



Conference News and Notes for Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Sent to all Vincentians & Staff

Vincenian Reflection for the Feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, Thursday, September 9, 2021

Gospel: (Luke 10: 25-37) “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied: “ *There was a man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho who fell in with robbers. They stripped him, beat him, and then went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road; he saw him but continued on. Likewise there was a Levite who came the same way; he saw him and went on. But a Samaritan who was journeying along came on him and was moved to pity at the sight. He approached him and dressed his wounds, pouring in oil and wine as a means to heal. He then hoisted him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, where he cared for him. The next day he took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request: “Look after him, and if there is any further expense I will repay you on my way back.” Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the man who fell in with the robbers?*” The answer came, “The one who treated him with compassion.” Jesus said to him, “*Then go and do the same.*”

Reflection: Frederic heard the call of Jesus – to be merciful. He saw the works of mercy as calls to action. He believed that if he genuinely wanted to serve the poor and others, he had to direct his works of mercy to the moral and spiritual betterment of individuals, not only to the alleviation of their physical distress.

Vincenian Meditation: At Frederic Ozanam’s beatification ceremonies, August 22, 1997, Pope John Paul II told the world: “Frederic observed the real situation of the poor and sought to be more and more effective in helping them in their human development. He understood that charity must lead to efforts of justice...that charity and justice go together. Frederic had the clear-sighted courage to seek a front-line social and political commitment in a troubled time in the life of his country.” (*Memorial of the Beatification of Frederic Ozanam*, p.82)

**How are we living the spirit of Frederic in “justice and charity”?
How do we nurture hope today by better balancing the physical, moral, and spiritual
needs of all those around us, beginning with ourselves and our families?**

You are warmly invited to the annual
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Fall Fellowship Mass & Brunch

FOR VINCENTIANS & SPECIAL GUESTS

Sunday • September 26, 2021 • 9 AM - Noon
St. Ursula Academy Chapel
and Keller Student Center

PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINKS BELOW FOR
MORE DETAILS, TO RSVP,
AND TO NOMINATE AWARD RECIPIENTS!

[RSVP BY CLICKING HERE](#) and [PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS!](#)

AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE THIS FRIDAY, 9/10!!!

We will celebrate our **Fires of Faith**, **Top Hat**, and **Ozanam Award** recipients at the Fall Fellowship on September 26th. If you would like to recognize someone who is a remarkable example of carrying on the legacy of St. Vincent de Paul or Bl. Frederic Ozanam, please send us a nomination ASAP!

Details for each award and nomination forms are available at the link below.

Nominations may be sent to Kelly Albainy-Crosby (kalbainy-crosby@svdpcincinnati.org) through Friday!

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE AWARD RECIPIENTS](#)

Upcoming Formation Opportunities

SECOND WEDNESDAY FORMATION:

"Radiating Christ: the Words of Vincent and Frederic"

TODAY - Wednesday, September 8th, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

To join this Zoom - [CLICK HERE](#)

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OZANAM ORIENTATION

Tuesdays, September 21st & 28th, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

This 2-part orientation will take place in the Neyer Outreach Center (NOC).

To register, [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#) or contact Kelly Albainy-Crosby (513.345.1767; kalbainy-crosby@svdpcincinnati.org)

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PRAYER DURING HOME VISITS WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 2nd, 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Bringing spiritual support to our neighbors-in-need is an important part of Vincentian life. This workshop examines how we pray with those we serve and provides some

suggested tools for deepening that prayer, including a simple process for extemporaneous prayer.

To register, [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#) or contact Kelly Albainy-Crosby (see above)

Archdiocese of Cincinnati Beacons of Light Initiative

**Is your Conference talking with your Pastor about *Beacons of Light*?
Is your Conference connecting with your Parish Council about *Beacons of Light*?
Is your Conference embracing *Beacons of Light*?**

We anticipate the draft of the "families of parishes" configuration will be released on Wednesday, September 29. We intend to facilitate bringing together the leadership of those Conferences which are contained within each "family of parishes" so you can coordinate next steps.

Amplifying our ongoing exhortation: You/we should be an active influencer of how *Beacons of Light* proceeds in your/our community.

We are called to radiate Christ. We are called to recognize Christ in all around us. This is our Vincentian vocation.

In our Archdiocese's own words...

BEACONS UPDATE: BE HEARD, STAY INFORMED, SIGN UP – Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will impact every parish in the archdiocese, including yours. To stay on top of the latest developments on Beacons of Light, sign up for the free monthly Beacons Update newsletter at www.CatholicAOC.org/Beacons .

COMMENT ON DRAFT "FAMILIES OF PARISHES" – Make sure your voice is heard! Beacons of Light will result in all parishes being grouped into "Families"; each Family under the leadership of a single pastor. A draft of this plan will be shared for public comment October 1-20 at www.CatholicAOC.org/Beacons . Do not miss this opportunity to provide your input to this important initiative which will shape the future of our archdiocese.

Our Next Resource Spotlight is Today!

Our Resource Spotlight #6 is today - Wednesday, 9/8, 1:30pm , featuring our **Conference Assistance Fund (CAF)**, facilitated by our own Conferences Manager, Margaret Rahn. This resource has grown in impact for our neighbors, our Vincentians, and our community. Whether you are an experienced CAF veteran or an aspiring CAF newbie, you will find value in your investment of 1 hour of your time & attention.

To join this Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82355115319?pwd=T1NvcWljbis5eG9zWU9Wa3YrNIJkdz09>

Meeting ID: 823 5511 5319

Passcode: 022781

Our previous Resource Spotlights are available to you 24/7. You can find the link to the respective recordings on the Members page of our website. Click on the Learn More tab under Member Support and Forms, then click on Resource Spotlight Recordings to make your selection.

Please Meet our Re-Entry Program Manager, Dion Crockett



- **Tell us a little bit about yourself.**

I grew up in Avondale, where I quickly learned that opportunities for me were limited for a number of reasons. Upon graduating from CAPE High School, I joined the US Army where I served our country for 12 years. While in the military, I graduated with a BS in Accounting. After returning to Cincinnati, I discovered my passion for helping those with challenging backgrounds. This allowed me the opportunity to work for Cincinnati Works, which then opened the door to work with Hamilton County Office of Re-Entry.

- **What led to you joining the SVDP team?**

I was excited by the opportunity to lead a program that can change the trajectory of our neighbors' lives, ensuring opportunities for future generations of families who may not have had access to such opportunities.

- **Tell us about your goals for our Re-Entry Program.**

I hope to further grow our Re-Entry Program as a resource for neighbors on their journey to self-sufficiency. I'd also like to support our Vincentians, volunteers, and staff as they work with our neighbors who may need a second or possibly a third chance. Last, I would love to make more connections with community partners to spread the word about this important service that we provide.

Dion is available to come to Conference meetings if you would like to learn more about our Re-Entry Program. He also welcomes the opportunity to be a resource for service or advice related to Returning Citizens and their families who you are serving through your Conference. You can reach Dion at dcrockett@svdpcincinnati.org or 513-562-8851.

John Wessel, your Resource Analyst, Shares...

The new browser version of **CMS**, known as version 4.0, is available for use. Your current feedback to us on the version 4.0 user experience is quite positive. The URL is <https://cincinnati.cmssvdp.org>. You should now be using this instead of the installed desktop version; 4.0 is better and faster.

CMS Cincinnati Vincentian user testimonial: "If you can buy wine on the internet, you can use **CMS**."

CMS help sessions are available on Fridays in the NOC Education Center, 9-10am and 3-4pm.

If your Conference has not yet begun your preparations to train & implement **CMS**, now is the time. You can reach John Wessel at Jwessel@svdpcincinnati.org.

COVID Vaccine Still Available

Please spread the word among your/our neighbors: Our Charitable Pharmacy has single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine for **any** community residents who are at least 18 years old. Vaccine is provided immediately upon request without an appointment

or prior certification into the Charitable Pharmacy program. Please forward anyone who is interested to either location of the Charitable Pharmacy - our Neyer Outreach Center (Mon - Fri, 8am - 4pm) or our Western Hills Thrift Store (Tues & Fri, 10am - 4pm). For any questions related to the vaccine, you may email Rusty Curington, Pharmacy Director, at rcurington@svdpcincinnati.org.

Upcoming Service interruptions at the NOC

Wednesday, September 22, 2021: The NOC and all NOC-based services will close at noon for the remainder of the day for an all-staff event.

Thursday, September 30, 2021: In order to perform our annual inventory, the Catino Choice Food Pantry will be closed all day. The Charitable Pharmacy will be open only for existing prescription pick-up (no clinical services or new prescription filling). The building will be open normal hours (8am-4pm) and all other services will be available as usual. *Please share this information with any neighbors you're referring to the NOC this month.*

More Resources for our Conferences and Neighbors

Conference Assistance Fund (CAF)

August: We extended \$59,100 in CAF assistance.

September: Through yesterday (Monday, 9/7), you have submitted 20 fresh CAF applications and we have approved 31 applications. Thanks to our expanding circle of volunteers who have teamed with Margaret Rahn, Conferences Manager, to achieve this progress.

We are inviting you to volunteer on site at our Neyer Outreach Center to help us process CAF applications, and to join in other forms of support of Conferences and Special Projects work. Please promote this opportunity among your fellow Conference members as a complement to your vital Conference activities. You can learn more by contacting Margaret at mrahn@svdpcincinnati.org, or Alec Jewell, Volunteer Manager, at ajewell@svdpcincinnati.org.

Rahe Beds Fund & Program

We are currently processing and mailing out September bed vouchers for Conferences who submitted requests by 9/5. We will reach out mid-month if we're able to offer additional vouchers. As a reminder, our bed vouchers will look a little different beginning this month. We've made a few small changes that will speed up our process and enable us to get vouchers out to neighbors more quickly. Gabby Garcia, our new Outreach Center Program VVC, is now coordinating the Rahe Beds Program and can be reached at rahebedfund@svdpcincinnati.org or 513.562.8841 ext. 235. Thanks for all you do to connect our neighbors in need with this important resource!

Education Center Within Our Neyer Outreach Center

In addition to the CMS Friday help sessions for Vincentians, the NOC Education Center is available for neighbors to use during our operating hours: Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm, and Saturday, 8am - noon. Neighbors are welcome to use our computers to access records online, print documents, send emails, search for a job or apartment, or whatever else they might need a computer for. If neighbors need a little help with the technology, we have a volunteer available on Wednesdays, 11am - 2pm. If you're a Vincentian with computer knowledge you'd like to share, please reach out to Alec Jewell, Volunteer Manager, at ajewell@svdpcincinnati.org.

City of Cincinnati's Eviction Prevention Initiative (EPI)

We have extended our collaboration on this initiative and we are actively accepting applications for this assistance from eligible City of Cincinnati residents in Conference footprints.

Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW)

GCWW has partnered with Promise Network, Inc (PromisePay) to provide an easy way to set up payment plans for past due charges - making it more convenient, flexible, and personalized with a variety of payment methods. Customers can access the PromisePay

portal to enroll via their mobile phone or computer. Both property owners and tenants are eligible to use the PromisePay portal.

For answers to Frequently Asked Questions, [click here](#).

If you need additional materials or information, please contact GCWW at GCWWCares@gcww.cincinnati-oh.gov.

Duke Energy

For questions on accounts or pledges for neighbors requesting utility assistance, please contact Duke Energy's Centralized Agency Team at 800.241.3194. Advocates are currently available Monday through Friday, 7:30am - 5:30pm.

City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County COVID Assistance

There is a huge sum of COVID federal economic recovery & relief emergency funding which has been allocated to our area. If you encounter a neighbor who has experienced financial hardship due to COVID, please refer them to <https://513relief.org>. There is an array of resources available through this website.

Hamilton County Job and Family Services (HCJFS or JFS) and Community Action Agency (CAA) are among the prominent providers.

Both the providers and our neighbors have noted an extended waiting period before follow-up contact occurs; this is all the more reason to get in the queue now.

Cincinnati Eye Institute Foundation Vision Clinic in our Neyer Outreach Center

The Vision Clinic operates **by appointment** on certain Thursdays as designated by CEIF. Our next September date is this Thursday, 9/9, 9am - 4pm. A limited number of walk-in exams can also be accommodated. To schedule an appointment, or to inquire for additional info, please call 513.207.6140.

Job Fair @ Freestore Foodbank (FSFB)

When: Next Wednesday, 9/15/2021, 10am - 2pm

Where: FSFB Customer Connection Center, 112 E. Liberty St, Cincinnati, 45202, 513.357.4600

Multiple sponsoring employers include Cincinnati Metro, FedEx Ground, Unbound Express, Talbert House, Hillman Group, & Hardrock Casino.

Aspiring applicants should bring photo ID and be prepared to submit an online application.

Federal Child Tax Credit

[IRS announces two new online tools to help families manage Child Tax Credit payments:](#)

The [Child Tax Credit Eligibility Assistant](#) allows families to answer a series of questions to quickly determine whether they qualify for the advance credit.

The [Child Tax Credit Update Portal](#) allows families to verify their eligibility for the payments and if they choose to, unenroll, or opt out from receiving the monthly payments so they can receive a lump sum when they file their tax return next year.

We are hearing from neighbors who report receiving monthly Child Tax Credit payments.

Call to Prayer *A Litany in Honor of Blessed Frederic Ozanam*

Frederic Ozanam, defender of faith, pray for us.

Frederic Ozanam, promoter of hope, pray for us.

Frederic Ozanam, apostle of charity, pray for us.

Frederic Ozanam, exemplary husband and father, pray for us.

Frederic Ozanam, lover of poverty and the poor, pray for us.

Frederic Ozanam, advocate of the dignity of the human person, pray for us.

Frederic Ozanam, servant of the truth, pray for us.

Frederic Ozanam, model for Catholic teachers and professors, pray for us.

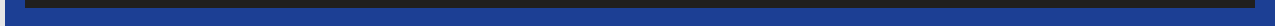
Frederic Ozanam, disciple of St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

Frederic Ozanam, faithful son of the Church, pray for us.

Amen.

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