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Happy New Year!

January is Poverty Awareness Month

According to Poverty USA, poverty is home to 1 in 10 families and 1 in 6 children. They struggle to afford food, housing, utilities, transportation, healthcare, and childcare. We know that in order to improve life for the poor, we should speak for the voiceless and defend the defenseless. Please consider if there is something else your conference can do to alleviate poverty in your area.

www.povertyusa.org.

Calendar Dates

Ozanam Orientation Schedule

January 20, 2024 – St. Bernadette

March 16, 2024 – Tucumcari
June 1, 2024 - St. Francis Xavier

To register, please go to our website

www.stvincentdepaulsantafe.org

Virtus Training

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

Required every 5 years. Are you current?

The Rule

Statute 8: Visits to the Poor

Visits to those in need should be made in their environment in the spirit of friendship, respect, empathy and affection. Promoting self-sufficiency and showing concerns for their deepest needs should always be our goal.

Home visits are always made in pairs.

For more information on the home visit:

<https://vimeo.com/242085893>

<https://members.ssvpusa.org/formation/formation-resources/home-visits/>

ServWare Update

We are grateful for the time and expertise of Brian Nellis, David Pilcher and Larry Gonzales as we implement ServWare. At this time all conferences should be using ServWare to at least maintain and reconcile their checking accounts. Please be aware that the Council will start reviewing accounts for compliance and will contact the Conference

and District Presidents when they find conferences are not using the system as mandated. For additional assistance, please contact David at depaul505@gmail.com.

Albuquerque Thrift Store Operations Manager Position

<https://www.stvincentdepaulsantafe.org/jobopportunity/>

Email resume, including email address, phone number and the contact information for three professional references by January 16, 2024 to svdprecurit@gmail.com

Meet Our Vincentians

WELCOME!

JoAnn Ortega as Santa Fe District President.

Gerry Rohrkemper as District C President.

Pope Francis January Prayer Intention

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Vincentian Saints, Blessed and Venerables

Blessed Francis Faa di Bruno (1825-1888)

Feast Day: March 27

Francis, the youngest of twelve children earned a doctorate in mathematics and astronomy at the Sorbonne where he joined the Society and became an active member.

As a professor at the University of Turin, Francis focused on charitable works and showed special concern for the well-being and safety of women and young girls. In 1868, he founded the Sisters of Our Lady of Suffrage and the Society of Saint Zita to help in this ministry.

He was ordained in 1976 at the age of fifty-one. Pope John Paul II beatified Francis in 1988 calling him “a giant of faith and charity.”