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February – Dedicated to the Holy Family

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century.

In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."

During this Year of the Eucharist it is essential to discover the relationship between the Eucharist and family life. Pope John Paul II wrote, "In the eucharistic gift of charity the Christian family finds

the foundation and soul of its communion and its mission"

The Rule

3.9 – Subsidiarity and Freedom of Action

The Society embraces the Principle of Subsidiarity as its basic standard of operation. Decisions are made as close as possible to the area of activity to ensure that the local environment and circumstances (cultural, social, political, etc.) are taken into consideration. In this way, the Society promotes local initiatives within its spirit. This freedom of action of Conferences and Councils, which has been kept faithfully since the origins of the Society, enables them to help the poor spontaneously and more effectively, free from excessive bureaucracy. In exercising this freedom of action to face the challenge of poverty in their area, Vincentians feel called to pray together for guidance and strength and for that creative imagination which is the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, "Your old men shall dream dreams and your young men shall see visions" (Joel 3,1). At times, it seems easier to simply dictate to others rather than allow them to make their own decisions, but subsidiarity calls Councils to respect the judgment of Conferences, Conferences of members, and members of neighbors. Subsidiarity, being rooted in respect for the dignity of the human person, is a measure of both justice and charity.

ServWare

Need assistance for merging, deleting, adding members, etc? Sometimes the simpler things confound us the most.

Please contact David at depaul505@gmail.com with questions and comments.



Frederic's E-Gazette – Now Called Frederic's Five

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World Day of Prayer for the Sick

World Day of Prayer for the Sick is observed on February 11 and coincides with the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. A prayer often associated with this day is: Bring strength to those of us who walk with the sick. Bring hope to all for whom the path to healing is long or may not end. Let us never forget your special care for the sick, that they may also know they are precious and loved. Amen

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Grants and Fundraising

Since 2008, the **Friends of the Poor® grant program** has allowed Conferences and District Council to provide emergency service to the poor, beyond their available resources. Completing a simple application, a grant for up to \$5000 can be requested. These grants are available by region and information is always in the E-Gazette, now known

as Frédéric's Five. Please watch this Thursday newsletter for current dates and application.

The National Council makes one-year grants available of up to \$20,000 to support Systemic Change projects at Vincentian Councils or Conferences. The 2025 Program will be announced soon. Watch for the announcement in the Frederic's Five Thursday newsletter.

<https://uwncnm.org/community-investment-grants/>
United Way of North Central New Mexico
Cycle opens February 3, 2025 – March 14, 2025

Friends of the Poor Walk©

<https://ssvpusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/FOP-Official-Policies.pdf>
Excellent fundraising opportunity for Conferences and district Councils. Usually held in late September. Support provided through the National office.

Albuquerque Foundation Grants
<https://abqcf.org/grants/#our-fields-of-interest>
These grants are fairly specialized but worth a look.

Companies like WalMart, Target, Home Depot, and Smith's have corporate grants that are available usually from the specific store.

Conference Grant Proposal Approval Policy
Many conferences write grants to various entities and for various needs. Conferences are under the St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocese of Santa Fe IRS nonprofit status so in order to ensure that these grants follow the Rule of the Society, all grant proposals must be submitted to the ASF Council Board for approval prior to submission to granting entity. Conferences should allow a minimum of two (2) weeks for written ASF Council Board approval.
Policy approved by ASF Council Board on October 27, 2023

FY24/25 Calendar

Board Meetings (3rd Friday of month)

March 21, 2025

May 16, 2025

July 18, 2025

September 19, 2025

November 21, 2025

February 18 – Spiritual Advisor Training – Prince of Peace

March 6-8 – Midyear meeting in St. Louis

March 29 – Ozanam Training at St. Thomas Aquinas

April 26 - All Conference Annual Meeting–Venue and program TBD

Please send your DC President a note if you would like to participate in organizing this event.

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

May 30 – June 1 – Mountain Region Meeting, Boise, ID

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.

Catholic Social Ministry Gathering

The Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG) is an annual conference that brings together Catholic social ministry leaders to share ideas, build solidarity, and address current challenges. The gathering's purpose is to promote the Catholic Church's social mission and to advocate for the common good. This link will take you to John Berry's remarks.

<https://ssvusa.org/vincentians/csmg-remarks/>

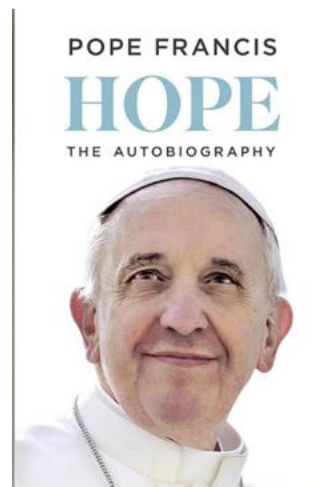
ASF Council Thrift Store

The Albuquerque Thrift Store Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month to assist the Senior

Operations Manager in making the store a more integral part of the Council. Members of this committee come from District Councils A, B and C and help with grant writing, improvements and events. There is a need for more members from each of these District Councils. This volunteer position would take approximately 4-5 hrs/month. Please let your DC President know if you would like to join this committee.

We would like to invite volunteers/employees from the other thrift stores to join us for these meetings. It is our hope that we can learn from each other and share needs, policies, systems in order to help each other. Please reach out to Timm Stubbs at rsppsvdptres@gmail.com, chair of the ABQ committee, if you would like to join us. We can arrange a zoom so travel won't be necessary.

Pope Autobiography



For the first time in the history of the Catholic Church, a pope has published his autobiography. Titled "Hope. The Autobiography", Pope Francis offers the world an intimate and comprehensive account of his life, spanning from his Italian family roots to the challenges of his 21st-century pontificate.



Today, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) released its annual list of consumer reporting companies. The list identifies dozens of specialty reporting companies that collect and sell access to people's data, including individuals' finances, employment, check writing histories, or rental history

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records. People can use the list to, among other things, request their consumer reporting data, dispute inaccuracies, and block access to their credit reporting data through security freezes. The list also informs consumers about the types of personal financial information that is collected for credit and other consumer reports. Included are:

- Consumer reporting companies that share information with casinos,
- Social media, driving data, and other unexpected information can be part of certain consumer reports,
- Under many circumstances, people can receive their credit reports for free,
- Hard inquiries can lower credit scores,
- Bank account history can affect access to credit.

Here is the link to this list. Please share it as necessary.

<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/credit-reports-and-scores/consumer-reporting-companies/companies-list>

Albuquerque Store Grand Opening

The Grand Reopening at the Albuquerque Thrift Store was a grand success. The Vincentian attendance was wonderful and the shoppers were able to witness this important blessing for the continued success of our work. Thanks to Alex Rich for these pictures.





Status of Aggregation

Request for duplicate certificates sent to the National office for: San Martin de Porres, San Felipe de Neri, Queen of Heaven, St. Joseph on the Rio Grande and Immaculate Conception. The Conference President **will be notified when they are received.**

Tax Help NM

United Way of Central New Mexico provides this **free tax-filing resource** for people whose household income is less than \$67,000. Please share the document at the end of this newsletter with your neighbors and any other organization you work with.



Tax Help NM

Do I Qualify? – Single, Head of Household, qualifying Widow(er), Married Filing Jointly
Types of Income – wages, salaries, tips; scholarships & Pell grants; interest income & tax-exempt interest; dividends; taxable state refunds; self-employment income; stock transactions or capital gains & losses; IRA distributions; pensions & annuities; royalty income; unemployment compensation; SS, SSI or SSDI; veterans income; other such as tribal distributions, jury duty pay & winnings from gambling.

What to bring with you!

In order to have your taxes prepared at a Tax Help New Mexico location, you must have the following documents:

- **Original** Social Security cards or Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) for yourself, your spouse and your dependents or anyone else on your return
- Tax payer(s) must have a **current photo ID** (driver license, state issued ID, passport, military ID, tribal ID)
- Birth dates for all persons listed on the return
- Married filing joint: both spouses must be present with proper documentation to complete tax return or power of attorney for absent spouse

In addition to the documents listed above, you must bring any of the following documents that are applicable to your situation: *Income of \$67,000 or less*

- Form 1095-A, B and C (or Health Insurance Exemption Certificate)
- All W-2 Forms
- All W-2G Forms (Gambling)
- All 1099 Forms (Miscellaneous, Interest, Dividends, etc.)
- All 1098 Forms (Mortgage and Tuition Statements)
- All K-1 Forms
- Prior year tax return
- Statement from your daycare provider with the amount paid, address and tax number if claiming child and dependent care expenses. If you may be eligible for the state daycare credit, you will need to bring a NM PIT CG from your daycare provider.
- List and total of all itemized deductible expenses such as medical expenses, charitable deductions, real estate taxes, etc.
- List and total of all business expenses, including mileage records, if you are self-employed. Also bring

amounts paid for gross receipts taxes.

- SSA-1099 Social Security benefits statement
- If you are required to repay the first time homebuyer credit, a record of the amount of the credit you received
- If you purchased a home in the last year, bring your closing documents
- Records of all other income received
- If you would like your refund deposited directly into a bank account, bring your bank's routing number and your account number
- If you sold stock we would need purchase date, how much was it purchased for, date sold, how much it was sold for, records of any fees paid
- If you had college educational expenses, bring book and tuition costs.

All other tax-related documents

Schedule Your Tax Appointment

<https://uwncnm.org/tax-help-new-mexico/>

Tax Help New Mexico appointment booking will return on Monday, January 13, 2025.

This upcoming tax season, taxpayers may choose to either call-in for assistance with scheduling or use the online scheduling tool.

The official start date of the Tax Help New Mexico tax season is Monday, February 3, 2025.

We encourage those interested in scheduling an appointment to book early, as spots fill up quickly. Our volunteers will work with each individual to ensure they receive the necessary support and guidance needed to complete the tax filing process accurately and efficiently.

Outside of Albuquerque -

<https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/>