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SVDP Young Vincentians

See What is Happening



World Youth Day 2013 - Rio



*"Go and make disciples of
all nations"*

Mt. 8:19

This is the theme of the WYD 2013 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in July 23-28, 2013.

Three days prior to that gathering will be the International Vincentian Youth Gathering representing different branches of the Vincentian Family.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul sent 15 people to the WYD in Madrid in 2011. The representatives came back with much to share about their Catholic faith and the Society.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is committed again to sending representatives to Rio. We are looking for young

SVDP at Roger Bacon High School

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Serv-ice: an act of helpful activity; help; aid to someone in need

We are thirty-nine teenagers with the passion to lend a helping hand wherever it is needed. We are the Roger Bacon High School Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Under the generous supervision of Ms. Julie Vehorn, our youth conference

meets every Friday after school. Our moderator says, "Students tell me they join St. Vincent de Paul for many reasons - to earn service hours, to help others, or even just to spend time with friends. However, regardless of why they join, they stay because they 'fall in love' with service. It is awesome to be part of a program that lights this spark in students." I feel very honored and lucky to work with some of the most committed, hardworking, creative teens in Cincinnati. We make it a priority to pray for God's guidance and reflect on our blessings before the start of each meeting. We then discuss new service opportunities and fresh ideas that might contribute to our goal: helping others.

Once a month, members volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul Bank Street Food Pantry. Senior Josie Laib says, "Being a part of St. Vincent de Paul gives me a chance to meet the people that I am helping. I can see that I am making a difference." Sophomore Tommy Perry said after his first visit to the food pantry, "Not only are you helping them, but they are helping you in a big way."



people 18 years or older who have been involved with the Society and are willing to participate in an international experience of the Vincentian spirituality and their Catholic faith.

If you have any young people interested, please contact Sr. Christian Price at christianp@svdpusa.org

Donate Online

Thanks to all the people who have supported the Youth and Young Adults Fund found on the National Website. Our fund will help young people participate in National Meetings as well as offer financial assistance for those interested in WYD.

We have hosted many drives this year including a winter coat collection and a canned food competition, both filling four barrels of goods. This year, we wanted to put an exciting twist on service. We challenged our school to build magnificent castles out of the canned foods that were brought in. I saw towering walls of green beans, spaghetti box bridges, and moats made out of tuna fish. Unfortunately, the faculty and staff walked away with the grand prize of bragging rights, but it turned out to be a very successful idea.

Right now, we are in the midst of our newest fundraising project, a dodge ball tournament. This creative idea to collect toiletries for the food pantry was proposed by our Spiritual Advisor, Senior, Tyler Swanson. Danielle Turner, who has also helped organize the event, exclaimed, "I love St. Vincent de Paul! Helping others is my passion," when asked about her involvement in the conference.

Ashlee Cook, a senior at Roger Bacon, says, "Knowing that I can make someone's day a little better fills my heart with warmth. I really love helping people and St. Vincent de Paul is the perfect place to do so." Being a part of St. Vincent de Paul is a commitment to actively love all people when they need love most. That is what we are here to do.

Mid-Year Vincentian Mass Celebrating Diversity



Our annual Vincentian Mass celebrated on April 20th during the Mid-Year Meeting featured several groups of our Young Vincentians. The liturgy celebrated diversity in keeping with the new Multicultural Book presented to each Vincentian during the meeting. The reading and some petitions were recited in Spanish and French. Music was highlighted by the choir from Cardinal Ritter Prep High School in St. Louis. Our Young Vincentians contributed to the liturgy by participating in various ministries. Students from Immacolata MVP's, Our Lady of Providence Young Vincentians both from St. Louis, MO, Young Vincentians from the Western District of the Council of St. Louis, and St. Teresa's from Belleville, IL.



Go to the National Website www.svdpusa.org and click on Youth & Young Adults to check out all the resources for getting a youth group started.

Order your Vincentian Youth and Young Adult Handbook to assist in forming a group.



Cardinal Ritter Prep High School Choir under the direction of Ms. Judith Jackson

Newest Minnie Vinnies



Our newest "Minnie Vinnies" at Christ the King Catholic School in Jacksonville, FL, under the direction of Connie Goodbread and Melissa Kabat, saved their spending money during Lent in order to go on a Vincentian shopping spree. At Publix grocery store, accompanied by parents and teachers, they took their shopping list and money and proceeded to select the items. With the assistance of store cashiers, they completed the purchase and returned to school. They were greeted at St.

Vincent de Paul food pantry by Vincentians Norma and Berry Landers. Students "shelved" their purchases and prayed for the people that would be served. Great job, MINNIE VINNIES.

Society Exhibit at NCEA Convention in Boston



Easter Week in Boston provided the opportunity for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to exhibit at the National Catholic Educational Association annual convention. Sr. Christian Price, Melissa Gibilaro and Chris Tredeau shared the spirit of the Society with many teachers, principals, and parish personnel. Many people knew about the Society but had no idea that one could be started in their schools. Let's try to reach out to our parish schools and high schools to involve the young.

Thought from Frederic

"I invite you to plant seeds in your young people that one day will grow to nourish the future development of the Society. I remember when I was young how Emmanuel and Sr. Rosalie believed, guided and encouraged me to serve the poor. I encourage you to do the same with youth and young adults in your parish. Do not be afraid to sow many seeds and be open to the many new possibilities of engaging young people in the Society. Take these new ideas, use them and support the hopes and dreams of others. Challenge yourself -- be inventive and persistent in putting creative ideas into practice as you continue to develop our network of charity around the World."

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