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### March 2023

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### Monthly Quote for Reflection

*"Do not overburden yourself with rules and practices; strengthen yourself to fulfill well those you have, especially as regards your daily actions and employments; in short, let your greatest concern be to do well what you do."*

*~St. Vincent de Paul*

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## ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

### March 2023

6 - St. James, MF

13 - St. Charles

20 - St. James, Muk

27 - St. Jerome

### SVdP Meal Program Volunteer Commitment

The number of guests at the Meal Program is increasing. Please note new requirements: It is asked that **6-7** conference members arrive at 4:50 with 4 gallons of milk (**2 white & 2 chocolate**) and **80-100** desserts of any type. The commitment is comprised of serving the meal with cleanup afterwards, normally completed by 6:30. Thank you all for your great support of the SVdP Monday meal program. Please contact Peggy Fahl to confirm your assignment and/or if you have any questions. Call/text 414-828-6999 or email [pegfahl@gmail.com](mailto:pegfahl@gmail.com)

### March 4

#### Ozanam Orientation

The session is at full capacity. The next Ozanam Orientation will be held in October although that date has not been set yet. Periodically check the Key Events Calendar on the Member Info home page of our website for updated information on program meetings and events.

### March 15

#### Getting Ahead Bridging Seminar

11:00am – 1:30pm in the Council Meeting Room

RSVP required. Call Getting Ahead at 262.547.0654 to sign up.

### March 21

#### Summer Lunch Meeting

6:00pm

Council Meeting Room

Pizza is on the menu!

RSVP's required. Contact Bonnie [bpranger@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:bpranger@svdpwaukesha.com)

## WAUKESHA COUNCIL

### Conference Standards of Excellence

We've been talking about it for a month or two now and it is now time to launch the Conference Standards of Excellence exercise. An email was sent to Conference Presidents 2/23/23 alerting them to watch their mailbox. The information will arrive in the mail this week that will include instructions, details and the reporting form to complete.

All members should weigh in! The National does suggest a Special Meeting be called with all members present but you may wish to extend a regular conference meeting to attend to this. The important thing to keep in mind is again, all members should be part of this process.

It is asked Conference's completed Standards of Excellence reporting form be submitted to the Council office on or before April 1, 2023. This will give you the entire month to complete. You may scan and return to [bpranger@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:bpranger@svdpwaukesha.com) or send by mail. Thank you!

### State of WI Conference Filing

Since our last communication McIntyre has been in touch with the State of WI (a few times!). It was determined that all of the Conference applications and reporting forms be submitted together in one packet. It made sense. Each conference will have the identical background with regard to the association to the District Council (501c3 status and other supporting documents requested to accompany the application). Of course, specific conference information will differ but one mailing will greatly simplify this process. McIntyre will also serve as the 'person to contact' centralizing any issues that may surface with the State of WI filing. She is in process of completing each conference's application and reporting form. There will be information needed from each conference, and 2 signatures (one must be the Treasurer) will also be required prior to this mailing. McIntyre will be contacting each conference to gain the information needed as she works through each conference's filing. In advance, thank you for your patience!

## Endowment Fund – Patron Grant Board of Advisors – Conference Representative

David Simon, member of St. Charles Conference and Chair of the Endowment Fund Board of Advisors reached out to conference leaders last week and asked they consider and introduce an opportunity to members about a position to serve as Board representative for the Conference Home Visit Ministry. David previously served in this role, and it is now vacant.

The Board is looking for a member to represent the conferences and the opportunity is open to all active members! The ideal candidate would be a committed Vincentian, ideally with some financial or accounting savvy, willing to devote around 25 hours a year to this ministry.

There are three main responsibilities:

- (1) to oversee the Endowment Fund itself as a member of the Board;
- (2) to help Conferences identify prospective Patron Grant applicants and generate Grant applications from the Conferences;
- (3) to evaluate all Patron Grant applications as a member of the Board.

Current members include:

David Simon, Chair of the Endowment Fund Board of Advisors

Julie McIntyre, Executive Director

John Waymel, St. Dismas Conference – representing the Jail Ministry

Carol Maurer, Council Board President – representing the Getting Ahead Ministry

Bill James, St. Bruno Conference – representing the Store Ministry

Vacant – representation for Conference's Home Visit Ministry

Consider joining this team! We will be contacting Conference Treasurers to solicit interest in serving on the Endowment Fund Board, but it is not a requirement to be a Conference officer. Could this position be of interest to you? Would you like to learn more about it?

Contact David Simon at [dsimon@foley.com](mailto:dsimon@foley.com)

## Thrift Works

We would like to remind all ThriftWorks Administrators to remove members from the user list when they leave the conference to ensure the confidentiality of the information it holds. Also, Admins should have a separate user account for themselves (with a separate password) so when they create a voucher it is identified under their name instead of Admin. It is helpful to know who wrote the voucher if there are questions on it.

## Conference President Elections

Records indicate 10 Conference Presidents will conclude their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> term on September 30, 2023. Now is the time to identify new leaders. Holding elections early will give the new President time to shadow the current President and be fully prepared to take office on October 1.

Andy Orgovan, St. Dominic Conference President leads this effort by already hosting a Conference President election and vote by secret ballot. Cathrine (Cat) Boerschinger was elected and will begin her term October 1, 2023. Congratulations Cat! Cat now has more than 6 months to work with Andy, become acquainted with the role and start her term off on very good footing. Great job St. Dominic Conference!

It's time for the rest of you to begin the nomination and election process. Materials are posted on the website under Member Info / Conference Officer Forms / Conference President Election Forms

1 <sup>st</sup> Term ending Sept 30, 2023	2 <sup>nd</sup> Term ending Sept 30, 2023
St. Anthony on the Lake	St. Benedict
St. Charles	St. Joan of Arc
St. Dismas Jail Ministry	St. John Vianney
St. James, Menomonee Falls	
St. John Neumann	
St. Joseph	
St. Theresa	
St. William	

Once the election is completed, Conference Presidents for both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> terms are asked to complete the New Conference President Agreement form and submit to Council office. The form is posted on the website as noted above.

### **2023 Ozanam Medallion (Nominations due April 5)**

The Ozanam Medallion is awarded to an individual or to a conference to present a model of service for the broader community, for the purpose of increasing its knowledge of the works of the Society and to assist the Society in creating an image helpful in recruitment and resource development.

The 2023 Medallion will be awarded at the Archdiocesan General Meeting to be held on Sunday, April 30 at St. Kilian Parish in Hartford. The nomination form is attached and must be submitted via email or mail no later than April 5, 2023.

### **Best Practice Session 2/22/23**

Discussion highlights are posted on the website under Member Info / Meeting and Trainings. Our next Best Practice Session will be held on May 23 (time to be determined) and while that is out a bit, it is already planned that one topic will be Thriftworks and sharing experiences with the program and its use. Please send your topic of interest to add to this agenda to Julie [jmcintyre@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:jmcintyre@svdpwaukesha.com). The invite will go out with the agenda and topics of discussion in advance. Note, it is most beneficial to have a large conference presence at these meetings. This really allows attendees to learn what others are doing, share resources, successes. The more voices in the room the better! We learn best from each other.

## **SVdP NATIONAL AND NORTH CENTRAL REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **North Central Region National Vice President Nomination/Election**

The following is an announcement from the Nominations committee of the North Central Region, Marty Cormack, Julie Bennett and Pamela Matambanadzo:

We had one nomination from our region for the National Vice President supporting North Central Region, Susan Wiland from Rockford.

North Central National Council Members will vote to elect our National Vice President at the Mid-Year Meeting in St Louis on March 17.

The Committee asks to share Susan's bio and platform statement with conferences so they may begin to get to know our region's future servant leader. We hope each conference and district will take the opportunity to affirm her candidacy and will include her in your prayers as she prepares for this role.

Attached:

Susan Wiland NCR VP Nominee Autobiographical Statement

Susan Wiland NCR VP Nominee Platform Statement

### **2023 North Central Region Meeting**

#### **Mundelein, IL - June 15-17**

The Chicago Archdiocese and NCR leaders have already started planning. Peek at the current agenda! [2023 NCR Meeting Agenda as of 2-23-23](#)

Already there are great topics and sessions created specifically for you! And the beauty of this year's meeting? It is drivable! If you cannot make the entire meeting, consider a day trip! Pencil these dates into your calendar now.

## **PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES**

### **Summer Lunch Program**

The 2022 Summer Lunch Program was reconstructed. Lunches were served at Saratoga Stem school only during the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Dept Parks Program. Their Park program attendance has been consistently low over the last 3 years and they determined to move the program to a different park location in the City of Waukesha.

The location(s) were announced. They will host a 2-week program at 2 park locations in the City of Waukesha:

Horeb Park – M-TH July 17 – July 27

Buchner Park – M-TH July 24 – August 3

Note, the dates will overlap between the 2 parks. Notably, the Park Program has shortened greatly. We will discuss this change to the program at the March 21, 6:00 pm meeting.

### Back-to-School Program (M-TH Aug 7 – Aug 17)

The St. William parish gym has been reserved. Most parish calendars are already in place. Consider hosting a supply drive on a weekend at your parish. People enjoy getting involved! As you look to schedule a school supply drive, keep in mind the last day school supply donations will be accepted will be Monday, August 14.

## Jail Ministry News

The Jail Ministry was pleased to receive many responses to their post for an Administrative Assistant. After interviewing several well-qualified candidates, the choice was made. Cheri Winchowki joined the intake team in the St. Dismas office on 2/20/23 and is fitting right in. *WELCOME* Cheri!

## GETTING AHEAD

March is here and there are two great ways to get involved with the Getting Ahead program.

The first is to join us for the Bridging Seminar on March 15th. A flyer is attached to these Reminders. We will be looking at the 3 economic classes and how we can all work together to help Waukesha County thrive. Whether you are new to the information or looking for a fresher, we encourage you to sign up!

The second opportunity is to help support our meal program for the workshop. This [LINK](#) shows the dates for our spring workshop and provides the details for signing up. You're welcome to donate money for a meal, or prepare the meal yourself and join us for dinner.

Please contact our office if you have any questions and thank you for your support!

The Getting Ahead Team

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## CONFERENCE RESOURCES

### Virtual Job Fair

La Casa is holding a Virtual Job Fair on March 31 from 10:00am – 10:30am. A flyer in English and Spanish containing information on attending this job fair is attached to these Reminders.

## HAWS Safe Haven Program

HAWS Safe Haven Program provides temporary shelter for pets for people that have emergency health issues (hospitalized), those that lose housing and have to use a shelter, basically for anyone that cannot take care of their pets. This is long or short term. Also, there is a visiting program for people to visit their pets during hardship. <https://hawspets.org/safe-keep/>

## Conference and Member Questions and Answers (from the E-Gazette National Newsletter)

**Q:** Are there any limits imposed by The Rule or The Manual to the amount of time a Conference can provide assistance to a particular person or family? Under any circumstances, does the Society refuse or deny assistance based on assistance already provided over a period of time? If someone has received help according to our guidelines (for example, help with food once a month, utilities once every three months) is it consistent with Society rules to end (deny) assistance after a specific period of time (say two years)?

**A:** The Rule sets no limits. Do not put time constraints on assistance. Treat every case on its own merit. After assisting a specific person or family for a significant period of time, you as Vincentians should be asking yourselves "have we done everything we can to change the situation causing this person or family to seek assistance regularly?" Remember: the Society was founded on the basis of adopting families until they were out of crisis. This does not mean that you have to say "yes" to every request. You must be discerning; however, our goal is to help people - not turn them away.

## Index of Conference & Member Q & A

Questions and answers appear in the E-Gazette, the National E-newsletter. The National office has put together a collection of all Questions & Answers since this practice started! [Index of Conf & Member Q&A's](#) Pam Hudson, National Director of Governance & Membership Services, [phudson@svdpusa.org](mailto:phudson@svdpusa.org)

## WHAT'S AHEAD

April 2023	May 2023
3 - St. Mary, Wauk	1 - St. William
10 - St. Anthony, Pew	8 - St. Teresa of Calcutta
17 - St. Leonard	15 - St. John Neumann
24 - St. Joseph	22 - St. Luke
	29 - Memorial Day - OPEN

## SVDP Meal Program Volunteer Commitment

Contact Peggy Fahl before your week for up-to-date information on serving needs. Call/text at 414-828-6999 or email [pegfahl@gmail.com](mailto:pegfahl@gmail.com)

**April 9**  
**Easter**

## April 12 Home Visit Training

Council Meeting Room

6:30pm – 8:30pm

RSVP is required. [REGISTER HERE](#)

## April 24 Quarterly Membership Meeting

Council Meeting Room

6:30pm – 8:00pm

RSVP requested to ensure sufficient seating and handouts. Contact Bonnie at [bpranger@svdpwaukesha.com](mailto:bpranger@svdpwaukesha.com)

## May 9, 11, 16 Virtual Ozanam Orientation

Presented by Milwaukee SVdP Council

Registration information coming in next month's Reminders

**May 11**

**Ministry Expansion Meeting**

Council Meeting Room

6:30pm - 8:00pm

**May 29**

**Memorial Day**

A Conference was not assigned to serve the Memorial Day meal. Volunteers are needed to serve. Individual members, their family and/or friends are more than welcome and encouraged to help. Contact Peggy if you are interested in filling this need.

## PETITIONS

The Council would appreciate being notified of any member who would benefit from being included in this section and receiving the prayers of our membership for healing, recovery, support or whatever is needed (with their permission, of course). As you know, only the name and conference of the member are mentioned. If you or a member of your conference would find comfort in knowing prayers are being said for them, please share that with us.

**Prayers for Health**

May all our members and their families stay safe, healthy and content.