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REMINDERS

July 2020

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Monthly Quote for Reflection

“Though our service be rejected, let us believe that whatever happens is for the best. Do we not know that God draws his own glory from contempt?”
 St. Louise de Marillac

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A Prayer for Unity on Independence Day

A letter from Ralph Middlecamp, President, National Council of the USA:

Fellow Vincentians,

We are approaching the celebration of our nation's 244th Independence Day, a traditional day of unity and gratitude for the many blessings we've received as Americans.

This year, we see around us so many signs of disunity, even anger. It calls to mind President Lincoln's words at his First Inauguration: "*We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection.*"

Blessed Frederic believed that it was our calling as Christians, and as Vincentians, to be the mediators of social conflict, a visible sign of Christ's peace.

As people of prayer, I'd like to ask all Vincentians to begin their day on July 4th silently reading and reflecting on this prayer for unity across all lines in our great and diverse country, and to take that spirit of peace out with you to celebrate the day with your friends and neighbors.

As Frederic said, "...our mediocrity does not make our role of mediators easier than our title of Christian makes us responsible. There is the possible usefulness of our Society of St. Vincent de Paul."

Have a Happy Independence Day, and may God continue to bless America,

You will find the Prayer for Unity attached to these Reminders.

ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

| July 2020 |
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| 6 - St. Mary, Wauk |
| 13 - St. Catherine |
| 20 - St. Charles |
| 27 - St. Anthony on the Lake |

NEW Meal Program SVDP Volunteer Commitment

Carry-out meals are being provided at the Hope Center. This changes the regular Monday evening process. Eight (8) conference members are not needed until further notice, however Conference assistance is still needed. It is asked that 2 conference members arrive at 4:15 with 48 bottles of water and 90 desserts. Bars and cookies are best. Please contact Peggy Fahl before your week to confirm and for any further instruction. Call or text at 414-828-6999 or email: pegfahl@gmail.com.

July 15-19

Waukesha County Fair

We regretfully report that the Waukesha County Fair 2020 has been cancelled.

July 27

Quarterly Membership Meeting

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Council Office

The meeting will be held in person with limited seating. Presidents will receive, or have already received an invitation via email. RSVP is required.

Conference President Elections

This topic is repeated due to its importance! Records indicate 11 Conference Presidents will conclude their 1st or 2nd term on September 30, 2020. Now is the time to place the election-nomination process on your conference agenda. Though meetings may not be in-person right now, elections should be addressed and voting conducted. It is not too early! Ideally, the newly elected Conference President, shadows the current President for 3 months.

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| 1 st Term ending Sept 30, 2020 | 2 nd term ending Sept 30, 2020 |
| St. Benedict | St. Anthony on the Lake |
| St. Charles | St. Dismas Jail Ministry |
| St. James, Men. Falls | St. Theresa |
| St. Joan of Arc | St. William |
| St. John Neumann | |
| St. John Vianney | |
| St. Joseph, Waukesha | |

WAUKESHA COUNCIL

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990N filers - HOLD OFF ON FILING

The Council office has been informed a few conference 990N electronic filings have been rejected by the IRS. We learned today the reasoning; The Waukesha Council received its Group Ruling of which conferences (subordinate) groups are part of. Our conferences have not been entered into the IRS data base system, therefore unrecognized by the IRS.

The IRS is very behind due to the pandemic shut-down. 990N filers were advised to wait 45-60 days to file. There is no need to try to file the 990N now. Again, we must wait.

In an effort to pull a positive, this will give the Council more time to address Conference name changes and/or address changes that may be needed. We do hope to simplify this process for everyone. Please once again, sit tight on filing your 990N. Thank you.

If you by chance did file a 990N and your filing went through, please send your documentation to Julie for Bonnie for review.

990EZ filers

Please send a copy of your completed 990EZ to Bonnie for record keeping purposes.

June 30

Conference Insurance Renewal

If your conference belongs to the National SVdP Insurance Program, you have already received a renewal notice and invoice from Lockton Affinity for your Conference Insurance Policy. They were emailed to conference Presidents. The \$200 premium was due June 30. If you have not paid your invoice yet, please give this your immediate attention. If you never received your invoice, please contact Bonnie (bpranger@svdpwaukesha.com) to confirm the email on file and have it resent.

Whether you have coverage through the National policy or through another agency, please confirm your renewal for record keeping purposes at the Council office by contacting Bonnie. **Please note:** This expense should be recorded in your Annual Report on Line 12D-Operating Expense-Other.

Home Visits During the Pandemic (How to Report)

Pam Hudson, who provides the Q&A for the weekly E-Gazette sent out by National has received emails from members regarding tracking the phone interviews that have replaced Home Visits during the pandemic. She replied that "phone interviews in place of Home Visits are now being done across the country due to the Coronavirus and should be reported as a Home Visit. Phone interviews/visits should be reported under Other In-Person Visits on the Conference annual report" found on Page 2, Line E.

Whether conducting Home Visits by phone, Zoom, or other means, the ultimate goal of the Society across the Country is to return to face-to-face, two member, in-person Home Visits. Phone, zoom or other forms of Home Visits are only temporary measures for a time due to the pandemic. The Home Visit is the core mission of the Society, as are the relationships we build with our friends in need.

PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES

Summer Lunch Program

The Summer Lunch Program was canceled this year. We were happy to learn that many elementary schools in the City of Waukesha stepped up and will be providing a lunch to kids this summer. We look to resume the Summer Lunch Program in 2021. Keep your normal conference dates in mind for next year!

Back-to-School Program

Hosting the Back-to-School program is in jeopardy. We no longer have use of the gym at St. William or any other City of Waukesha parish. It is also highly doubtful any Catholic church in Waukesha County can confirm use of their facilities at this time.

The Council office meeting room space has been ruled out. It is an office environment, also a vibrant Jail Ministry operation and would cause great disruption. The root of the decision however, is the space is simply too small. We need a location! Is anyone aware of a building we can use outside of our churches?

We also need supplies! How many conferences can host Back to School backpack and supply drives during the month of July? How many of you would be able to host a monetary donation drive for Back to School? We would need a minimum of 10 conference commitments.

These are the questions posed to Conference Presidents. There is a slim chance we can make this happen if we get a positive response to these two questions. Presidents have been asked to respond to Julie no later than July 8th so we know what direction this program will take. Stay tuned!

GETTING AHEAD

Moving into July, our traditional Getting Ahead programming remains closed due to COVID-19. We have adapted our graduate program to be done remotely and are exploring options for our fall workshops. We continue to brainstorm ways to work together with the Poverty Seminars and CVC events while we are apart. Stay tuned for our August update to hear how we will be approaching things in the fall!

If you have any questions or need anything, please contact our Program Manager, Jodie Cleary, at jcleary@svdpwaukesha.com or 262-765-0744

Stay Healthy,
The Getting Ahead Team



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

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

STORES

Pewaukee Store – NOW OPEN

Our 3rd Thrift Store opened June 17. It is the largest of our three stores! Accepting donations while the stores were closed in March and April allowed store staff to sort and ticket donations for stocking the Pewaukee store. This allowed us to open the Pewaukee store much earlier than expected. A HUGE THANK YOU to our store

staff in Oconomowoc and Waukesha for their hard work.

Our apologies for two typos in the Important Friday Reminders that were sent on 6/19/20. The new store is located off of Hwy.16 in Pewaukee, not I-94. Also, the store is the largest in the Midwest, not the U.S. Apparently, our excitement got the best of us.

Electronic Voucher Updates

- Window air conditioner units are donated few and far between but if you wish to provide one to a Friend in Need, you would enter it under the Appliance category with a value of \$50. Although not nearly as effective as an A/C, please consider donating any unused fans you may have. Stores do not have any in stock and it won't be long until the **hot** weather moves in to stay for a while.
- **Mattress surcharge** – The June Reminders reported a 10% surcharge on mattresses. This surcharge has not been entered into the register's system so it's unnecessary to add it onto the voucher cost at this time. It is possible that the stores will manually add that onto your conference invoice so if you see a discrepancy of a few dollars with your records, start with your mattress purchases.

Donation Doors

The donation doors at Waukesha and Oconomowoc are open 3 days a week on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:00am–11:00am and 1:30pm to 4:00pm. The Pewaukee store will open their donation door in early July. Check the Stores section of our website for up-to-date information.

Store trucks are back to delivering purchases and donation pickups, but only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays so service may take a little longer than before. For safety reasons, our truck drivers will only go so far as the door/garage, not into the home. In the case of apartments, it will depend on the size of the building. Delivery to a larger building with many apartments may be brought to the hallway outside the apartment door.

August 17

3rd Annual Golf Outing

**** New Location! **** Broadlands Golf Club, North Prairie

[Click Here for Event Details & Registration](#)

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Pewaukee: Ryan Bay, 414-659-0129, rbay@svdpwaukesha.com

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

Director of Marketing & Development: Rod Colburn rcolburn@svdpwaukesha.com

CONFERENCE RESOURCES

Eras Senior Network

Now providing transportation for Seniors and people with disabilities to healthcare appointments and food delivery. Call 262-549-3348

Community Action Coalition

CAC is working with the WRAP program for rent assistance. Requirements are a household income at or below 80% of the county median income and proof that their job loss or cut hours were due to COVID-19. They will provide up to \$3,000, or 3 months rent or security deposit. Call (262) 246-4730. You'll find information on the WRAP program attached to these Reminders.

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

Q: How are the nationally approved bylaws updated and why is it that we Vincentians in the Conferences don't know about the changes? Once we find out, are we expected to update our bylaws with the changes approved? What is the process?

A: The changes to bylaws are made through resolutions approved by National Council Members (These are the elected presidents of the highest Council in your diocese) at the Midyear Meeting and/or the National Assembly. Once approved, it is up to the National Council Members to inform their Vincentian Community of what took place and what resolutions have been passed. After the resolutions have been passed, the resolutions are placed on the www.svdpusa.net website for access by membership. The bylaws are found on www.svdpusa.org and have been updated based on all appropriate resolutions.

Once bylaws for individual Conferences and Councils have been updated for the approved changes, they must be formally approved by the Conference or Council. Approval of the modified bylaws can be given by consensus and does not require a formal vote.

Conferences are supposed to get formal approval of their bylaws from their District Council. District Councils are supposed to get formal approval of their bylaws from their Diocesan Council. Diocesan Councils are supposed to get formal approval of their bylaws from the Regional Vice President. The record of bylaw approval would be kept by the appropriate approval entity.

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

| August 2020 | September 2020 |
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| 3 - St. Bruno | 7 - St. James, M.F. |
| 10 - St. Leonard | 14 - St. Teresa of Calcutta |
| 17 - St. John Neumann | 21 - St. William |
| 24 - St. Jerome Conf & Mini-V's | 28 - St. Luke |
| 31 - St. James, Muk | |

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PETITIONS

Prayers for Health

Tom Kiefer, St. Mary-Waukesha member
John Quaal, St. Dismas member
P.J. White, St. William member
Nancy Karl, Waukesha Council

Rest in Peace

Charles Colburn, Father of Rod Colburn, Director of Marketing & Development
Tomas Camacho, Husband of Jo Camacho, St. Joseph-Waukesha member