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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 - 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

\$38,069.49 in loans converted

Friday, August 28, 2015

Society launches Mobile Thrift Store at Long Center

On Wednesday, August 26, the St. Vincent de Paul Store staff joined Diocesan Council staff and our Greenlights partner for our first test of our mobile thrift store at the Long Center's end of summer celebration.



Our enthusiastic team welcomed Austinites to check out our boutique truck and provide feedback on the experience and our truck design mock-ups. Special thanks to the store team, who truly transformed our donated truck into a hip, quirky shopping experience and the generous folks at the Long Center who invited us to their wonderful event!

Vincentian Family Center Update

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to make great progress with our new Vincentian Family Center. On August 17, Daniel Inda of Levy Architects and project manager Lee Combs met with our Board of Directors to show concept art for the new space. This week, the Diocesan Council is proud to share those designs with our Vincentians. Check out the links below!

[Floor Plan](#)
[Retail, Lab, and Pray Room Elevations](#)
[Office and Conference Room Elevations](#)

Society Leadership attends national meeting

Please keep our Society leadership in your prayers as they attend the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's national meeting in Providence, RI. The Diocesan Council of Austin sent a few representatives to meet with other Vincentians from across the nation for spiritually

59 high interest loans converted

10 closed loans

3 incentives paid

328% APR for loans converted

2.2% APR for PLCP loans

88.1% repayment rate

18 days without a default

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

enriching, informative sessions that will help us find best practices for fulfilling our mission!



Our Society

Pope Francis Quote

"Lord, help us always to be more generous and closer to poor families."

-@pontifex August 28, 2015

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)

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:



What motivated Dr. Donna Beegle to get out of poverty



Donate to House in a Box®

[Give to Bastrop County](#)

[Give to Williamson County](#)

[Give to Hays County](#)

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

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

Collaboration grows conferences

Several conferences in the Diocese are collaborations between more than one parish. This is true of the San Jose/St. Ignatius

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 here in our diocese!](#)



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Conference. The food pantry, located on the St. Ignatius Campus, regularly serves 3,000 people per month providing aid with food, utilities, rent, medical prescriptions and vouchers to the thrift store. With the help of St. John Neumann Conference, the San Jose/St. Ignatius Conference has focused on expanding their home visit teams. Meetings have been held on the San Jose Campus, and more than 20 new Vincentians will be trained by home visit teams from St. John Neumann. The collaboration between all three Conferences is a wonderful example of seeing and responding to the needs of the conferences so that those in need may be better served.

In Case You Missed It

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](#).

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 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.

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.

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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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