

**Cincinnati District Council
Conference Workshops, Retreats & Events
2022 Schedule**



Vincentian Vocation Series:

This series of three workshops are intended for all new Vincentians and for Vincentians looking to renew their commitment to the Vincentian vocation.

Ozanam Orientation (REQUIRED)	This covers the essential elements of what it means to be part of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. As Vincentians, we are all required to attend this Orientation at least once. The Orientation is valuable whether you are a new member looking for an introduction to SVDP or a seasoned Vincentian desiring to deepen your experience of the Society.	Saturday, March 5 9:00 AM-3:00 PM St. Vivian
		SVDP STAFF ONLY: Part 1: Tuesday, June 7 8:30-10:45 AM Part 2: Tuesday, June 14 8:30-10:45 AM
		Wednesday, September 14 Wednesday, September 21 (must attend both sessions) 5:30-8:30 pm TBD
Home Visit Workshop	A chance to hone your skills, share insights and ask lingering questions about the foundation of our work in the Society.	Saturday, April 30 9:00 AM – noon St. Catharine
Exploring Poverty	Deepens our sense of solidarity with those we serve by exploring the perspectives of our neighbors in poverty and the differences between socio-economic classes.	Saturday, March 12 9:00 AM–noon Tuesday, October 25 5:30-8:30 PM Ozanam Center

Understanding Poverty Series

This series of three workshops is intended for any Vincentian wanting to deepen their understanding of poverty.

Poverty Simulation	Experiential learning in which each participant receives an identity and must live out a “month” in poverty over the course of one hour’s time.	Saturday, June 11 9:00-11:00 AM Wednesday, September 7 6:00-8:00 PM Ozanam Center
Walking with our Neighbors: Developing Ongoing Relationships	Studies Vincentian experiences in developing ongoing relationships with neighbors and uses those experiences to explore alternative approaches to effect systemic change for select partner neighbors, determine the kinds of ongoing collaboration to be created, and assess progress.	Wednesday, October 5 6:00-8:00 PM Ozanam Center
Implicit Bias Workshop	An interactive session during which we will define and explore our unconscious biases in a safe environment and collaboratively identify solutions in order to better serve each other.	Thursday, November 10 6:00-8:00 PM Ozanam Center

Special District & Regional Events

The Cincinnati District Conferences gather together several times each year to share information, to give thanks for our many blessings, to celebrate our faith and friendship, and to recognize those Vincentians who inspire us in our shared vocation.

Resource Spotlights Feature guest speakers from community organizations and our own internal specialists to share expertise and resources relevant to serving our neighbors experiencing need. Videos can subsequently be viewed via our website on the members page, "Resource Spotlight".	Dates & Times to be published in Conference News & Notes Virtual
Summer Meeting	Wednesday, June 15 5:30-8:00 PM TBD
Midwest Region Meeting	Thursday-Sunday, May 19-22 Indianapolis, IN
Fall Fellowship Mass & Reception	Sunday, September 25 9:00 AM – noon TBD
Christmas Meeting	Tuesday, December 6 5:30-8:30 PM TBD

Workshops and Retreats for the Formation of All Vincentians

Annual Vincentian Mass & Retreat	This annual gathering during the Lenten season responds to the Society's call to faith, friendship, and service; a special morning of reflection and prayer.	Saturday, March 26 8:00 AM Mass 9:00-11:30 AM Retreat TBD
Conferences Retreat	Conference-led one-hour retreat prepared and distributed by Conferences Support Team.	Date & Time to be determined by individual Conferences
Call-Taking Workshop: "Seeing the Face of Christ via the Phone"	We will discuss best practices in call-taking, record-keeping, and dealing with crisis situations. Extensive Q&A time is included.	Monday, April 25 6:00-8:30 PM NOC Community Room
First Friday Fellowship	Join your fellow Vincentians, as well as SVDP staff and volunteers on the first Friday of each month as we share fellowship and conversation about the many rich dimensions of the Society's essential elements: Faith, Friendship, and Service.	First Friday of every month 12:00-1:00PM (Topics and dates listed below) NOC Community Room
January 7: Praying with Others	February 4: Black History Month Potluck and Formation	March: 4 Intro. to Spanish and Cultural Awareness
April 1: Care for God's Creation: Reflecting on Laudato Si	May 6: Living out our Faith Through Service	June 3: Crucial Conversations
July 1: Self Care and Compassion Fatigue	August 5: Implicit Bias	September 2: Walking in the Footsteps of Vincent, Louise, Rosalie, and Frederic
October 7: Faithful Citizenship	November 4: Gratitude Fellowship Potluck	December 2: Advent Vincentian Wisdom

Workshops for the Development of Conferences & Conference Leaders

Beacons of Light Meeting for Conference Presidents	Sharing of development updates, facilitating interactions within Families of Parishes, and informing the discernment of how Conferences will evolve and grow within this initiative.	Saturday, February 12 9:00 AM - noon St. William, Fr. Reardon Room
Conference Presidents Meeting (Presidents Only)	Meet and share ideas with other Conference Presidents and discuss updates in our District Council <i>FOCUS: Recruiting/Communications</i>	Saturday, May 14 9:00 AM – noon Guardian Angels
Quarterly Network Conference Presidents Meetings		Beginning in April 2022; dates/times vary by network TBD
Conference Officer Training		Saturday, September 10 9:00 AM – noon TBD
Quarterly Spiritual Advisors Meeting	Sign up by availability	January 19, 20, 25, 28 April 5, 7, 8, 12 July 27, 28 & August 2, 4 October 18, 20, 26, 28 NOC Community Room <i>OR</i> Parishes, if possible
Conference Spirituality Workshop (Presidents & Spiritual Advisors)	Assess your Conference’s progress with spiritual growth of your members and discover new ways to guide Vincentians along their path to deeper holiness. <i>FOCUS: Vincentian Discernment</i>	Saturday, November 5 9:00 AM – noon Parish TBD