Hurting Conferences Need Your Help
Article By: Bob Reuter, SVDP Vice President

Conferences located in areas of great poverty are in constant need of our help. The biggest need is these Conferences NEVER have enough funding from their home parish because the parish itself doesn’t generate enough to cover its own needs and must rely on the Diocese to keep it operational. We all know that helping the poor and needy is one of our prime Christian duties. If your Conference has been blessed by its location in an area of low need, please consider “Twinning” with a very needy Conference.

Twinning is a practice we have done in the Diocese of Cleveland since we became a Council in 1865. The best way to Twin is for the donating Conference, or individual, to “adopt” the needy Conference and agree to donate a fixed sum monthly, or quarterly. When this can’t be done, the donating Conference does what they can, whenever they can.

The five SVDP District Presidents have selected these Conferences that need your help:

♦ AKRON
Blessed Trinity, 300 East Tallmadge St., Akron.

♦ LAKE/GEauga
St. Mary, 242 N State St., Painesville.

♦ EAST CUYahOGA
St. Aloysius/St. Agnes, 10932 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, SS. Peter and Paul, 2280 W 7th St., Cleveland. Holy Name, 8328 Broadway Avenue. Cleveland.

♦ WEST CUYahOGA
St. Vincent de Paul, 13400 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 6928 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland. St. Patrick, 3608 Bridge Ave, Cleveland.

♦ lorain
Sacred Heart Chapel, 4301 Pearl Ave., Lorain.

If you can help any of these very needy Conferences, just send me an email at bob-reuter@svdpcle.org or phone me at 440 243-0510 and I’ll give you the contact person at the Conference you’d like to help.

New Hire at the Central Office

We are pleased to announce that Gary Sole has just joined the Diocesan Council staff. Gary has been a member of St. Ladislas Conference for several years, currently serving as Treasurer and Home Visitor. Last year he was trained as a Formator in our Council, having led very effective Ozanam Orientations.

Gary will assist with Conference Support, Growth and Revitalization, Formation, along with other responsibilities. He can be reached at gsole@svdpcle.org or 216-696-6525 x. 3590. Welcome Gary!
A Challenge and Our Response

You may have seen the bumper sticker that says: "God is my co-pilot." That message, though, is misguided. A better bumper sticker states: "If God is your co-pilot, switch seats."

Many of us imagine that we are in charge as we try to chart our own course. In truth, God is in charge and has a plan for us. Our challenge is to discern and follow God's plan. Jesus taught us to do so when he gave us the Lord's Prayer, in which we pray:

"Thy will be done." Those four words remind us that we are called to accede to the will of God.

As we navigate the turbulence of life, continually praying "Thy will be done" can help us focus on who is in control. With God in the pilot's seat, we can be confident that we will come in for a smooth landing.

Back to School Program
Article by: Gary Sole

The Back to School Program was completed at the end of August. There were over 1825 bags/backpacks provided to schools and individual students. In addition, $11,672.33 was received in donations for the purpose of purchasing additional school and cleaning supplies. A total of 19 schools received cleaning supplies in the Akron, Lorain and Cleveland areas. Just over 1,000 items were sent, consisting of paper towels, tissues, sanitary wipes, and hand sanitizer. This year’s enrollment was up and more classrooms were added, so the donations allowed us to provide cleaning supplies for the additional rooms as well.

Ozanam Orientation
This Thursday – There’s Still Time!

This time on a weekday, an Ozanam Orientation is being offered at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 400 Center Road, Bedford, on Thursday October 3rd from 8:30 until 2:30. A light breakfast and lunch are being provided. We hope you can join!

Holy Name Conference
Poor Man’s Reverse Raffle and Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, November 2nd at 6pm
Holy Name Parish—Haren Hall, 8328 Broadway Avenue

$1,000 Grand Prize on Main Drawing
Side Boards/Chinese Raffle along with other raffles.

Tickets are $25 and only 200 tickets are sold so you better get yours early.

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