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February 2018

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## ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

### February 2018

5 - St. Mary, Waukesha

12 - St. Catherine

19 - St. John Vianney

26 - St. Bruno

### Meal Program SVDP Volunteer Commitment

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interact with the clergy. For those priests who are asked and are willing to volunteer, cite that the meal is a 90-minute commitment dedicated to feeding the hungry.

### February 6 & 8

#### Electronic Voucher Training

See details under Announcements-Waukesha Council

### February 9

#### Get to Know CAC (Community Action Coalition)

See details under Conference Resources

### February 10

#### Ozanam Orientation

Council Office – 818 W. Sunset Dr. Waukesha

8:15 am registration / 8:30 am Program start / 1:30 pm conclusion

(Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided)

Ozanam training has been recently updated by National and is a must for all wishing to be active Vincentians.

This training gives us the opportunity to learn more about the spiritual journey we share, our Vincentian heritage and our core ministry, the Home Visit. If you are a new member or it's been more than 3 years since you've attended an orientation, attending this updated training is for you! [Register Here](#)

### February 12 – 28

#### The Friends of the Poor® Grant Applications Accepted

The National Council will be accepting grant applications for the Friends of the Poor Grant Program, now through February 28. This simple application can be downloaded from the National Council Development Toolbox - FOP Grant tab at: <http://new.svdpusa.com/developertools>.

Grants are awarded by an independent peer review committee in the following areas of interest:

- Emergency assistance purposes beyond available Conference resources
- Systemic Change projects

Applications received after February 28 will not be considered. Please send completed applications to the National Office. Email applications are preferred. Send to Gerri Sample at [gsample@svdpusa.org](mailto:gsample@svdpusa.org) or Steve Martinez at [smartinez@svdpusa.org](mailto:smartinez@svdpusa.org)

### February 15

#### 990N or 990EZ Due

### February 17

#### Poverty Seminar

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 145 E. Lisbon Rd., Oconomowoc

See details under CTGA

**February 17**

**Food Pantry of Waukesha County (FPWC) Home Delivery Program**

1301 Sentry Drive, Waukesha

Conference Commitment for 3rd Saturday of the month: *St. Dominic*

Jason Aide, SVDP Home Delivery Program Coordinator will continue to contact each conference in advance to confirm the number of vehicles, affirm automobile insurance, provide instructions and answer any questions. Jason Aide can be reached at 262-424-6017.

**February 20**

**Best Practices Session**

See details under Conference to Conference

**DISASTER NEWS**

**California Fires**

To see first-hand the devastation and SVdP involvement to help people effected by the California fires, click [HERE](#) as Jack Tibbets, Executive Director of SVDP Sonoma, shares his story regarding the Sonoma Wildfires and touches on their Long Term Recovery.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Waukesha Council**

**New Website**

We hope you've had a chance to check out our New Website. As a reminder, click on the Member Info button to find all the most recent and upcoming news and events/trainings. To access secured forms and information, fill in User Name: svdp (lowercase) and Password: vincent (lowercase). We want your feedback! Please let Bonnie know if you have any comments or ideas to make the website easier to navigate to find the information you use most.

**Quarterly Membership Meeting Summary**

The agenda of the quarterly membership meeting held January 29, 2018 contained updates on Council Programs, Finances, business matters, stores, and included an introduction to Larry Coté, Vincentian Reentry Organizing Coordinator (VROP). 29 members representing 16 conferences attended.

As a snapshot, the items discussed included:

- Council Announcements – New website, 501c3 status, Upcoming Events
- Treasurers Report – a current look at finances
- Store updates – Electronic Voucher transition
- VOP Committee rejuvenation
- VROP presentation

Minutes will be posted soon!

**Council 1QFY18 Financial Report**

Once the Quarterly Membership Meeting Minutes have been completed, you'll find them and the full financial report by Greg Schoepke, Council Treasurer, on the website in the secure Member Info area under Meetings & Trainings.

Please contact Greg Schoepke, 414-425-3775, Bill James, 262-646-3518, or Zoltan Eszes, 262-442-2841 with any questions. If you would like a copy of the financial report, contact Nancy Karl by phone 262-522-3241 or by email [nkarl@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:nkarl@svdpwaukesha.com).

## February 6 & 8

### Electronic Voucher Training

The Electronic Voucher program is already in use at the Stores!

Two training sessions on the Electronic Voucher are scheduled for Feb. 6 at 9am and Feb. 8 at 1pm in the upstairs meeting room of the Waukesha store. We encourage every conference to send at least one person to the training, who will then bring it back to their conference to train others. Feel free to bring your own laptop and we'll load the app onto it at that time. But be aware that the program only works on Windows based equipment (no Mac's or iPads). RSVP to Bonnie to ensure enough seating and handouts. Additional sessions will be scheduled as needed.

## June 21-23

### North Central Regional Conference

#### Kahler Hotel, Rochester, MN

It's never too early to start planning for the North Central Regional Conference! \* Learn more about our mission as Vincentians. \* Learn about the New Home Visit track that includes Systemic Change guides. \* Enjoy the Friday night banquet with your fellow Vincencians. \* The NCR Conference has it all. Look for registration information in late March.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – Stores

### Volunteer in Thrift Stores



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Come join the fun and help our mission in a new way. Both stores are in need of volunteers. Do you have a favorite area that you'd like to work in? We can accommodate that. Do you have favorite people you'd like to work with? We can arrange that. Bring your family and friends with you to work side by side. Take the first step and contact Kaia Poulson, Retail Environment Manager at 262-933-0346 or [kpoulson@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:kpoulson@svdpwaukesha.com).

#### Store contact information:

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Store Marketing & Development: Rod Colburn [rcolburn@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:rcolburn@svdpwaukesha.com)

## COMING TOGETHER TO GET AHEAD

[Like on Facebook! Click here!](#)

### Workshop Update

Our 9<sup>TH</sup> Getting Ahead workshop began this past Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Waukesha. The workshop is an exciting 16 session opportunity for participants to look at creating

change in their lives. And while this workshop is underway, we are always planning for the next one. Please let us know if you have any interest in the following:

1. If you know of a potential workshop participant, please refer them to the program!
2. Becoming a mentor! Be there to encourage the participant as they work on their personal plan and be a bridge to community resources. To begin the mentor process, please attend our next Poverty Seminar!

To get involved or for more information, please contact Jodie Cleary, CTGA Program Manager. Jodie can be reached at 262-547-0654 or [jcleary@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:jcleary@svdpwaukesha.com).

### Poverty Seminar

Our next poverty seminar is being hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 8am-1pm. The address 145 E Lisbon Road in Oconomowoc. As always, the event is free but pre-registration is required. Through video presentation and discussion, you will consider new ways to view poverty. This is great information for new and seasoned Vincentians.

To register call Jodie at 262-547-0654 or [Register here!](#) Also, if you or your parish are interested in being the host for a poverty seminar, please reach out to Jodie!



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*Ending Poverty – One person, One neighborhood, One community at a time.*

## PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES

### Meal Program

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### St. Vincent de Paul Sunday New Coordinator

Larry Oberbruner, Truck Scheduling Coordinator, is now overseeing the St. Vincent de Paul Sunday calendar. Choose your 2018 date now. Keep in mind, April and September book-up first! Contact Larry at 262-569-0763 or email [loberbruner@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:loberbruner@svdpwaukesha.com)

### Summer Lunch Program

Summer Lunch conference participants will meet for a dinner meeting on March 8, 6:00-7:30 pm to finalize the 2018 Summer Lunch Program calendar. Please take the next couple of months to identify a leader and discuss your conference week's commitment. If you know in advance of a date change needed, please contact Julie ASAP. You'll find the full calendar on the new website under Programs and Ministries.

### ✝ SVdP Jail Ministry News

#### Coats

The Jail Ministry office was notified that winter coats are well stocked at the Jail. On behalf of the many, many recipients who will now be warm during these winter months, a sincere thank you to everyone who donated!

## Vincentian Re-Entry Organizing Project (VROP)

VROP (Vincentian Reentry Organizing Project)

Welcome Larry Coté! Larry comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in re-entry that stems from his vast experience as an attorney and great understanding of the many obstacles returning citizens face.

Larry will work closely with Waukesha's Jail Ministry, with Barbara McPherson-National VROP Coordinator, local and National Voice of the Poor Committees, and with others around the country to help reduce the barriers that block individuals as they journey to rebuild their lives and reintegrate into our communities.

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### Voice of the Poor Committee News!

Voice of the Poor Committee meetings will resume soon!

As a correction to last month's article, Marian Lamoureux, will not serve in her former role as VOP Chair, but her passion for VOP is steadfast! Marian will walk with other Council leaders and play an integral role in rejuvenating the VOP Committee.

Start the conversation! Put VOP on your agenda and begin to seek members to serve on this committee! There will be many volunteer opportunities and new initiatives to focus on! Who better than those that are on the front lines of poverty, to speak on their behalf. We can make a difference!

A plan is being put in place for VOP to work closely with the Vincentian Reentry Organizing Project (VROP) with issues focusing on Returning Citizens, the obstacles they face and how we as Vincentians with one voice, may be able to help advocate, educate and one day eliminate the many barriers so many face as they return to our communities.

Stay tuned!

## CONFERENCE TO CONFERENCE

### February 20 Best Practices Session

Members,

We were very pleased to learn that conference leaders embraced the idea to meet on a quarterly basis to discuss Conference Best Practices. What a great venue to share what's worked, what hasn't, learn from one another and gain insight on what others are doing.

We will host the first Best Practice session:

Tuesday, February 20

1:00 pm

Council office location

The initial agenda will include the two questions asked by members that have gone unanswered at our Quarterly Membership Mtg.

1. How do conferences raise funds? Where are poor boxes placed? Are they effective? How are they promoted?

2. Recruitment. How often are recruitments held? What do you do? How effective are they?

Time will tell as to how many issues are addressed at one session, depending on attendance and how long the discussions are. This will be our first session and we will gauge future meeting agendas thereafter. Presidents, if you have a Committee Chairperson for the current topic, please ask them to join you for the meeting.

We feel assured this will be a favorite gathering of the Conference Leaders!

## CONFERENCE RESOURCES

### **Get to Know CAC (Community Action Coalition)**

We have been invited by Wayne Morris to get to know CAC. Learn what the CAC can do for our Patrons on Friday, February 9 from 12pm to 1pm at 1400 Nike Drive in Waukesha (at Goodwill). Call 608-246-4730 ext. 241 to RSVP.

### **Waukesha County Winter Resources**

The most current information on Overflow Shelters and Warming Stations is kept on the website under the Get Help tab/Seasonal Resources. Check it for updates before passing on the information to your patrons.

### **Conference and Member Questions and Answers (E-Gazette National Newsletter)**

**Q: Is there any prohibition or policy regarding the use of gift cards by a Conference in our work in assisting our neighbors in need?**

**A:** Many Conferences use gift cards to help those in need. Gift Cards can be used to assist with food purchases and personal hygiene needs. However, many cards can also be used for non-food items such as alcohol. Some cards can be sold by the recipient in the informal market for cash. For these reasons some SVdP Councils do not use them, while others have strict policies on types of cards and uses. Retailers may have special cards or vouchers that are limited to identified users and restricted by type of purchase. Assistance associated with utility payments, rent and other monthly living expenses billed to those in need should be paid to the third party with the Conference checking account.

### **Index of Conference & Member Q & A**

Conference and Member questions and answers appear in the E-Gazette, the National E-newsletter. Similarly, each month questions and answers are chosen to publicize in the monthly REMINDERS because the question was asked at the Waukesha Council office.

The National office has put together the entire stream of all Conference and Member Questions & Answers since this practice started! This will be a great tool for conferences. Many inquiries are common throughout the US. This is a link worth saving!

[National Office Log and Index of Conference & Member Questions & Answers](#)

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## WHAT'S AHEAD

| March 2018                   |
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| 5 - St. James, Men. Falls    |
| 12 - St. Dominic             |
| 19 - St. Anthony on the Lake |
| 26 - St. Jerome              |

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### March 8

#### Summer Lunch meeting

6:00 pm-7:30 pm at the Council office

If you have not already, be prepared to confirm your conference commitment to identify open dates. Please RSVP to Bonnie at [bpranger@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:bpranger@svdpwaukesha.com) on or before March 6 if you are able to attend.

### March 9, 9am-3pm

#### Immigration 101 – Pathways to a Green Card

Catholic Charities is hosting a presentation on Legal Services for Immigrants. Topics include family-based immigration, inadmissibility issues, other ways to become a resident, recent immigration news and updates. Location: Cousin's Center, 3501 S. Lake Dr, St. Francis. Call Brenna at [bcass@ccmke.org](mailto:bcass@ccmke.org) to RSVP by March 1.

### March 13

#### Vincentian Pathway – Home Visit Training

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

This training is the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of Vincentian Formation and is an in-depth look at the Home Visit process that talks about expectations, tools, guidelines and above all, the Spirituality of the visit. Mark the date on your calendar.

### March 17

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Conference Commitment for 3rd Saturday of the month: **St. Charles**

## PETITIONS

### Rest in Peace

*Joe Flannigan*, Former SVDP National President