



# SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

JULY 2017

## NEW FOOD PANTRY PLANNED FOR CAMBRIA COUNTY AREA

Both the Peter Lemke District Council and the Diocesan Council have approved a proposal to construct a new SVDP Food Pantry in Hastings, PA.

The proposed pantry will replace the one currently located in the rear of the SVDP Carrolltown Thrift Store. The pantry currently serves about 140 families per month. With the construction of the new pantry it is expected to increase that number. The plan will also allow the Carrolltown Thrift Store to expand its sales floor area.

Pantry director, Nancy McMullen, has prepared plans that include the construction plan, cost involved and fundraising to cover the cost of the project. Fundraising efforts are underway and a Go Fund Me site has been set up at [GoFundMe.com](http://GoFundMe.com).

## NEW SVDP CONFERENCE IN JOHNSTOWN

The Johnstown District Council has announced that another SVDP Parish Conference is in the works and hopefully will be approved by the Diocesan Council at the August meeting.

The Conference is actually one reestablished after a number of years of being inactive. Parishioners at St. Andrews Parish in Johnstown have begun the process of becoming the Society's 22nd Conference.

## 400TH CHARISM MASS TO BE CELEBRATED IN EMMITSBURG



The Seton Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland will host a Liturgy celebrating the 400th Anniversary of Vincentian Charism.

The Mass is scheduled for 11:00 am Saturday, August 19, 2017 with a dinner to follow. The day is open to all Vincentians, family and friends.



## VINCENTIAN FORMATION JUBILEE YEAR

### 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VINCENTIAN CHARISM

It was in a small village in France that Vincent was touched by the tremendous spiritual poverty of people in the countryside. A few months later, he had the experience of the tremendous material poverty in the town of Châtillon that gave birth to the Ladies of Charity, today known as AIC, and who now witness so beautifully to the Vincentian Charism around the world. He began by encouraging others to change their lives from within, as well as to reach out to the people around them, who had material needs. At the same time, he experienced his own personal conversion, dedicating himself totally to the spiritually and materially poor and bringing about the collaboration of so many, who followed in his footsteps, to make the Gospel a reality "here and now" for millions and millions throughout the 400 years that have passed since that time. This mission will not end until Charity is globalized, until Charity has embraced all corners of the world and touched the heart of every person!



## 2017

- **FRIDAY & SATURDAY, AUGUST 11 & 12**—St. Therese Altoona Conference Flea Market
- **Saturday, August 19**—400th Charism Mass—Seton Center Emmitsburg MD
- **Friday, September 15**—Annual Altoona Kitchen Crabfest
- **Sunday, September 17**—Johnstown Family Kitchen’s Chicken BBQ & Bake Sale
- **October 2017 (TBA)**—Presidents/Directors Meeting
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**—400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass & Dinner

### 400 YEARS OLD CHARISM TO BE THEME OF 2017 ANNUAL MASS & DINNER

A reminder to all that the Sunday, October 15, 2017 Annual Mass and Dinner will celebrate the 400th Anniversary of Vincentian Charism.

Information concerning the event will be distributed in August. The event is open to all members, volunteers, supporters, family and friends of the Society.

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### HIGHMARK WALK FINAL TOTALS



Pictured: Team Ameriserv, from their Main Street office in Johnstown who raised \$2,200 for the Walk.

The final totals are in from the 2017 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community held in Johnstown. The SVDP Food for Families program in Johnstown was blessed to have many volunteers involved with the event and the record setting collection.

Many SVDP groups individuals, local students and businesses helped the Society to exceed the goal of \$12,500 set prior to the Walk. A grand total of \$13,955 was raised for the fight to end hunger in Cambria County.

### FOOD FOR FAMILIES FUNDRAISERS SET

Two annual fundraisers for the Society’s Food for Families program have been scheduled. On September 15, 2017 the annual Crabfest dinner is set for the Casino at Lakemont in Altoona, PA. Sr. Paula will host the event. Tickets are available by calling the Altoona Kitchen at 944-6302.

On Sunday, September 17, 2017 the Family Kitchen in Johnstown will host its annual Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale at Bishop McCort Catholic High School. Tickets will be available in August.

### SVDP ON TV

Three local Vincentians will be on the Diocese’s TV program Proclaim on Sunday, August 6, 2017. Dorothy Baron, President of the Most Holy Trinity Conference in Huntingdon, Mary Beth Schmidhamer, President of the St. Therese of the Child Jesus Conference in Altoona and Altoona District Council President and Deacon Sam Albarano, Spiritual Advisor to the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Conference in Lilly will discuss the work of the local Society as well as the 400th Anniversary of Vincentian Charism.

Proclaim airs at 10:30 AM Sunday mornings on WATM ABC Channel 23.

On a National level, the Society will be featured on EWTN on July 26th, 27th, and 28th. Air time is scheduled for 6:30 PM. Tune in and learn more about the Society and our mission.