



Conference News and Notes for Friday, June 18, 2021

Sent to all Vincentians & Staff

Vincentian Reflection for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, June 20, 2021

Gospel: (Mark 4: 35-41) One day as evening drew on Jesus said to his disciples, “*Let us cross over to the farther shore.*” Leaving the crowd, they took him away in the boat in which he was sitting, while the other boats accompanied him. It happened that a bad squall blew up. The waves were breaking over the boat and it began to take on water badly. Jesus was in the stern through it all, sound asleep on a cushion. They finally woke him and said to him, “Teacher, doesn’t it matter to you that we are going to drown?” He awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea: “*Quiet, Be still!*” The wind fell off and everything grew calm. Then he said to them: “*Why are you so terrified? Why are you lacking in faith?*” A great awe overcame them at this. They kept saying to one another, “Who can this be that the wind and the sea obey him?”

Reflection: Jesus asks the question, “*Why are you terrified?*” It would seem rather obvious—a violent squall came up and the waves were breaking over the boat. These men were fishermen; they knew the perils of the sea. What they hadn’t learned fully yet was who Jesus is—the One whose presence, in the midst of peril, we recognize and trust. The faith to which Jesus calls the disciples is that Jesus does care. He responds to their terror and delivers them. Jesus’ care is ever with us because he is always present to us. The challenge during our Christian journey is to believe in his presence and to trust in his care. (*Living Liturgy*, p. 158)

Vincentian Meditation: “*Quiet, Be Still!*” If we could absorb the spirituality of that single line of the gospel, there would be much more peace in our lives. We spend so much time fretting about the future because we have not learned to “be still”...to wait on the Lord. “*Why are you so terrified? Why are you lacking in faith?*” During the storms of our lives we must learn to patiently wait for the Lord. St. Vincent’s insistence on the wisdom of making decisions slowly and of not anticipating the Providence of God was the fruit of knowing how to wait on the Lord...how to listen, how to be “quiet and still.” The grace of waiting on the Lord, and acting only when we have clear signs of the direction that He wants us to take, can bring much peace and serenity to our souls. (McCullen, *Deep Down Things*, p. 182)

How have you learned to be “quiet and still” and wait on the Lord?

Conference Workshops, Retreats, and Events Schedule June - December 2021

The schedule of upcoming events for the remainder of 2021 is here! Please see the attached documents for descriptions of all that is being offered, along with the dates and times for each:

- [CLICK HERE FOR DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS](#)
- [CLICK HERE FOR SCHEDULE](#)

PLEASE NOTE that the locations are still pending for some events. If you would like to host a group of Vincentians for a workshop or large gathering -- and your parish is welcoming outside groups to your facility -- please contact us! We would love to work with you!

By the way, this schedule of events will build upon the positive momentum we established in our filled-to-capacity, in-person Ozanam Orientation this past Saturday. Many thanks to our spirited facilitators and engaged participants. So much more to come!

Exciting NOC News - Come Celebrate With Us

As you may have already heard, the Neyer Outreach Center (NOC) will be reopening its doors to our neighbors on Thurs, 7/8. To celebrate this occasion and to express how eager we are to see all our beloved volunteers and neighbors again, we are holding a celebration in the NOC Lobby on Wed, 6/30, 6-8pm.

Parking will be available directly outside the NOC or across Bank St in our gated lot.

There will be pizza and beverages available, along with on-demand tours of the facility for those who have never been inside or want to get reacquainted. There will also be stalls showcasing many of the volunteering opportunities we have available. As we reopen, we now have over double the volunteering positions we had during COVID and we need your help!

Please feel free to arrive anytime between 6-8pm, we will simply be delighted to see you whenever. Please sign up using this link so we know how many people to expect:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44AFAB29A4F5C43-nocreopening>

If you want to learn more about volunteer opportunities before the event, please contact Volunteer Manager Alec Jewell at ajewell@svdpcincinnati.org or 513.562.8841, ext 211.

Pantry Manager Employment Opportunity

We are currently in search of a new Food Pantry Manager to lead food assistance programs at the Neyer Outreach Center (NOC), including supporting our Conference Pantry Network. You can find the full job description [here](#). If you or someone you know would be a good fit for this full-time servant leadership role offering tremendous fulfillment, please send your resume, cover letter, and compensation expectations to Erin Nowak at enowak@svdpcincinnati.org.

Annual Conference Presidents Meeting Joyful in Hope, United in Action! This Saturday, 6/19/2021, 9am - noon

We'll gather in the Undercroft of St Mary Church in Hyde Park - yes, in-person! We have a full agenda including faith-filled reflection, Council elections, a robust breakout session to encourage participative dialogue, and informative presentations. Advance materials were distributed at the start of the week. Additional materials will be handed to participants upon arrival.

So much happening...and so many opportunities to engage...for our Conferences and members.

Free Estate Planning Zoom Sessions

Our SVDP Council is thrilled to be partnering with Niehaus Law, LLC, to offer two *free* virtual sessions (hosted over Zoom). Fellow Vincentian Anne Niehaus is leading these conversations that provide you the opportunity to learn about the basics of estate planning, ask a professional the questions you have, and help you feel better prepared for your future.

The first session attracted great participation yesterday evening (Thurs, 6/17).

SVDP invites you to join us for a fresh one hour session at 5pm this Tues, 6/22.

Topics include wills and trusts, gifts to charities like St. Vincent de Paul, taxation, power of attorney, and more. There will also be plenty of time for you to ask your specific questions.

Register today at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3yIDtTL> . We look forward to seeing you there!



Niehaus Law Office, LLC, to be honored at 2021 Voices of Giving Awards

Niehaus Law Office, LLC, has been selected to receive a 2021 Voices of Giving award for its exemplary service to clients seeking to leave gifts to charities such as St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) through their wills and trusts! Voices of Giving is an annual event that recognizes individuals who have remembered local nonprofits in their long-term plans as well as estate planners—such as Niehaus Law Office—who help make these planned gifts possible. **The awards ceremony will occur virtually this coming Wed, 6/23, at 7pm. [We invite you to attend this virtual event by registering here and hope you will join us to celebrate Niehaus Law Office!](#)**

Two of the four attorneys at Niehaus Law Office—father and daughter, Fran and Anne Niehaus—have been Vincentians in our Bellarmine Conference for many years. They continue to support SVDP and neighbors in need in countless ways.

Thank you to Anne, Fran, and everyone at Niehaus Law Office for your integral service to our community and for care for neighbors in need. Please join us in congratulating Niehaus Law Office on this well-deserved 2021 Voices of Giving award!

If you are interested in learning more about gifts through will and trusts or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Senior Development Manager, Daniel Flynn, at 513.345.4994 or dflynn@svdpcincinnati.org .

[Join St. Vincent de Paul – Cincinnati on Monday, July 26th at our annual Prescription Fore Fun Golf Outing and Wine & Bourbon Tasting!](#)

All proceeds benefit our [Deaconess Health Check/ Charitable Pharmacy](#), the only pharmacy in Southwest Ohio dedicated to providing free medication and professional pharmaceutical care to people in need from Hamilton, Butler, Warren, and Clermont counties.

As a result of the pandemic, many neighbors experienced difficulty accessing their life-saving medications and thus, turned to our Charitable Pharmacy for help. After a 68% increase of new patients last year, your support is more critical now than ever. For every \$1 invested, the Charitable Pharmacy is able to dispense \$13 worth of medication to its patients.

More Resources for our Conferences and Neighbors

Conference Assistance Fund ("CAF")

June is buzzing - and we're not just talking about the cicadas. You've submitted 85 CAF applications through Thurs, 6/17, and we still have 9 business days remaining in the month.

For comparison, we received 129 CAF applications in May and extended \$49,928 in assistance. This was up from April when you submitted 100 applications and we extended \$44,999 in assistance.

Please be patient as Hannah & Margaret are diligently responding to these and other Conference support needs, including preparation for our Annual Conference Presidents Meeting.

Rahe Beds Fund & Program

Thank you all for your understanding as we continue to navigate the supply chain issues with our bed supplier. We are happy to report that we were able to fulfill all Conference bed requests that were made this month. We'll update you on how many beds each Conference will be able to request for July towards the end of this month. As a reminder, we always receive more requests for full beds than twin beds, so please only request full beds for neighbors who absolutely need them (i.e. – multiple people will be sleeping in the bed).

Please contact rahebedfund@svdpcincinnati.org if you have any questions about our program and process.

Publicly Funded Resources Available through SVDP Social Services - Process Update

Our Social Services team continues to administer the City of Cincinnati's Eviction Prevention Initiative (EPI) for qualifying residents of the city as well as Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF) for qualifying Hamilton County residents.

Guidance from our Social Services team:

To access an SVDP Social Services program, please coach neighbors to call the SVDP Help Line, **513.421.0602**. After they leave a message, a staff member or volunteer will return their call. This call back begins the process of assessing eligibility. Assistance will be extended if eligibility criteria are met and if funds are available.

To check on EPI or TANF cases when a neighbor has not been able to connect with our staff or when a case seems to have been delayed, and If you have a question, please follow the process below:

- Email Mary Reid at mreid@svdpcincinnati.org. Please be as thorough as you can in your email, including the neighbor's name, address including ZIP, their need, and which program they have applied for
- Please cc Margaret Rahn on your email
- Mary will check the status of the case and will email you within 48 hours, cc'ing Margaret Rahn

Watch for more details about these assistance programs and how we administer these resources most productively and impactfully.

Fans & Air Conditioners Distributions

Heat and humidity, Cincinnati style, has arrived in front of the Summer Solstice this Sunday evening, 6/20/2021.

We were ready. Our Fan & AC distributions began Monday, 5/3/2021, at the Neyer Outreach Center. Neighbors interested in receiving a fan can simply call 513-562-8850 *on the day that they plan to pick up their fan*. Neighbors are eligible if they live in Hamilton County and did not receive a fan from SVDP last year. **Neighbors interested in receiving an air conditioner must fill out an advance request at www.svdpcincinnati.org/AC**. Neighbors are eligible to receive an AC if they live in Hamilton County; are 65 years old or older or have a medical need for an AC; and haven't received an AC from us in the last four years (2017-2020). Please note that neighbors may receive one fan or one AC per household, but not both. Complete details on the program

were sent out to Conference Presidents in April.

Through early Thurs, 6/17/2021, we have distributed 402 ACs and 574 fans - well on our way to a record total of heat relief assistance extended.

Christine Deckard, our Mount St Joseph University student immersed in this seasonal program, can be reached at 513.562.8841, ext 766, or via email at summerrelief@svdpcincinnati.org .

Cincinnati Eye Institute Foundation Vision Clinic in our Neyer Outreach Center

The Vision Clinic re-opened in March and will operate **by appointment** 9am - 2pm on alternate Thursdays; our July dates will be 7/1 & 7/15. A limited number of walk-in exams can also be accommodated on 7/15. To schedule an appointment, or to inquire for additional info, please call 513.207.6140.

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 , call 513.569.1840 (then select option #4), or email epa@cincy-caa.org .

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.

Call to Prayer

**Jesus, be with us in our journey,
Teach us to how to be quiet and to be still.
Jesus, be with us when we are afraid,
Teach us how to trust in your care.
Jesus, be with us as we make decisions,
Teach us the wisdom of trusting in your Providence.
Amen.**

STAY CONNECTED

