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Friends of the Poor® Grant Program

Regions:

- Mideast
- Midwest
- Mountain

Submit Applications:

July 23 – August 13, 2025

Notifications:

September 25, 2025

Mountain Region submits applications between July 23 - August 13, 2025. Follow this link for more information and the application.

<https://members.ssvpusa.org/fundraising-development/fop-grants/>

Remember that all grant application are required to be sent to Listrasburg@gmail.com before they are sent to the donor entity. Allow 2 weeks for approval.

FY 24/25 Calendar

Board Meetings (3rd Friday of month)

September 19, 2025

November 21, 2025

January 16, 2026

March 20, 2026

May 15, 2026

August 9 – Ozanam Training – Tucumcari

August 27-30 - Annual meeting Louisville

If your District Council or Conference has special event dates, please send them to Linda so we can include them on our calendar.

Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intentions - August

For Mutual Coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

Thank You!!!

Dear Vincentians,
First and foremost, I would like to express my most grateful appreciation for your conferences' positive response to the appeal for the Ruidoso relief effort. I cannot begin to tell you how heartwarming it was to receive the \$13,360 from the St. Vincent de Paul conferences across the Albuquerque Metro Area, to include Holy Child in Tijeras, NM. With these funds, we were able to serve 70 families, serving 254 individuals. The stories we heard from our Ruidoso neighbors, resounded time and time again, how they had to flee from their homes with very little and have lost all of their belongings in the flood. The loss included their homes, cars, personal effects, and

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clothes. The neighbors are being housed in local hotels or temporary housing. Food is being brought in for these victims to the lobbies of the hotels. As the rain continues, the neighbors are experiencing anxiety and possible PTSD instead of the calmness of the rain. The neighbors were so appreciative of the Albertsons and Walmart gift cards they received. Many were moved to tears. This relief effort was only a small effort to try assist these victims in addressing their immediate needs.

We were very fortunate to be able to partner with the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Las Cruces who provided \$5000.00 to the relief effort and the El Paso Holy Name Society who contributed \$900. The State Knights of Columbus also provided over \$49,000 worth of assistance and will be seeking further assistance for a future event.

Michelle Varela

San Isidro Conference President



The Rule

Statute 16: Subsidiarity and Democracy

The Society embraces the Principle of Subsidiarity as its basic standard of operation. Decisions are made as close as possible to the area of activity to ensure that the local environment and circumstances (cultural, social, political, etc.) are taken into consideration. In this way, the Society promotes local initiatives within its spirit. All decisions made by a Conference or Council must be made consistent with the Rule and Statutes of the Society, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and governance policies of the Society.

The principle of subsidiarity also recommends that questions regarding policies or procedures from members, conferences, councils, etc. are initially presented to the next higher level. To further understand this principle, read this article.

<https://famvin.org/en/2025/03/17/vincentian-dictionary-subsidiarity/>

The Scandal of Excess: Luxury, Indifference and the Forgotten Poor

“Blessed are the poor...Woe to you who are rich.”
- Jesus of Nazareth

I. Venice Was Just the Latest Episode

When Jeff Bezos turned the city of Venice into a backdrop for his wedding—a celebration of extravagance so monumental it disrupted public life, demanded private control over historic spaces, and displayed wealth without apology—it became more than a personal event. It became a **moral allegory**, a scandalous illustration of everything broken in our world.

While many gazed in awe at the guest list and the yachts, others saw something darker: a deepening divide between the powerful and the powerless, a brazen reminder that **the super-rich now live in a parallel universe**, untouched by the suffering that defines the majority of the human experience. The graffiti and protests were not mere political statements. They were echoes of an ancient cry—a cry that has risen across centuries every time power

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insulated itself from pain, and wealth forgot the weight of human dignity.

II. History's Repeating Shame

The following three examples are just a few among countless moments in history that reveal a sharpening contrast between the privileged and the voiceless.

To finish this article:

https://famvin.org/en/2025/07/06/the-scandal-of-excess-luxury-indifference-and-the-forgotten-poor/?utm_source=FAMVIN&utm_campaign=f1b5377448

Please Welcome

It is with great pleasure that St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocesan Council of Santa Fe welcomes Jared Weatherholtz as Executive Director. Jared will be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations, strategic direction and fiscal management of the organization. This role involves managing the staff, volunteers, and donor relationships to ensure the effective implementation of SVdP's mission including oversight for the various six district councils in the Archdiocese. Jared will officially begin on August 18, 2025.

Jared comes to St. Vincent de Paul with a background in non-profit management and direct service provision. Most recently, Jared served in executive leadership with another local agency, and, prior to that, he worked providing holistic care to immigrant communities through a church. Jared holds degrees in Spanish, English Writing, and Divinity. He is originally from South Carolina and loves art, music, coffee, and travel. Jared's wife is a PhD candidate at UNM, and he has two young daughters.

Virtus Training

This workshop is **MANDATORY** for all Vincentians members and volunteers in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe regardless of where you work or in what capacity

you volunteer. If you have not taken this class in the last 5 years, or have never attended, you will not be able to serve until you take this class in person or online.

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/37415/reg_2.cfm?theme=0

Conference presidents are asked to have a record of this training for their conference members.

PNM Good Neighbor Fund

How to Apply- In-Person at a Community Partner Location

Required documents:

Proof of current year LIHEAP or SNAP participation,

A past-due balance or disconnect notice (not required for seniors),

Valid photo ID matching the PNM account holder's name.

Albuquerque

*Roadrunner Food Bank 3831 Singer Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109*

We can help over the phone, or in-person.

Please call 505-349-8861 to schedule an appointment, or send an email to:

pnmhelp@rrn.org

Rio Grande Food Project

*600 Coors Blvd NW
Albuquerque, NM 87121*

505-831-3778

www.rqfq.org

*Call to schedule an appointment 505-831-3778
or Good Neighbor Fund Walk-ins are welcome
on Wednesdays and Fridays during regular
hours.*

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Clayton

Alternatives to Violence
110 Walnut Street
Clayton, NM 87415

Las Vegas

Samaritan House
501 7th St.
Las Vegas, NM 87701

Changing Lives with Hope and Love

Job Corps is a free, residential, career training and education program in a safe, secure environment for young adults ages 16-24. Participants have an opportunity to improve their lives by gaining skills for successful careers and personal life stability. Graduates can earn their GED and can enter the workforce in a variety of industries; office administration, plumbing, electrician, welding to name a few. The Albuquerque Thrift Store has had the opportunity to welcome several Job Corps students as volunteers. Brittany, the thrift store manager, says the store is so clean and shiny with their extra help.



Seth says that it was her Grandma who encouraged her to apply and she has gained a certificate in office administration and plumbing, looking to the day when she can have her own shop on the reservation. Being here has allowed her to open up and widen her comfort zone while making new friends. She says, "In

Job Corps, girls can actually do a 'man's' job." With a goal of enlisting in the Army, Evelyn yearned for independent living while lacking family support. She is working on her English skills and looks for ways to be supportive and help others. Evelyn believes, "That God is always with you!"

Antonia has visions of learning a trade and earning her HS diploma. She is a self-taught artist and enjoys it as a hobby. She feels more confident in her interactions with others. Antonia says she wants others to, "Remember you're more than your worth; keep going, don't give up."

After she receives her office administration certificate and, because she loves cooking, Ava dreams of attending a community college to earn a culinary arts degree. She continues to work on trust issues both with others and herself. Her motto is, "Hard work and education pay off. Do what you love, and the money will follow."

Each of these young ladies had a similar message for those in power who are working to remove these opportunities for so many of the youth today, many who struggle with the approved, normal scenario of education and family life. They believe dreams disappear when this program disappears and removing this opportunity for a better life removes their stability and some will end up on the street. Through this program, their lives have changed, and they want to continue to be the best version of themselves, acknowledging that it was this support that has allowed them their current and future successes.

Youth Conference Startup



YYAEL Youth Conference Startup
Logistics, Roles, Responsibilities, Recommendations, & Requirements for a "Youth" Conference
Updated 05-06-25

Starting a conference with SVDP Youth is simple. Our Youth Conferences take our Vincentian Charism into schools, universities and parishes to help sow seeds of a lifetime of service. We provide guidance, resources, and ongoing support to help you every step of the way. Join us in creating a vibrant

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community of young leaders dedicated to service and growth.

<https://svdpemergingleaders.blog/start-a-new-conference/>



VA |  U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
New Mexico VA Health Care System

ROADRUNNER FOOD BANK | **ONE ALBUQUERQUE**

The New Mexico VA in Partnership with RoadRunner Food Bank and ONE ALBUQUERQUE

Hosts:
Free Food Distribution
Every 4th Thursday of the Month

August 28, 2025

9 a.m.-11 a.m. or until all food supply is passed out.

Located:
Veteran's Memorial Park
1100 Louisiana Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108

