

Vincentian News

December 2020

Statewide Eviction Moratorium has been Extended!

Governor Inslee announced today that the statewide moratorium, previously set to expire December 31, is now extended to March 31, 2021. Please spread the word!

SVdP Council Meeting

Save the date & join us on Zoom!

Saturday, January 23
10:00 a.m. - noon

Zoom meeting ID: 950 4081 9802



New Conferences Commissioned

Two new conferences were recently commissioned and have joined the Seattle/King County Council: St. Thomas (pictured above) and St. Edward (pictured below). Please join us in welcoming them! Both conferences will start responding to calls from neighbors in 2021.



Thank you and Merry Christmas!

We are so grateful for you, our Vincentian volunteers, every day of the year, but take a special moment this Advent to express our thanks to you for giving the gift of yourselves to this ministry and to your neighbors in need. You inspire us, and we wish you and your families a joy- and peace-filled Christmas!

In case you missed it, [read this Christmas gratitude message](#) from Executive Director Mirya Muñoz-Roach and Council President, Mary Jo Shannon.

Upcoming Training Dates

2021 Brings New Opportunities for Formation and Training

In January and February there will be another round of general Vincentian Trainings, offered via Zoom. These trainings are required for all new Vincentians to complete in their first year of service, and all Vincentians are welcome to participate. Each training is an opportunity for continuing education, personal growth and community-building.

- Ozanam Orientation: January 30th from 8:30-12:30. [Register Here](#)
- Rendu (Home Visit) Orientation: February 20th from 8:30-11:30am. Save the date!

We will also be hosting trainings for conference



Vincentian Spotlight: St. Francis Thanksgiving Food Drive

On Saturday November 21st, a combined effort from St. Francis of Assisi conference and school generated a historic Thanksgiving donation drive. The drive resulted in over 220 bags of food or 1,600 pounds donated to the local organization Transform Burien. Transform Burien helps the conference serve homeless neighbors and the donation drive was a powerful display of gratitude for the partnership. Please join us in congratulating the students and Vincentians at St. Francis for their good works!

Check out the write-up about this event with information on how to duplicate this kind of event [here](#).



Opportunities for High School Students

SVdP Council is now offering expanded ongoing service opportunities for High School students. Students can attend any high school and can volunteer remotely. Please see [this document for more information](#)

officers. See details below:

- Spiritual Advisors Gathering: January 23rd from 10:00-12:00 (concurrent with Council Meeting)
- Treasurers Training: February 27th, time TBA

Member Site Changes

The Member Site no longer requires a password to access! Bed orders, gift card requests, and contact lists are now available on the Conference Database home page for all Vincentians.

Keep an eye on the [Member Site](#) for the next few months as new content is added to the page.

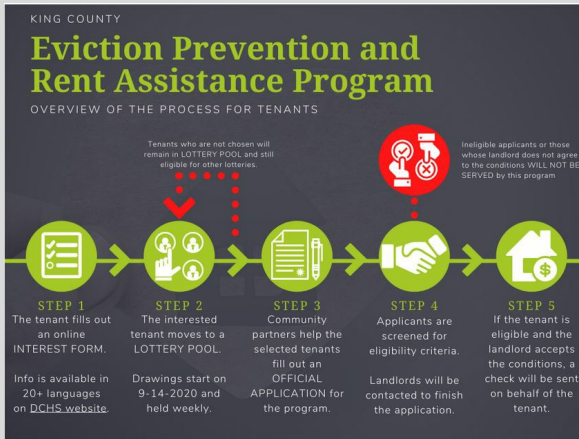


Please continue to pray for Jim McFarland!

As many of you know from our previous announcement, SVDP Director of Communications and Marketing Jim McFarland suffered a stroke on December 4th. Many of you have reached out with your prayers and questions about Jim's health.

On Tuesday December 8, Jim was released from the hospital and he has been continuing his recovery at home since then. In the words of his wife, Noelia, "He is determined to do everything to get back to his old self. His stubborn instincts come out in most things he does." His family have been working with him every day to help him on his journey, and Jim has been greeting friends as they drop off care packages at the house. Noelia shares: "We have a long way to go, but we will be there for him every step of the way. No one knows how long this will take, but knowing him, it will be sooner rather than later. God has blessed us with Jim and our family and friends and our community. Your prayers and healing thoughts are helping us every step of the way."

COVID Rent Assistance Programs Ending as 2020 comes to a Close



King County Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance Program

As of Friday, December 4th, the interest forms for the EPRAP program were closed. While no new people can enter the lottery at this point, tenants will continue to be served until the end date (12/30/2020).

A combination of the SVdP EPRAP team, Vincentian Support, Case Management, and the Helpline are working to update conferences on the payments that have been made to neighbors through our funds. If your conference received a notification of someone being selected for assistance, keep an eye out for notifications confirming payment.

FOR SEATTLE RESIDENTS ONLY: [Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\)](#)

SVDP has completed its contract with the City to provide rental assistance through the Community Development Block Grant funds. While it is unfortunate that we no longer have access to these additional funds, we want to thank case manager Okesia Phillips who led the way in coordinating this program and making sure we moved every dollar possible to our neighbors in need with time to spare before the deadline.

Centennial Reflection Series: A conversation on race, solidarity and loving community

Reflection Three: "The Melting Pot": A Reflection on Race, Assimilationism and Family Identity

The third Centennial Reflection was posted on the member site this month. This reflection comes from South Seattle Precinct Chair and board member Mary Sweeney. Mary is a long-time Vincentian who leads our South Seattle conferences, facilitates Ozanam Orientations, and recently began coordinating the RV Outreach Program. In this reflection Mary discusses growing up in the Seattle school system, assimilationist attitudes in the United States, and wrestling with personal and family identity.



Read more about the Centennial Reflection Series [here](#).

Wishing you a Christmas full of love



Thank you for bringing hope, compassion and love to our neighbors in Seattle and King County.

With you, SVdP accompanies our neighbors facing challenges, offering help and hope. Whether it's diapers and baby formula, an apartment that is mold free, help paying the electric bill, free education classes to complete high school, or simply someone to listen, our neighbors are feeling your love this Christmas.

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We are grateful to you for generously joining us in creating and sustaining a network of care and hope!

What is Vincentian News?

Vincetian News is a newsletter with information targeted for Vincentian Volunteers across Seattle/King County. Announcements about upcoming opportunities, resources for our neighbors, or powerful stories and perspectives will be included here. Vincentian News does not have a regular schedule, but will be released at least every two months, sooner if there is more to discuss! If you would like to learn more about any of the opportunities or announcements listed here you can reach [Riley Irish](#) and [Hannah Hunthausen](#) via email. We hope this is a valuable resource for you and the rest of your conference, please reach out with any feedback or ideas.

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