



Conference News and Notes for Friday, June 4, 2021

Sent to all Vincentians & Staff

Vincentian Reflection for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Sunday, June 6, 2021

Gospel: (Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26) While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, “*Take it; this is my body.*” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, “*This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.*” Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Reflection: Jesus’ identity as the suffering servant who obtained redemption for us “with his own blood” is truly the same as his mission – to give of himself without counting the cost, even if its cost is his very body and blood. Self-giving unites identity and mission into the same reality. This solemnity brings us once again to Jesus’ self-giving on the cross and to continue self-giving in the Eucharist, and challenges us to take up Jesus’ mission of self-giving. The Eucharist is the centerpiece of our lives, challenging us: our identity is our mission – self-giving.

Vincentian Meditation: The Manual of the Society states: The Eucharist plays a major role in Vincentian spirituality. This is seen in the lives of St. Vincent and Blessed Frederic. Vincent spent one hour each morning before the Blessed Sacrament before celebrating Mass. He would frequently make short visits to the chapel before leaving and upon returning from his responsibilities. Frederic attended Mass daily whenever possible. And, every day, Frederic would make a short visit to the Blessed Sacrament in one of the churches in Paris as he made his way to an appointment. Both Vincent and Frederic discovered what the Church teaches today: the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life; it augmented their union with Jesus, strengthened their charity, and committed them to the poor. (*US Manual*, P.31-32)

How do you connect the Eucharist with your own self-giving in your Vincentian vocation? Do we draw others closer to the Eucharist in the process?

June Ozanam Orientations - Please Register Now

Ozanam Orientation is the standardized national orientation designed to get new Vincentians started on the right foot, and to help veteran Vincentians reacquaint themselves with the Society. Wherever you are in your Vincentian journey, please consider joining us for one of the upcoming sessions offered this month!

Ozanam Orientation will be offered twice this month – once in person, and once virtually (via Zoom). Please feel free to attend in the manner that is most comfortable for you. Here are the dates and times:

IN-PERSON ORIENTATION:
Saturday, June 12th

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Neyer Outreach Center (1146 Bank Street)
Lunch will be provided

TO REGISTER FOR THIS IN-PERSON ORIENTATION:

Please e-mail or call Kelly Albainy-Crosby, Formation Coordinator
kalbainy-crosby@svdpcincinnati.org; 513.345.1767, or
[SIGN UP BY CLICKING HERE](#)

(this registration closes this Monday, 6/7/2021)

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VIRTUAL (Zoom) ORIENTATION:

Part 1: Tuesday, June 22nd, 6:30-8:00 PM

Part 2: Thursday, June 24th, 6:30-8:00 PM

Part 3: Tuesday, June 29th, 6:30-7:45

(All three sessions are required to complete the orientation)

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(this registration closes this Thursday, 6/10/2021)

PLEASE NOTE: Additional Ozanam Orientations are scheduled for **September and October**, so if the month of June does not work with your schedule, there will be more opportunities for you to join us later in the year!

Our Resource Spotlight Sessions - #3 is this Monday, 6/7/2021, 11-noon

We'll feature **Brandy Scott-Herrmann of Hamilton County Job & Family Services (JFS)**. The deeply-funded Prevention, Retention & Contingency (PRC) Program is one of the resources JFS administers which can assist eligible Hamilton County residents.

To join this Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/97645208161?pwd=ck5NNTd6M0x6SUh4NUplbVpPNE04dz09>

Meeting ID: 976 4520 8161

Passcode: 464016

We would love to have each of our Conferences participate. Please join us!

If you do miss a session, we will continue to post the links to recordings of previous Resource Spotlights on our SVDP website, Members page. Click on the Learn More tab under Member Support and Forms, then click on Resource Spotlight Recordings.

Exciting NOC News

The much-anticipated word is out: Our Neyer Outreach Center (NOC) will reopen to our neighbors for a broad range of in-person engagement and services on Thursday, 7/8/2021. We are looking forward to welcoming back both our neighbors and volunteers. An invitation to volunteer was extended to Vincentians via a Constant Contact message yesterday. **Your gifts are needed in a variety of volunteer roles!** If you have the time and desire to serve here, we are eager to explore this opportunity with you. If you would like to learn more, please contact Volunteer Manager Alec Jewell at ajewell@svdpcincinnati.org or 513.562.8841, ext 211.

Working Better Together

We've created this workforce development initiative by integrating lessons learned in our *Getting Ahead* and *Upward to Work* systemic change programs. Selected participants

engage in empowering workshops while actively employed in our Thrift Stores. Our goal is to attract, hire, develop, and retain new thrift stores employees who are motivated to achieve sustainable lift for themselves and those around them. Cohort #1 begins this Monday, 6/7/2021, in our Western Hills Thrift Store. We look forward to future cohorts throughout our network of thrift stores.

Our thrift stores are actively hiring. Employment applications are always accepted online at <https://www.svdpcincinnati.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/>.

Annual Conference Presidents Meeting Saturday, 6/19/2021, 9am - noon

We'll gather in the Undercroft of St Mary Church in Hyde Park. Invitations were sent earlier this week; your prompt reply is greatly appreciated. We are eager to bring together the leaders from each of our 56 adult Conferences. Expect the agenda and other advance materials by Friday, 6/11/2021.



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

We are thrilled to celebrate Niehaus Law Office, LLC, which 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 year on Wednesday, 6/23/2021, at 7:00 p.m. [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, most recently through offering free conversations about wills, trusts, and estate planning. Of this initiative, Anne Niehaus asserts, “We don’t mind if Niehaus Law Office doesn’t get any new clients from these sessions. What is most important to us is educating these friends of SVDP about estate planning in general and giving them ideas for the ways in which they can support, through planned gifts, the essential assistance that St. Vincent de Paul provides.”

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.

Cincinnati Archdiocese Celebrating Bicentennial Anniversary with Marian Pilgrimage

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has kicked off a 33-day pilgrimage ahead of its 200th anniversary on June 19th. Pilgrims are walking 300 miles across the Archdiocese with a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and will be making stops at 36 parishes along the way. St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring several of these stops including: St. Gertrude (6/12), St. Cecilia (6/13), St. Ignatius (6/15), Our Lady of Lourdes (6/16), and St. Monica-St. George (6/17). For more information about the procession and events along the way, you can visit www.mary2021.com.

More Resources for our Conferences and Neighbors

Conference Assistance Fund ("CAF")

We received 129 CAF applications in May - 121 of which had been approved by Thursday morning, 6/3/2021. The pace of your submissions is accelerating as we received 100 applications and extended \$44,999 in CAF assistance in April.

We received 25 CAF applications in the first 2 business days of June!

Hannah & Margaret greatly appreciate the efforts invested by our Vincentians to submit complete, descriptive, and accurate CAF applications. And many thanks to our Finance team for expediting the disbursement of approved assistance.

Rahe Beds Fund & Program

We have recently learned that our beds vendor/distributor is again facing significant supply chain issues that are affecting their ability to deliver beds to us. For this reason,

we will have to limit the number of June bed requests to two beds per Conference .

These requests should be submitted for review by this Monday, June 7. Depending on how many requests we receive, we may not be able to fulfill all requests, so please make sure you reiterate to neighbors that you are submitting a bed *request* and there is no guarantee we will be able to provide them a voucher. Because we can't control when bed deliveries arrive to Stores, it's also possible that we may not be able to fulfill a previously issued bed voucher. This has not yet been an issue, but the possibility exists that it will happen. If a neighbor is unable to redeem their voucher due to lack of inventory, we will extend the expiration date on the voucher. One other note – we have many more twin than full beds available, so please consider encouraging/asking neighbors if a twin bed would work for them, as they have a much better chance of receiving a twin bed. Please know that we share your frustration with the bed supply issues and are looking into solutions that will enable us to continue providing beds for our neighbors in need.

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

Whether your summer started on Memorial Day weekend...or will start on the Summer

Solstice - Sunday evening, 6/20/2021...the heat is coming!
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 Thursday morning, 6/3/2021, we have distributed 258 ACs and 441 fans. We are keeping our Mount St Joseph University student Christine Deckard quite busy...and hopefully our neighbors more cool & comfortable. Christine 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 only** 9am - 2pm on alternate Thursdays; our next operating date is Thursday, 6/17. 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

**Christ Jesus, your Eucharist is a sign of love,
may the poor and outcasts find a place at your table.
Christ Jesus, your Eucharist is a sign of unity,
may we embrace diversity with reverence and open hearts.
Christ Jesus, your Eucharist is a bond of charity,
may we be living signs of your presence in our midst.
Christ Jesus, your Eucharist is a pledge of future glory,
may you welcome home all who have died believing in you.
Amen.**

