



Conference News and Notes for Friday, July 23, 2021

Sent to all Vincentians & Staff

Vincentian Reflection for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, July 25, 2021

Gospel: (John 6:1-15) Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples...When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, “*Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?*”... One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Jesus said, “*Have the people recline.*” So they reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had their fill, he said to his disciples, “*Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.*”

Reflection: The multiplication account has more to do with what Jesus was saying about the future than about feeding a hungry crowd. The abundance is a sign of the resurrected life and points to a time of fulfillment when God’s plan for redemption is finally realized. The bread grain is specified as barley, the grain used by the poor; in the messianic reign the poor will share in God’s abundance. Jesus supersedes both the apostles’ and the crowd’s expectations: with little he feeds many...Jesus is the sign of God’s lavish presence and love. We Christians are to see our lives through the lens of God’s extravagant love. Do we? (*Living Liturgy*, p.178)

Vincentian Meditation: In the Manual for the Society we read: For Vincent and Frederic, there is only one love. The love of God and the love of the neighbor are one and the same love. It is our love in response to God’s love for us. Since the loving God cannot be seen but must be experienced through loving people, it follows that one who sees others without loving cannot love or even know God. For Vincent and Frederic, as for Jesus, love is neither sentiment, nor affection, nor theory, but a practical willing of another’s best interests and a consequent striving to advance those interests. Vincentians are about loving. Love is a verb, not a noun. Vincentians are concerned with the practice and exercise of the virtue of charity...loving God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. (*US Manual*, P.26)

Who are the “loving people” in your life in whom you have experienced the love of God?

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, 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: Monday, August 2

FIRST FRIDAY FORMATION RETURNS AUGUST 6th!

Noon - 1:00 pm

Neyer Outreach Center, Community Room

Please mark your calendar and plan to join your fellow Vincentians as we share our ideas about topics related to Vincentian Life and Spirituality. Each month we will explore a different topic sure to be of interest to all Vincentians.

**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/4090A48A5A928A0FA7-CINCINNATI2](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A48A5A928A0FA7-CINCINNATI2)

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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=NG1sZkVYeFo2NWtINFQxVFBGaUFVdz09>

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.

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.

Our Call Center - Connecting a Smile



Pictured (left to right): Muslimah Winbush, Call Center Coordinator; Adriana Howard, Call Center Manager; & Madison Britt, Social Services Advocate / Call Center Specialist. Not in this picture, but absolutely vital to our compassionate responsiveness to our neighbors: the team of Vincentians, volunteers, & staff who listen intently, engage respectfully, and share empathy & information dependably when our neighbors bless us with the opportunity.

Did you know?

Margaret Rahn, Conferences Manager, was named our Bank St Staff's **Employee of the Month for July!** Thank you, Margaret, for all you do to advocate for, serve, and empower our Conferences & Vincentians.

More Resources for our Conferences and Neighbors

Sharing 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=)

[utm_campaign=moneysl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=cn_nl&utm_content=24401503&utm_term=](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=)

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

Please look forward to more resource info when Tom returns next week!

Call to Prayer

**Lord, draw our hearts away from selfishness,
turn our lives to loving service.**

**Lord, may we bring the bread of hope to the poor,
teach us to serve you in those who suffer.**

**Lord, may we come to know the abundance of your love,
give us compassionate hearts.**

Amen.

STAY CONNECTED

