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A Warm Welcome to

St. Mary (Hudson) Conference!

Please join us in welcoming St. Mary in Hudson as our newest Conference! The Conference was officially founded on May 1, after a few months of formation and discernment. The group was formed with 16 members, and has been assisted and mentored by neighboring Conferences. We are so glad that they are now a part of our Diocesan Council, and pray that the good Lord blesses their important work moving forward for the benefit of the most in need. St. Mary is the fourth new Conference to join our Council during the past year.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

John Litten, Executive Director

Of late, to say that every day is an adventure would be an understatement. As previously discussed, on April 1 our Society took on three food centers formerly run by WSEM and the Centers for Families and Children. By May 7th, we had the blessing to host the 16th annual Kentucky Derby Day Party, which had nearly 200 attendees, and raised over \$28,000 to help fund these "new" food centers.

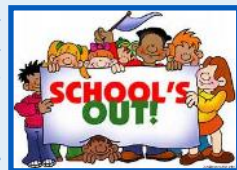
Just over two weeks later, we had the special honor and privilege to host our annual Vincentian commissioning mass and recognition breakfast at St. Patrick on Bridge, where we were able to honor several of our Vincentians, break bread together, and commission new (and veteran) members.

Next, we look ahead to our first ever golf outing on July 29th at Grantwood Golf Course in Solon, and we'd love to have you be a part of it. We've got a great committee of Vincen-tians, staff, golfers and other friends who are working hard to make it an enjoyable event to benefit our food pantries. Learn more at our website, www.svdpcle.org or purchase a foursome directly online at www.svdpgolf.eventbrite.com. I also hope that by now, you've also received our golf brochure as well.

It is also worth mentioning that all of the aforementioned events are happening in lieu of a "gala" as we've had in the past. We decided to take a year or two off from that event.

Thank you as always for all of the great work that you do. I said it at the recognition breakfast, but you truly are our heroes.

As pastor of a parish with a school, there is a lot of excitement as the school year winds down.



The look of excitement on the faces of the students reminds me of my days in elementary school when all I had to look forward to was a summer of swimming and fun. It was an innocent, carefree time and for many of our students, it still is. But unfortunately, some of our students also have great family challenges with unemployed parents or a family member incarcerated or illness or disease present in their home. Some of our students don't have much of a summer to which to look forward.

I am sure that many of you, as Vincentians, have also interacted with children in similar challenging family situations. Yet you can be a model of encouragement to these children in your visits to clients' homes. Consider bringing something little with you just for a child, if you know of one in the household. With our Catholic faith to inspire us, we can help these little ones know of the love of Christ.

Yours in Christ,



Father Doug Brown
Spiritual Advisor

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BOARD MEETING

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

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

September 24

BLANKET SUNDAY DRIVE

October 8 & 9 All parishes participate

OZANAM ORIENTATIONS

October 22

CONFERENCE ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

October 31

If you need help, contact our office

INVITATION FOR RENEWAL

November 9-13 Indianapolis, IN

BLESSED FREDERIC OZANAM FEAST DAY

December 19

BOARD MEETING

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

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We want to make DOING GOOD the Society's information source for YOU. We'd love to hear your suggestions on how we can improve this monthly publication with items that YOU would like to hear about. Please feel free to send us your ideas, suggestions, and advice anytime. Call Bob at 440 243-0510 or bob-reuter@svdpcle.org



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



Vincentians Celebrate Faith and Fellowship at Annual Communion Breakfast

by Natalie Schrimpf

Nearly 160 Vincentians and their spouses convened on a beautiful Sunday morning at historic St. Patrick Parish in Ohio City to worship and break bread at the annual Vincentian Commissioning Mass and Communion Breakfast.

The event offered a chance for Vincentians throughout all Conferences to gather, pray, dine and share time together. It also provided an opportunity for the Diocesan Council to thank them as a group for their important work throughout the year.



This year, the Council honored St. Patrick Conference in celebration of 150 years of service in Ohio City, and St. Monica Conference President, Ralph Konkowski. It also paid tribute to the late John Baird (former president of St. Mary in Chardon and vice president of the Lake/Geauga District), Lou Shainker (former treasurer of Holy Name Conference in Cleveland) and Tom Yates (former chairman of the Southwest Ozanam Center).

To see additional photos from the event, which was held May 22, visit our [Facebook](#) page.

DO YOUR PARISHIONERS KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Some of our Conferences are very involved in letting their parishioners know that they are there to help area needy. At the same time, some Conferences assume that since they have been in existence for many years, everyone must know about them.

The truth is there are new parishioners joining most parishes every month. And sometimes parishioners that have been in the parish for years simply forget that your Conference is there to help.

We highly recommend that every Conference publish a reminder in their parish bulletin at least once a year. Such as the following:

KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS HELP?

Do you know of a neighbor, friend, relative or parishioner that needs a little



help? Our St. Vincent de Paul Society provides temporary emergency help for anyone in our community. Simply have them call the rectory or (SVDP phone). We are one of 64 Conferences scattered around the Diocese who last year helped more than 240,000 people in need with \$5,400,000 worth of food, clothing and emergency assistance.

Case Management Software (CMS) Update

By Anelize Nader

As we have shared with officers, we are proposing the adoption of a software that has been specifically designed for the Society. It is currently in use by several Councils across the country, and greatly facilitates the work of our Vincentians. Some of its many benefits include:

- Intake is centralized. All client information is inputted online, and can be shared among authorized members (similar to the conventional paper method, but more efficiently)
- Allows for better scrutiny of clients. The issue of clients being served by multiple Conferences and/or parishes will be easily identified, as the system warns when a client has been served previously. Because of this feature, it has the potential to save Conferences a substantial amount of money throughout the year. Also, client confidentiality follows the same rules and levels of access to information as currently done by Conferences.
- Facilitates annual reporting. All the information pertaining to the works of the Conference is on the system, so the final year-end report is easily generated with the push of a button. Call Anelize at 216-696-6525 x 3560 for more info.

NEW CONFERENCE SUPPLY CENTER ORDER FORM

You can now order beds, mattresses, clothing, and computers from our Conference Supply Center with our new online form!

No printing or scanning of forms is needed. Simply input the quantities and information in the secure template, press SUBMIT and it's sent straight to our office with a copy of the order sent to you via return email.

1. To find the form: Visit our website www.svdpcle.org
 2. Click on [Vincentian Resources](#) then [Conference Supply Order Form](#).
 3. Insert your conference's information and quantity of items to order
 4. Click **SUBMIT**
- If you have any questions feel free to contact Will Skora, Operations Manager 216-391-7231 or Anelize at 216-696-6525 x 3560

SVDP DISTRICT MEETING	DATE & TIME	PLACE	DISTRICT PRESIDENT
Lorain County	August 11 7pm	Sacred Heart Chapel, Lorain	Jim Watling loraindistrict@svdpcl.org
Lake-Geauga	July 12 7:30pm	Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Marilyne Brandoni lake-geauga@svdpcl.org

JUNE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

The June Board meeting will be Monday June 13, in the school basement of Our Lady of Hope, 300 Center Rd., Bedford. Board meetings are open to all Vincentians and to parishioners from churches that are considering becoming part of our Cleveland Council. Meetings normally last about 90 minutes.