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

Conference Presidents, please forward to your conference members.

Calendar of Events

Blue events need your
RSVP!

8/25 Completed FOP grants due
to Council Office

8/25 - 8/30 National Assembly
(Providence, RI)

8/26 - 8/27 Council Office Closed

[9/12 Friends of the Poor Walk -
St. William \(Round Rock\)](#)

[9/25 - 9/28 - South Central
Regional Meeting - Austin, with
Donna Beegle](#)

10/5 Demo Day - Mobile Thrift
Store Truck Pitch (Austin)

10/5 - 10/12 Council Office
Closed for Fall Break

[10/17 Ozanam Orientation - St.
Anthony \(Kyle\)](#)

10/19 Council Board Meeting
(Austin)

[10/24 Vincentian Spiritual
Reflection and Retreat with
James Davis \(Bryan/College
Station\)](#)

10/31 Conference Annual
Reports due to District Presidents

Predatory Loan Conversion Program

The Numbers

Friday, August 21, 2015

Friends of the Poor Walk at St. William

The Vincentians at St. William in Round Rock invite you to join them for their annual Friends of the Poor Walk! The Walk is scheduled for **September 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** at St. William Catholic Church. All funds raised at the Walk go to serve our and neighbors right here in Central Texas.

For more details, including registration, contact, and location specifics, please check out their FOP Walk [page](#).

Friends of the Poor Grants Due August 25

We encourage our conferences to apply for Friends of the Poor grants, which provide funds to help us fulfill our mission of serving our neighbors where they live. If you plan to apply for a grant, please submit these to our office by Tuesday.

Note that all applications will need to be submitted to the Diocesan Council for signature. Please send any applications to katie@ssvdp.org.

For more information, including application instructions and samples, please visit their [website](#). Please direct any FOP grant questions to katie@ssvdp.org

St. John the Evangelist Twinning Update

Sometimes, our problems seem so big, but we know that our God is bigger and gives us the grace to work through those problems.

Recently, St. John the Evangelist Conference in San Marcos requested twinning assistance for a projected shortfall of \$12,000 over the next three months. With full disclosure, direct communication, collaboration with the Council Office and other Conferences, St. John the Evangelist Conference was able to manage their Conference funds in a time of high demand. In addition to receiving over \$12,000 from the Council Office as reimbursement from the Memorial Day Disaster Relief Fund, the

\$38,069.49 in loans converted
58 high interest loans converted
9 closed loans
3 incentives paid
333% APR for loans converted
2.2% APR for PLCP loans
87.5% repayment rate
11 days without a default
[Link to secure "how to" page - now with client forms in Spanish.](#)

Disaster Resource Centers

Current Locations

Danforth Junior High School, 200 Texan Blvd, Wimberley, TX (Hays County)

ROTC Building/Bastrop High School, 1200 Cedar Street, Bastrop, TX (Bastrop County)

San Marcos Crossroads Building (17 & 18), 501 S LBJ Dr., San Marcos, TX (Hays County)

City Hall, 400 Porter St, Taylor, TX (Williamson County)

Rutherford Lane Campus Bldg #1, 1520 Rutherford Lane, Austin, TX (Travis County)

Martindale Baptist Church, 12351 Highway 142, Martindale, TX (Caldwell County)



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Conference received over \$14,000 from other Conferences ensuring that the Conference in San Marcos will be able to continue to serve those in need to the best of their ability.

The Diocesan Council staff and St John the Evangelist Conference are thankful for all the collaboration, work, and prayers that have gone into making this twinning so successful.

Prayer Requests

As Vincentians, we are called to grow spiritually through our service to others. An essential component of that spiritual growth is nurturing our prayer lives. The Diocesan Council welcomes all our Vincentians to reach out with any prayer requests or needs for spiritual guidance to pray@ssvdp.org. This mailbox is monitored by James Davis, a longtime Vincentian at St. Austin and our Board's Spiritual Advisor.

Diocese to grant funds for House In a Box (R)

Through the generosity of parishioners across the Diocese of Austin and Corpus Christi, the Council has received a \$210,000 Diocesan grant in support of House in a Box for families in Hays, Bastrop and Williamson counties.

Be on the lookout for HIB details and volunteer opportunities... coming in September.

The Council continues to manage over \$850,000 in disaster funds for the Memorial Day Floods, specifically for our Vehicle Replacement Program, House In a Box, and the McComb Carey Charba Schultz Search and Rescue Fund.

Our Society

Pope Francis Quote

"When we experience the merciful love of the Father, we are more able to share this joy with our neighbor."

-@pontifex August 18, 2015

Dr. Donna Beegle's Corner

Dr. Donna Beegle's visit is fast approaching! Systemic Change weekend is just over a month away. We are thrilled to have Dr. Beegle join us for what is sure to be an eye-opening weekend for all our Vincentians. Through her Poverty Institute and her work *See Poverty...Be the Difference*, Dr. Beegle offers invaluable perspective into experiencing poverty:

"Basic needs and immediate issues reinforce a 'present' orientation. Poverty leads people to think that it's futile to plan. You can plan all day long, but if you have no resources (a telephone, transportation, a computer, etc.), the plan falls through. Poverty teaches people to focus on getting through the day or the week. It is not that people in poverty cannot plan; rather, they become conditioned to think that it is useless to plan." - p. 104

[Registration is now open for the Systemic Change Weekend!](#)

We encourage you to follow [Donna Beegle on Facebook](#), and

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

follow the [Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Diocesan Council of Austin on Facebook](#) to get to know her and this topic more intimately over the next few months.

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 here in our diocese!](#)



Community Impact - The Numbers
Holy Family, Copperas Cove

At Holy Family in Copperas Cove, 32 Vincentians work to fulfill the Society's mission of providing assistance for those in need. Last year, these volunteers reported 9,870 service hours and drove 13,500 miles to assist those in need. This conference provides the bulk of its assistance in food but still helps the community in a variety of other ways: Food: 79%, Utilities: 18%, Rent : 1%, Meeting Other Needs: 1%. In Copperas Cove, Meeting Other Needs entails helping with medical care, holiday meals, furniture and household goods, and providing rosaries to families. Holy Family's Vincentians assisted 21,812 people, performing 221 home visits. Holy Family reported a total parish impact of \$350,699.50.

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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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