transformed the way social service was practiced in Europe...He did this through strategy and action, as leader and manager. His legacy is carried on today in organizations he organized, nurtured, and inspired – the Congregation of the Mission, Daughters of Charity, Ladies of Charity, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and others" (Vincentian Leadership Model, depaul.edu). Following the example of Jesus, Vincent invited ordinary people to join in extraordinary service. He looked for and encouraged the goodness of people's hearts. Thus inspired, Vincentians are rooted in looking for new and better ways to serve those in need.

SVDP-USA Youth: Post this graphic in your parish social media platforms or bulletin and invite young adults to join you in a service activity, during Vincentian prayer and reflection or at a conference meeting. More information at: <https://www.svdpusa.org/youth>



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA

"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."

WHO ARE WE?

We are young adult members in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, changing the world through our faith, service, and friendship through an international network of charity.

"It is our vocation to set people's hearts ablaze, to do what the son of God did, who came to light a fire on earth in order to set it ablaze with his love."

- Blessed Frederic Ozanam

DID YOU KNOW SVDP WAS STARTED BY COLLEGE STUDENTS?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was started in Paris, France in the year 1833 by a small group of college students. Challenged to show how they live their faith, they began gathering together to pray and serve their community. Nearly 200 years later, you can join in their tradition.

OUR FOCUS



FAITH

Putting our faith into action.
Seeing Christ's face in those we serve.
Sharing, Reflecting, and Praying



SERVICE

Personal interaction with friends in need.
Empowering the voices of the poor.
Pursuing a charitable and just world.



FRIENDSHIP

Making meaningful, life-long friendships.
Encouraging and supporting one another
on our journeys in faith.

Conference Activities

Vincentian Pathway: Servant Leadership Prayers: Pray for Vincentian leaders as a conference by [accessing this prayer booklet](#).

Invitation For Renewal: This is a Vincentian Servant Leadership Formation Program for current and emerging Vincentian Leaders. Participants learn to move forward in ways that are true to both our spiritual foundation and the needs of those who are living in poverty today. The program is normally held at a retreat center in St. Louis over several days. Contact Sherry Brown for information at sbrown@svdpusa.org or 314-576-3993 ext. 200

Walking the Vincentian Pathway: This is a process of ongoing formation for Vincentians as you discover, develop, and deepen your Vincentian heart and discern the many opportunities for Vincentian leadership. More information can be found here:

<https://members.ssvpusa.org/formation/vincentian-pathway-toolbox/>

Update Conference Leader Contact Information: This is a good time of year to inform your Pastor or Parish Director of any changes in leadership for your conference. Provide a list of the names of your Conference Officers and Spiritual Advisor. Invite your parish leaders to a virtual “meet and greet” to pray together, to offer your assistance and answer questions or invite them to an in-person conference meeting.

Theme: Solidarity with the Poor

In addition to quietly and discreetly serving families and individuals in need in our Archdiocese, Vincentians also are concerned over the broader issues that affect them. The St. Vincent de Paul Society has a standing committee called the Voice of the Poor ministry with the purpose to educate its members on legislative issues that impact the lives of the poor. Vincentians are urged to identify these negative impacts and share their concerns with those who legislate and administer programs to lessen the suffering of the poor. Some Vincentians also become mentors to people who are having difficulty in managing things in their lives. Waukesha County SVdP, for example, has a program, “Coming Together to Get Ahead” which helps people change their lives.

VOICE OF THE POOR MINISTRY

1. At times, the Voice of the Poor Committee may issue **Action Alerts** to make Vincentians aware of issues that affect the poor which are before State or Federal legislative bodies. Make sure your conference discusses these alerts. Members of the Society are urged to contact their respective legislators to support or oppose such legislation which affects the poor.

The primary information sources on most issues are the National SVdP Voice of the Poor Committee, Catholic Charities U.S.A., the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the Wisconsin Catholic Conference. Encourage members to sign up for **VOTERVOICE** on the National SVDP Website:

<https://votervoices.net/svdpusa/home>

The Voice of the Poor speaks as a unified voice on behalf of the poor. The Archdiocesan Voice of the Poor committee meets on the second Saturday of each month. Contact Dave Busch, Committee Chairperson for information to attend, dabusch99@yahoo.com.

VOICE OF THE POOR



Bulletin Articles

WEEK 1- SPIRITUALITY

On September 27th, we celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, the patron saint of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Vincent was a priest during the 17th Century renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity and is known as the "Great Apostle of Charity." His teachings about God's special presence in the poor are revolutionary even in our day. The St. Vincent de Paul Society was established in Paris, in 1833, as an organization of faith by young men who wanted to live their faith more fully. The St. Vincent de Paul Society has been present in the United States for over 175 years. The Society is represented in the Milwaukee Archdiocese by over 120 conferences throughout our Catholic parishes.

Essential to the foundation of a conference is a focus on the elements of Spirituality, Friendship and Service. Journeying *together* towards holiness is central to the calling of a Vincentian (member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul). They dedicate time to showing Christ's love to people experiencing poverty, suffering, and need. They gain the inspiration to do so through their shared spirituality along with a life of prayer and reflection on the Holy Scriptures, devotion to the Eucharist and by seeking the protection of the Virgin Mary.

Today begins our month-long Awareness series to inspire you to learn more about the Society and how the loving presence of God is found in service to the poor. Vincentian members of our parish ask for your prayers to encourage them in their mission of following Christ through compassionate service to those in need.

You can find more information about the National Society of St. Vincent de Paul at www.svdpusa.org. Our local website is www.svdpmilw.org. (Enter your own district or local website address, if applicable.)



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WEEK 2: FRIENDSHIP

“It is our vocation to set people’s hearts ablaze, to do what the Son of God did, who came to light a fire on earth in order to set it ablaze with His love.” Bl. Frederic Ozanam

Vincentians are guided by three essential elements:

- SPIRITUALITY
- FRIENDSHIP
- SERVICE.

The practice of a faithful life, guided by prayer and devotion to Mass, is the foundation. In the spirit of friendship, Vincentians gather regularly to pray and reflect on the Gospels. Enriched by the Word, they are then inspired to encounter Christ in service to the poor, lonely, needy, disheartened, or ill.

The home visit is the basic, most fundamental activity of a Vincentian ministry. Rather than have people come to us, we make friendly visits to them. Vincentians always visit in pairs as a practice of safety for all. We listen to the person or family and honor confidentiality in getting their perspective on the situation they face. When we are able, we try to meet the immediate need first and then try to help them develop a longer-term plan. One of our most important gifts to leave behind is a feeling that someone cares and that there is hope. In this time of social distancing, Vincentians have adapted their means of outreach to others. Through phone calls and porch visits or meeting on food pantry sites, Vincentians have been able to provide the compassionate care of Christ in a changing environment. Would you like to learn more about the St. Vincent de Paul conference of our parish? Contact:

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[EWTN Global Catholic Network](#) recently aired a special called “Our Faith in Action: Today’s Society of St. Vincent de Paul”, illustrating how Vincentian volunteers in Albuquerque, Houston, and Tampa made innovations in how they serve neighbors in need. These stories represent the adaptations made to support our neighbors in nearly 4,500 communities we serve nationwide. Social distancing was essential, but it never changed the Society’s unique person-to-person ministry. Watch this 30-minute video to see first-hand the ways our Vincentians serve in the spirit of friendship.

[Our Faith In Action: Todays’ Society of St. Vincent de Paul Pandemic Special](#)

Bulletin Articles

WEEK 3: SERVICE

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society visit people in all kinds of distress to offer a helping hand and a listening ear. During this time of COVID-19 caution, there may be limitations on how or where visits can take place, but Vincentians have adapted to provide hope and goodwill on behalf of our parish community. We celebrate the works of our parish SVDP conference and encourage everyone to consider becoming part of this arm of the Church's ministry. Aside from meeting the basic needs of individuals and families, Vincentians have provided for the homebound, the hospitalized and the imprisoned. Two person teams conduct needs assessments. Personal visits to the homes of our neighbors in need is our preference and the catalyst of our worldwide organization. Currently, this outreach may take place over the phone, or on doorsteps, by mail or even by virtual methods!

Service in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul can be appealing to any age group. "No act of service is foreign to the society." As COVID-19 restrictions ease, families can serve together at meal sites or food pantries. 'Mini-Vinnies' are groups of youth that come together for fundraisers or service projects. Working adults assist with data entry, social media posts, and other tasks that fit in busy schedules. Retirees provide services that can fill free time during the day. Do you, a friend, a grandchild, or neighbor have the ability or gift to share? Do you feel a nudge to assist in this long-standing lay ministry? For information on how easy it is to get involved, contact...

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In 2020, throughout the 10-county Archdiocese, Vincentians from 116 conferences made 24,605 visits to people in need. They spent over \$2.3 million in financial donations to provide basic needs. In addition, over \$1.1 million in donated goods were distributed. Over 1,945 Vincentians offered 113,924 hours of service to help 71,342 people in need.

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Statistical Data: Share the Good News of your charitable works and gratitude for their donations and support by sharing statistical data with your parish.

- # of Visits
- # of children / adults helped
- Type of assistance provided
- Financial detail
- # of years your conference has been active in the parish
- # of members and total years of service

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Bulletin Article: Information about St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores

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WEEK 4: SERVANT LEADERSHIP

A Vincentian heart is a heart on fire to serve the mission of Christ. During this special month of showing appreciation for volunteers, we recognize the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee. A 'super volunteer' of his time, Frederic Ozanam and six companions founded the Society in 1833. Blessed Frederic's vision was "to establish a network of charity and social justice to circle the world." His vision reached the United States in 1845 and today there are over 120 well-established St. Vincent de Paul groups in the Milwaukee Archdiocese. We are deeply grateful for your parish's St. Vincent de Paul conference members who readily show Christ's love to people experiencing poverty, suffering and need. In this turbulent time of the COVID-19 pandemic they reliably move into action to relieve distress in your community. They bring hope to situations that seem impossible, and they remain faithful to their purpose because they see the face of Christ in others. In this challenging time of great need, do you feel a call to grow as a leader by helping the least privileged in society grow as healthier, freer, more self-sufficient persons? Learn more about the Vincentian impact by contacting: (Conference contact information)

Weekly Bulletin Announcements: SVDP Society provides a quarterly resource of short bulletin announcements with a reflection on the weekly readings. Access the 3rd and 4th quarter resources at the link below.

[Bulletin Announcements – St. Vincent de Paul USA Member Site \(ssvpusa.org\)](https://ssvpusa.org)

SVDP AWARENESS MONTH

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL
APR. 24, 1581 - SEPT. 27, 1660
BL.FREDERIC OZANAM
APR 23,1813 - SEPT. 8, 1853
SOCIETY FOUNDED
APRIL 23, 1833

THANK YOU ST VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEERS

*a network of charity and social
justice encircling the world*

OZANAM
servant to the poor

“Vincentians serve the poor cheerfully, listening to them and respecting their wishes, helping them to feel and recover their own dignity, for we are all created in God’s image. In the poor, they see the suffering Christ.” (Rule 1.8)

**INSPIRED BY STS. VINCENT DE PAUL - LOUISE DE
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