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Margaret Gursky replaces James Sloan as president of the Holy Trinity Conference in Zoar

Rich Rossi replaces Brian Wilson as president of the St. Mary's Delaware Conference

Kevin Dunleavy replaces Dennis Hanzel as president of the St. Joseph Cathedral Conference

### Activities

Bill Kililea reports from the St. Anthony Conference that Sandy Strati has a group of St. Anthony grade school kids making 320 sandwiches per month for St. Lawrence Haven.

### Events

The St. Joseph Cathedral Conference hosts and sponsors the Annual **Bishop's Appreciation Mass** on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The event begins with 6:30 PM Mass celebrated by Bishop Campbell followed by a reception in the undercroft. All Vincentians and their spouses are invited to the buffet after Mass. If you plan to attend, please call Pat Summers, 221-3554 with your reservation so that the Vincentians planning the meal will have an idea of how many are coming.

### Distinguished Vincentians

**Frank Wickham** has been chosen to receive the 2010 Justice Award by the Diocesan Office of Catholic Schools. The award will be presented to Frank at the annual diocesan Gala Celebrating Catholic School Virtues, which will be held on Nov. 9, 2010.

Frank is the President of the **St. Mary, Columbus**, St. Vincent de Paul Conference. In 2005, he received our Top Hat Award for his dedication to the Society and to serving the poor in his parish and area.

**Ralph Roy Emrich**, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City, died while surrounded by family, September 15. at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor. Ralph was the main force

behind St. Lawrence Haven and its daily sack lunch program for many years. He also started the Saturday Morning Food Program where bags of groceries are delivered to people in the hilltop and bottoms area.

His Funeral Mass was Friday September 17 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City.

### Vehicle Donation Program

The National Office of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul recently signed on with a company that will manage the receipt and disposition of vehicles donated to any one of our conferences. Except for a small fee, the balance of the funds received for the vehicle are returned to either our Diocesan Council for ministries such as St. Lawrence Haven, or to the individual conference if specified when contacting the company for receipt and disposition of the vehicle.

Prospective donors may call 800-322-8284 or go to the website [www.svdpusacars.com](http://www.svdpusacars.com) to initiate the process. The program representatives will pick up the car right away, resolve any title issues, and dispose of the vehicle. The average return to the conference or diocesan council is \$700.

### Service Opportunity

Vincentians from all Conferences in the Diocese have an invitation to do Vincentian hands on work with other Diocesan Conferences at St. Lawrence Haven and the Clothing Distribution Center. A trip, or two, to Columbus each month can be spiritually rewarding. Contact Heather Swiger at (614) 241-2569, [hswiger@colsdio.org](mailto:hswiger@colsdio.org) to set up a volunteer plan for individuals or groups.

### Remember in your prayers

Ralph Emrich long time volunteer and leader at St. Lawrence Haven  
William Fullam (Bill), St. Andrews

Metro Park Spring Hollow Lodge. This training is being organized by the Vincentian Diocesan office.

The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m., continental breakfast and lunch will be included. The program will end by 3:00 p.m. Please register by contacting Pat Summers at the Diocesan Office, no later than Monday, November 1 by telephone at 614-221-3554 or via e-mail at psummers@colsdioc.org There will be a \$20.00 fee for each registrant to cover the cost of the materials and meals All attendees will receive a certificate at the conclusion of the training You may direct any questions to Maureen Meck at 614-436-6913 or Bill Sparks at 614-439-0038

### Day of Recollection

“Vincentian Servant Leadership” was the topic of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Day of Recollection held at St. Therese’s Retreat Center on August 22. Nearly one hundred twenty Vincentians were present to hear featured speaker Sheila Gilbert, the secretary for the National Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Gilbert is a spiritual director and is also in charge of formation and leadership training for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Gilbert began with the basic premise that each Vincentian is a leader, serving the role of providing hope for the future to those in need and also working with them to help them survive. She emphasized that Vincentians should “really try and walk in others’ shoes and not do what *we* think we need to do, but rather *what the other truly needs.*” In this way, the Vincentian is giving more than simply assistance for rent or utilities.

She encouraged Vincentians to step outside their own parish by building relationships with other St. Vincent de Paul conferences. Gilbert pointed out that there are many St. Vincent de Paul conferences with little or no financial

resources both in this country and internationally.

Father Shawn Corcoran, the diocesan Society of St. Vincent de Paul spiritual adviser, celebrated the concluding Mass.

### Friends of the Poor Walk

The walk was held at 9:30AM September 25 in Whitehall Community Park., Dennis Hanzel chaired a superb committee and Mike Davis (shown below) , the weatherman for Channel 10 was honorary chairman.



Perhaps Mike had something to do with the delightful weather for walkers ranging from 92 years to 14 month old twins.

Sponsors enabled all funds donated to go to the poor. Visit the Events page of our Website for a list of the sponsors.

### Conference Interests

#### Changes of officers

Chris Brown replaces Debbie Kirkendall as president of at St. John Neumann Conference in Sunbury



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## President's Message

### Bill Sparks

Thanks to all of you who participated in our 2nd Annual Friends of the Poor Walk. It was a tremendous success with over 300 walkers from 40 conferences raising in excess of \$43,000. All of this money goes directly to the conference to whom it was pledged for helping those in need.



As you know, the mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to help its members **grow spiritually** through serving those in need.

Being an active and involved Vincentian not only includes reaching out to the poor but insuring that we nurture our own spiritual growth and development. Two Vincentian programs specifically geared to meet this challenge are the **Ozanam Orientation** and **The Invitation for Renewal**.

The **Ozanam Orientation** provides a solid grounding in our history, our founders and patrons, and Vincentian spirituality as well as in depth discussions concerning the home visit. It is for ALL Members, not just those who are new to the Society. It is a good activity for the entire conference to learn and share together and create solidarity and camaraderie among its members. The next Orientation will be **Saturday, November 6th** at the Spring Hollow Lodge in Sharon Woods Metro Park in Westerville. Just let Pat Summers in the office (614-221-3554) know if you would like to reserve a spot and also see the article below for

more details. If your conference is from outside the Columbus metropolitan area, we would be glad to travel to your area to put on an orientation. Let me know and we can arrange for a mutually convenient time. **"Have Orientation, Will Travel"!!**

As Vincentians, we grow spiritually by performing various spiritual and corporeal works of mercy. Our daily immersion in meeting the needs of the poor reflects our commitment to making these works of mercy a meaningful part of our lives. The **Invitation for Renewal** is a three and a half day program, put on by our National Office and held in Indianapolis, which focuses on our spiritual development so that we can be leaders in our mission of mercy to others. It is for all active Vincentians and I recommend it highly. Warren Wright, our diocesan vice president, and I attended a couple of years ago and were greatly moved by it. The next sessions will begin on February 23rd and November 10th, 2011. Contact Pat Summers or me for a brochure and more information.

*Mark Your Calendar! Save these dates!*

**November 6**, Ozanam Training, Sharon Woods, Westerville

**December 6**, Bishops' Appreciation Mass, St. Joseph's Cathedral, Columbus, Ohio

**February 23-27, 2011**, Invitation to Renewal, Indianapolis, Indiana

## Ozanam Training

On Saturday, November 6, 2010, Ozanam Orientation will be held at the Sharon Woods