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From your Servant Leaders:



It was a fairly warm and sunny day, especially for late February. It didn't surprise me to see a crowd outside at the usual Sunday brunch restaurant on our way home from Mass. I could not help but notice, however, that the number of young adults waiting for over-priced eggs and bacon were not dressed for church, and they far outnumbered those I had just left.

Most likely headed out from home directly to the restaurant to meet their friends for a casual meal. The economy must be doing fairly well, because Sunday brunches are not cheap! These young people may be among the "nones" who no longer identify themselves with a faith. Some went to an earlier church service, no doubt, but for many their Sundays have shifted from a day of worship to a day of gathering, perhaps with a mimosa included.

It is ironic that the Church invented the word "communion" to identify this very purpose, to bring people together into the same place to pry. In our rural communities - a word of the same root - we still see families travel greater distances to come together to the center of a community, the place of worship. While faith is a critical aspect of the gathering, it is not the only reason for it. Church was once the center of neighborly conversation. It's where you may see someone for the one and only time that week between long days on the farm. It was the center of local news and projected national opinions. And oh my, it's Gossip Central!

[Click here](#) to read more.

Yours in Christ,
Dave Barringer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Barringer". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

CEO
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Please Help the Society with the Humanitarian Crisis in Lebanon

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Lebanon has been a key provider of food and heating oil to the thousands of Syrian refugees, as well as the local poor, living in horrible conditions in their country. Lebanese Vincentians are very dedicated, but the national economy continues to worsen and their local resources are exhausted.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Lebanon (SSVP) was founded in 1860. Vincentian volunteers are engaged in 49 Conferences across the country. The Society there works in many fields including medical, social, educational and development projects. Currently half of the Lebanese live below the poverty line, according to World Bank reports. The presence of Syrian refugees in large numbers since 2011, the overall worsening economic situation, unemployment, and regional conflicts have resulted in an unprecedented crisis in Lebanon.

Due to the influx of Syrian refugees, some specific projects were dedicated to fit refugee needs, including an eatery housed by the National Council in which refugees have been able to eat twice a week for more than four years now. SSVP also finds itself under the obligation to feed more Lebanese people than ever, often on a daily basis. The Society wants to welcome one hundred persons for a meal - hot main dish and salad - three times each week. The annual cost in U.S. dollars to do this is approximately \$150,000.

Winterization for Lebanese communities is more urgent than ever, as winds, rain, storms, snow, and hail battered the southern and eastern Mediterranean during the whole season. Heating oil is a priority; an average of 1,200 families are served with 200 liters of oil each. The cost to provide these resources will be approximately \$139,000.

If your Council or Conference would like to help with this humanitarian crisis and wishes to donate with a check, please send to:
SVdP National Council
58 Progress Parkway
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

Mark "Lebanon Relief" in the memo field

***Consolidated donations will be sent properly and safely through the SSVP International Office to the Lebanon National Council.**

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Q: Resolution 114 says that a Conference can be "suspended" and it talks about an appeal process. But I'm not finding anything that tells us what needs to be done to suspend a Conference. For example, if a Conference refused to give us annual financial reports, according to Resolution 114 they can be suspended. But, who tells them? Is it a local decision (e.g. Archdiocesan Council)? Does it have to be in writing? Etc.? Guidance? Where do I find this information?

A: The Council must submit a letter to the national vice president for the region showing the specifics of why the Conference should be suspended/dissolved. This letter must also include everything that was done to correct the situation. The national vice president, if convinced the information is sufficient, will submit the suspension request to the national president. If the national vice president or the national president is not satisfied with the information given, he/she will advise the next steps. Only the national president may suspend a member or a Conference.

Q: A parishioner has come to us asking if we could help with a loan of around \$2,000 for a real estate problem that may keep the lender from foreclosing on her home. Is this allowed?

A: Conferences generally don't loan money, they give gifts to those in need. Giving loans and expecting payback is contrary to

the spirit and tradition of the Society. There might occur specific circumstances that would make this appropriate; however, not as a general rule. When we give assistance to people, it is given as a gift - not a loan; we should not look for repayment nor a return.

[Click here to view the Spanish translation of this week's Q&A](#)

[Click here to download this week's Q&A](#)

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Click here to visit the SVdP Thrift Store website for stores-related Q&A's: <http://www.svdpusa-thriftstore.org/>

Submit your questions to:

Pam Hudson Johnson

National Director of Governance & Membership Services

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Ozanam Sunday - April 26, 2020

[Click here](#) for a list of materials available to order to celebrate this special Vincentian day.

Celebrating our 175th Anniversary

We have two Vincentian spiritual formation resources available to help celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Founding of the Society in the U.S.

[Click here](#) for more information and to order "Serving in Hope: Module VII, Our Vincentian Home Visit"

[Click here](#) for more information and to order "The Spirituality of the Home Visit: A Journal"

The Vincentian Heritage Pilgrimage to Paris

September 22-29, 2020

Directed by Ralph Middlecamp, Sr. Kieran
Kneaves, DC and Fr. Gerry Kelly, CM.



For more information, [click here](#).

For more information about the trip from the travel agency,
[click here](#).

If interested in participating, contact Sr. Kieran Kneaves at
kkneaves@svdpusa.org.

For more information contact:
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March Voice of the Poor Webinar Combating Predatory Lending

Millions of working Americans struggle to make ends meet as expenses pile up while wages remain flat. Desperate for additional

income, they turn to payday loans and end up trapped in a cycle of debt that makes matters worse.

Join the Voice of the Poor monthly webinar series to learn more about this issue and what Vincentians are doing to protect vulnerable friends in need.

Thursday, March 19, 2020

3:00 p.m. Eastern

[Register Here!](#)

For more information, contact:

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Getting Ahead Practitioner Call

A Mini Refresher Course for Facilitators

Monday, March 16, 2020

1:00 p.m. Eastern/12:00 p.m. Central

[Register Here!](#)

Getting Ahead facilitators juggle a tremendous amount of information and challenges over the course of a GA program, so it's helpful to 'check-in' occasionally on the foundational tips and tricks we learn in facilitator training. For the next practitioner call, we'll talk about those helpful hints we need to remain cognizant of throughout the program, and share new ones we've picked up along the way. Join us!

Getting Ahead Facilitator Training - Spring 2020

Conferences and Councils across the country are running

[Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World](#), a comprehensive program that empowers individuals to build their own personal plans for economic security and create Systemic Change.

The Facilitator Training will equip you with all the knowledge and resources to start a Getting Ahead program in your area or get involved with an existing program.

Wednesday, April 8 & 15
6:30-9:30 p.m. Eastern
[Register for our Online Training Here!](#)

Future Trainings:

Summer: Wednesday, July 22 & 29 at 6:30-9:30 p.m. Eastern

Fall: Saturday, October 10 & 17 at 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Eastern

Are you a Getting Ahead facilitator with questions, ideas, or best practices? Start a conversation in the [Getting Ahead Community of Practice](#) today!

Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World is a licensed work of aha! Process, Inc. The National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a licensed provider of facilitator training for the Getting Ahead program.

For more information, contact:

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National Director of Poverty Programs

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A Council's Job One: Serve The Conferences

This week we conclude the excerpts from the first section of Vincentian Life: Council focused on the relationship between Councils and their Conferences. It is the Council's responsibility to assist and guide Conferences in fulfilling the mission of the Society.

[Click here](#) to read information on topics such as Help in Council Efforts, Formation/ Training, Conference/Council Visitation, Youth Involvement and Diversity.

Next week we will begin a series of excerpts from the section on Council Structure.

SVdP Mentoring Opportunity

As Vincentians and Vincentian leaders, we all know the rewards that come from helping rescue people in crises and helping them take steps toward self-sufficiency. The Vincentian Mentoring program provides an opportunity for a similar reward.

[Click here](#) for more information.

[Click here](#) to access the application.

Questions? Contact:
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SVdP Young Adults Service Day -

April 25



For information about the 2020 Young Adults Service Day, [click here](#).

SVdP Young Adults Mosaic T-Shirt still available!



SVdP Young Adults are still selling the Blessed Frederic Ozanam Mosaic T-Shirt.

The money raised will be donated to the Blessed Frederic Ozanam Mosaic Fund as a contribution from the Society's Young Adults.

Don't miss out on this opportunity (again)! Buy your shirt today!

[Click here](#) for more information and to order.

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Attention New Conference Presidents

Have you been wondering where to find the essential materials for your duties as a Vincentian conference president? Have you had trouble locating those materials on the Society website? With you in mind, the new Leadership Task Force commissioned a

quick video tour of the National website. You can view that tour by [clicking here](#).

Questions about this topic, contact:

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Liaison for Formation

SVdP National Board Member

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Announcing New National Stores Committee!

SVdP National has formed a National Stores Committee to assist Thrift Store operations nationwide. The committee exists of 12 retail experts within the organization to help find solutions for all SVdP Thrift Store businesses. Each month, the National Stores committee will provide ideas and strategies to improve retail functions.

For more help or information, email John Walters

at johnw@svdpstl.org or Lori Bedwell,

lbedwell@svdpusa.org.

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Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017...

If you think the following information might interest a friend or family member, please share this article with them.

Many people are still wondering how the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA) affects their ability to deduct charitable contributions and what, if any, changes they should make to their charitable giving strategies.

Because everyone has different charitable giving goals and tax situations, SVdPUSA recommends that you discuss the TCJA changes with your tax advisor to pick an approach that makes sense for you!

[Click here](#) for more information.

For specific instructions on how to direct your Qualified Charitable Distributions funds from your IRA or make a donation of stock to SVDPUA, please contact:

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2020 Hard Copy Annual Reports Available!

The hard-copy 2020 annual report forms are now available. The reporting period for Vincentian assistance and services provided to our friends in need is for the period of FY Oct 1, 2019 - Sept 30, 2020.

Quarterly report hard copy forms are also available!

Here is the link:

<https://www.svdpusa.org/members/Documents/Annual-Report-Forms>

NOTE: The online data entry program for the 2020 annual reports will be available after the start of the new fiscal year 2020-21 after October 1, 2020.

For information regarding Annual Reports, contact:

Pam Hudson Johnson

Director of Governance and Membership Services

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All 2019 Online Annual Reports are now due!

Have you filed your 2019 annual report online yet? Tomorrow is the deadline for ALL reports to be filed online for Vincentian assistance and services provided to our friends in need from Oct. 1, 2018 to Sept 30, 2019. Click here to enter your report today: <https://www.svdpmembers.com/annual-reports/annual-reporting-cycles/>.

The Society's fiscal year is Oct 1-Sept 30. Here are the official annual report due dates for each level of our organization:

- Conference annual reports due Nov 30
- District Councils annual reports due Dec 31
- (Arch)Diocesan Councils annual reports due Jan 31
- Special Works & Thrift Store reports are due the same date as the Conferences/Councils that owns/operates them

Isolated Conferences can email hard copy forms to jwitzel@svdpusa.org.

[Click here](#) to download 2019 hard copy forms.

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Electronic Filing of Form 1023

If your Council or Conference is planning on applying for independent tax exemption by filing a Form 1023, please note that the IRS went live last week enabling organizations to file the IRS Form 1023 Application electronically.

This is generally a welcome advancement but Friday's announcement also included a short 90-day grace period for filing paper 1023 Applications.

As of January 31, 2020, the IRS requires that Form 1023, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, be completed and submitted through Pay.gov. There is a 90-day grace period during which the IRS will continue to accept paper versions of Form 1023.

<https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/electronic-filing-of-form-1023>

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SVdP In the News



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National News

NATIONAL:

[North American Vincentian Family looking for Candidate to plan next Gathering](#)

BALTIMORE, MD:

[Hannah More Family Shelter Receives \\$10,000 Gift From Point Breeze Credit Union](#)

UNIONTOWN, PA:

[Morrell firefighters learn sign language to better serve public](#)

Dates for 2020:	
Midyear Meeting March 25 - 28 St. Louis, MO	Midwest Regional Meeting June 19-20 Des Moines, IA
Southeast Subregional April 3-4 Atlanta, GA	South Central Regional Meeting June 22-27 Oklahoma City, OK

<p>Northeast Regional Meeting April 18 Taunton, MA</p> <p>Florida Subregional May 2 Orlando, FL</p> <p>Western Regional Meeting May 21-23 Sacramento, CA</p> <p>North Central Regional Meeting June 11-13 Milwaukee, WI</p> <p>Mideast Regional Meeting June 11-13 Livonia, MI</p>	<p>Eastern Regional Meeting June 27 Emmitsburg, MD</p> <p>Invitation for Renewal July 29 - August 2 St. Louis, MO Click here for info.</p> <p>National Assembly September 2-5 St. Louis, MO</p> <p>Invitation for Renewal November 4-8 St. Louis, MO</p>
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Disasters Nationally*

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For more information about SVdP Disaster Services, [click here](#) or contact:

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[Download the free SVdP mobile app now by clicking here!](#)

***You can watch the OFIA TV series and movie on-demand through the mobile app and you can access it on your phone or tablet!**

[Click here to connect with Voice of the Poor on social media!](#)

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Vincentine Prayer List

Are you or another Vincentine you know in need of prayers from fellow SVdP members? Send the prayer intention to Pam Hudson at phudson@svdpusa.org and we will add the name to the prayer list on the SVdP website. Thank you and God Bless.

[Click here to view the Vincentine Prayer List.](#)

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Looking to Support SVdP Programs?

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If you would like to donate by check, please send it to:

SVdP National Council
58 Progress Parkway
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

*In the memo field please write the program you are supporting

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