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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OZANAM ORIENTATION

Thursday, March 9  
St. Mary in Hudson  
8:30 am- 2:00 pm

### BOARD MEETING

All Vincentians welcome  
Monday, March 13, Noon  
Our Lady of Hope  
300 Center Rd., Bedford

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

Monday, April 24, 5:30pm  
St. Pat's Church, Bridge Ave.

### KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

Great Lakes Brewing Co.  
Saturday, May 6, 4-8pm

### DIOCESAN SVDP COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Assumption Parish, Broadview Hts.  
Sunday, May 21, 9am mass

### BOARD MEETING

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

### MID EAST REGIONAL MEETING

June 2-3. Notre Dame, Indiana

### 5K RACE TO "OUTRUN HUNGER"

Saturday, June 24, 9:30am  
Edgewater Park  
Benefits SVDP Hunger Centers  
Get a group of friends to run with you!

### GOLF OUTING

Sleepy Hollow Golf Course  
Brecksville  
Friday, July 21, 8am-4pm

### INVITATION FOR RENEWAL

August 9-13 and December 6-10  
Florissant, MO

### SVDP NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

August 29-September 2. Tampa, FL  
For all Vincentians

### BOARD MEETING

All Vincentians welcome  
Monday, September 11, Noon  
Our Lady of Hope  
300 Center Rd., Bedford

### FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

Saturday, September 30/ Sites TBA

### RECRUITMENT INITIATIVE

September/October

## NEW MANAGER FOR WOODLAND HUNGER CENTER

by Bob Reuter

I am happy to announce that John Litten has hired **Nathan Sabo** as Manager of the Woodland Hunger Center and our Conference Supply Center (CSC) beginning January 3<sup>RD</sup> this year.

Nate is a 2009 graduate of Notre Dame College, South Euclid, with a Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude in Theology and minors in Philosophy and Biblical Studies. He also received an Advanced Certificate in Pastoral Ministry.

Nate previously was a nine-year employee of a local automobile dealership. Most recently he was Operations Manager of the Brunswick Hills and Cleveland sales facility. As Operations Manager of the dealership, he was responsible for training and supervision of employees, projecting costs for all used car inventory, reconditioning costs and inventory profit and loss.

Nate attended St. Edward High School in Lakewood where he graduated with honors, Class of 2005. He also received the 2002 Knights of Columbus Academic Scholarship Award.

For many years, he has been an active member of several Catholic organizations, and an active volunteer in the Cleveland Diocese. He is currently an officer with the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, as well as with the Knights of St. John. His home parish is St. Monica, in Garfield Heights. He is also very



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## Director's Corner

John Litten, Executive Director

### A Mission More Important by the Day

I know it is already February, but our new year is off to a busy start! We begin the year with our first young professional board, which met for the first time January 24<sup>th</sup>, and is charged with helping SVDP with its Service, Advocacy, Awareness and Sustainability. We are also on the verge, thanks to Bill Brandon at St. Gabriel Conference, of having a client management system for tracking those we serve up and running at several Conferences (let us know if interested!). We have some new faces, like Nate Sabo our new Operations Manager, who was already very busy with his involvement with the Knights of Columbus, and gets to realize his ministry in a whole new way.

With the "new", there is also a solid foundation on which to build, our board continues its work searching for new ways to help those we serve and our Conferences. Our board president Bob Reuter is hard at work preparing our incoming president-elect John Patton to take the reins this fall. Our program advisory board, a part of the transition of the west side food centers, is working to support those centers AND revise its mission, while seeking to add members.

And of course there is you, who, thanks to your hard work (and completed annual reports), I am proud to say that our Conferences served over 126,000 people last year through nearly 15,000 visits, and other ways of meeting people in need face to face. Through you, they have seen the face of God!

The need for our service continues to grow, and I know we are all up to that task. If there are any Vincentians out there who ought to be recognized, be sure to nominate them for our May 21<sup>st</sup> Vincentian Recognition Breakfast at Assumption in Broadview Hts. You are also welcome to join us for the many other events listed in the Calendar. 2017 will be a busy year, but the people we serve are depending on it!

## The Shortest Month Feels Like the Longest

As pastor of a parish with a school, I know that the month of February is one of the toughest. Christmas seems like eons ago and Easter seems like it will never happen. We are stuck in February when it is hard to get outside, when everyone is either getting sick or recovering, and when even snow days don't help. Maybe you feel like me that the month of February, at a mere 28 days, feels like the longest month of them all. But it doesn't have to be like that.



As Vincentians, we have a commitment to not only help those in need, but bring the love of Christ to them. And by offering a smile, a friendly word, even a small card for Valentine's Day, we can show the love of Christ to all those whom we visit. Why not try to brighten someone's February by being pleasant, warm, and friendly? It is our attitude that can make the difference! Besides, how can this month be so bad when there are actual holidays called "Do A Grouch a Favor Day" (on February 16th) and "International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day" (on February 23rd)!



Yours in Christ,

Father Doug Brown  
Spiritual Advisor

*Above all let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins. The greatest demand love makes on us is that we help one another*  
Psalm 36



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familiar working with volunteers, running volunteer programs, and doing promotion for many of the groups that he belongs to and helps to run.

For his college internship, Nate worked at an inner city parish, and was involved in learning many aspects of service in urban ministry.

He is also familiar with all Microsoft Office products and several types of accounting, financing, and inventory programs as well as having experience with small office computer and printer networking, and Print Shop software.

Please welcome Nate Sabo into our 150 year old family of service to the poor and disadvantaged.

## NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

We just received word that Ralph Middlecamp has been elected to be the next National President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. His office will be in St. Louis.

This is the candidate that the majority of our Conferences voted for and the name I entered on the National Election Ballot .

Ralph is the Executive Director for the Madison Wisconsin Council.

## Ozanam Orientation Thursday, March 9, 8:30-2:00 at St. Mary in Hudson

By Anelize Nader

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the  
date

Have you ever attended an Orientation? How long has it been since you attended one? Whatever the answer, we welcome you to this session! Orientation is for both new and seasoned Vincentians. We discuss who we are, our history and values, what we do and how we do it. It is an opportunity:

- ⇒ To educate new members on the Society
- ⇒ To reacquaint old members with the our values and beliefs
- ⇒ To meet new people with same goals and share ideas and experiences
- ⇒ For spiritual and personal growth

A new and updated version will be presented by John Litten and Anelize Nader. Please come join us!

Need to reach **Anelize** at the Central Office? Please call 216-696-6525 x3560 to reach her **directly**. Her previous extension (x3150) is now SVDP's general information line or email her at [anader@svdpcle.org](mailto:anader@svdpcle.org). Thank you!

## GESU CONFERENCE FUNDRAISER

By John Patton

GESU SVDP will hold its Annual Benefit Concert Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm at the Gesu Parish Family Center. All proceeds go for the needy and disadvantaged in their Cleveland area. The Conference would like to invite all Vincentians, friends and families to attend.

Admission is \$25.00. The band is Chain Gang, (70s/80's Rock), food provided at no charge, beer & wine for sale. The Conference reports it normally raises about \$10,000 net for this event.

(If there are any short notices, that a District or Conference would like to appear in Doing Good, send notice to Bob at [Bob-Reuter@svdpcle.org](mailto:Bob-Reuter@svdpcle.org).)

## WE'RE GROWING. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. CAN YOU HELP US?

**DOWNTOWN OFFICE**, 1404 E. 9<sup>TH</sup> St. Cleveland: Central Office help needed Tuesdays and Fridays. General office works, data entry, prepare mailings, answer phones. Free parking.

**BROOKSIDE HUNGER CENTER**, 6802 Pearl Rd., Cleveland. Prepare food bags, intake clients, help elderly with their bags. Open Monday through Friday 10 am to 2 pm. Choose any day(s).

**COMMUNITY CORNER HUNGER CENTER**, 8302 Detroit Ave., Cleveland. Open Monday through Friday 10 am to 2 pm. Has small resale shop. Pack Food bags, greet clients, help elderly with bags, help in resale shop.

**WOODLAND HUNGER CENTER**, 6001 Woodland Ave., Cleveland. Open Fridays 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Computer client intake, pack bags, help elderly.

**SEEDS to READ** program at Woodland Hunger Center. Ask clients how many newborn to 5 year old children in their household. Give them one age appropriate book for each child and show them how to use books to teach child to read. Fridays from 9am to noon.

Call John Litten at 216-696-6525 x 3570 to volunteer or simply ask questions.



## THE CONFERENCE SUPPLY CENTER IS FOR YOU!

By Anelize Nader

Dear Vincentians, the items in the CSC (Conference Supply Center) are solely intended for your usage to best serve the individuals and families you serve. We hope you take advantage of the price breaks we offer for these items. We currently have

- Beds (single and bunk) and mattresses
- Blankets
- Winter wear

- Laptops-When you visit a family with school-age kids, have you ever asked "What kind of computer do you have?" If they say "we don't have any", please consider giving them one of our laptops. In today's age, everything happens online, even at school: homework, research, interactions with teachers and classmates. You have a chance to help kids get up to speed in regards to technology!



SVDP DISTRICT MEETING	DATE & TIME	PLACE	SPEAKER	DISTRICT PRESIDENT
Akron District	TBA	TBA	TBA	Mike Zorena <a href="mailto:akron@svdpcle.org">akron@svdpcle.org</a>
East District	March 15 6:00pm	St. Therese	TBA	John Patton <a href="mailto:eastDistrict@svdpcle.org">eastDistrict@svdpcle.org</a>
Lake/Geauga	March 8 7:00pm	Immaculate Conception Willoughby	TBA	Marilyne Brandoni <a href="mailto:lake-geauga@svdpcle.org">lake-geauga@svdpcle.org</a>
Lorain County	February 9 7:00pm	St. Peter Lorain	Ms. LynnWrice, Head Program Director at Catholic Charities	Jim Watling <a href="mailto:loraindistrict@svdpcle.org">loraindistrict@svdpcle.org</a>
West District	March 6 7:00pm	St. Ignatius of Antioch 10205 Lorain Ave.	TBA	Jim Beesley <a href="mailto:westdistrict@svdpcle.org">westdistrict@svdpcle.org</a>