

*ALL SAINTS CONFERENCE*

*The Saint Vincent de Paul Society was first established at All Saints in 1935. Traditionally the groups work quietly as the main social outreach in the parish. An ongoing food drive in the All Saints Community provides food distributed to needing families and individuals living within the parish borders. Special baskets are prepared for those in need during the holidays. Coordinator - Bill Leineweber*

*All Saints Catholic Church  
3847 NE Glisan St, Portland, OR 97232*



## ASCENSION CONFERENCE

*Ascension Conference has been active for many years. There are approximately 40 active members. Some members volunteer 10-20 hours per month and some only 1 or 2 hours per month, There is no specific requirement. We receive our money from donations and fundraisers. We meet the 3<sup>d</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, located at 743 SE 76th Ave. Portland, OR 97215.*

### *Some of our volunteer opportunities include:*

*Working in the Food Pantry packing boxes (Food Pantry is open Wednesdays and Thursdays for a couple of hours and other special times)*

*Picking up food from the Oregon Food Bank*

*Delivering food boxes to those who are unable to pick them up*

*Helping with the yearly Christmas Food Box Program*

*Working with utility agencies (PGE, NW Natural Gas, etc.) and landlords through the Portland Council to provide utility and rent assistance to clients in need*

*Welcome Committee - works with new members*

*Communication Committee*

*Visitation Committee - meet with those we serve when needed*

*Finance Committee - assist with annual report and audits*

*Coffee & Donuts - assist serving coffee and donuts after masses once per quarter*

*Assist with fundraising events*

*People needing assistance call the Portland Council Office of St. Vincent de Paul requesting help with food, utility, rent, etc. The Portland Council notifies the Parish Conference where the client lives. Marylee Stahl, the current Conference President, receives the requests for rent and utility assistance. The food requests are faxed to the Ascension Food Pantry where clients can pick up their food box on Wednesdays or Thursdays.*



## *BLESSED FREDERIC CONFERENCE*

*The Blessed Frederic SVdP Conference was formed in 1999 as the result of a consolidation of four North Portland Catholic Parishes, (Assumption, Blessed Sacrament, Holy Cross & Queen of Peace), on the campus of Holy Cross, located at 5227 N Bowdoin St, 97203. Each of these parishes had a SVdP Conference that was struggling and the unification made us a more vibrant presence in North Portland.*

*We moved our pantry from the basement of the Parish center to two bays of four garage with a new concrete floor, electrical updates and office space for clients and volunteers. At the time the pantry served 30-40 families a month. Over the years our client base grew and we needed more space. The parish gave us the other two bays of the garage to use. In 2013, with a huge assist from Rebuilding Together, (a non-profit organization located on the University of Portland campus), the entire pantry was upgraded, doubling our space. We added a new climate control system, flooring, lights, electrical outlets, freezers and refrigerators, and shelving. This allowed us the space to go to a shopping style pantry which both clients and volunteers enjoy. We currently serve about 130 families a month in the pantry and help about 10 families with rent or utility assistance each month.*

*Our pastor, grade school, and parishioners have been a great support to our mission over the years and we have seen an increase in financial support and in our volunteer base. We have a great partnership with New Seasons Market, with their gleaning program, where once a week we pick up various food products, usually not available from OFB. We are also a hunger partner with NSM and receive a monthly check from them for money donated to us from their customers at the register.*

*We feel very blessed with what we have from where we started, and truly believe that God has provided for all that we need. Current president, Steve Spitulski.*

## SPOTLIGHT ON



## CHRIST THE KING SVdP CONFERENCE

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*Christ the King Conference was aggregated to the Society on May 31, 1965 with the purpose of bringing the hope, love, and peace of Christ to those who are suffering. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Christ the King Parish, with a core of 80 members, provides assistance with the help of money received from our annual Thanksgiving appeal letter for emergency food, rent and utilities.*

*We opened a Walk-In Pantry in 2008 on Saturdays, with the generous support of our Pastor and parishioners dedicating the Thanksgiving Day and Holy Thursday collections to support SVdP, plus weekly food offerings and the Christ the King school can food collections, along with community friends helping. We also partner with Oregon Food Bank who recently, through their Network Support Fund, gave us a matching grant to help purchase a new freezer. Christ the King Conference, and all those who help us, assist the needy within our parish boundary with a 3-5 day supply of food, customized as much as possible to their individual taste. Our home-bound neighbors receive food box delivery every four weeks if needed. Each year since 1970—starting with five Christmas food baskets delivered to homes, this ministry has expanded today to 393 filled boxes.*

#### Volunteer:

*The Christ the King St. Vincent de Paul Society invites interested persons to help in our ministry.*

*This requires only one Saturday a month, 9:30 - 12:30, at the pantry located behind the parish office or*

*Pick up food from local businesses and food banks*

*Fill, move, and organize food boxes*

*Deliver food boxes*

*Make phone calls*

*Assist with routing*

#### Join Us:

*We meet on the first and third Thursdays, 5:00 pm in the Parish Center. Come join us! Attend weekly meetings, Vincentian Formation Training, Annual Appreciation Dinner, Annual Mass and Awards Banquet and/or hold an office, or be a Grant Writer or Solicitor. Current CTK Conference president is Barbara Emge. Parish and Conference are located at 7414 SE Michael Dr., Milwaukie, OR 97222*



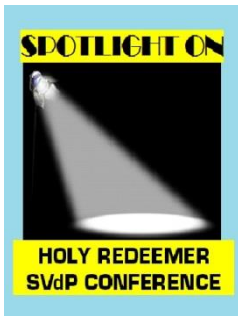
## HOLY FAMILY CONFERENCE

*Holy Family Conference began in February 1968 with seven members, and this month marks our 50th anniversary. Our pantry was located in the basement of the rectory, a typical three-story house, which also contained the parish offices. In 1993, the parish offices and our pantry moved into the old on-campus Holy Child Sisters convent, but the pantry was still confined to two large rooms in the basement. In 2005, the pastor allowed the Conference to expand into his ground-level single-wide carport, which we enclosed and remodeled extensively. We store enough food for about 15 families in the ground-level pantry, and the rest in basement storage. Because of tight space in our pantry and scarce nearby car parking, our food service is by delivery only.*

*Most of our parish area is taken up by the well-to-do Eastmoreland neighborhood, and demand for food assistance there is light. So we have partnered with the nearby Our Lady of Sorrows Conference to take food requests in their area on Fridays. With that arrangement, we are serving about 35 families per month. Similarly, in-parish rent and utility assistance demand is light, so we engage in a lot of twinning (payments to) and co-paying (payments on behalf of) other Conferences which are financially struggling, and that process is coordinated by the Portland Council's Emergency Services Office. We have run a Christmas food box program since the mid 1970's, and last year we served 125 families.*

*Our pastor, parishioners, grade school and associated Boy Scout troop have been very supportive of us all these 50 years. They accept that a lot of the assistance we provide is outside our immediate area. We are a member pantry for the Portland Food Project, and we receive about 800 pounds of non-perishable food from them every two months.*

*We believe that our meetings and work "parties" are times for faith-sharing and fellowship, and our members have strong spiritual bonds. Current conference president is Penny O'Connell.*



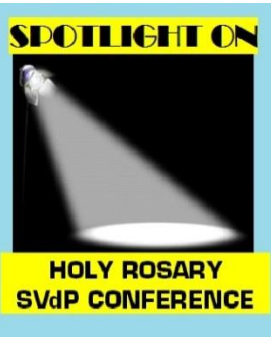
## *HOLY REDEEMER CONFERENCE*

*The Holy Redeemer SVdP conference was formed in 1923. Our primary ministries today are food distribution and rent/utility assistance. We also make sandwiches for the Downtown Chapel and homeless people in Portland and do a Christmas Food Box delivery to 105 families within our parish boundaries. Our conference provided over \$30,000 in rent/utility assistance in 2017.*

*We also work with Catholic Charities in providing a hot meal and a place for the Ladies of Kenton Village to hold their meetings at Holy Redeemer Parish. We do this activity twice a month. Kenton Village is the place where the Homeless ladies live in the tiny houses, and are supervised by Catholic Charities personnel, as these ladies transition from living on the streets to finding jobs and finding their own apartments.*

*In April of 2017, we finished our food pantry renovation and changed our operation to a shopping style pantry. We have 8 food pantry volunteer teams, each of whom works every 4th week. With about 40 volunteers doing food pantry work, consistent training is always an important consideration. Along with Oregon Food Bank safe food handling videos, we created a training video just for our food pantry.*

*Holy Redeemer SVDP has about 75 dedicated volunteers, who keep our conference ministry running. The current SVdP Conference President is Nick Santangelo.*



## HOLY ROSARY CONFERENCE

*The Holy Rosary Conference was established in 1926. Generations of Parishioners have been members. They are lay Church members who join together to grow spiritually by offering works of charity within our Parish boundary. The basic work of the Conference is charity, but as a Catholic charity we are also concerned with the spirituality of the act and are conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit in everything we do.*

### What does the Holy Rosary St. Vincent de Paul Conference do?

*We provide assistance with rent, utilities, non-perishable food, Safeway gift cards and gas cards, Target gift cards, bus tickets, prescription drug assistance, informational brochures about other organizations that provide assistance, and more. We do this by meeting those in need in their homes and bringing our spirit of charity with us. We confirm the dignity of the people we visit by listening to their stories and offering our humble service. At Christmas time we are able to additionally help a small number of families with extra food and gift cards so they can purchase presents for their children. We also provide "lunches of love" which are distributed to those in need who knock on the Parish Office door.*

### Who provides the funds?

*The generous donations of money, the "giving tree" gift cards, food and other items from our Holy Rosary Parishioners and our Grade School have provided the means for our Conference. We are an extension of the charity that each donor performs. You see us outside the Church after Mass the second Saturday and Sunday of every month with our baskets, as well as collecting on Holy Thursday and Thanksgiving Day Mass. Every dollar is spent directly on the poor and all funds are recorded by our Treasurer. You may also consider a Bequest, Memorial, or Congratulatory Honorarium. These are very welcome and useful in the long term ability of our Charity to server.*

### Monthly Meetings

*We meet the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Center at 6:30 pm. Just show up. New and prospective members are always welcome! All members receive excellent training that will enable you to perform charity work at a level you never thought possible and you'll experience a growth in closeness to Jesus that will bring you joy. The current conference president is Geoffrey Hodson.*

## SPOTLIGHT ON



## THE MADELEINE SVdP CONFERENCE

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*The Madeleine Conference Society of St. Vincent de Paul was established in 1928. Our service area is NE 15h Ave. from 84 Freeway to N.E. Mason St., and North to 37th Ave. to North to 84 Freeway. We deliver to this area two times a week. In November we conduct a door-to-door Food Drive in part of this area. We also conduct a parish-wide Food Drive November 1st to Dec. 15th, with delivery prior to Christmas. In December 2017 we delivered to 101 families consisting of 325 people, with 4,900 lbs of food and gifts for the children distributed. Parishioners helped with preparation and delivery of the boxes.*

*We have 18 active members who are involved with deliveries, pantry maintenance, hospital and nursing home visitations, rent and utility requests. We have been in a position to twin with other conferences when needed. Besides our Christmas deliveries, in 2016-2017 we served 179 people with 2885 lbs of food, 89 people with \$7622 for rent and 89 people for \$6280 in utilities, and 360 people with \$5813 general assistance, which included food gift cards, bus passes, bus tickets, gas and prescriptions.*

*Last year we held a 'St. Vincent de Paul Information' weekend to publicize and promote our mission. We recruited two new members.*

*We are most grateful to our parish for their continued support with generous food donations and monetary gifts.*

*Current conference co-presidents are Marge Westrup and Mary Clare O'Brien.*





## OUR LADY OF SORROWS CONFERENCE

*Our Lady of Sorrows St. Vincent de Paul Conference fulfills its service primarily through delivery of food (a 3-5 day supply) and basic hygiene and cleaning products to those in need as well as limited assistance with rent and utilities payments.*

*The number of requests have varied recently between 40 - 60 per month, representing 125 - 200 people a month who need assistance to supplement what they have in order to make it through the month. Depending on the number of requests and the size of the households, we have delivered between 3,400 to almost 5,000 pounds of food per month. This averages out to 80 pounds of food and household items per household delivery.*

***First, Prayers always.** Prayers for those in need in our parish that they will find all of the help they need. Prayer's that those in need in our parish will reach out to the St. Vincent de Paul office in Portland so that we can assist with what we provide. Prayers that those of us in the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Our Lady of Sorrows do our part for those in need in a way that shows respect and recognizes the dignity of the individuals in the households we assist.*

***Second, Continue Your Donations.** Thank you for all the support that you provide to Our Lady of Sorrows St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your generous donations of cash, food or other household supplies is very much appreciated.*

*Generally on the second Sunday of the Month there is an opportunity to donate cash to our Conference. Each week, at the front entrance to the church, there is a collection area for food or household supply donations. And quarterly we have Slip Collection Sunday where one week you can select a slip listing items needed for our food pantry and the following week you can drop the items off when you come to church.*

***Third, and certainly not least, we can really use a few additional volunteers.** You do not have to be a full-time volunteer. A few hours a week delivering food (we deliver Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons each week - about 2-3 hours each day), or receiving food from the Oregon Food Bank (deliveries received every other Thursday morning), or cleaning the food pantry would be very helpful. You may volunteer every week, every other week, or even once a month. We deliver food in pairs so you are never working alone. Even a few additional volunteers on an ad hoc basis to assist with deliveries when others are not available due to their schedules or illnesses would be great.*

*If you wish to learn more about volunteer opportunities, please contact the Parish Office at 503-775-6731. Current conference president is Susan Petersen.*



## [OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CONFERENCE](#)

*Our Lady of the Lake Conference is a small but thriving Conference. We were founded in 1890, making us the second oldest Conference in the Archdiocese, second only to the Cathedral. That makes us 128 years old and we are continually growing. We have 28 active members and we are continuing to find new ways to approach poverty in our community. Current conference president is Lynn Strand.*

*Our food drives have been wildly successful. Because “hunger doesn’t take a holiday”, we have increased our food drives to include not just the Christmas season, but a spring food drive (40 Cans for Lent) and a Summer’s End food drive. Our three food drives are always co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and at each food drive in the last year, we have met our goal of 5000 pounds of food at each drive. We share the food we collect with several other parishes.*

*Due to the rising rent and utility costs, we have had more requests than ever to assist with these expenses. Last year we provided \$53,800 in rent and utility assistance. Most of the assistance went to prevent eviction or avoid shut of gas, power or water. We distributed \$56,000 in food, and most of the food went to other SVdP pantries. Our biggest event of the year has always been our Christmas box program and we continue to deliver over 300 food boxes on the Saturday before Christmas.*

*This has been an exciting year for our conference in that we have partnered with St. Anthony’s in Tigard to help put on a dinner on Sunday evenings at their Community Café. Our conference is hosting the dinner about six times a year. We create the menu, purchase the supplies, and cook and serve dinner. We have over 40 parishioners helping with this and thoroughly enjoy it.*

*Our Lady of the Lake continues to be very active in the Portland Council. Several of our officers volunteer at the Council Emergencies Services answering phones. Last year we contributed approximately \$22,500 to the Emergency Services to assist clients with rent and utility requests. We are united in our goal of “making a difference, one person at a time.”*





## OUR LADY OF VICTORY / ST. PETR THE FISHERMAN CONFERENCE

*History Highlights- Founded in 2000, the Seaside Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society includes both Our Lady of Victory and St. Peter the Fisherman parishes.*

*Our Food Pantry is located in Gearhart at 3575 N. Hwy 101. The 1450 sq. ft. facility is rented by our conference which also pays all utilities. We have no paid staff. Approximately 62 volunteers serve to keep our shopping pantry and financial aid operational. Our Pantry is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 1pm to 3pm and the last Saturday of the month from 11am to 1pm.*

*Seasonally, we offer Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes to about 100-120 families. Our average monthly client count is approximately 270 families.*

*Our annual fundraising appeal at the churches (Our Lady of Victory & St. Peter the Fisherman) in combination with our Christmas card mailing which includes an annual letter reviewing the highlights of the year, generate the majority of our operation funds. Other private donations and grants keep our pantry running.*

*Each year we seek to grow and improve our service to clients in South Clatsop County. In addition to food and limited financial aid, we offer clothing, books, pet food and hygiene items, and occasionally household goods in emergency circumstances.*

*Our annual operating budget is approximately \$75,000 per year.*

*In summation, our conference has been blessed with dedicated workers, supporters, donors and guidance from above. We continue to hope to provide the best of service to our clients.*



## RESURRECTION CONFERENCE

*Resurrection Conference started in 1997, housed from Resurrection Catholic Parish near the southern intersection of I-205 and I-5 between West Linn and Tualatin. Our somewhat remote location necessitated using Home Delivery as the foundation of our ministry, which we still use today.*

*As a stewardship parish we have one fundraiser a year. Our annual appeal letter goes to each parish family in November. From those funds we provide emergency food boxes, rent, utility and phone assistance to those in need in Tualatin, West Linn and the unincorporated area between them. We provide and receive twining among the conferences within the Portland Council.*

*Parish members contributing throughout the year into our food donation cart, the Knights of Columbus' 40 Cans for Lent drive and our parish's Preschool and Kindergartener School all support our food pantry to aid those in need in our community.*

*We participate in a local backpack program, providing volunteer hours and the management of funds from our parish and Knights. During our service we place needed non-perishable food and fresh food into the backpacks for the students' and their siblings' weekend.*

*We are best known for the Thanksgiving Dinner boxes we distribute each year. The Monday before Thanksgiving Day we distribute boxes filled with a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner with a gift card that is intended for the main entree. In the past few years we have been blessed with the aid of fellow Vincentians at St. Peters from which we give out the Thanksgiving boxes. In 2017 we added home delivery into our conference service area. In 2018 we anticipate delivering 475 Thanksgiving boxes.*

*We serve two free-will donation Pancake Breakfasts for our parish each year. The fellowship gained during those breakfasts is the most common way for our new members to meet the entire group and experience our own fellowship and express our appreciation to our parishioners.*

*We are blessed with 35 active members who have volunteered 2,400 hours in the first five months of the year. Our meetings are on the third Sunday of the month, between Sunday masses. Our current President, Roger Mason, may be reached at 503 319-3858 or rogermason@comcast.net.*



### SACRED HEART CONFERENCE

*The Sacred Heart Conference has been serving the poor of their community since January 1928—90 years! The Sacred Heart Conference is one of 50 Conferences operating under The SVdP Portland Council. Our most visible work is delivering food boxes to eligible households within the geographic boundaries of the parish, although recipients do not need to be Catholic or members of the Parish. We average between 45 and 50 deliveries per month, providing 5 to 7 days worth of food for 150 to 160 individuals.*

*Our work is supported by the Parish through generous cash donations and specific food requests, as well as grants and bequests. The Conference has 25 regular volunteers as well as 5 alternates.*

*In addition, the Conference provides rent and utility assistance, emergency lodging, gas and transportation assistance. Current Conference president is Gary Lanctot.*



## ST AGATHA CONFERENCE

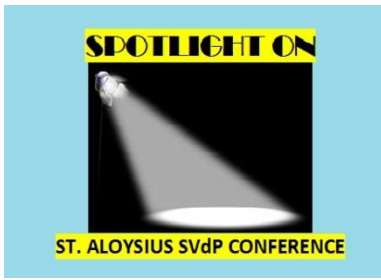
*St Agatha Conference was formed/chartered March 13, 1933 serving the people of Sellwood and Moreland. We serve this community with rent and utility assistance and continue to deliver food and home visits each day.*

*Our Southeast Portland Conference boundaries are Holgate to the North, McLoughlin Blvd to the East, Waverly to the South, and the Willamette River to the West. We provide rent and utility assistance, and deliver food boxes to our clients' homes for every need. During the early 2000's, we were assisted by Holy Family Conference for many of our deliveries, due to our aged members not being able to carry food boxes. Under new leadership in 2005, the membership grew and became younger on average, and St Agatha Conference flourished and began making its own deliveries again.*

*Our current pantry, "Jim's Pantry", named for long-time pantry manager Jim Germann, is located in the basement of our Parish Center building. We serve about 700+ people during the year with about 35,000 lbs of food, through the dedicated efforts of our volunteers and pantry manager and volunteer crew. Seasonally we serve about 45 families with special meal boxes at Christmas. We have about 50 parishioners who assist in part-time food box deliveries.*

*St Agatha Parish and School have consistently given support throughout these 89 years. The school children regularly donate cans of tuna or jars of peanut butter to earn free-dress passes for school days. School children also help out during our Christmas box preparation days by moving our stored food from our pantry to our Parish Hall. We also humbly receive grants of support from the Joseph Weston Foundation which meets our needs for rent & utility assistance annually.*

*Our conference meets regularly and together we grow in our faith and commitment to serve others. Current Conference President is Brant Blodgett.*



## ST. ALOYSIUS CONFERENCE

*The SVdP St. Aloysius Conference has been serving the poor in their Estacada community for over 50 years. They started out delivering Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes, then realized there were hungry people in their area all year around. They now operate a pantry which is open twice a month for those in need. The conference also assists with rent and utility payments.*

*The St. Aloysius Conference is blessed with an abundance of volunteers, including many in small Estecada who don't belong to St. Aloysius Catholic Church but just want to participate in helping the Conference with all the good their doing in the community.*

*The Conference also very much enjoys the visits from the Portland Council's Mobile Kitchen the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The Mobile Kitchen is a rolling diner offering hot meals and place to sit and enjoy the company of others in this friendly community.*

*Current St. Aloysius Conference President is Judy Zieglemayer.*



## ST. ANDREW CONFERENCE

*St. Andrew partners with the St. Vincent de Paul Society to fund and house Emergency Services in the Martha Terrell Community Services Center. Emergency Services provides monthly emergency food for families in our community and assists eligible families with rent and utilities to avoid evictions or 'shut off' notices.*

*Evolving from a 'delivery only' pantry to a 'shopping-type' pantry, the food pantry in the facility presently helps more than 250 families a month with weekly service as well as two weekend pantry openings for our Mayan and Hispanic families.*

*An all-volunteer staff welcomes and honors all who come to our door. If we are unable to help with food or other assistance, we refer families to a variety of other services in the city. The St. Andrew Auction 'Fund a Need' monies are also administered through Emergency Services to help pay for additional emergency requests that we get.*

*Emergency Services is supported entirely from individual donations and checks made to St. Vincent de Paul/St. Andrew as well as from grants and foundations. Food donors and vendors include: Oregon Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul Warehouse, Portland Fruit Tree Project, Urban Farm Collective, Safeway, Helen Bernhard Bakery and St. Cecilia Parish, among others.*

*Current Conference President is Joe Condon.*





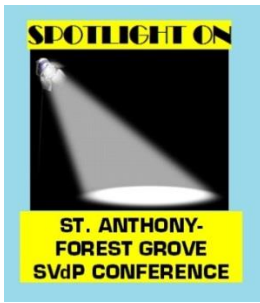
### ST. ANNE SVdP CONFERENCE

*St. Anne had a humble beginning. We don't know the year it started, but we have been told some of the early recollections. Marty and Bonnie Hietpas began helping the poor by standing outside after Mass, holding a purple bag for donations. The collection for the poor and needy was called 'The Purple Bag Collection' for many years. St. Anne was a drop-off area for food that was distributed to other conferences. Food was always delivered, including taking a box to each migrant worker's house. Father Chester was getting up at 2:00 a.m. to make deliveries.*

*Duane Martain took over to relieve him. Under Duane, the Conference grew to around 13 volunteers. St. Henry helped when St. Anne ran out of money. For over 10 years they also had a bed and furniture program.*

*Presently, the St. Anne SVdP is located on the St. Anne's parish property. The west end of the new pole barn is dedicated for a pantry. It is an emergency walk-in pantry opened one day a week. We have up to 18 volunteers and serve an average of 85 families, including help with rent and utilities. We participate in the Scout Food Drive and distribute food boxes and coordinate with St. Anne at Christmas. We are thankful to our loyal volunteers for their dedication in helping our conference of SVdP to serve the poor.*

*Current St. Anne Conference co-presidents are Sue Pritchard and Lyn Baker.*



## ST. ANTHONY-FOREST GROVE CONFERENCE

*In 1985, St. Anthony's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul was established in Forest Grove. Prior to this time, St. Anthony's parish served the needy in the community through an organization called the Social Action Commission. Often the poor were helped from the priest's own pocketbook. With the hope that a St. Vincent de Paul ministry be started at St. Anthony's, Father Louis Sohler encouraged the Pastoral Associate, Sister Florence Peterson, SNJM, to initiate a St. Vincent de Paul ministry. SVdP became the umbrella social outreach organization to our community.*

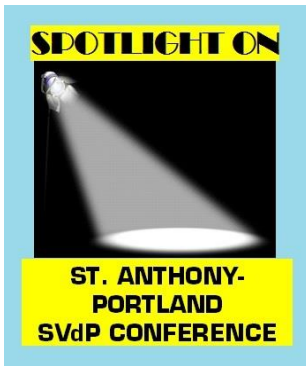
*In 1990, Father David Gutmann, then pastor at St. Anthony's, allowed SVdP to include a monthly donation envelope with the church envelopes. This privilege still provides us with needed funds today. For this we are grateful.*

*In 1995, eighteen years ago, a partnership was established with Community Action Organization (CAO) and modeled after Care to Share in Beaverton. St. Anthony SVdP and other churches, individuals and organizations in the area, with the assistance of CAO, established the Westco Emergency Fund. These funds are dispersed by CAO for rent and utilities in Western Washington County and are governed by a board of contributing members. This fund still exists today.*

*Our primary emphasis is providing emergency food boxes to the Forest Grove, Gaston, Gales Creek and Verboort areas. Our shopping style pantry is located in the former rectory on church property rent-free and with all utilities provided.*

*Intake for food boxes is by appointment either by phone or in person. Our office hours are 9AM-12PM Monday-Friday and 9AM-11AM on Saturday. We serve 200-250 households per month and have just recently allowed 2 food boxes a month for each household. We also offer assistance for water and sewer expenses to the residents of Forest Grove.*

*St. Anthony's SVdP is thriving. Our conference consists of 60 members under the capable guidance of John Moore, our current President. We are very fortunate to receive food and monetary donations from several local Protestant and Catholic churches, service organizations, local businesses and individuals. In addition, various grants from organizations, businesses and individuals provide us with funds. We thank God for all these many blessings!*



## *ST. ANTHONY-PORTLAND CONFERENCE*

*St Anthony of Padua Catholic church in Portland twice weekly delivers boxes of food to people in their homes who need some assistance. We are a small parish but full of heart for those in need.*

*We are also in the process of evaluating needs vs opportunities to assist the poorest of the poor in close proximity of our church.*

*Our Lenten study at St Anthony parish in 2017 was Pope Francis exhortation; Evangelii Gaudium.*

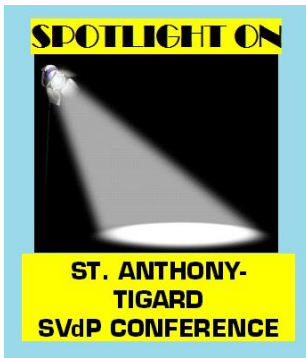
*In response to that class, some of us felt called to address the situation of the homeless people in our local vicinity.*

*Our St Vincent de Paul society decided to deliver sack lunches to the homeless in our area once a month. Sandwiches, chips, water and cookies delivered with a kind word and a smile along with resource material for housing, food and other resources that people may need to get on their feet. We also will include the schedule for Mass times at St Anthony parish. Our project is open to all in our parish and is sponsored by St Vincent de Paul Society at St Anthony's.*

*We will be evaluating our project and continue to find ways in which we can provide the most impact to people in need in our area.*

*Perhaps we may help some of these folks with a hand up and knowledge that people truly care.*

*Current conference president is Linda Drewieske.*



## ST ANTHONY - TIGARD CONFERENCE

*St. Vincent de Paul Tigard Conference supports those in need in our community by providing food, transportation, and utility and rent assistance.*

*We operate our Tigard pantry 6 days a week for those living in the 97224/97223 zip codes. The pantry provides a shopping style experience for the 80 to 100 families who come to us each month*

*We have provided rent and utility assistance to 17 families per month and in June will increase that to 20 per month.*

*This year we have expanded our participation in the back-pack program. This program provides food on weekends for low income children within the Tigard-Tualatin School district. Food is sent home on Friday from the schools for the children's weekend meals, plus one meal for the entire family. While continuing the programs at Charles F. Tigard and Metzger Elementary, Durham and James Templeton Elementary, we have added providing snacks to Tuality Middle School.*

*We continue to serve hot meals every Sunday at the Community Café located in St. Anthony's school cafeteria. We serve approximately 65 meals each week. The Community Cafe' recently marked its 9th year of operation without missing a week.*

*Current Conference president is Mark Bogert.*

**SPOTLIGHT ON**



**ST. CECILIA  
SVdP CONFERENCE**

## *ST CECILIA CONFERENCE*

*St. Cecilia SVdP Conference was started in 1974. The St. Cecilia Vincentians have helped their community ever since in many ways. They operate a food pantry, handing out or delivering boxes containing sufficient groceries for about two weeks to approximately 160-170 households a month. Much of this food is donated by Trader Joe's, the Parish community, and the Oregon Food Bank.*

*St. Cecilia's SVdP also has a program giving out backpacks to low-income or at risk children, started two years ago at Vose Elementary School and now grown to five schools. A team of four volunteers prepare and deliver up to 130 backpacks weekly containing nutritional food.*

*Additionally, St. Cecilia SVdP helps people struggling with paying rent, utilities, clothing medicine, transportation, etc. This financial assistance is provided to 25-30 households monthly. About 25% of the funds used for financial assistance is from a City of Beaverton grant, The city recognizes the work of St. Cecilia/St. Vincent de Paul, and has awarded yearly grants to support the work done by the Society.*

*The SVdP St. Cecilia Conference has 110 volunteers. They are open Monday through Friday mornings, and Monday through Thursday evenings. For more information, you can call the current Conference President, Mona Stahl, at 503-524-4942.*

## SPOTLIGHT ON



## ST. CHARLES SVdP CONFERENCE



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- *Is a local, nonprofit, charitable, lay, Catholic organization*
- *Is a social justice ministry made up of volunteers who help people in need regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, gender, orientation, handicap, age or religion*
- *Provides emergency & social services to one of the lowest income populations in the Metro area*
- *Has a food pantry AND a clothing/housewares room that is open twice a week to meet the needs of our clients*
- *Operates a Saturday Market that distributes fresh produce provided by the Oregon Food Bank*
- *Works within a 9.53 sq. mile area of NE Portland (roughly from 28th to 82th Avenues & from the Columbia River to Prescott St. - including Dignity Village)*

### 2016's Fast Facts for St. Charles' Conference:

- *28 volunteer members*
- *38 families received rent and utility assistance volunteers*
- *2,675 families received food assistance*
- *10,117 people were helped*
- *30,785 hours of labor*
- *39,889 pounds of fresh produce were given out at our Saturday Market*
- *101,142 pounds of food were given out in food boxes*

*This Ministry could not be done without the support of our St. Charles Parish - Thank YOU!*

*Current conference president is Jo Martens.*



### *ST CYRIL CONFERENCE*

*St. Cyril's in Wilsonville St. Vincent de Paul group was established approximately 1985 and is a fairly small parish. One of our members has been with the group since 1990. They delivered food to clients who called our church office, at that time. The current conference president is Karen Gay.*

*Approximately 18 years ago, our group was rejuvenated by a former parishioner who rallied for more members so we were able to have more teams available to do home visits. With her guidance, we started an omelet breakfast fundraiser twice a year (now once yearly), that has grown in popularity with our parish each year. We have 8 omelet cooks on single propane burners and our parishioners' will go through the line and select their own fixings for us to sauté up with their omelets. We also serve blueberry and regular pancakes along with fresh fruit. It is a "free" breakfast with donations welcome and it always amazes us how much we bring in to directly help the people in need in our community.*

*We also have a monthly "Bountiful Baskets" collection in which we collect non-perishable food and toiletries at each mass, for our parish pantry. Our home visitors will bring items from our pantry and also grocery shop for fresh food prior to each home visit.*

*During Christmas, we have a food box and gift card drive in which we deliver to about 30 families each Christmas. Usually each member of these families will receive approximately \$25.00 per person in gift cards, or more.*

*In the last fiscal year we helped about 100 families with rent, utilities, fresh food, prescriptions and more.*

*Our active group consists of 18 members who come to monthly meetings and another 20 or so who help with our yearly fundraisers, food drives and many other activities our parish has.*

*For a small parish, we receive enough funds donated by our church members, and a few nice grants here and there, to consistently help our clients with their needs, along with providing fresh food to every visit. We also directly help fund our parish with the many homeless that come in asking for food, gas vouchers, hotel stays, etc. In the last few years, we have been able to send money to help the emergency services in Portland and twinning funds.*

*I am proud to be a member of our wonderful St. Vincent de Paul group at St. Cyril's Parish in Wilsonville.*





## ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CONFERENCE

*The SVdP Conference at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church started out in a garage with a dirt floor about 25 years ago. To my knowledge, Dennis and Carlene Hopman were its first and only presidents until I (Tom Gerhards) was elected nearly six years ago.*

*While always engaged with assisting with rent, water and PGE payments, the most visible feature of the Conference has always been its food pantry. Under the presidency of Dennis and Carlene, the pantry attracted some fifty volunteers. In all that time, nearly all food clients had food delivered to them; almost no customers ever came to the pantry itself. Since I have become President, things have changed dramatically. The entire structure of the pantry was compelled to change when, in just one month (three years ago), the pantry lost half its delivery staff! An emergency meeting was held, and volunteers created the structure the pantry now operates under. In the new structure, the pantry continues to deliver to nearly half its clients, while the other half drive to the pantry to pick up their food.*

*In addition, customers with "special needs" (diet restrictions or scheduling problems) are encouraged to come to the pantry on days the pantry is "closed", in order to do their own shopping. The pantry "normally" provides food to its customers on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Customers are scheduled to pick up their food during a 20-minute time period. On days the pantry is "closed", customers may arrive at any time, from 10:00am to 3pm. It is "normal" for the pantry to provide food to 75-100 families each month, including 300-400 people. This figure has remained stable for at least ten years.*

*What has changed dramatically however, is the ethnic makeup of the clientele. Before I became President, the pantry provided food to just three "Hispanic" families. We now serve 54 Hispanic families, as well as some 30 "Islamic" families and some 100 "white" families. So in all, the pantry typically includes some 200 families among its total clientele. The kind of food the pantry provides has likewise changed. The pantry now stocks all kinds of fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as numerous kinds of beans, flours and rices appropriate for Asian, African, Middle-Eastern and Hispanic families. Just*

*recently, the pantry also began to provide a number of different yogurts, cheeses, cakes, pies and additional personal care products for its clients.*

*Yet the pantry still remains largely "invisible" to many of the members of the church's parish community. One way the pantry has advertised its presence has been to invite the parish community to join in a food "procession" on the third Sundays of each month. This has effectively increased the amount of food parishioners have donated to the pantry. And one other way the pantry attracts attention is by frequently redecorating its appearance (by changing interior decorations throughout the year and keeping our pantry door open so people can see inside).*

*The pantry is small, but it is very effective at providing its services. While it currently only has some 15 regular volunteers, the pantry is a powerhouse of "down-home", personal service. Pantry volunteers personally know most of the clients who come to the pantry, as well as families the pantry delivers to. Delivery volunteers rarely need maps to find houses or apartments clients live in. We invite clients to come join us for coffee and conversation, and we get to know our clients very well. In addition to rent, water and PGE payments, the pantry also provides information about services provided by other county agencies and other churches.*

*The pantry looks forward to the future with the hope of expansion, especially when the church is finally able to construct a new church compound that includes a new pantry four times larger than the current pantry. One of the main "challenges" the pantry has failed to accomplish is this: we challenge God that we can give more than Him. So far, we have lost! The pantry today seems to be functioning more effectively and providing more food and financial assistance to its clients than it ever did before. We look forward to providing even more.*

