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World Communications Day

World Communications Day was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967, and it is usually celebrated on the Sunday before Pentecost. It is an annual celebration that encourages reflection on the opportunities and challenges that the media offers and how the Church can better engage the tools to communicate the Gospel message in every age. Pope Francis has announced the theme for 2025 World Communication Day (WCD). The theme is, "Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts" (cf. 1Pt 3:15-16). With this theme for the 59th WCD celebration, scheduled for Sunday 1 June, the Holy Father calls on Christians and non Christians alike; to re-examine the way they communicate with one other. What might happen if each of us were to take one action to increase unity, trust and stability in our world? The following prayer was offered by Pope Francis in 2018.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.
Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.
Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.
You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:
where there is shouting, let us practice listening;
where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;
where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;
where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;
where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;
where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;
where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;
where there is hostility, let us bring respect;
where there is falsehood, let us bring truth. Amen

A Pilgrim of Hope

A special Issue of Famvin Newsletter Honoring Pope Francis

https://famvin.org/en/2025/04/28/a-pilgrim-of-hope-special-issue-of-famvin-newsletter-honoring-pope-francis/?utm_source=FAMVIN&utm_campaign=53ca9adb97-DAILY_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_7b71ef2eff-53ca9adb97-407315673-

ServWare

Please contact David at depaul505@gmail.com with questions and comments.

Friends of the Poor® Grant Program

Regions:

- Mideast
- Midwest
- Mountain

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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/>

National SVdP systemic change grant applications will be announced in the near future. These are up to \$20,000 and are to be used for new programs. Be sure to check the Frédéric's 5 newsletter for information and application forms.

FY24/25 Calendar

Board Meetings (3rd Friday of month)

May 16, 2025 – hosted by San Martin de Porres
July 18, 2025
September 19, 2025
November 21, 2025
January 16, 2026
March 20, 2026
May 15, 2026

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

May 30 – June 1 – Mountain Region Meeting, Boise, ID – Please join us!

<https://meetingssvdpusa.regfox.com/2025-svdp-mountain-regional-meeting>

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 - May

For Working Conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

The Hour of Evangelical Courage

Facing the Election of the Next Pope

Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re's homily at Pope Francis' funeral, delivered in a crowded and sorrowful St. Peter's Square, was not merely a eulogy for an exceptional Pontiff. In a deeper sense, it was a serene and firm gaze upon the legacy left behind, and a silent meditation on the challenges now weighing upon the Church, which will soon elect a new Successor of Peter. Between the lines, his meditation invites us to ask: **What kind of pope does the Church need today? What do the faithful— and the world— hope for from the one who will soon occupy the Chair of Peter?**

Please follow the link below to continue reading

https://famvin.org/en/2025/04/29/the-hour-of-evangelical-courage-facing-the-election-of-the-next-pope/?utm_source=FAMVIN&utm_campaign=7c261e8d47-DAILY_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_7b71ef2eff-7c261e8d47-407315673#utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=the-hour-of-evangelical-courage-facing-the-election-of-the-next-pope

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All Conference Meeting

Be Joyful in Hope

On April 26th, 86 Vincentians gathered at Risen Savior for a day of spirituality, friendship and learning. The council wants to thank Risen Savior Prince of Peace Conference for providing the venue and delicious food and drink for this day. And, of course, the generous anonymous donation for the meal. Of the 37 conferences in the Council, 30 conferences were represented. This will continue to be an annual event, and we look forward to seeing more Vincentians next year. My personal thanks to the presenters: Linda Stubbs, Brad Hayden, Larry Gonzales, David Pilcher, Jeanette Plowman, Dawn Miller for their time and talents.

Mid-Year CAR

Attention: Conference Presidents and Treasurers Mid-Year Conference Activity Report (CAR) Balancing (Due 5/7/2025)

Each conference is required to run a CAR for the period 10/1/2024 to 3/31/2025. Conferences should have received instructions and audited conference ending balances from their District Council President. Please request assistance from your DC President, as needed. This action is being required by Larry, Council CFO, to avoid issues at the end of the fiscal year that could delay our annual reporting timeline.

Conference Grant Proposal Approval Policy

Many conferences write grants to various entities and for various needs. Conferences are under the St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocese of Santa Fe IRS nonprofit status so in order to ensure that these grants follow the Rule of the Society, **all grant proposals must be submitted to the ASF Council Board for approval prior to submission to**

granting entity. Conferences should allow a minimum of two (2) weeks for written ASF Council Board approval.

Policy approved by ASF Council Board on October 27, 2023

Great News!!! St. Francis Xavier was awarded a grant from the Roadrunner Food Bank and will be receiving an industrial 2-door freezer.

A Note from our CFO

Conferences are reminded the Archdiocese Council has a Capital Purchase policy that applies to all conferences. The policy requires that any purchase that equals to or exceeds \$2,500 must be approved by the Council Board prior to committing to expending the funds. These requests must be supported by three estimates or an explanation why three estimates cannot be obtained. This applies to the purchases of equipment and facility improvements/repairs. This policy applies even if the funds for the purchase will be provided by a grant. It does not apply to expenses directly related to serving our neighbors such as equipment rental for special events and such. Requests and questions should be directed to Larry Gonzales (svdplarry@gmail.com). Note: While equipment provided directly to a conference through a grant (no cash outlay by SVDP) does not require board approval, equipment that is valued at \$2,500 or more must be documented and reported to the CFO.

VISIONSVdP Phase III

Beginning June 1, working groups will form at the Council level to begin discussion, developing suggested actions and recommendations for a specific subject. Each group will focus on one theme;

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

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• Communication & Outreach

We will receive instructions and materials in mid May. Groups will work through the summer and provide recommendations to the Council in early September. The Council will create a Working Group that will take up all submitted recommendations and create **one** Council Report of Recommendations and Actions for **each of the five** themes above. This needs to be completed by December 1, 2025.

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 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/>

Our Vincentian Vocation

Vocation and Love know no Limits

Meet Brother Raimundo Sabino Gomes, 86 years old, from the village of Gama, of the São Joaquim Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) in Brazil. Raimundo's white hair and wrinkled hands fool anyone who, at first glance, thinks he is a nice elderly man, as much as his years of life and hard work in the fields have allowed him to be! Nothing could be further from the truth. Energetic, strong-willed and passionate about SSVP, especially for the families he serves, Mr. Raimundo found his raison d'être 10 years ago in the service of the poor something that he does in a very peculiar way: walking for hours on the dirt roads of the neighborhood.

To continue reading the story of an exceptional Vincentian, click the link below. He shows his love and dedication with his actions. I wonder how many pairs of shoes he has worn out!

<https://famvin.org/en/2025/04/03/raimundo-sabino-gomes-vocation-and-love-know-no-limits/>

