



Conference News and Notes for Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Shared with all Vincentians & Staff to invite, inspire, inform, & unite

Vincentian Reflection for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 13, 2023

Gospel: (Matthew 14:22-33) When Jesus fed the people, he made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "*Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.*" Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "*Come.*" Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "*O you of little faith, why did you doubt?*"

Reflection: This Gospel does show Jesus as having authority over the waters: He walks on the sea and at His will the wind dies down. Nevertheless, this Gospel is less about Jesus manifesting power in great events than it is an invitation to respond to Jesus, to come to Him. We follow Jesus not because He is a great miracle worker but because He is the "Son of God." It is far easier to come to Jesus in the obvious things; for example, faithful attendance at Mass. It is far more difficult to see God in the little things; for example, being pleasant when the poor are demanding, or giving back to a cashier too much change, or giving extra time to be present to children or spouse. (*Living Liturgy*, p.212)

Vincentian Meditation: When the disciples were terrified, Jesus immediately responded to them: "*Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.*" Jesus is interested always in trying to lighten our fears. When He comes to us in Holy Communion, He assures us that He is giving us everlasting life. That is a great assurance because the greatest natural fear which we have is the fear of death. Jesus can take care of that greatest natural fear, namely death, and He will also take care of those many other smaller fears which are hidden in our hearts. Some of these fears are known to us, others are not. To us, however, as to the frightened disciples, Jesus keeps saying: "*Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.*" (McCullen, *Deep Down Things*, p.735)

When have you heard Jesus say to you: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid"?
How do we share this God-given gift of strength with our neighbors, our fellow Vincentians, our friends, our family?

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is This Coming Tuesday, August 15

Please watch for reflection about this Catholic Holy Day of Obligation from Chris Kelley.

Your Formation and Training Opportunities & Tips - Plus Events!

New Workshop just a little over a week away; please signup soon! – Are you looking for ways to better invite and engage with possible future members? Do you want to help new Vincentians find their place within your Conference? Come to our newest workshop on **Saturday, August 19, 9-11am, at St Clare (College Hill)**. As we outline crucially helpful **Pathways for Effective Invitation and Dedicated Membership** at this workshop, you will walk away with a strong foundation for a concrete plan inviting others into the Vincentian experience and be primed for a life of transformative membership in a Conference. We have a specially designed tool which will aid your Conference in working through the specifics of recruitment and retention while assisting in crafting a general timeline which works for your community. This workshop is open to anyone, and we especially recommend those who are currently, or are looking to, invite more of their community into our work as Vincentians. God is always looking to send new members to us and draw closer to them! To register, please signup using this link: <https://www.jotform.com/build/231504131019138> or contact Chris Kelley directly.

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Chris Kelley, our Formation and Service Learning Director, can be reached at 513.345.1767 or ckelley@svdpcincinnati.org.



Our Annual Fall Fellowship is next month! We will gather again on **Sunday, September 24, 9am-noon, @ St. Ursula Academy** to nurture our Vincentian spirit and fellowship! We will congregate to celebrate Mass together as a community and recognize the profound gift of service and spiritual fellowship so many have given over the years; afterwards we will enjoy a brunch featuring a pancake breakfast with assorted fruit and danish, along with various beverages - all for the price of \$10 per person to help offset costs for the day. **To register for our Fall Fellowship Mass and Brunch, please use the following link: http://weblink.donorperfect.com/Fall_Fellowship_2023; registrations must be received by end of day on Monday, September 18.** *Prefer to pay by check instead? Please contact Chris Kelley directly.*

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Inviting your honoree nominations now: Each year at the Fall Fellowship gathering, we recognize the deep dedication of many Vincentians and those within our community who go to great lengths to help our neighbors and our Conference life. While many of us strive to live out the virtue of humility well, we also are reminded to cherish in a special way those who have used the gifts which God has given them to help our community in love and service, building up our witness of the Vincentian life in various ways. We invite your Conference to submit nominations for our District's annual **Fires of Faith, Top Hat, and Ozanam** awards. Conference Presidents and Spiritual Advisors should have received an updated packet with the criteria for nominations by your Conference via email. They can also be found in [our Conferences section of the redesigned members page](#); **all**

nominations from a Conference must be received by 4pm on Thursday, August 31.
Any questions on the nomination process, please contact Chris Kelley.

**SVDP National Voice of the Poor Presents Third Thursday Webinar:
IRS Tax Tips & Resources for Parents**

To participate virtually next Thursday, August 17, 3pm, you should [Register here](#) in advance to receive details to connect.

IRS Education specialists will delve into various resources and programs that can help our neighbors both within and out of tax season. Topics span new parent initiatives, identity protection, multilingual resources, free file, and the IRS' interactive tax assistant.



Please watch for info about our next **Resource Spotlight** scheduled for **Wednesday, August 23**, focused on **Food Assistance**.

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Did you miss a Resource Spotlight?

Are you currently encountering a situation in which a past Resource Spotlight would be an invaluable source of info?

We archive the contents of previously-presented Resource Spotlights...and we post this content to our website for your easy reference.

You can find them on the Conference Life Resources page:

<https://www.svdpcincinnati.org/members/conference-life-resources/> .

Or get there by going to our SVDP-Cincinnati website, clicking on the Members tab, clicking on the Conference Life Resources tab, entering the password member (please keep confidential), then clicking on Resource Spotlights, and then selecting the relevant link.

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At this same location on our website, you can also find the PowerPoint presentation of our Cincinnati District Council's new 3-year **Better Together** strategic plan, now approved for implementation on October 1, 2023.

2023 SVDP National Assembly in St. Louis

Registration remains open for the 2023 National Assembly in St. Louis, MO, **Wednesday to Saturday, September 6 - 9**, at the Hyatt Regency at the Arch. This year's assembly will include a keynote address from John Foppe, Executive Director of the St. Louis Council; a Spiritual Retreat with SVDP National Episcopal Advisor Bishop Donald Hying; the installation of our new National Council President, John Berry; and a presentation by Fr. John Rybolt of DePaul University; along with workshops, regional meetings, and an amazing Host City Event, "**Meet Me in St. Louis**". Take a step back in history to "**Where it All Began**" - St. Louis was the first SVDP Conference presence in the United States, founded in 1845, and is our SVDP National headquarters. For more information, [click here](#) . **Please consider joining our Cincinnati contingent!**

The deadline to book your hotel room at the Hyatt Regency at the Arch with the special group rate is today - Wed, August 9! [Book today](#) to lock in the lower price!

Now Hiring!

Charitable Pharmacy Patient Advocate

Our Charitable Pharmacy is expanding its current staff with the hire of a full-time Patient Advocate - no prior healthcare experience required. We are accepting applications from internal and external candidates to assist the Pharmacy staff with functions related to patient certification and care coordination. If you are interested in learning more...for yourself or someone within your network of contacts, please feel free to reach out to Dr Rusty Curington, Vice President of Pharmacy, at rcurington@svdpcincinnati.org or 513.762.2088. Thank you for all you do to serve our neighbors in need!

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Social Services Advocates

Our Outreach Center Services team is currently hiring for several **Social Services Advocates**. We are looking for someone with strong interpersonal skills; the ability to communicate well orally and in writing; a commitment to detail and documentation; good project management skills; an ability to work under pressure; and a comfort in engaging with people of different cultural and economic backgrounds in a faith-based setting. Is this you or someone you know? If so, they/you may be a perfect fit to join our team as a Social Services Advocate. For consideration, motivated candidates should forward a cover letter and resume to Mary Reid, Social Services Director, at mreid@svdpcincinnati.org.

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To view our full job descriptions for these and other current opportunities, please go to our SVDP-Cincinnati website, click on the "About Us" tab, scroll down to "Employment Opportunities" and click on the "Learn More" tab, then scroll down to the specific role.

Working Better Together...is Working!



Working Better Together is our workforce development program designed to welcome and integrate new employees in our SVDP thrift stores into our organization's mission, team, and culture.

Pictured here is our **Working Better Together** cohort #21, comprised of employees from our Evendale and Milford stores, at their graduation last week.

Over 130 Stores staff members have now completed this program!

And by the way, Vincentians, **our SVDP thrift stores are actively hiring!** Please keep this employment opportunity in mind when you engage neighbors experiencing need who are motivated to earn a brighter future. This could well be a "gift of lift" that could make a lasting difference! You can learn more about how candidates can apply at the Employment opportunities "Learn More" tab referenced above.

Back to School Season - Our SVDP Thrift Stores are a Smart Choice!

Our thrift stores offer tremendous value for back-to-school necessities. Shoppers, go to the head of the class!

And this is also a great opportunity for all of us to reduce clutter & distractions at home by donating what we no longer need. Your in-kind donations to our thrift stores could brighten someone else's home...and give a student that bounce of confidence in the classrooms and hallways.

Here's wishing all students a fresh school year of growth achieved, knowledge attained, and aspirations elevated!

Volunteers Needed for WCPO Telethon

On Wednesday, August 23, WCPO 9 is hosting St. Vincent de Paul at its studio for the ***Hope to Dream*** telethon. Funds raised through this initiative will support the ***Bob & Sylvia Rahe Beds Program***, providing new bed frames and mattresses to families in our community. WCPO 9 will be running messaging throughout the early evening news from 4-7:30pm, prompting viewers to call in to donate. We are still in need of volunteers to answer phone lines and accept donations. If interested, please reach out to volunteers@SVDPCincinnati.org. Outside of the telethon, donations for ***Hope to Dream*** may also be made online at: http://weblink.donorperfect.com/Hope_To_Dream. 1,668 neighbors, including 702 children, received a new bed in the past year, thanks to people like you. Thank you for helping us to spread the word about this ***Hope to Dream*** campaign and ensuring more neighbors can get a good night's sleep in a bed of their own!

Convenient Safeguarding Training for our Vincentians

For those who have chosen to complete safeguarding training with SVDP, please sign up for **one** of our upcoming sessions using [this link](#). **Upcoming sessions are 5-7pm next Tues, 8/15, & Thurs, 9/14.** Each of these sessions will be held via Zoom. If you plan to watch the sessions with other Vincentians, one person can complete the form and indicate others who will attend the session with them. **We've also added an in-person session at our Neyer Outreach Center (NOC, 1146 Bank St) on Tues, 8/29, 5-7pm.** You may use the same sign-up link above to reserve your spot among fellow Vincentians. Please contact Dayna Patrick at 513.345.4982 or dpatrick@SVDPCincinnati.org with any questions regarding safeguarding.

Our Summer Heat Relief Drive

Our Cincinnati District Council is helping our neighbors experiencing need stay cool this summer through our **Fan and Air Conditioners Distribution** (see below), **presented by Braun Heating & Air Conditioning**. Extreme summer temperatures can be dangerous for all, but for Cincinnati's most vulnerable residents, the risks of heat-related health complications from weaker immune systems are significant. Because these neighbors are likely to be spending more time at home during summer for economic and health reasons, their need for accessible heat relief in their homes is critical. Last year, our Council distributed 1,522 box fans and 980 air conditioning units to our neighbors. We anticipate increasing need as summer temperatures continue to rise. As one of the region's only sources of free fans and air conditioners, this program is unique. Please help us avoid turning our neighbors away because their need is greater than our available resources. Just \$20 can provide a fan to a neighbor, and \$150 provides an air conditioning unit when you donate at <https://KeepCoolCincy.com>.

Our Fans & Air Conditioners Distribution Program Flash: Additional ACs are Now Available!

Due to neighbors not picking up their ACs, **we have a small number of ACs still available this summer. If you're working with a neighbor who could benefit from an AC, please reach out to Erin (enowak@svdpcincinnati.org) with the neighbor's**

name, DOB, address, and phone number. Please make sure the neighbor knows that there's still no guarantee that we will be able to assist them; remaining ACs will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis according to availability. Neighbors should expect to receive a text message from SVDP if we're able to assist them.

We are continuing to distribute fans on a walk-up basis at our NOC, through our Welcome Rooms/Food Pantry.

Details can be found within the [Members Portal of the SVDP website](#) . **Please note (and make sure your/our neighbors know) that households may receive either an AC or a fan, but not both.**

To-date, we together have distributed 718 ACs and 1,656 fans - welcome respite from these hot August days and nights.

Any questions and communication about fans & ACs should be directed to summerrelief@svdpcincinnati.org .

Our NOC hours are Monday - Friday, 8am-4pm, & Saturday 8am-noon.

More News from & for Our Conferences, including Beacons of Light Progress

Beacons of Light news:

- We have completed initial Pastor Meetings in 13 of our 24 Families
- We look forward to meeting with our **Westside Catholic SW-4 Family** Conference Presidents and Pastor Fr Zach Cecil @ **St Teresa of Avila** this Friday, 3pm
- And we are actively pursuing Pastor Meetings in those Families in which we are yet to connect

Other Conference meetings & collaborations this past week include:

- **St Boniface Conference** welcomed Alec & Tom to their Food Pantry operation in Northside this past Saturday afternoon - nearly 50 neighbors were caringly engaged and their families/households assisted with food, household & personal care goods, and back-to-school backpacks; this food pantry operates 2 Saturdays each month and is a beloved, vital community resource
- **St Ignatius of Loyola Conference** welcomed Tom to their meeting Monday evening; this active, growing Conference is currently vetting opportunities to expand their impact in Monfort Heights and our District Council...with a wonderful balance of faith, friendship, & service

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More of our District Council's Conferences are welcoming new members as they actively communicate, engage, and invite fellow parishioners eager to make a difference within their Families/parishes/communities.

Is your Conference expanding your circle of friendship?

Want help?

Try this link for National's tools:

<https://members.ssvpusa.org/governance-updates/governance-recruiting-new-members/>

Want more help? **Reach out to your Vincentian Services team members...and explore participating in our Saturday, 8/19, workshop featured earlier in this edition!**

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SVDP National's Frederic's e-Gazette. If you are not receiving this weekly email publication, this means you need to be added or updated in National's members database.

If you'd like to subscribe to the e-Gazette, email mboyer@svdpusa.org .

If you previously removed your email address from National's system or designated "Do Not Mail," your email address cannot be re-added by the National Council office. Sign up to resume receiving the e-Gazette at <http://bit.ly/1GKXYJ6> .

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Tom Roberts, your Director of Conference Engagement, would love to join you for a Conference meeting - or a joint meeting of the Conferences within your Family. You can reach out and invite him at 513.345.4910 or troberts@svdpcincinnati.org . He'll be glad to relay opportunities to support you to fellow members of our Vincentian Services team...or bring them along...to best walk with you.

It's that time of year again when your Conference may be distributing donated school supplies to neighbors.

Please note that this can and should be recorded in CMS as well, using the category "Education/Day Care". The "Value" field is supplied by you and dependent on your estimated valuation of what you are supplying.

No vendor information is required since this is (obviously) In-Kind.

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The notification regarding NOC to Conference case referral functionality within CMS has been sent by the Conferences Support Team. The process will be walked through at the next Thursday, 8/17, meeting. Training videos will be released into the CMS Support page after 8/17/2023.

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As always, feel free to call or email John Wessel - 513.562.1823 or jwessel@svdpcincinnati.org - at any time if you have any questions, suggestions, or desire a walkthrough training session.

More Resources for our Conferences and Neighbors

Conference Assistance Fund (CAF)

Our August activity to-date:

- We've already received **115** applications
- We've approved **61** applications; **0** have been withdrawn and **1** declined
- We have **56** applications currently in progress

July marked the third consecutive month our available CAF funding had been exhausted well before month-end.

Our August CAF funding from our District Council is **\$70,000** (with same \$70,000 for September). **Twinning to our CAF will help fuel our ability to approve and extend CAF assistance and reduce any future interruptions.**

We've added an extra column to the 'Monthly Metrics' tab on the CAF Spreadsheet. The column titled "\$ Received Eligible" shows the amount of applications in monetary form that we currently have in-house. If you would like to keep track yourself of where we stand, please feel free to refer here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12SsYxi9jhSIHVekSeTleDphTnlGLJgqdc_nbEDQROIQ/edit?usp=sharing

You can check on the status of CAF applications you have submitted by going to the Members pages of our SVDP-Cincinnati website, click on Resources for Serving Neighbors, and then click on CAF Application Status, or use this link:

<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrljoiNjQyZDg5NmMtNWQ1ZC00OTAyLWlwYmUtZTA2NGMwZmZmNmZiliwidCI6ImY2NWUwODUxLTYxM2QtNDEzNS05ZTE2LTUwOWFkYThjMDY2YiJ9> .

This resource is reserved for Vincentian members only; access to this resource can not be shared with neighbors, landlords, etc, under any circumstances.

Please contact Alec Jewell, 513.345.4983 or ajewell@svdpcincinnati.org , or Tom Roberts, 513.345.4910 or troberts@svdpcincinnati.org , for more info about twinning to our CAF.

We continue to encourage you to guide our neighbors to other publicly- & privately-funded resources available within our community...and to nurture relationships that extend well beyond immediate basic needs (material) assistance to provide lasting impact. Budgeting can be an eye-opening exercise that leads to changes to create a sustainable, livable new monthly model. How will our neighbor pay their rent, utilities, and other bills in the months to come?

Rahe Beds Fund Program Reminders

Your Conference's August requests (up to 4 per Conference) are being reviewed and processed.

We have heard from several Conferences that they have not been receiving emails letting them know that their requests for Rahe Beds have been approved. If this happens, please check your email's spam folder. Rahe Beds notifications will come from the noreply@jotform.com email address. Thank you!

Once you have submitted a beds request and had it approved by the Rahe Fund Coordinator, the neighbor (or their proxy) will be able to go directly to our Clothing and Home Resource Center (CHRC, 1st floor of our Liz Carter Center, 1125 Bank St, 45214) and show their photo ID to pick up their bed(s). Please remind neighbors picking up beds that they should go to the CHRC (from Bank St, enter through our gated garden to the side

door of the Liz Carter Center) to pick up their bed and sign their bed waiver; they should not go to the rear dock until they have completed this step.

Our CHRC is open 9am-5pm Monday-Friday and 9am-1pm on Saturday.

Dana Walker, our CHRC Manager, can be reached through the Rahe Fund email address rahebedfund@svdpcincinnati.org or by phone at 513.706.5822 (this is the CHRC phone number).

Metro Bus Passes (Everybody Rides Metro)

Your Conference has access to Metro single-day bus passes to be extended to neighbors for use for any of 3 defined purposes:

1. Commute to/from new employment
2. Commute to/from our Bank St services hub or other community social services
3. Commute to/from medical appointments

Please understand that these passes are sourced through the Everybody Rides Metro program and our Council is required to comply with the above-referenced usages and submit reports of passes distributed. Please also understand that your Conference will need to record bus passes extended in CMS for the neighbors receiving this assistance. Our Bus Pass Guidelines sheet for Conferences is available to you on the Members pages of our website.

If your Conference wants to learn more about this program or request passes, please contact Alec Jewell, Vincentian Support Manager, at ajewell@svdpcincinnati.org or 513.345.4983.

Birth Certificates

Our Neyer Outreach Center (NOC) team is assisting neighbors who are in need of a birth certificate. We have enhanced our process so that neighbors may request and receive a birth certificate on the same day. Neighbors should come to our NOC (1146 Bank St) and request the birth certificate. They will then be given documentation to take to Elm Street Clinic (1525 Elm St) where they may retrieve their birth certificate on the same day, or at their convenience. A limited number of birth certificates are available each week, and all birth certificate requests must be made in person.

***Haircuts from the Heart* in our NOC**

This is a free haircut program, courtesy of our partner Franciscan Ministries. **Stylist Margarita is in our NOC every Monday, 9am-noon.** Neighbors are accepted on a walk-in basis, and should sign in at our NOC reception desk upon arrival.

***Cooking Improv* with La Soupe**

Our partner La Soupe teams with our Catino Choice Pantry to present monthly Cooking Improv demonstrations in the Teaching Kitchen at our NOC. Instructors from La Soupe and volunteers engage participants on basic cooking principles and how to use what you have to create delicious, nutritious meals. **All recipes are based off ingredients found daily in our Catino Choice Pantry. Neighbors are encouraged to sample the delicious dishes and discuss preparation and ingredients with our staff, volunteers, and resident La Soupe instructor, Chef Mona!**

These sessions are held on the first Wednesday of each month - which means **our next event is Wednesday, 9/6, 11am-1pm.** No pre-registration is required.

Feel free to share this information with your neighbors.

Education Center Within Our Neyer Outreach Center

Our NOC Education Center is available for our neighbors and Vincentians to use during our operating hours: Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm, and Saturday, 8am - noon.

Language Service Available to our Conferences

A growing number of our Conferences are experiencing increased interactions with Latino members of our community...and are struggling to effectively communicate with neighbors who are most fluent or exclusively fluent in Spanish. We have contracted a dedicated language service to help you engage these neighbors in a welcoming, affirming manner. Any Conference member can download the "LanguageLine InSight" app on your smartphone, tablet, or computer at <https://insight.language.com/>. You simply need to use the Authentication Code **6NN692GLS2** the first time you login **and provide your Conference name to the operator.** **Through this app you will have access to over 40 different languages, including Spanish, via an interpreter. (We're hearing from Conferences engaging neighbors whose primary language is other than English or Spanish.)** You will have the option of either audio or visual (for those needing sign

language); we strongly encourage using visual only when you must. **Please be efficient in your utilization as our Council pays by the minute for this service; and visual is nearly twice as expensive as audio. When you access the service, you will be asked for your name and department, you simply need to state your name, then “St Vincent de Paul Cincinnati Conferences”, then your Conference name.** Be sure to only call through the app; you cannot use this service through a regular phone call. Our Charitable Pharmacy, Social Services, and some Conferences are leveraging this tool to better engage our Latino neighbors.

If you have any questions or are having trouble accessing the service, please reach out to Alec or Olivia of your Vincentian Services team.

If your Conference is among those engaging more neighbors preferring or needing to communicate in Spanish, please consider this an opportunity to seek the addition of Spanish-speaking members. This could enhance your responsive communication and expand your Conference’s perspective.

Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW)

GCWW offers a flexible payment plan to eligible neighbors through their PromisePay Portal. GCWW customers can visit [GCWW.promise-pay.com](https://gcww.promise-pay.com) for details about the program and how to enroll. Renters not residing in Cincinnati city limits but living in Hamilton County can visit <https://erap.hcjfs.org/> for utility assistance. If you need additional materials or information, please contact GCWW at GCWWCares@gcww.cincinnati-oh.gov.

Duke Energy

You can find current info by going to the Duke Energy website, clicking on the Financial Help tab, and then clicking on Ohio.

Duke encourages us to follow our standard steps for processing pledges on customer accounts. 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 available Monday through Friday, 7:30am - 5:30pm.

Should our neighbor / their customer not meet Duke’s qualifications for assistance, please refer them to Duke’s customer care organization at 800.544.6900 (Monday - Friday, 7am - 7pm) where they may find assistance through a flexible installment plan.

State of Ohio Program for Struggling Homeowners

Save the Dream Ohio helps eligible Ohio homeowners facing foreclosure and/or who cannot afford to pay their mortgage payments, utility payments or other related housing costs as a result of economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The state of Ohio was awarded \$280 million from the U.S. Department of Treasury through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the program. Click here for more information: [Save the Dream Ohio - Managed by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency \(ohiohome.org\)](https://ohiohome.org)

Hamilton County COVID Assistance

Our neighbors & you can still find info and resources at <https://513relief.org>. This site also includes info on the bus offering mobile 513relief assistance and support at <https://513relief.org/bus/>. **Hamilton County has COVID funding still available at Hamilton County Job & Family Services (JFS).** Please note: this funding comes from the same federal pool as ERA and other COVID relief programs, so a neighbor who has previously exhausted their access to this pool will be ineligible. Please refer Hamilton County neighbors who you believe to be eligible.

Cincinnati Eye Institute Foundation (CEIF) Vision Clinic in our Neyer Outreach Center

The Vision Clinic operates **by appointment** on CEIF’s communicated schedule, based upon their team’s availability; Thursdays are the most consistent. **This Vision Clinic is open mornings only (8:30am-noon) each of the remaining Thursdays in August: 8/10, 17, 24, & 31).** 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.

We thank you for your readership and we welcome your feedback to Tom Roberts at 513.345.4910 or troberts@svdpcincinnati.org . We are eager for your content, including pictures, to make this weekly connection all the more relevant and empowering for you! **If a Cincinnati District Council Vincentian you know - or you - are not directly receiving our *Conference News and Notes* via email each Wednesday morning**, please email Tom (at the email address above) with your name, Conference, and preferred email address to be added to our Constant Contact distribution list.

Our Mission

A network of neighbors, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

Our Call to Prayer

**Lord Jesus, in our fears and anxieties, may we always hear You say,
"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."
Amen.**

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