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The Council of Nicaea established that the date of Easter would be the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox. 2025, which will see a remarkable coincidence, both the Eastern and Western Churches will hold Easter on the same day this year — April 20 — a joint celebration that doesn’t happen often.

### An Easter Prayer

Dear brothers and sisters, Easter does not work magic. Just as the Israelites found the desert awaiting them on the far side of the Red Sea, so the Church, after the resurrection, always finds history filled with joy and hope, grief and anguish. And yet, this history is changed, it is marked by a new and eternal covenant, it is truly open to the future. For this

reason, saved by hope, let us continue our pilgrimage, bearing in our hearts the song that is ancient and yet ever new: “Let us sing to the Lord: glorious his triumph!”. *Pope Benedict XVI, 2010*

## Pixie Lighthouse

Author, poet, and spiritual teacher, Pixie Lighthouse, is an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. With her prayer, we ask the Divine to give us all that we need in these times to advocate for others in our communities and around the world.

“Help me to speak out for justice with a special desire fueled by a power greater than surface comforts and outdated systems.

Let me be a troublemaker to champion those I love and care for, and for those I don’t know intimately who need my help.

Hire me to be a powerful voice for the change that heals, reconciles, forgives, and improves.

Help me create time and space to lend support where it is needed. Transmit to me the passion to be bothered by violations of another’s rights to life, liberty, happiness, and their voice.

Find me faithful and in service, riding shotgun to heart-led movements, and leading the charge when it is up to me to do so.

Remove my feelings of hopelessness in what I perceive to be the opposition. Align me with action and channel my energy for others.

Bind me to the medicine of love. Let me affect the transformation that leads to needed change. Light the torch of revolution in my heart. Stand me upright on a foundation of faith while I take the next steps.

Build my voice as an instrument for defending freedoms which provide equality. Keep my motivations clean. Grant me the tools to see near and far, and find me adjusting the lens often.

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Help me to give a leg up to the underdog: to root for the one who doesn't stand a chance.

Help me to accept being unliked or misunderstood for positioning myself behind what I believe in.

Bolster my confidence and give me the understanding and empathy required for sustainable existence. Make tolerance my priority and give me the words and actions to fight violence with the sword of peace.

Orient me to inclusivity. Help me to stop putting individuals into dualistic opposition, rather focus me on repairing broken systems, and my participation in them.

Dissolve my tendencies for cliques, partisanship, judgement, righteousness, bandwagons and the damning or idolizing of those I perceive to have more than me.

Help me to do my part to clang the bells of freedom. When ten thousand are whispering, make me one who is listening."

## ServWare

Please contact David at [depaul505@gmail.com](mailto:depaul505@gmail.com) with questions and comments.

## Frederic's Five

If you are not receiving this Thursday newsletter by email, please click on this link and sign up to be included. Information every week with registration for webinars, including Voice for the Poor, annual reports, Getting Ahead and many more.  
<https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001OSVZXasZuMqwY5RmJuD7wV7eGedsYiQCq9K83oLI8JXw7qcRZKCnBd-P50ePEug0tnj70Uc8MNXATTb4Q-DtP1-VCXWsRSxdckrxHibgCpg%3D>

## 2025 Friends of the Poor® Walk

Nationally, Conferences and Councils host the Friends of the Poor® Walk, which raises funds and awareness for the Society's work serving people living in poverty.

If your Conference is interested in participating this year, plan to join us for the initial planning meeting on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30. This will be a zoom meeting hosted by Peggy Wilson. You can contact Peggy at 505.903.4489 or at [peggyw2112@gmail.com](mailto:peggyw2112@gmail.com). Reach out to Peggy and she will share the zoom login info.

Participating Conferences will share in the funds raised at this event. More information at:

<https://ssvpusa.org/fop-walk/>

## FY24/25 Calendar

### Board Meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of month)

May 16, 2025

July 18, 2025

September 19, 2025

November 21, 2025

January 16, 2026

March 20, 2026

May 15, 2026

**April 26** - All Conference Annual Meeting—Venue and program - see registration below

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

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

<https://meetingsvdpusa.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.

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## Pope Francis Prayer Intentions - April

### For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

## Prayer for Our Beloved Pope Francis

Lord Jesus, shelter our Holy Father the Pope under the protection of Your Sacred Heart. We pray for health and healing for Pope Francis, entrusting him to the healing care of our Lord. so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life, unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## All Conference Meeting

*Be Joyful in Hope* **Romans 12:12.**

Plan to attend our annual all conference meeting. on Saturday, April 26 at Risen Savior Parish. There is no charge to attend and lunch will be provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other Vincentians and learn a bit more about your chosen ministry.

**Reservations are due no later than April 14**

Registration form at the end of this newsletter.



## *Be Joyful in Hope* Romans 12:12

### **2025 All-Conference Annual Meeting**

April 26, 2025

Risen Savior Catholic Community – 7701 Wyoming Blvd NE

Registration – **9:00 am**

**9:30** – President’s Welcome - Integrity is Foundational to Leadership

Vincentian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Position (circle one): President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Spiritual Advisor

Member

**10:30 –11:45** Morning Breakout Sessions – prioritize choices 1(1st choice) to 4 (last choice)

\_\_\_\_ All Things Financial – Larry Gonzales & David Pilcher

\_\_\_\_ Spirituality of the Home Visit – Linda Stubbs

\_\_\_\_ Conferences and Council Duties of Care, Loyalty and Honesty – Dawn Miller

\_\_\_\_ Technology and Training – A trip through the national website – TBD

**12:00 – 1:00** Lunch

**1:15 – 2:30** – Afternoon Breakout Session – prioritize choices 1(1st choice) to 4 (last choice)

\_\_\_\_ All Things Financial – Larry Gonzales & David Pilcher

\_\_\_\_ Spirituality of the Home Visit – Linda Stubbs

\_\_\_\_ Twinning, Grants and Fundraising – Jeanette Plowman

\_\_\_\_ Getting Ahead – Linda Strasburg

**2:45– 3:30** – whole group discussion and debrief – “suggestions” from the listening sessions?

**4:00 – 5:00** – Mass – Risen Savior has a regular Saturday Mass at this time. This will include the Vincentian recommitment ceremony.

**Registration must be received no later than April 14.**

Send this completed form to Linda Strasburg – [LJSTRASBURG@gmail.com](mailto:LJSTRASBURG@gmail.com)

You will receive a return email acknowledging receipt of registration.