



## Conference News and Notes for Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Sent to all Vincentians & Staff

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### *Vincentian Reflection for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 1, 2021*

**Gospel: (John 6:24-35)** Jesus said “Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal.” So they said to him, “What can we do to accomplish the works of God?” Jesus answered, “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent.” ... “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

**Reflection:** If Jesus is the bread from heaven given for us and we are the body of Christ, then we must conclude that we ourselves are to be bread from heaven that fosters eternal life for others. Jesus gives himself as bread from heaven. We give ourselves to others, as bread from heaven, when we confirm our belief by means of the everyday actions we do. Treating another as the body of Christ is believing. Taking time to be in touch with our spiritual needs is believing. Reaching out in compassion to others is believing. Self-giving is believing. (*Living Liturgy*, p.182)

**Vincentian Meditation:** In your ministry, as St. Vincent says, first do and then teach. As a follower of Christ, a servant of the poor, you will touch the hearts of God’s people especially when you give vibrant witness:

- through the language of works, performing the works of justice and mercy: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, helping to find the cause of their hunger and thirst and the ways of alleviating them;
- through the language of words, announcing with deep conviction the Lord’s presence, his love, his offer of forgiveness and acceptance to all;
- through the language of relationships, being with the poor, working with them, forming a community that shows the Lord’s love for all. (Maloney, *He Hears the Cry of the Poor*, p. 165)

**How do we give ourselves to others as bread from heaven through our Vincentian vocation...in actions, words, and relationships?**

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We hope you find our **new Wednesday delivery** of your weekly *Conference News and Notes* to be a great lift to your Hump Day -- a little more advanced preview of this Sunday's Gospel, accompanied by an array of opportunities to fuel your Vincentian journey!

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### *Upcoming Formation Opportunities*

**Call-Taking Workshop: “Seeing the Face of Christ via the Phone”**  
**Wednesday, August 4, 2021, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
**Neyer Outreach Center (NOC), Community Room**

Being a call-taker may be the most challenging job that a Vincentian can have. It can be

difficult to make decisions about our neighbors' needs via phone. In this workshop, we will discuss best practices in call-taking, record-keeping, and dealing with crisis situations. Extensive Q&A time is included.

**TO REGISTER FOR THIS CALL-TAKING WORKSHOP, [PLEASE SIGN UP HERE](#) or contact Kelly Albainy-Crosby (513-345-1767; kalbainy-crosby@svdpcincinnati.org)  
**Deadline for registration: this Monday, August 2****

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**First Friday Formation: “*Vincentians and the Sacred Heart of Jesus*”  
Friday, August 6, 2021, noon – 1:00 pm  
Neyer Outreach Center (NOC), Community Room**

Please join your fellow Vincentians as we share our ideas about topics related to Vincentian Life and Spirituality. This month, we will be reflecting on the relationship between the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our facilitator will be Margaret Rahn, CDC Conferences Manager. Please bring your own lunch...we will provide water and dessert!

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CINCINNATI DISTRICT  
CONFERENCES  
**SUMMER**  
MEETING

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING CELEBRATING OUR  
FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11  
5:30-8 PM

NEYER OUTREACH CENTER  
1146 BANK STREET  
CINCINNATI, OH 45214

RSVP BY AUGUST 4

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/4090A48A5A9  
28A0FA7-CINCINNATI2](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A48A5A928A0FA7-28A0FA7-CINCINNATI2)



**Just 2 weeks away! Please RSVP now so we can be prepared to welcome you:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A48A5A928A0FA7-cincinnati2>

### *Our Resource Spotlights*

**Please make plans to join us for Resource Spotlight #5:**

**Serving our Spanish Speaking Neighbors: Current issues, trends, and available resources**

**Mon, 8/9/2021, 10 - 11am**

Presenters will include:

- Ligia Gomez, Apoyo Latino and Director of Spanish for Service Learning in Social Work and Health @ UC
- Giovanna Alvarez, Director of Su Casa Hispanic Center @ Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio
- Rosalba Arreaga, President, & Aurora Ramirez, Treasurer, of our San Oscar Romero Conference

**Link to join this Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88913749440?pwd=NG1sZkVYeFo2NWt1NFQxVFBGaUFVdz09>

Meeting ID: 889 1374 9440

Passcode: 260677

**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.

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### ***COVID Vaccine Available***

Our Charitable Pharmacy has access to 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 at 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](mailto:rcurington@svdpcincinnati.org).

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### ***More Resources for our Conferences and Neighbors***

#### **Conference Assistance Fund (CAF)**

You have submitted 98 July CAF applications as of Tues, 7/27/2021. We are processing these assistance requests as quickly as we can in this Conferences Support transition in staffing. We appreciate your patience and your intentional practice to not submit follow up emails and phone calls. Trust that these applications are being worked on and you will receive an email message when a final decision is made. Calling or emailing to ask about the status of a CAF application only increases processing time for everyone in the queue.

We invite you to reflect on the invitation to volunteer on site at the Neyer Outreach Center in support of Conferences and Special Projects work. Our good works directly and indirectly help our neighbors & fellow Vincentians...while working side-by-side with others who share your passion. We welcome the support of someone who enjoys administrative data entry, is organized, and has the gift of attention to detail. Consider in your heart and prayers if this Vincentian is you. Thank you.

#### **Rahe Beds Fund & Program**

Great news for August - We will be able to extend our full number of Rahe beds this month! Each Conference can submit up to 5 bed requests by Thursday, August 5. If we have more beds available after the initial request period, Erin Nowak will reach out around August 15 to let you know. As a reminder, we always have more twin than full beds available.

Part of our solution to the ongoing supply chain issues is that we've found another type of mattress that is more readily available. This mattress should be of comparable quality. Erin Nowak, our Outreach Center Program Director, will be handling all beds communication until our new VVC starts in September, but you can continue to use the same email address that you've been using all along ([rahebedfund@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:rahebedfund@svdpcincinnati.org)). Thanks for your help in getting beds to our neighbors in need!

#### **Day to Dream, 2021**

We are once again partnering with Morris Home Furniture and WCPO to provide beds to kids in need in Cincinnati. These beds are in addition to the beds that we distribute each month through the Rahe Bed Program. Due to ongoing COVID restrictions from some of our partners, we will again this year be skipping the large, in-person event for the families and delivering the beds directly to them. These deliveries will happen on Saturday, August 28.

We're currently seeking your help in finding kids to participate in this program. We have 33 twin beds (mattress, box spring & frame) available to kids living in a Conference footprint. We're inviting each Conference to submit **up to two requests** and are accepting requests on a first come, first served basis.

The *Day to Dream* application is uploaded to our website here:

<https://www.svdpcincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Day-to-Dream-Neighbor-Application-2021.pdf>. It's also uploaded to the Members Support & Forms page (under Day to Dream Neighbor Application 2021) here:

<https://www.svdpcincinnati.org/conferences/members/member-support/> .

If we haven't received 33 requests by August 6, we'll reach back out to Conferences that submitted two requests to let them know that more beds are available.

Erin Nowak ([enowak@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:enowak@svdpcincinnati.org)) has disseminated a separate email containing *Day to Dream* details and process explanation.

A new school year is quickly approaching. A good night's sleep prepares mind and body for the kind of growth that empowers a lifetime.

Again, thanks for your help in getting beds to our neighbors in need!

### **Fans & Air Conditioners Distributions**

A record year of summer heat relief assistance concludes this Friday, 7/30/2021. As of Tuesday, 7/27, we have distributed 663 ACs and 890 fans. All AC units in our possession are now committed to neighbors on our waiting list, so we are no longer adding neighbors to this list. It does appear that our AC supply has virtually matched the depth of our existing waiting list.

Our fans supply has been fully distributed.

The numbers above equate to so many neighbors, families, and households enjoying respite from our summer heat. Thanks to all the generous folks who have contributed to this year's program.

### **An Important Note about EPI & TANF Funding & Assistance**

**We are progressing through paperwork to once again have City of Cincinnati's Eviction Prevention Initiative (EPI) funding and we are accepting applications for this assistance from eligible City of Cincinnati residents in Conference footprints.**

We do not yet have new Hamilton County Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF) funding. We will share any news of additional funding as we learn more.

Please be aware that the current eviction moratorium is scheduled to expire on 7/31/2021 (the end of this week), so please read on...

### **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.**

A prime example: CAA's Home Relief Fund, in partnership with the City of Cincinnati, is now available to assist families with bills ranging from rent, **mortgage**, and utilities including water, sewage, stormwater, and trash removal. This Home Relief Program is being funded, in part, through federal treasury allocations made available to the City of Cincinnati due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The total sum amounts to \$9 million. While this Home Relief Program is intended to support City of Cincinnati residents, there is also funding available to Hamilton County residents. For eligibility, income guidelines, and qualifications, residents are encouraged to visit [cincy-caa.org/CAA-home-relief](http://cincy-caa.org/CAA-home-relief) , call 513.569.1840 (then select option #4), or email [epa@cincy-caa.org](mailto:epa@cincy-caa.org) .

### **Cincinnati Eye Institute Foundation Vision Clinic in our Neyer Outreach Center**

The Vision Clinic re-opened in March and operates **by appointment** 9am - 2pm on alternate Thursdays; our remaining July date is this Thursday, 7/29. 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.

### **Summer Crisis Program Available to Eligible Hamilton County Residents**

This program administered by Community Action Agency (CAA) assists with electric utilities and/or the purchase of an air conditioning unit or fan from July 1 to Sept 30, 2021.

Please use this link to learn more about eligibility and process:

[The CAA Summer Crisis Page](#) .

### **Metro Bus Tickets - Everybody Rides Metro Program**

The Human Services Chamber of Hamilton County (we are an active member) championed the revival of this Everybody Rides Metro program which had been inactive since 2017. This program enables us to be reimbursed for half of the face value of Metro bus passes which are extended to neighbors for specific transportation use. We are happy to share this resource with the neighbors you serve. **If you are serving a neighbor who needs bus tickets for employment, medical services, and social services including**

**food assistance, please encourage them to call our general help line, 513.421.0602.**  
As a reminder, all Hamilton County residents are eligible for short-term assistance with this need through our Neyer Outreach Center, subject to our qualification policies. Our team members will handle the documentation requirements for assistance we extend.

### **Sharing Additional Links to Information**

#### **Re 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.

#### **Re Health Insurance Access & Coverage**

[https://www.thebalance.com/lost-your-job-free-health-coverage-is-likely-available-5191891?](https://www.thebalance.com/lost-your-job-free-health-coverage-is-likely-available-5191891?utm_campaign=moneysl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=cn_nl&utm_content=24401503&utm_term=)

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<https://www.thebalance.com/how-to-get-obamacare-in-4-simple-steps-what-to-do-now-3306055>

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### *Call to Prayer*

**Lord, set our hearts on fire with compassion for the poor,  
so that we may witness to your love through our works.  
Lord, fill us with your love and forgiveness,  
so that we may give ourselves to others as bread from heaven.  
Lord, give us the grace to create communities of faith,  
so that we may be with and work with those who are poor.  
Amen.**

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