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REMINDERS

January 2020

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Monthly Quote for Reflection

"Try to serve Jesus and make resolutions to do your best. Try, when you think anything will make you angry, to reflect: Is this preparing me to receive my Jesus?" ~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

January 2020

6 - St. William

13 - St. Luke

20 - St. Teresa of Calcutta

27 - St. Joan of Arc

Meal Program SVDP Volunteer Commitment

Please note it is very important that eight (8) volunteers are present each Monday evening at 5:00 PM. If you do not have enough conference members to serve, please seek additional volunteers through your parish.

January 15

Community Voice for Change (CVC)

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

First United Methodist Church, 121 Wisconsin Ave., Waukesha

January 27

Quarterly Membership Meeting

Council office location

All members are invited to attend! Receive updates on current programs, learn about what's going on at the Council level, Programs & Ministries, Stores and business matters. Attending Quarterly Membership Meetings keeps you informed and provides unity and solidarity among all our conferences and members. Plan now to attend!

WAUKESHA COUNCIL

IRS 990N & 990 Filings

Thank you for your patience in holding off filing Conference 990 and 990N forms with the IRS. As you know, we were hoping to obtain Waukesha Council's own Group Ruling number in advance of filing these forms but that has not happened yet.

Because time is ticking, (990 due Feb.15, 2020), I reached out to our attorney to get direction and this was her response:

Conferences are advised to hold off on the 990 filing until the beginning of February 2020.

Thank you again for your patience! I know this is a task most of you would have normally completed already!

Home Visit – Serving in Hope Module VII

Have you or your conference reviewed this phenomenal publication about the spiritual aspect of our core ministry, the Home Visit? Whether you are a part of a Home Visit team or not, this Serving in Hope module will enhance your Vincentian journey. Do we all not have a love of the poor, wish to help people out of crisis and make good decisions? There is something for every member to gain by using this module as a reflection, group discussion, tool and guidance as we walk with our Patron Saint Vincent de Paul and founder, Frédéric Ozanam.

The topics covered:

- Loving with a Vincentian Heart
- Listening with a Vincentian Heart
- Advocating with a Vincentian Heart
- Discerning with a Vincentian Heart
- Praying with a Vincentian Heart

Serving in Hope Module VII is available on the national website [Click Here](#). The cost is \$2.50

Member Handbook

After receiving comments from conferences regarding the high shipping cost involved in ordering the new Member Handbooks from National it was decided that the Council would keep a supply on hand. Conferences

can now acquire these handbooks for their members from the Council at cost (\$1.00) with no shipping charges. Contact Bonnie if you are interested.

2020 Key Events Calendar

You will find an updated 2020 Key Events Calendar attached to these REMINDERS and posted on our website Member Info home page. Multiple events have been added just since they were included with the December REMINDERS. Updates will be posted on the website as they occur and will include a revision date. This calendar lists every meeting, event, training, program schedule, etc. throughout the calendar year. Make it your Go To place to see what's coming up.

PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES

Summer Lunch Program – Conferences/Volunteers needed

The Summer Lunch program runs the entire school summer break, June 10 through August 31. Conferences have confirmed their days and we have come up short. We have a vacancies to fill.

August 17-21 is vacant, as is August 31, the last day of the program.

We are seeking conferences to help! If you have an interest in participating for a week, or a day or two in the Summer Lunch Program, please contact Julie to learn more.

St. Vincent de Paul Sunday

It's not too early to schedule your SVdP Sunday! Weekends fill up fast! Contact Leah, the truck scheduler, at 262-569-0763 to grab the weekend that's best for your parish.

✝ SVdP Jail Ministry News

A BIG *Thank You* to all the conferences and members who helped with this year's Project Angel Tree. Thank you for participating, Thank You for shopping, Thank You for delivering the gifts to the Council Office on time, and a special Thank You to the members who helped sort and deliver the gifts. The smiles on those little faces are priceless! The numbers of families/children who benefited from this program were not available yet but will be provided in the February REMINDERS.



There will not be a VOP meeting in January 2020.

GETTING AHEAD

2019 was a big and busy year for our program and we are so grateful for all of your support. We begin 2020 with a change, as we transition our name from Coming Together to Get Ahead to **Getting Ahead**. It's the same program you know, we are just strengthening our marketing and outreach. With that in mind, you will be seeing some fun new changes to our branding, website, Facebook and other media pieces.

Stay tuned to hear more about our upcoming workshops- February in Waukesha in English and Spanish, and March in the Greater Menomonee Falls area. Also, an updated graduate program and another year of Community Voice for Change, now on the third Wednesday of every month. Please let us know if you are interested in learning more or getting involved. We couldn't do it without you!

To refer someone, register for an event, or ask questions please contact Getting Ahead at ctga@svdpwaukesha.com or 262.547.0654

Thanks for being a part of change!

The Getting Ahead Team
Jodie Cleary, Gabriella Regall and Carol Maurer



A St. Vincent de Paul program to help individuals and the community in becoming more financially stable.

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

NORTH CENTRAL REGION (NCR) MEETING

North Central Region Meeting (NCR)

June 11 – 13

Milwaukee Marriott West

W231N1600 Corporate Ct., Waukesha

The Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council will be hosting the 2020 North Central Regional Meeting. Zoltan Eszes, Waukesha Council President and Pennie Krafczyk, Milwaukee Council President are co-chairs. Planning this exciting agenda is already in the works!

Did you know? NCR meetings, all workshops, sessions and even entertainment are designed specifically for members and conferences. Whatever your role in your conference there will be something for you!

The beauty of the NCR meeting is it will be held in our own backyard, right here in Waukesha County! It's not too early to pencil in these dates!

Also, volunteers will be needed to help with this exciting event for registration/sign-in as guests arrive, hospitality, greeters, etc. Volunteers will be sought in both Waukesha and Milwaukee Counties. Various committees and needs for volunteers will be coming soon!

Please consider helping out! Why not? You will already be at the meeting, yes? 😊

The agenda and registration will launch early 2020. Stay tuned! You won't want to miss this!

STORES

Ryan St. Pewaukee Here We Come!

On December 27, 2019 the Waukesha District Council became a proud owner of its 3rd Thrift Store in Waukesha County! Renovations will begin soon to prepare for its opening! Stay tuned! Updates on the new store progress will be reported here!

Electronic Voucher Updates

- If you haven't written a Voucher for a while you may not be aware that BIG changes have occurred. So big that you need to re-install the app. If the icon on your desktop does not look like this, you need to re-install. You will find the new download on our website under Member Info/Member Forms & Supplies. Instructions are attached to these REMINDERS. Contact Bonnie if you need help with the process.
- Writing a Voucher is the same except for one addition. Under the Dollar Limit is a new field named Qty Limit. LEAVE THIS FIELD BLANK. This was requested by another SVdP Conference/Council but we are finding it problematic when the patron makes their purchases. Do not put any number in the box.

- As always, check off only one category at a time, listing all the items in that category and adding their values for one lump sum entered in the Dollar Limit field. Then go back into Store Voucher and enter the next category with items. The store is still seeing Vouchers written with more than one category checked off. The registers can only match one category with the dollars assigned to it so having multiple categories checked off causes delays during check-out.

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Waukesha: John Erdmann, 262-547-3281, jerdmann@svdpwaukesha.com

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Truck Pick-up/Delivery: Leah Forester, 262-569-0763, dispatch@svdpwaukesha.com

Store Marketing & Development: Rod Colburn rcolburn@svdpwaukesha.com

CONFERENCE RESOURCES

Winter Services

Please see attached Waukesha County Community Resources listing locations, eligibility, hours, space available:

- Hope Center
- Hebron House
- Jeremy House
- Salvation Army
- Family Promise
- Women's Center
- Waukesha Public Library

Waukesha Winter Overflow Shelter

1210 S. Sentry Drive, Waukesha

Opens December 1, 2019

The Overflow Shelter will be used when all other shelters are at capacity. See attached flyer for details.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP)

Sleep in Heavenly Peace provides hand-made bunk beds to children who don't have beds of their own. The Waukesha County Chapter is located in Hartland and delivers the beds they build. See the attached flyer for information on referring someone in need of a bunk bed, or volunteer to help build them.

Military Family Assistance Center

See the attached flyer for another resource for active military, veterans and their families.

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

Q: Our Conference is being inundated with calls for help in these tough economic times. We have talked about giving food as often as needed. But, we have been talking about limiting financial help to once a year. What is approved by the Society in cases like this?

A: As a general rule, Society Conferences do not place limitations on the service they give except as a basic natural limit of resources - when you run out, you stop. It has always been a part of the Rule that no form of charity is foreign to the Society. So limiting the types of service we provide does not correspond with the Rule. Setting a maximum for the number of times we help a person or family is very limiting, since once you determine that they have reached a limit, you stop listening to the cry for help and are not open to exceptional cases. Take each case as it comes to you and treat each one on its own merit. Don't start holding back for a rainy day - today is the rainy day for that person/family in need. Don't hold back for someone who might be more worthy - you would be judgmental. Don't restrict your help to certain groups (families, seniors, etc.) because our Rule prohibits discrimination. Treat each case on its own merit.

Index of Conference & Member Q & A

Conference and Member questions and answers appear in the E-Gazette, the National E-newsletter. Each month questions and answers are chosen for the monthly REMINDERS. The National office has put together the collection of all Questions & Answers since this practice started! Many inquiries are common throughout

the US. This is a link worth saving! [National Office Log and Index of Conference & Member Questions & Answers](#) Pam Hudson, National Director of Governance & Membership Services, phudson@svdpusa.org

WHAT'S AHEAD

February 2020
3 - St. Joseph W
10 - St. Dominic
17 - St. John Vianney
24 - St. St. Mary W

March 2020
2 - St. Bruno
9 - St. James, MF
16 - St. Catherine
23 - St. Charles
30 - St. Anthony on the Lake

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February 8

Ozanam Orientation

Waukesha Council Office

Registration 8:15

Session starts 8:30am and concludes 1:30pm

Register [Here](#)

February 12

Poverty Seminar

Waukesha Council Office

5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

February 18

Best Practices

Waukesha Council Office

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Topic to be announced

February 19

Community Voice for Change

First United Methodist Church, Waukesha

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

March 4

Summer Lunch Dinner Meeting

Waukesha Council Office

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

March 18

Community Voice for Change

First United Methodist Church, Waukesha

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

March 18

Home Visit Training

Waukesha Council Office

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

March 26 – 28

Midyear National Meeting, St. Louis, MO

PETITIONS

Prayers for Health

John Quaal, St. Dismas member

P.J. White, St. William member

Nancy Karl, Waukesha Council