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## 4<sup>th</sup> of July



### Celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July: a Catholic Perspective

As we approach the **4<sup>th</sup> of July**, a day synonymous with barbecues, fireworks, and parades, it's essential to remember the deeper meaning behind the celebration.

For us Catholics, this day holds a unique significance. It's not just about celebrating the birth of our nation; it's also about reflecting on our faith and the role it plays in our lives and our country. The 4th of July is a celebration of freedom, a concept deeply ingrained in our Catholic faith. Our faith teaches us that true freedom comes from God and is a gift to be cherished and protected. As we celebrate our nation's independence, let's also celebrate the spiritual freedom we enjoy through our faith. As Catholics, we are called to be active participants in our society, contributing to the common good and upholding the principles of justice and peace. The 4th of July is an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we can better serve our communities and live out our faith in our daily lives. While enjoying the festivities, let's also take a moment to pray. Pray for

our nation, for peace, and for the protection of the freedoms we hold dear. Pray for those who have sacrificed for our freedom and those who continue to do so.

Link to the remainder of this article –

[https://catholically.com/blogs/news/celebrating-the-4th-of-july-a-catholic-perspective?\\_pos=1&\\_sid=6df4e0add&\\_ss=r](https://catholically.com/blogs/news/celebrating-the-4th-of-july-a-catholic-perspective?_pos=1&_sid=6df4e0add&_ss=r)

## 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 [Ljstrasburg@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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Link to Register:

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

## 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

**May 17** – Ozanam at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande

**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 Leo XIV Prayer Intentions - July

### For Formation in Discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

### Your Heart Today

Where there is fear I can allay,  
Where there is pain I can heal,  
Where there are wounds I can bind,  
And hunger I can fill:

Lord, grant me courage,

Lord, grant me strength,

Grant me compassion

That I may be your heart today.

Where there is hate I can confront,

Where there are yokes I can release,

Where there are captives I can free

And anger I can appease:

Lord, grant me courage,

Lord, grant me strength,

Grant me compassion

That I may be your heart today.

When comes the day I dread

To see our broken world,

Protect me from myself grown cold

That your people I may behold.

And when I've done all that I could,

Yet, there are hearts I cannot move,

Lord, give me hope,

That I may be your heart today.

- Fr. Manoling Francisco, SJ

## Youth Conference Start Up



**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 community of young leaders dedicated to service and growth.

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

## 2025 Friends of the Poor® Walk

Due to the lack of interest, this project has been cancelled. Thanks to Peggy Wilson for her work on trying to get this project off the ground.

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**The New Mexico VA in  
Partnership with RoadRunner  
Food Bank and**

**ONE ALBUQUERQUE**

*Hosts:*

**Free Food  
Distribution**

**Every 4th Thursday of the Month**

Thursday, July 24, 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**

