



DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF AUSTIN SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, INC.

Conference Presidents, please forward to your conference members.

SSVDP Calendar

Upcoming Events

**3/5 Ozanam Orientation -
Santa Cruz, Buda**

**[3/8-9 Amplify Austin - SoCo
Bon Voyage](#)**

3/12 Diocesan-wide Day of
Spiritual Retreat hosted by
Office of Life, Charity &
Justice (TBD Austin)

**[3/19 Spiritual Advisor
Training \(Council Office,
ATX\)](#)**

3/24 Office Skeleton Staff -
Holy Thursday

**3/25 Office and Store Closed
- Good Friday**

3/26 Office Skeleton Staff -
Easter Monday

[4/9 General Assembly \(VFC\)](#)

**[5/10 Blessing of the
Vincentian Family Center](#)**

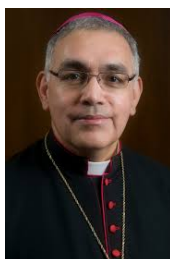
**[5/14 Ozanam Orientation - St
Theresa Conference](#)**

5/14 New Vincentian Family
Center Carnival and
Community Celebration

**Predatory Loan Conversion
Program**

Friday, March 5, 2016

SAVE THE DATE - May 10th Blessing of the Vincentian Family Center



We are honored to announce that on **Tuesday, May 10, 2016 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**, the Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez, Bishop of the Diocese of Austin, and the Most Reverend Daniel Garcia, Auxiliary Bishop, will bless the new Vincentian Family Center.

Doors will open at 1:00 pm, and Society staff and leadership will lead small group tours of the facility. The blessing of the facility will take place at 2:00 pm.

All guests will need to **[RSVP](#)** by **Monday, May 2**. We invite you to bring friends, family, and guests, but **all names must appear on the guest list to attend.**

More details are still to come!



Bon Voyage, SoCo! Celebrating Over 30 Years in South Austin

The Numbers

\$46,626.72 in loans converted
72 high interest loans converted
19 closed loans
7 incentives paid
333% APR for loans converted
2.25% APR for PLCP loans
86% repayment rate
14 days without a default

[Link to secure "how to" page - now with client forms in Spanish.](#)



Schedule your gift now!

Amplify Austin (March 8-9, 2016) is a great way to support your favorite community nonprofits! You can help the Society launch the Vincentian Family Center with your Amplify gift.

Check out our [page](#) on the Amplify site to schedule a gift now to count toward our total, or you can make your gift during our going away party for the SoCo store on March 9th.

Archived Documents

[Vincentian documents](#)
[Spiritual Reflections](#)

Links

[Bulletin Announcements](#)
[Ethics & Integrity in Ministry](#)

[Donate your vehicle to our Vehicle Donation Program - the proceeds from the sale of your vehicle will stay right](#)



The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is leaving its longtime home on South Congress, and we're throwing a going away party to celebrate! Please join us at the Thrift Store next Wednesday, **March 9 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm** for breakfast tacos, coffee, mimosas, and the kickoff of a great sale!

As part of our festivities, we're also taking part in Amplify Austin's annual community-wide day of online giving. The Thrift Store will serve as a hub for anyone looking to contribute to participating nonprofits; Society staff will be available to help you make a gift to launch the new Vincentian Family Center or to help any nonprofit of your choice.



During the event, Thrift Store shoppers will be treated to 30% off all items in the store. Shoppers will also receive special 25% off coupons to be redeemed at the new Braker Lane Thrift Store, and donors to SVDP and other local non-profits through the Amplify portal will receive an additional 10% off coupon to use at the new store.

We hope you'll come bid farewell! There is still time to RSVP for our SoCo Bon Voyage [here](#).

You can also check out our Amplify Austin [ad](#) on page 9 of *The Catholic Spirit*!

Don't think you can come on the 9th? You can still schedule your Amplify gift to the Society now through March 9 at the Amplify [website](#). Scheduled gifts *also* qualify for a new store coupon (sent in late March via email).

Vincentian Family Center: Manager Position

Accepting Applications through March 14, 2016

Expected Hire Date: on or before March 30, 2016

Start Date: April 6, 2016

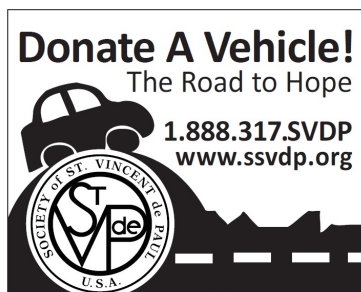
The VFC Manager will be responsible for the efficient and effective coordination and management of the office and service aspects of the Center. This is a full time position, afternoon and early evening Tuesday - Friday, and Saturdays mornings through early afternoons.

Please share this posting with anyone who might be a good fit for this position.

Please submit resume, cover letter and references to

[here in our diocese!](#)

info@ssvdp.org. For a full job description, please visit our [website](#).



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A Call for Prayer

Dear friends,

Today we ask you to pray for the speedy recovery of Susie Martinez, a long-time team member at the South Congress Thrift Store. Susie was returning home after work on Thursday, when she was involved in an accident. After getting off the capital metro bus at Congress and Sheraton Ave, she was crossing the street in the crosswalk and was struck by a car. She suffered a fractured ankle, but otherwise seems to be ok. She will undergo a cat scan on Friday to make sure there are no other internal injuries.

Susie will be out of work for a while during her physical therapy, but has already said she will be back ready to work at the new Braker location. There is obviously no stopping this little firecracker!

Blessings,
Paul Kleypas

Our Society

Pope Francis Quote

Universal Prayer Intention for March

"That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments."

- Pope Francis, @Pontifex

4th Sunday Lenten Prayer

God of forgiveness and hope,
Awaken in us a spirit of conversion,
May we abandon ourselves to your will,
Deepen our Vincetian spirit and
Help us to be true servants,
who bring your healing and love to those we serve.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

APRIL 9TH:

General Assembly hosted at the New Vincentian Family Center

We're just over a month away from our annual General Assembly! Please plan to join us on **April 9, 2016 from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm** at the new Vincentian Family Center and Thrift Store. All Vincentians, both active and associate, are invited to join us for this great opportunity for fellowship and networking. You'll also be able to check out our incredible new facility.

We'll plan to publish the agenda in the e-news in just two weeks!

Please [RSVP](#) by April 6, 2016. We hope to see you there!

MARCH 5th:

St. Vincent de Paul Society Accepting Donations at St. Louis King of France

Time to spring clean those closets and cabinets and bring your gently used household items to St. Louis King of France Catholic Church on Saturday, March 5th, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Items can be dropped off at the Church parking lot located at 7601 Burnet Road, Austin TX 78757. **The St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a truck present to accept clothing, shoes, small appliances, dishes, books and more.**

In Case You Missed It

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Office Hours M-TH 9:00 - 4:00 and F 9:00 - 2:00 ---

see calendar above for office holiday closings.

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