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The Manual Chapter 2

Conference Meetings

“Conference meetings are privileged occasions during which members manifest Christ’s love to one another and experience his healing presence. The Conference meets less to conduct business than to celebrate and deepen its unity for essentially spiritual reasons. Opening and Closing Prayers, together with spiritual reflections, heighten our awareness of the Holy Spirit’s presence.”

The conference meeting should incorporate Spirituality, Friendship and Service while including an opening prayer with a spiritual reading or meditation and a review of a part of the Rule. Officer reports, committee reports, home visit reports and the closing prayer. Meetings should not be lengthy but focused and productive.

Guidelines for Effective Conferences

- **reachable.** Parish-based Conferences must provide a clear means for being contacted.
- **meet regularly.** The Rule requires weekly or biweekly meetings. At these meetings, all members offer their thoughts and support for providing Christian care to the needy.
- **grow in spirituality.** Members become friends,
care for one another and earnestly follow the

Society’s religious practices.

- **initiative.** Routine, tradition, and habit should not be normal. Can the Conference do more; ask, answer, and act of questions.
- **committed to formation.** They read, study, and participate in training sessions organized by their District Council or Archdiocesan Council.
- **recruit continuously.** Members should invite others to join in the service of the poor.
- **competent leaders.** The officers of the Conference work hard, but share with members the responsibility for decision-making and action.
- **maintain ties to the community.** The Conference deliberately makes itself known to outside groups and cultivates relationships of mutual respect to facilitate referrals to and from such agencies.
- **participate in their Council activities.** The president or his proxy represents the Conference at District Council meetings.
- **understand the national and international dimensions of the Society.** Members show practical concern for the work of the Society in less developed or disaster-stricken areas by generously sharing their resources. If possible, they “twin” with needy Conferences domestically or internationally.
- **are both wealthy and poor.** Their members generously support the work of the Conference and elicit similar generosity from friends of the Society. They always seem poor, because they share, thoughtfully and intelligently. They do not save for a rainy day.

ServWare

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

Frederic’s E-Gazette – Now Called 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=001OSVZXasZuMqwY5RmJuD7wV7eGedsYiQCq9K83oLI8JXw7qcRZKCbD-P50ePEug0tnj70Uc8MNXATTb4Q-DtP1-VCXWsRSxdckrxHibgCpg%3D>

The Vincentian Virus

By John Freund, CM

“Have you said, “I’m done with this virus?”

First there was COVID-19. Then there are all the mutations that have appeared. Each reminds us that **COVID and its variations after four years are not done with us.**

I found myself thinking about the Vincentian charism as a movement spreading widely.

I see some Covid connections with another, more benign virus – the Vincentian Virus. COVID19 is both similar to and very different from the Vincentian Virus.

In this Vincentian Mindwalk I explore the Vincentian movement as a desirable virus that continues to spread... hopefully infecting even more people.

How are they similar? ... different?

Both COVID and the Vincentian

- have the power to change the world as we know it
- can infect indiscriminately – rich and poor, male and female, young and old
- spread by social contact
- have a history of mutating strains
- are contagious via close contact
- can be mitigated by social distancing, etc.
- often hide quietly in people
- change the host
- have a variety of symptoms

The Vincentian Virus is different from Covid and its variations.”

Fr. John Freund CM is the author and if this has piqued your interest, click on the link below to continue reading. I think you will find it well worth your time.

<https://famvin.org/en/2024/10/09/the-vincentian-virus/>

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 26 – Webinar - Finding Servant Leaders – Recruitment and Succession – *Excellent Opportunity for all conference Officers*

Register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/_Woh9spUSQeS7JO8fQVwJA

March 29 – Ozanam Training at St. Thomas Aquinas

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

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.

Finding Servant Leaders - Webinar

Recruitment and Succession and Guiding potential new leaders in discerning their personal call to Servant Leadership.

Excellent opportunity for all Conference Officers

Register:

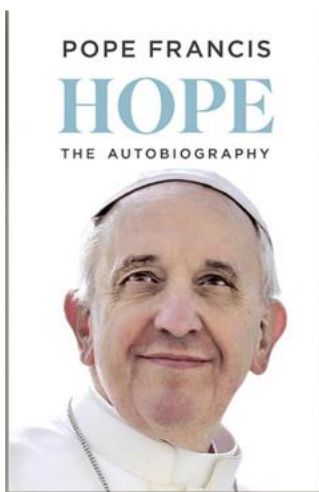
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Pope Francis Prayer Intentions - March

For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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.

Prayer for Our Beloved Pope Francis

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

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

All Conference Meeting

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. 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 Vincintian recommitment ceremony.

Registration must be received no later than April 14.

Send this completed form to Linda Strasburg – LJSTRASBURG@gmail.com

You will receive a return email acknowledging receipt of registration.