

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

NEXT GENERAL MEETING MAY 6th VIA ZOOM @ 7:00PM

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- Phone Visits- 33
- Walk-in Applicants- 3

DEACON'S REFLECTION

Jesus responded to his disciples by saying that leadership isn't about power- "lording it over them" or making their authority felt. Leadership is about servanthood, even when it entails suffering and giving one's life. The only way to glory is by self-emptying, serving, giving one's life. Much of our doing for others is simply part of our everyday life, for example, parents taking care of children, spouses doing thoughtful things for each other, a co-worker cooperating with others in the office. Being a "slave" of all, as Jesus says, isn't always something extra or big; most of the time it is simply doing our everyday

tasks and keeping in mind that others are the body of Christ. It is doing our everyday tasks with loving care. (Living Liturgy, p. 228)



People are not looking for leaders who can solve all their problems or answer all their questions. Often, they know the answers already or they know their problem

has no immediate solution. More than anything else people look to us who minister to them for our presence of loving, caring and forgiving others. They want our help in their efforts to handle pain and frustration. They look to us for understanding; they seek a sensitive and consoling response to their hurt feelings; they need the spiritual comfort we can bring through our ministry. They want someone who will pray with them, whose presence will remind them that no matter what their difficulties might be, God really loves and cares for them. They want assurance that God will never abandon them. This is the leadership that we are called to live. (McCullen, Deep Down Things, p. 310-quoting Cardinal Bernadin)

MARCH TREASURER'S REPORT



Beginning Balance- \$79,198.17
 Total Receipts- \$14,619.04
 Total Distributions- \$10,023.28
 Ending Balance- \$83,793.93

This information is provided to you on a monthly basis by our treasurer, Paul LaPierre. This is an overall monthly summary. For more detailed information, you may contact Paul at the office by calling 892-0526.



April Birthdays

Maria Cardenas
Corina Chavez
Bernard Ela
Linda Fresquez
Ana Gabaldon
Vera Galle
CarolAnn Griffin
Jill Lythgoe
Marcella Kramer
JoAnn Rogers

*Lord, send
out your
Spirit and
renew the
face of
the earth*



FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

JoAnn Rogers has been heading up our Membership committee for several years now. Her responsibilities are to keep a spreadsheet of all current members, their contact information, as well as Vincentian training. She enters all member statistics into a national SVdP database. Margie Magistro has joined forces with JoAnn in order to help with the workload. You may be contacted by either one of these volun-

teers for training or conference status so please be cooperative when approached. An email is going to go out to about 38 of our members that need to update their Abuse Awareness training. When completed, please make sure our office gets a copy for their records as well as the parish office. The district is going to offer Ozanam training in the near future for new members or anyone who has not had the oppor-

tunity to attend. Ozanam training is required in your first year of joining SVdP. We will let you know as soon as the training has been scheduled. Any time your contact information has changed, please contact Candace with your updates so she can pass them along to everyone in the conference that needs your information. Thank you JoAnn and Margie for your hard work and dedication to our conference.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

How would you like to be our new Social committee chair? What a fun job to provide our members with beverages and snacks! Yes, you will do that but there is more to the job than just that. First of all, you would be responsible for storing

the conference coffee pots, coffee, utensils, and paper goods. You would also need to keep an inventory of the goods and shop for additional product when stock is low plus shop for food for upcoming events. You may need to work with cater-

ers on occasion. You would be responsible for setting up for functions and clean-up. You can have as many volunteers on your committee as you feel necessary. For more information or if you may be interested in volunteering, please contact Candace by email or call 331-8383.

GRANT WRITING AND PROPOSALS

Our Vice-President, Joe Fink, has been handling the grant proposals for our conference in recent years. He plans to use the new software the Catholic Foundation offers to submit this year's grant proposals. He plans to request \$1800.00 for the freezer trailer ex-

pense for the annual Thanksgiving distribution and request another \$7000.00 for food needs in our community. Everything will be done on the Foundation website beginning this year with the new software and wet signatures are no longer required. After

the applicant creates an account, the process is fairly easy and more streamlined. We'd like to have another person trained to use the software and in the grant writing process. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Candace by email or call 331-8383.

THE RULE

Rule 7.4 – The practical Vincentian approach to social justice: The distinctive approach of Vincentians to issues of social justice is to see them from the perspective of those we visit who suffer from injustice.

EVEN JESUS LIKES JELLY BEANS

Red is for the blood he gave, green is for the grass He made, Yellow is for the sun so bright, orange is for the edge of night, black is for the sins we made, white is for His hours of sorrow,

pink is for a new tomorrow. May every day be Easter in your heart. May the joy you feel on Easter morning be the joy of each day of your life. Thank you Jesus for Your sacrifice to save us.

April Vincentian Prayer List

Your prayers are being requested for these special intentions:

Barb Jerome– The strength to get through the death of her beloved husband and complete recovery from COVID-19– Conference members & friends

Fred Richardson– Healing from Parkinson's & painful compression fractures– Louise Richardson, loving and dedicated wife

Lori Beth Koenigsfeld– Complete healing of future brain tumors- Terri Hall

Bill Tryon– Healing from Parkinson's disease– Jim & Candace Hintenach

Claire Olona– Healing from Auto immune disease and tailbone fracture– Terri Hall

Connie Shingleton– Successful recovery from breast surgery– Candace Hintenach

Maria Rodriguez– Continued healing from heart surgery– Jill Lythgoe

Bob Bajek– The repose of his soul/ RIP friend– Jeff & Debby Estvanko

Mike & Jennifer Geist- as they recover from COVID 19– Louise Richardson

Scott Moses– Complete healing from staph infection following hip replacement– Claire Olona's brother

Chuck Rhodes-Recovery from knee replacement scheduled this week– Claire Olona's brother-in-law

That God gives all our Vincentian friends in our conference who are going through hard times and health problems strength and healing– Ann Austin