

# DOING GOOD!!

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## CONFERENCE FOCUS ON ST. ANGELA MERICI

St. Angela Merici Parish is in Fairview Park and their SVDP Conference is listed in the parish website along with other parish groups. The Conference was formed in 1980 and aggregated in 1987. They currently have 7 active members and no associate members. Officers are: John Byrne, President, Paul Binder, Vice President, Jim Ernst, Secretary and Ron Semega, Treasurer.

Meetings are held in the Parish Center on the first and third Thursday of every month. All meetings follow a printed agenda that starts with an opening prayer, reflection, home visitation, officer's reports, etc.

Because the Fairview Park area does not have a high incidence of poverty, the Conference will at times help the needy from surrounding communities. Persons needing help call or come to the Parish Center Office. The secretary explains that they will need a photo ID and



## 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### KENTUCKY DERBY DAY PARTY

Fundraiser for food centers  
Saturday, May 7 4-8pm  
Great Lakes Brewing Company  
2516 Market Ave., Cleveland

### VINCENTIAN

### COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 22 after 8:00am Mass  
St. Patrick (Bridge Ave.)

Every Conference should be represented

### BOARD MEETING

All Vincintians welcome  
Monday, June 13 Noon  
Our Lady of Hope  
300 Center Rd., Bedford

### INVITATION FOR RENEWAL

July 13-17 Indianapolis, IN

### OUTDRIVE HUNGER:

### INAUGURAL GOLF OUTING

Fundraiser for food pantries  
Friday, July 29 8am-4:30pm  
Grantwood Golf Course, Solon  
Organize a foursome and/or  
become a sponsor

### SVDP NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

August 30-September 3 Columbus, OH

Every Conference should be represented

### BOARD MEETING

All Vincintians welcome  
Monday, September 12 Noon  
Our Lady of Hope  
300 Center Rd., Bedford

### FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

Saturday, September 24

### BLANKET SUNDAY DRIVE

October 8 & 9 All parishes participate

### OZANAM ORIENTATIONS

October 22

### CONFERENCE ANNUAL

### REPORTS DUE

Monday, October 31

If you need help, contact our office.

### INVITATION FOR RENEWAL

November 9-13 Indianapolis, IN

### BLESSED FREDERIC

### OZANAM FEAST DAY

Monday, December 19

### BOARD MEETING

All Vincintians welcome  
December 12 Noon  
Our Lady of Hope  
300 Center Rd., Bedford

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER



John Litten, Executive Director

## May Brings Opportunities for Growth

The month of May, and this summer as a whole, provide some great opportunities for increased Vincentian involvement. Please consider how you might enhance your Vincentian experience by joining together with our Diocesan community!

**Kentucky Derby Day is Upon Us!** This Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> is an opportunity to be a part of something new to our Society. As you well know, on April 1st we took over three former WSEM food centers and made them a part of us. This wonderful, 16<sup>th</sup> annual event comes with it! While the event has a following all its own, it does lack for Vincentian involvement at this time. We would love to see more of you there, to show this new ministry and its supporters what it means to join our Society. Vincintians interested in attending Saturday's KY Derby party should call at 216-696-6525 x. 2520, email at [nschrimpf@svdpcle.org](mailto:nschrimpf@svdpcle.org) or register on line: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/16th-annual-kentucky-derby-day-party-tickets-22751237564>

**Vincintian Commissioning Mass and Recognition Breakfast – May 22**  
We'll be announcing our honorees very shortly. Additionally, this is an opportunity for your newest Vincintians (and any who've never experienced it) to be commissioned as Vincintians. This involves a brief ceremony during the mass and we will have SVDP pins for anyone who doesn't have one already. This is somewhat new in Cleveland (just started last year) so while this might be construed as something meant only for new Vincintians, we have plenty of catching up to do so we'd love to have you (all of you) join us!

**Golf Outing July 29** – See Natalie's article for more on how you can help us Outdrive Hunger.

**National SVDP Assembly in Columbus – Aug. 30 thru Sept. 3**  
This event may never be closer to you than this year. Please consider if you are called to be a part of this wonderful event. You will have the chance to meet Vincintians from across our county and even our world!

You all do such great work within your Conferences and Centers. The above experiences serve to enhance that for you. Being a part of the larger SVDP community can help your heart, head and hands to make you a better Vincintian!

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## Listening with the Heart of Mary



It's the month of May Crownings, May Altars, and Devotions to Our Blessed Mother. In honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary this month, it may be helpful to recall how little she said in Sacred Scripture. Her last recorded words were in the second chapter of St. John at the Wedding Feast at Cana when she said about her Son, "Do whatever He tells you." While Mary plays a prominent role in Sacred Scripture, her recorded words are very few.

As Vincintians, we too can a cue from the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary in speaking less and listening more. There are many times when clients have much to say on a home visit but we may be in a hurry or thinking about the next stop or just not interested. Or we may be quick to offer advice or suggestions to fix the situation. Yet, most times we are called to respond as our Blessed Mother did – by listening and saying little. She kept much in her heart. It is her example we strive to follow.



Yours in Christ,

Father Doug Brown  
Spiritual Advisor

*Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven”*

MATTHEW 5.16



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must complete the Request for Assistance document. Once this is completed the secretary calls the Conference President, who contacts two Conference Members to begin the home visitation process. After the visit, the team updates the President with their suggested action. Help is provided based on current funding. Last year St. Angela SVDP made 76 home visits, helping a total of 119 people.

This Conference also provides non-perishable food and financial support monthly to the Southwest Ozanam Center.

Income to help the needy is generated from poor boxes in the church and a third Sunday of every month parishioner envelope. Income from the envelope is shared with four other parish ministries. Ron Semega, treasurer said, “We are blessed with giving parishioners and a supporting pastor, Fr. Michael Lanning”.

Copies of the Request for Assistance intake form and meeting agenda form may be requested from Ron Semega by emailing him at: [ron.ejs.36610@gmail.com](mailto:ron.ejs.36610@gmail.com).



left to right: Ed Nageotte; Jim Ernst, Secretary; Charles Steigerwald; Jack Byrne, President & Bob Heiss.

**Help Us Outdrive Hunger with our Inaugural Charity Golf Outing, July 29**

By Natalie Schrimpf

Summer is just around the corner, and when those warm breezes arrive in Cleveland they will also usher in “Outdrive Hunger,” the Society’s first annual charity golf outing. Join us for a lovely day on the green to raise money for our food pantries on Friday, July 29 from 8AM to 4:30PM at Grantwood Golf Course in Solon. The outing will include a silent auction/raffle, lunch at the turn, an awards ceremony and buffet dinner. Whether you’re a golfer or just want to support the event through your sponsorship, we’re counting on you to join us and make an impact.



For more information on sponsorship and registration, visit our [Outdrive Hunger](#) event page or contact Natalie Schrimpf at 216-696-6525 x. 2520

or email [nschrimpf@svdpcle.org](mailto:nschrimpf@svdpcle.org).

**To order tickets via Eventbrite, [click here](#).**

**DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US FOR THE BIG DERBY DAY PARTY**

Join us this Friday May 7<sup>th</sup> for the biggest and most fun **Kentucky Derby Day** 4 to 8 p.m. Great Lakes Brewing Company 2516 Market Ave. across from the Westside Market.

Bring your friends, dress up with your finest Derby Day clothes. Join the fun with food, beer and all the fun you can stand.

**If you'd like us to make reservations for you, just call Natalie at 216 696-6525 x 2520.**

**WOULD YOUR CONFERENCE LIKE AN EXTRA \$5,000?**

It's not too late to apply for the \$5,000 grants that SVDP National has allocated for just our area.



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**ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>**



The annual Communion Breakfast for all Vincentians is Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at St. Patrick Church, 3602 Bridge Ave, Cleveland. All Vincentians from all Conferences are invited to attend the Commissioning Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by the breakfast and awards ceremony. All new Vincentians will be specially honored at mass with a short Commissioning ceremony.

More details were in last month's [DOING GOOD](#).

SVDP DISTRICT MEETINGS	DATE & TIME	PLACE	DISTRICT PRESIDENT
Akron	TBA	TBA	Mike Zorena <a href="mailto:Akron@svdpcle.org">Akron@svdpcle.org</a>
Lake/Geauga	TBA	TBA	Marilyne Brandoni <a href="mailto:Lake-Geauga@svdpcle.org">Lake-Geauga@svdpcle.org</a>
East Cuyahoga	TBA	TBA	John Patton <a href="mailto:EastDistrict@svdpcle.org">EastDistrict@svdpcle.org</a>
Lorain County	May 12 7 pm	Sacred Heart Chapel, Lorain	Jim Watling <a href="mailto:LorainDistrict@svdpcle.org">LorainDistrict@svdpcle.org</a>
West Cuyahoga	June 7 7 pm	Assumption	Jim Beesley <a href="mailto:WestDistrict@svdpcle.org">WestDistrict@svdpcle.org</a>