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President's Message Warren Wright

The 2016 SVdP National Assembly in Columbus is rapidly approaching! It takes place from Aug 31 to Sept 3 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus. Our local host team, led by Bob Zabloudil, has done a great job in putting together a program that will energize all Vincentians in attendance. All of our conferences should be represented at this event. If your conference cannot afford to support an attendee, please contact me.



Another important way for conference participation is through volunteering at the Assembly. Volunteering does not require registration and will allow you to play a big part in the success of the assembly. Most jobs are 4 hour time slots. Volunteer jobs and signup are at <http://signup.com/go/sQLioi>

The remainder of this edition of The Voice presents the agenda for the upcoming assembly. Here are some of the highlights:

1. A Conference President/Spiritual Advisor training on Wednesday, Aug 31 from 9 am to 4 pm led by Sr. Kieran Kneaves, National Director of Formation. All conference presidents and spiritual advisors are encouraged to attend.
2. Inspiring liturgies each day. Wednesday at 6 pm celebrated by Fr. Clarence Williams, music led by the St. Dominic Gospel Choir, and

liturgical dance by the Bakhita Dancers. Thursday at 10:30 am celebrated by Fr. Charlie Klinger, music led by Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Praise Band. Friday at 10:30 am celebrated by Fr. Josh Wagner, music by the St. Christopher Last Call Band. Closing liturgy Sat at 5:00 pm celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell, music lead by Mrs. Sharon Silleck and the Ohio Dominican Choir

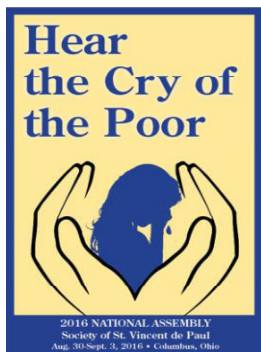
3. Keynote address on Thursday morning by Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha on "The Practice of Inclusion"
4. Spiritual Retreat on Friday Morning by Bishop John Quinn on Pope Francis and the Vincentian Vocation
5. A Friday lunchtime presentation on Communities of Salt and Light by two USCCB staffers.
6. A host city event at Franklin Park Conservatory on Friday evening.
7. A special Youth Assembly from Thursday evening through Saturday evening, starting with a concert on Thursday evening by Audrey Assad, a young Christian singer/songwriter.
8. A Prison Reform symposium on Saturday keynoted by Janine Geske, former WI Supreme Court justice active with restorative justice programs.
9. A lunchtime presentation on Saturday by Richard Cordray, Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.
10. Workshops on a variety of topics relevant to our Vincentian vocation (see specifics in the newsletters).

To register for any or all of the assembly, go to www.svdpusa.org and click on the link to the "Hear the Cry of the Poor" 2016 National Meeting.

God never spares His servants from trial because He does not wish to spare them the merit and glory”, Frederic Ozanam

Mark Your Calendar! Save these dates!

The National SVdP Assembly meets in



Columbus, Ohio, **August 30 to September 3, 2016** Hyatt Regency with a September 2 reception at the Columbus conservatory. See agenda below.

Sunday, August 21, Day of Recollection, Martin dePorres Center, Begins at 10AM after 9AM continental breakfast and concludes with 2PM Mass. Jack Murphy, National Goal 4 Leader, will lead us through a presentation “Fight Poverty – Vote” looking at Section 7 of the Rule, the updated USCCB Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship document, and several Voice of the Poor position papers on poverty issues. Register by August 15 with Pat Summes at 614-221-3554 or psumers@columbuscatholic.org \$20/person.

Variable: District Council meetings, District presidents will be calling meetings of presidents in their districts to discuss, amongst other things, participation in the National Assembly. Presidents can find out what District they are in by going to the Conferences page of the website vincentianvoice.org and clicking on the name of their conference.

Help Needed

At the Clothing Distribution Center there is an urgent need for more volunteers and substitute volunteers. Contact: Manager, Diocesan Ministries, Heather Swiger (614) 241-2569, hswiger@columbuscatholic.org

National Assembly Agenda

This is not the official agenda. It has been constructed by the editor from on-line material of National SVdP

Wednesday, August 31st


Unless specifically given locations are to be announced at beginning of assembly. Admission charge only if indicated.

Morning Prayer & Rosary

 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM

Location: Franklin Room

Change the Culture Seminar

 Wednesday, August 31, 2016 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM **\$50.00**

Spiritual Advisors & Formators Meeting


 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Led by Sr. Kieran Kneaves, National Director of Formation. All conference presidents and spiritual advisors are encouraged to attend.

Stores Meeting

 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM


Media Training

 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Executive Directors Meeting

 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

National Board of Directors Meeting

 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Mass Wednesday

 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: Franklin Room


The opening Mass in honor of **Blessed Rosalie Rendu** will be celebrated by Fr. Clarence Williams of St. James the Less parish of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Vernon Hairston, composer, musician and director will lead the Gospel Choir from St. Dominic. The Bakhita Dance Ministry, also from St. Dominic will grace us with their gift of holy dance during post Communion meditation

Eucharistic Adoration

 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Thursday, September 1st


Morning Prayer & Rosary

 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM


Location: Franklin Room

Breakfast

Assembly Opening Ceremony

 Breakfast 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Location: Regency Ballroom

, Keynote Speaker, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Location: Regency Ballroom

Intercultural Competence - The Practice of Inclusion

by Dr. Fidelis D'Cunha

This sessions' objective will be to achieve a basic level of awareness in the area of cultural competency that advances intercultural unity. To motivate Vincentians to sign up for SVdP Intercultural Competencies webinars scheduled after the Annual Meeting. During this one hour presentation the Practice of Inclusiveness will have three parts: I Developing Intercultural Sensitivity II Overcoming obstacles and challenges, III The Call to Action

Some material for the presentation is drawn from USCCB's *'Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers'* book.

We will be promoting the Society's Diversity Handbook and encouraging those interested in promoting the practice of inclusiveness to use it to present it in their regions.

Thursday Mass

 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

 **Location:** Franklin Room

Thursday's liturgy in honor of St.

Vincent DePaul is celebrated by Columbus Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Charles Klinger, pastor of St. Paul Westerville, a profound homilist, along with Director of music, Lisa Gresko and her contemporary musicians of Miraculous Medal parish. They will help us

praise the Lord using the inspiring Mass setting; Mass of a Joyful Heart.

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lunch Lunch & Presentation by Philadelphia Insurance Company

National Committee Meetings

All National Committee Members are required to attend. These meetings are OPTIONAL for others to attend as observers only.

 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

- National Development
- National Disaster
- National Formation & Training
- Multicultural/Diversity
- National Stores
- National Voice of the Poor
- National Young Adults
- National Youth

WORKSHOP Session 1

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

- Society of St. Vincent de Paul Orientation - Mary Ann Hunter
- Accepting Help from People in Poverty - Aha! Process
- A District Council's Journey towards Systemic Change - Tom Pelger
- How to Increase the Number of People Served "Well" Each Year - Arnold Simonse
- Fund Raising 101-Keep your Lamp Burning! - Keith Kondrich

WORKSHOP Session 2

 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Recruiting & Managing Volunteers - Louise Coniglio

- Keeping His Fire Alive Within - Jeanne Harper
- Implementing Systemic Change for Councils-An Outcome-Based Framework - Jack Murphy

- Catholic Social Teaching and the Vincentian Vocation - Mark Gordon
- The Home Visits through the Eyes of Blessed Frédéric Ozanam - Ray Sickinger

Exhibitor Showcase: "Business After Hours"

 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM


Location: Exhibitor Prefunction Space

Audrey Assad Concert

 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM


Location: Regency Ballroom

Eucharistic Adoration

 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Friday, September 2

Morning Prayer IV

 Friday, September 02, 2016 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM

AM Location: Franklin Room

Breakfast on your own *(on your own)*

Spiritual Retreat by Bishop John Quinn on Pope Francis and the Vincentian Vocation Exact time and place to be announced

Friday Mass

 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Franklin Room

Mass in honor of **Blessed Frederic**

Ozanam celebrated by Fr. Josh Wagner, music by the St. Christopher Last Call Band.

 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM

Lunch & Address Lunch & Presentation by The Salt & The Light "Visions of Communities" Lunch & Presentation by The Salt & The Light "Visions of Communities"

Location: Regency Ballroom

Regional Meetings: 2:00 - 4:30 pm

Eastern Region

 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Mid East Region

 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Mid West Region

 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

North Central Region

 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

North East Region

 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

South East Region

 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

South Central Region

 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Western Region

 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Presidential Candidates Reception

 Friday, 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

A host city event at Franklin Park Conservatory on Friday evening. Details to be announced. Admission charge for those not registered for Assembly

Saturday, September 3

Morning Prayer & Rosary

 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM

Breakfast on your own

 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

General Session - Prison Reform


 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Location: Regency Ballroom

National Business Meeting

 9:45 AM - 4:30 PM

WORKSHOP Session 3

 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

- How to Start a New Conference - John Miscik
- Getting Ahead while Getting Out - Aha! Process
- Creating & Expanding Formation Teams - Kathy Iberle

- Project Turn the Corner-Transformative Systemic Change - Deacon Mike Lyman
- Engaging Your Board to Raise Major Gifts - Mary Ellen Barringer
- Restorative Justice 101 - Paul Graham


- Dying to be Happy, Discovering the Truth About Life - Chris Stepien
- The Criminal Justice System: "What can happen when "Restoration" is the goal? - Panel Discussion

WORKSHOP Session 4

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- Spirituality: "Do We Honestly Keep it Front & Center?" - Rita St. Pierre
- Grassroots Advocacy; Messy, But Vitally Important - Tom Dwyer
- "Loving Presence" During the Home Visits: Our Vincentian Heritage - James Davis
- Nationwide Buying Power, Everything you need to know about SVdP's National Partners - Karen Lanter
- Diversity Challenges: Increasing Diversity in Membership & Leadership - Fidelis D'Cunha
- Restorative Practices: Constructive Methods of Dealing with Conflict in Communities & Schools - Panel Discussion

Lunch

 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM Lunch & Address by Rich Cordray, director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

WORKSHOP Session 5

 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Engaging Young Adults in the Society - Bryan Kirchoff

- Using Our Story & the Practice of 1 - 1's for growth & Systemic Change - Paul Graham
- The Spirituality of the Home Visits - Sr. Kieran Kneaves
- Catholic Financial Ecosystem: Keeping it in the Family - Tom Gryp, President & CEO, Notre Dame Credit Union

WORKSHOP Session 6

 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

- What You See is What You Get, or is it? - Youth and Young Adults - Maura Carpinello
- Creating a Path for Systemic Change for Families Impacted by Disaster- Elizabeth Disco-Shearer
- Becoming a Best Practices Food Pantry - Tammy Tucker
- Telling Our Story: 5 Things to Know - Michelle Boyer, Mike Pazzaglini, Gary Stevens
- "Making Connections: Laudato Si, the Poor and SVdP" - Fr. Louis Arceneaux
- Restorative Justice: "I'm Intrigued, Where do I go from here?" - Panel Discussion

Vigil Mass

 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell, music lead by Mrs. Sharon Silleck and the Ohio Dominican Choir

Closing Reception & Banquet Closing Dinner, CEO Comments, 2017 Host City Presentation & Entertainment by Michael Mette.

 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

"Michael Mette and his family are a traveling family Catholic ministry based performers. They combine visual arts with the gospel message. Typically they play for parishes and typically "pass the basket" relying on God's providence.

Remember in your prayers

Richard (Dick) Brehm, **Immaculate Conception,**

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- Past President: Bill Sparks
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- Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Charles Klinger

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- N-NE: Rich Rossi
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- Ozanam Orientation: Maureen Meck, Kevin Murphy
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How Making a Gift Tripled Monica's Income

Monica depended on dividend payments from her stock portfolio as part of her retirement income. The problem was that this income was less and less because dividend yields are near historical lows. This affected her giving to St. Vincent de Paul ministries as well as her whole budget.

Monica's dividend payout from the stock she was holding had declined to less than two percent. Monica, who was age 65, found out that if she made a gift to SVdP through a charitable gift annuity, she would qualify for a lifetime payout of 6.1 percent. This was more than three times what she was getting from her stock.

The quarterly checks from the annuity would be fixed. For the remainder of her lifetime, this would be an income stream that she could count on, no matter what happened to the stock market or to interest rates.

With this fixed income, Monica was able to give a portion of her annuity checks to SVdP. And, she was making a legacy gift by naming SVdP as the beneficiary of the annuity. To learn how you can support SVdP with a charitable gift annuity, please contact James A. Anzelmo at The Catholic Foundation at 614-443-8893 or Janzelmo@catholic-foundation.org