

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

NEXT GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 5th @ 7:00PM

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- Phone Visits- 14
- Walk-in Applicants- 2

## DEACON'S REFLECTION

Jesus sends the apostles out on mission, two by two.



His instructions indicate that they are to stay focused on what they are to do. Everything they would do originates in Jesus and the power to stay focused on the mission and be successful comes only from Jesus who sent them. When disciples are sent on mission it is to take up the mission of Jesus, and there is only one mission, to establish God's reign. Like Jesus, disciples

will meet resistance, but they will also meet success when they encounter those with faith. It is an awesome thought that Jesus entrusts his mission to us. With our own power and talent, we can do little; with the authority with which Jesus invests his disciples we can do much.

(Living Liturgy, p.170)



The Manual of the Society states: From the beginning of the Society, the central and most basic activity of

Conferences has been the visitation of the needy in the home. This action is the clearest symbol of the Vincentian charism which dictates the highest respect for the dignity of the poor. It symbolizes the fact that Vincentians are to reach out to the needy... and it is in the home environment that needy persons feel most free to entrust their stories of struggle to the helper. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians are asked to listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance. A related tradition is that Vincentians always visit in pairs: "two by two". This requirement is based on the fact that the Conference is a community, not a collection of individuals who "do their own thing." (US Manual, P.98)

## JUNE TREASURER'S REPORT



Beginning Balance- \$96,398.88  
 Total Receipts- \$13,461.42  
 Total Distributions- \$7380.16  
 Ending Balance- \$102,480.14

*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.*



## July Birthdays

Sal Benevegna  
 Laura Greico  
 Marina Gil de Sola  
 Candace Hintenach  
 Alyssa Reinchuck  
 Maria Rodriguez  
 Richard Trembley  
 Juanita Wilson  
 Angela Ziegler

*Dear Lord,  
 I pray for all those that  
 are needing hope,  
 strength and encourage-  
 ment. Please minister to  
 them now. I pray that  
 You would work in their  
 hearts. Dry their tears.  
 Take away their fears.  
 Be their Healer,  
 Comforter and Provider.  
 You know who is strug-  
 gling and You know each  
 one by name. Please have  
 compassion and mercy,  
 and may they feel Your  
 presence like never before.  
 In the name of Jesus  
 we pray.  
 Amen*

### \*\*SPECIAL\*\*

SVdP National office filmed a documentary on how local conferences were affected by the pandemic. Included are NM conferences. It will air on EWTN August 6th at 3:30PM MT.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

From March 2020 to June 2021, our Conference went through a period of history we have never before experienced with the Covid-19 pandemic. Donations from parishioners at St. Thomas Aquinas and St. John Vianney remained constant and we were very blessed with their generous support. During the same time, fewer applicants contacted us for assistance. Stimulus checks, increased unemployment benefits, and the American Rescue Plan have been providing the assis-

tance we would have normally done. As a result, our bank balance continued to grow. Many SVdP Conferences found themselves in the same position.

Our Board met in June 2021 and developed a plan to get more of our funds out to the Community. We increased our limits for rent and utility assistance from the amounts previously set in January 2020 and have been able to pay more per applicant than in previous years. Currently, other Conferences in the

Archdiocese are in need of additional funds to serve the needy in their areas. We are assisting these Conferences by twinning with them over the months of July, August and September. We anticipate an increase in applicants once PNM and the Gas Company begin to turn off service for nonpayment this summer. Government assistance will eventually stop. Our Conference is in a strong position to provide assistance when the number of applicants begin to increase. God does provide in ways we do not expect!

## SERVICE RECOGNITION

Claire Olona and Mary Virchow have both given us notice that they can no longer assign cases to Home Visitors on Mondays. Claire is stepping

back for personal reasons and Mary Virchow is moving to Nebraska. Even if you haven't met them personally, you have probably talked to

them over the phone for years when getting your assignments. We would like to thank them for their years of dedicated service and wish them the best of luck.

## BACK TOGETHER AGAIN

Our last General conference meeting in person was back in March of 2020. July 2021 was our first in person meeting since the pandemic. Everyone was so excited about being together

again. This was the first time our new President led a meeting in person. Candace was able to keep us connected by conducting our monthly meetings on Zoom during the pandemic. There

was a good amount of members in attendance. Bernard Ela led the reflection for us this month. Meetings will be held in the Religious Ed building in the future due to the large number of attendees.

## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Presently, our conference is seeking volunteers to lead the Social committee, a volunteer on Mondays to assign

cases, and volunteers for the Resource committee. For more information about the Resource committee, contact Rob at

250-9831, for case assignments, contact Jill at 892-2936, and Social Committee, contact Candace at 331-8383.

## THE RULE

**Rule 7.9- Working with Communities-** The Society should work not only with individuals in need but also with families and communities. It can help an excluded or deprived local community to develop a sense of responsibility and solidarity which leads it to improve its economic, social, or environmental well-being, always retaining the personal contact of members with those who suffer.



# July Vincentian Prayer List



Your prayers are being requested for these special intentions:

**Fred Richardson**– Healing from progression of Parkinson's and painful compression fractures– Louise Richardson

**Mariano Romero Jr.**– Repose of his soul after battling cancer at the age of 91. Mariano was an accomplished musician & Spanish teacher. Rick Quintana (nephew)

**Cecile McCann**– Starting treatment for MS– Anne Austin

**Veronique Francois**– Diagnosed with Lymphoma– Anne Austin

**Art Van Deredt**– Repose of his soul. Art was a Home Visitor for years & most recently accompanied HV. Art also helped at our Thanksgiving distributions. Art will be missed. May he rest in peace. Bernice Mascarenas

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

**Alicia Harris**– Healing from health issues- Vincentian Sisters in Christ

**Claire Olona**– Complete healing– Terri Hall

**Paula Peters**– Herniated disc back surgery– Candace Hintenach

**Vonnie Crutchfield**– Complete recovery from back surgery– Debby Estvanko

All our service members for their bravery in  
fighting for the freedoms we are blessed with in  
the United States of America.

