ABOUT DOING GOOD
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IS YOUR CONFERENCE TWINNING?

TWINNING is an old custom in our Diocese. The idea is for Conferences with excess of abundance to share their good fortune with Conferences who have little. We have 8-10 Conferences in very poor neighborhoods that NEVER have enough funding to satisfy the needs of their clients. We also have pantries that badly NEED volunteers to help give out food in areas of food insecurity. DOING GOOD highlights two Conferences that NEVER have enough funding, nor enough Vincentians to satisfy the need in their areas. We also identify a pantry and a thrift store that currently need twinning volunteers to help keep the operations open.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 6928 Detroit Rd., Cleveland, serves about 65 clients yearly. Most require multiple visits to solve needs. This Conference has only 5 members; so, in addition to funding, it would greatly appreciate a few volunteers to help with home visits.
Contact Jack Bedell at bedelljack@gmail.com.

St. Aloysius/St. Agatha, 10932 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, receives about 20 requests for help each week and never has enough funding to help all that ask for their help. They have only four Vincentians to assist in this work. They too could use any funding assistance, and help with client intake. Contact Margarette Holmes at 216-431-8374.

Our new Thrift Store at 3764 W. 25th is desperately in need of twinning volunteers to help sort and tag clothes and small items for sale. Ten Volunteers are needed any Monday through Friday. Bring just yourself or your entire Conference.
Contact Cathie at ckovacik@svdpcle.org or 440-503-2462.

The St. John Paul Ozanam Center is located at 8328 Broadway Ave on the campus of Holy Name Church. They are in great need of 8 to 12 twinning volunteers to work one Saturday a month from 9 to 12. Volunteers should be 18 years or older. Teens needing volunteer hours are welcome if accompanied by their parent or guardian. Contact Maryann at 440-554-8370.

The month of May is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Much of the world focuses on Our Lady this month, but Vincentians throughout the year recognize Mary as the patroness and protector of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Foundational to our faith is the Annunciation, described in the first chapter of Luke’s gospel. The angel Gabriel declares Mary favored and then announces that she will bear the Son of God. Although Mary is understandably confused, she assents and says: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Mary’s “yes” made possible our salvation.

In recognition of Mary’s favored status as the Theotokos, the God bearer, may we all seek inspiration from Our Lady as we strive to do the will of God.

John Travis
Deacon, St. Ladislas, Westlake

May 2019
Celebrate with us at the Annual Vincentian Luncheon

All our Vincentians should have received an invitation by mail to attend our Communion Luncheon on Sunday, May 18th at 11:00am at Our Lady of Hope parish located at 400 Center Rd, Bedford 44116. A commissioning mass officially welcomes new and old members into the Society, and they receive a pin in celebration of their commitment to Spirituality, Friendship and Service. The mass will be followed by luncheon and awards recognizing Vincentians for their active service.

This is THE annual opportunity for all Vincentians to come together and celebrate as a big Diocese of Cleveland Vincentian family. We truly hope to see you there!

The event is free to attend, but we ask you to please RSVP by Monday May 13th by calling 216-696-6525 x. 3560 or emailing anader@svdpcle.org, so that we have an accurate count for the caterer.

Ozanam Orientations: Join us for a day well spent!

Sign up for one of these upcoming Ozanam Orientations by calling 216-696-6525 x. 3560 or emailing anader@svdpcle.org:

Saturday, May 18th at St. Bartholomew in Middleburg Heights
Saturday, June 8th at Immaculate Conception in Akron

These sessions are a wonderful introduction – or refresher – to who we are, where we come from, what we do, how we do it and why we do it. We talk about Vincentian Spirituality and provide a whole new lens to understanding poverty. Attendees also enjoy the time for just sharing and learning from each other. It is indeed a day well spent!

If you have recently attended a session, we would ask you to share your experience and encourage others in your Conference to attend. We truly hope to see you there!

'Thank You' dinner at St. Pat's on Bridge Ave

On Monday, April 8th, SVDP proudly hosted our dedicated volunteers to our hunger centers for a 'Thank You' dinner at St. Pat's on Bridge Ave. It was our honor to recognize Dave and Jane Swaysland (pictured with John Patton, executive director) for their longstanding volunteer efforts and generous support. Thank you!

Baldwin Wallace University Partners with SVDP

For many years, Baldwin Wallace University has hosted their Affinity program in SVDP’s service area. Held at BW's Archwood House in Cleveland, this immersion experience teaches students the importance of valuing diversity, defining societal issues and assuming leadership roles in becoming catalysts of change. It is with great honor that SVDP has partnered with BW in providing the 2019 summer participants volunteer positions at the new Brookside Family Center. The students will work together with SVDP staff & volunteers to better serve and understand our clients in the Clark/Fulton community.

The Regina Health Center’s Generous Donation Furnishes the Homes of Families in Need

During the month of April, our Conference Supply Center was blessed with a very generous donation of dressers, nightstands and table lamps from the Regina Health Center. We have begun working with various Conferences to redistribute the furniture to families in need. If your Conference knows of any families in need of this type of bedroom furniture, please contact the CSC with your request via email jbruening@svdpcle.org.

There is no cost for any of these furniture items; however, a flat rate of $50 is required if delivery is necessary.

SVDP DISTRICT MEETING DATE & TIME PLACE DISTRICT PRESIDENT
Akron District TBA TBA Mike Zorena
East District TBA TBA Emma Bednar
Lake/Geauga District May / 7:00pm Divine Word Bill Brandon
Lorain District May 16 7:00pm Sacred Heart (Lorain) Al Schiazza
West District TBA TBA Mary Flanagan

MAY 2019
2019 Knights of Columbus Golf Outing
Hosted by Council 16373

Sunday, June 23rd 2019
12:30 Shotgun Start
Honorary Chairperson:
Bishop Roger W. Gries O.S.B
Radio and TV Personalities, Sports Figures, and various clergy will participate

Skill Prizes to Include:
- Betting Hole
- Beat the Bishop
- Putting Contest to follow Golf

Format:
18 Hole Shamble $99
12:30 Shotgun Start
Includes: 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch and steak dinner

OR
9 Hole Scramble $69
2:30 Shotgun Start
Includes: 9 holes of golf with cart and steak dinner

For information, contact Dan Barringer at 55danref@gmail.com