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Pope Leo XIV



In his inaugural homily, This is the Hour of Love, Pope Leo XIV said,

“In our time, we still see too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of the other, and an economic system that exploits the Earth’s resources and marginalizes the poorest. We want to be, in this dough, a small leaven of unity, communion, and fraternity.”

Can we, as Vincentians, bring peace to the discord, change to the structure, justice to the marginalized? **“We are called to offer God’s love to all, so that unity may be realized—a unity that does not erase differences but values each person’s history and the social and religious culture of every people.”**

Do we value all cultures, come together with each other in a unity of love? Do the least among us see the face of God in us?

We have been blessed with a pontiff who believes as we do. I would encourage all our Conferences to discuss these quotes to see if we might offer the alternatives to those we serve so we too can experience the Hour of Love.

Increasing Membership

Many of our conferences struggle with increasing membership to more easily handle the needs of those we serve. It is suggested that the Conference ask the pastor to talk about the works of the Society in the parish. An even better idea might be for one or two Vincentians to share the work of this ministry and be available after the Masses to answer questions.

There are accepted procedures for admitting new members. A member, most often the Conference President, visits with the candidate and shares the responsibilities of membership. They are invited to discern their time and talents and are then welcomed by the Conference and trained. Commissioning of new members should be an occasion and an opportunity for all members to renew their promise of service. This link

<https://members.ssvpusa.org/formation/formation-resources/> provides resources for all Formation opportunities.

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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

Generous donors to SVdP want their gifts to be used by local Vincentians directly for people in urgent need. Through the Friends of the Poor grant program, local Conferences in good standing can request funds to be used to meet specific needs of the poor in their community. **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 Ljstrasburg@gmail.com before they are sent to the donor entity. Allow 2 weeks for approval. Please do not send your applications to me for approval until July 1.

The **Systemic Change Grant** application season will kick off on June 11th with an informational webinar. Conferences and Councils are encouraged to apply. These are up to \$20,000 grants for systemic change programs. Last years (2024) winners of the Systemic Change grants are ineligible to apply for the grant for THE SAME program. However, they can apply for a **new/different** program.

Link to Register:

<https://members.ssvpusa.org/event/systemic-change-grant-webinar/>

Join the Chairs of the Poverty Action Committee and the new Grants Committee on June 11 at 2 PM Central, as they talk about the 2025 Systemic Change Grants. They will highlight the changes to the application and scoring rubric. Learn what kinds of programs are eligible for the systemic change grant? How do these grants differ from the Friends of the Poor grants?

Applications are due on Friday, July 11th.

FY 24/25 Calendar

Board Meetings (3rd Friday of month)

July 18, 2025 – hosted by the NW District

September 19, 2025

November 21, 2025

January 16, 2026

March 20, 2026

May 15, 2026

July – Ozanam Training – Tucumcari – Date TBD

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 Francis Prayer Intentions - June

For Migrants Fleeing Their Homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

A Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

Compassionate and merciful God, You are the refuge of the weary, the hope of the displaced, and the defender of the voiceless. We lift up to You all migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers—those who journey through peril and uncertainty in search of safety and belonging. Open the hearts of those who govern, that they may enact policies rooted in justice, mercy, and respect for human dignity. Strengthen

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communities of faith to be signs of Your love, welcoming strangers as friends and family. Comfort those who suffer rejection and contempt, and grant them hope amid adversity. May we, as the Vincentian Family, be instruments of Your peace, standing always with the vulnerable and seeking Your face in the stranger. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who walked among us as a migrant and calls us to love without borders. Amen.

Building a World Where Compassion Knows No Borders

"The Vincentian Family calls on global leaders to prioritize humane immigration policies, ensure legal protections, end mass deportations, and reject xenophobia. We also encourage faith communities to offer shelter and practical assistance to migrants and refugees. In keeping with our Vincentian mission, we commit ourselves to offer unwavering compassion and solidarity toward those seeking refuge and a new life."

To continue reading, follow this link:

https://famvin.org/en/2025/03/28/building-a-world-where-compassion-knows-no-borders/?utm_source=FAMVIN&utm_campaign=b21e4646e5-DAILY_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_7b71ef2eff-b21e4646e5-407315673#utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=building-a-world-where-compassion-knows-no-borders

Mountain Region Meeting - Boise

There were many opportunities to learn what special works other Conferences and Councils have. We had the opportunity to tour two of the Idaho Dept. of Corrections facilities that are part of their ongoing effort to better understand the realities of incarceration and how we can continue to serve those in need with compassion and dignity. It was quite an experience!

We also visited the Wassmuth Center for Human Rights and the Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial.

What if I'm the one?
What if I'm the one
who could make
a difference
in the lives of others?
Heidi Thompson
Scentsy

So many uplifting quotes!

VISIONSVdP Phase III

This work is taking longer than anticipated and we have been told to expect notice of the next steps in the next 2 weeks. Council working groups will work through the summer to begin discussion, developing suggested actions and recommendations for a specific subject. Each of the 5 working groups will consist of 4-6 Vincentians. The listening sessions were well attended with many great ideas and thoughts so please consider how you can volunteer for this follow up task. I am asking that each conference submit a name for these working groups. Each group will focus on one theme;

- Home Visit & Service Delivery
- Spirituality & Core Values
- Membership & Recruitment
- Organizational Structure & Governance
- Communication & Outreach

The Council will then elect two Delegates to the National VisionSVdP Congress, to be held in the first Quarter of 2026. These Delegates cannot be the NCM, and one Delegate **should** hold no Office

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at the Council or Conference level if possible. All expenses for the Congress will be paid by the National Council. The Congress is anticipated to be three days of intensive work and will develop a final set of recommendations and actions.

Friends of the Poor® Walk

The introductory zoom meeting was held on April 24. More Vincentians will be needed for this event. Logistics include: location, date of event, communication, sponsors, site setup & support, finances, volunteers. Please reach out to Peggy Wilson at peggyw2112@gmail.com for your conference to participate in the fundraising event. The next zoom meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 14, 2025 at 6:30 pm MT via Zoom.

<https://zoom.us/j/94740595678?pwd=1eKZ4Sw1LC6TPSNZWONtuyx23ZF88M.1#success>

More information at:

<https://ssvpusa.org/fop-walk/>



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