

Workshop Speaker/Presenter Bios (in alpha order)



Dave Barringer

Dave Barringer is the CEO of the National Council of the US Society of St. Vincent de Paul, providing staff leadership to the national office staff and the Board of Directors in support of more than 100,000 members across the U.S. Dave implements policies and governance directives of the National Board of Directors, President and National Council. Dave is also CEO of the SVdP National Foundation where he recruits and trains board members to raise major gifts in support of Society programs, and the executive producer of a national television series that highlights the experiences of Vincentians serving the poor. Prior to joining the Society, Dave served as Sr. Vice President at Goodwill Industries International. He holds a BA degree in Journalism & PR and a master's degree in general administration. Dave and his wife Mary Ellen live in St. Louis, and have a son, Thomas, a Vincentian and middle/high school science teacher and football coach in the Phoenix area. Contact: dbarringer@svdpusa.org.

Carol Bauer

Carol K Bauer has been a Vincentian for almost twelve years. Carol has been the President of the Durand Shepherd's Fold Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for almost six years. She describes herself as a farmer's wife and is the mother of three grown children. She served as the Pepin County Clerk for 18 years before retiring at the end of 2004. When Carol's conference received notice of the sexual harassment lawsuit filed against the conference, she reached out to her brother, an attorney, who put the conference in touch with C. Douglas Moran. The conference has learned a lot about sexual harassment and how the lawsuit process works. Contact: cbauer@gmail.com.

Jeff Beamguard

Jeff is the Stores Support Director for the National Council of Saint Vincent de Paul. He works remotely out the Avondale, Arizona thrift store and lives in Avondale. This store will be a site for other Council stores that may be having problems with profitability, organization or production to be modeled after.

Jeffrey brings with him three decades of thrift store and non-profit experience. His career started in Boise, Idaho as a store manager for the Idaho Youth Ranch (IYR). When he started, IYR had three stores that help fund a large statewide program for troubled youth and their families. He moved up in the company to become the Vice President for Retail where he opened 18 stores for a total of 21 locations raising over \$2M annually. With the growth of the stores there came a need for a larger warehouse. IYR purchased a 80,000 sq ft warehouse building to handle the production for stores. He and other staff organized a group of retired executives from Albertson's who volunteered their time to set up the interior of the building for efficiencies and material handling.

After 21 years with IYR, he became a consultant for other non-profits before relocating to Denver, Colorado to become a training manager for Goodwill Industries. He also worked for the Salvation Army for eight years in Denver and Phoenix as a Director of Retail. While in Arizona he was over 8 stores and helped open two new locations in that time.

Jeff went to school at Boise State University, home of the "Blue Turf" He is married to Diane and has two children. Jeff enjoys boating and loves the Seattle Seahawks. He also likes to hike and go camping in the family's 5th wheel RV. "I am so happy to work for such a great company doing what I love to do! Contact: jbeamguard@svdpusa.org.

Julie Bennett

Julie is the CEO and Executive Director of the District Council of Madison, Wisconsin. Julie joined the SVdP Madison staff in September 2020 as the Associate Executive Director and stepped into the CEO role in October 2022. Julie has more than 15 years of non-profit leadership experience with an emphasis on operations and a Master of Arts degree in Servant Leadership from Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin. The District Council of Madison runs seven thrift stores and a central processing center that support the mission work of the organization, including a food pantry serving more than 2,500 visits/month, the only freestanding charitable pharmacy in the state, a long-running communal housing program for men, a housing stabilization programs for single adult households with minor children, long-term goods storage for neighbors coping with homelessness, utility, and other financial assistance under prescribed circumstances and a new microlending program. The District Council of Madison has 17 traditional parish-based conferences, a Youth Service Council, and a newly formed Spanish speaking conference.

Julie and her husband, Dennis, have three grown children and have added a chosen daughter through a mentorship opportunity and her daughter as our chosen grandchild. Contact: jbennett@svdpmadison.org.

Ashley Berken

Ashley Berken is the Executive Director of the St. Vincent de Paul District of Marinette. Ashley has served as ED for three years and also manages her own digital marketing agency. Prior to taking on the role of ED, Ashley worked 10 years in nonprofit and marketing roles. As a smaller SVdP district ED, Ashley manages and executes all marketing, communications, development and fundraising strategies -- including social media for thrift store events. Since beginning her role, the Marinette Thrift Store sales have increased nearly 40% year-over-year due to marketing efforts as well as production and color rotation changes. Ashley also serves on the National SVdP Marketing and Communications Committee. Outside of the office, Ashley is a mother of four children ages 10 and under who have gifted her a surplus of belly laughs and gray hair. Contact: aberken@svdpmarinette.com.

Deacon Jesse Blanco

Deacon Jesse Blanco was ordained in November 2000. He has been a Vincentian since 2016. He currently serves as Spiritual Advisor for District VIII and St. Mary Frances of the Five Wounds Conference. He is a member of the Spirituality Committee. When he first joined the Society, it was only to fulfill a box on his deacon covenant agreement. After a home visit, he was transformed in his heart for the poor.

Brad Blauvelt

Brad, a lay Benedictine oblate, is the Spiritual Advisor for the SVdP Rapid City District Council and his parish Conference. He is also active in ministry to the incarcerated. With a master's certification in catechesis, he is busy in serving other needs of his parish and diocese. Brad quips that he is a "professional geek", a retired computer network administrator. He frequently remarks "I am wildly and madly in love with God," considering internal prayer his primary apostolate. Brad and his wife Mary have been happily married for 47 years, with two adult children and a "sainted" infant.

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Wayne Bugg

Wayne has worked for the St. Vincent de Paul-Twin Cities, for 20+ years. He currently is serving as their associate executive director. Wayne is the North Central Region's representative for the Society's African American Task Force. He is married with 5 children and has been an active church member for many years. Contact: wbugg@svdpmppls.org

Luis Cantu

Luis Cantu has been a Saint Vincent DePaul member for over 25 years. He has served as Secretary, Vice President, and President of the conference several times throughout the years. He is currently serving his term as the Saint Alphonsus Conference President and has recently volunteered to serve on the Hispanic Latino Task Force representing the North Central Region. Moreover, Luis has been a very active parishioner serving on the Parish Council, School Board, Sunday Lector, and as a Eucharist Minister. Contact: LuisCan2@hotmail.com

Brandon Cacek

Brandon Cacek has been involved with the St. Joseph Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Marinette, WI since 2017, and has been an Active Vincentian since 2019. He is a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran with a bachelor's degree in social Change & Development from the University of Wisconsin Green Bay, and a master's degree in organizational leadership and quality from Marian University in Fond du Lac, WI. He currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care, Newcap (local Community Action Program), Patriot K9s of Wisconsin, M&M Veterans in Need (operates in both Wisconsin and Michigan), and he volunteers on the Upper Peninsula Veterans Action Team. Contact: bcacek@gmail.com

Marty Cormack

Marty Cormack is the District Council of Rochester, Formator, he has been involved with the Society of St Vincent de Paul for 12 years in the Church of the Resurrection Conference in Rochester, Minnesota. He was the founding conference president, was the founding district council president for the Rochester District, was the spiritual advisor for his conference and now serves on the National Formation Committee and Task Force for Leadership.

Marty was born and raised in the Chicago suburb of Oak Park, Illinois, one of eight siblings. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics and Computer Science from St Mary's University in Winona, Minnesota. Marty is a retired IT professional having worked as a data center manager for IBM and as the Director of Technology for the Rochester Catholic Schools. Marty is also a Cojourner (lay associate) with the Rochester Franciscan Sisters. Marty has been married to his wife, Ginni, for 41 years and has one surviving son and one granddaughter. Contact: martycormack@svdp-rochmn.org

Sr. Kara Davis

Sr. Kara is a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul in the Province of St. Louise (based out of St. Louis, MO). She grew up in a military family and has lived across the United States and in Japan. Sr. Kara earned both her bachelor's and master's Degrees of Science in Communication Disorders and Sciences from Eastern Illinois University (Charleston, IL), and was an active member of the Newman Catholic Center on campus. She studied theology through the Catholic Scholars Program and led retreats, pilgrimages, and Bible studies with her peers throughout her time at EIU. It was during this time of spiritual formation and service to others that she discerned becoming a Sister and explored Religious Life. She was casted as Sr. Rosalie Rendu, a Daughter of Charity, in a play about the Society of St. Vincent DePaul, and inspired by the story of Frederic Ozanam, she joined her local SVdP chapter on campus. Sr. Kara lived at a Catholic Worker House while in graduate school and through the influences of Dorothy Day and the Vincentian charism, she felt a deep call to give herself to God in service of the Poor. After much discernment, she found the Daughters of Charity to be a good fit. Sr. Kara currently serves in Chicago as a Speech-Language Pathologist and Disabilities Coordinator at Marillac St. Vincent Family Services. She works closely with children with special needs within the Early Childhood programs and assists families in accessing the resources necessary to support the continued growth and development of their children.

Dorothy Deany

Dorothy became involved with the St Vincent de Paul Holy Trinity Conference in 2008 when the old Central Catholic High School was torn down, and St Isidore's Garden was started. She used her years of experience starting seeds, and she and her husband started seeds for tomato and pepper plants, then assisted planting early produce in the spring of 2009.

After retiring in 2015, Dorothy volunteered to answer phone calls drawing from her career experience as a Legislative Analyst for IDOT, Child Care Owner Operator, Floral Designer, and Community College Instructor. Soon she was working in the produce distribution area of the pantry. When one of the food suppliers, Eastern Illinois Foodbank, switched their bookkeeping to computer input, she began to do data entry. Joining the SVDP Board soon followed, and then she was asked to serve as Vice President, a role in which she continues to hold.

Dorothy continues to work in the garden, does some data entry, and coordinates the organization of food for distribution from our pantry. Contact: ddeany711@hotmail.com

Nicole Dionesotes

Nicole has been part of the Vincentian family since 2022 and is the Program Coordinator for the Chicago Archdiocesan Council. Nicole is currently in graduate school to become a mental health counselor in hopes to help the less fortunate and needy with their struggles.

Dora Fabian

Dora is a Member of the Hispanic Latino Task Force, as well as a mother, wife, and community leader. She has worked at St. Vincent de Paul Appleton for two years. She has worked in the Latino/Hispanic community for more than 20 years through various roles. She is a Peer Support Specialist and a certified medical translator. She spent 18 years dedicated to preventing domestic violence and human trafficking. When she first started at St. Vincent, she noticed a great need to help the Latino community. Her role is dedicated to building trust with the Latino community, helping them find resources, and sharing about the Vincentian way of life. She comes from a Catholic Mexican family.

Her greatest inspiration in living a Catholic, Vincentian life comes from her great grandmother. Her great grandmother was of the Franciscan order and lived a very comfortable, humble life. Everything she had she gave to others and her dinner table was always full of people in need. She taught them how to serve others with love. That lesson has stuck with Dora her entire life and it formed who she is today. Contact: dora@svdpappleton.org

Tom Fahl

Tom Fahl is a member of the National Council Governance Committee and has been a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee since 1971. He is a past president of St. John Vianney Conference and has been Spiritual Advisor to St. John Vianney Conference for the past 15 plus years. He served as Waukesha County District Council Vice President in 1987 and Waukesha County District Council President from 1993 to 1999. From 1999 to 2005, Tom served as President of the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council. From 2005 to 2011, Tom served as National Vice President for North Central Region. Tom was Chair of National Governance Committee from 2011 to 2021 and a Member of National Board of Directors from 2005 to 2021. Tom has presented many workshops at National and Regional Meetings over the years. He is currently a Member of the National Governance Committee. Contact: tomfahl@gmail.com

Casey Guilfoyle

Casey resides in Edgewood, Kentucky and began her membership in the Society in 2009. She has served in various leadership roles on the Conference and District levels. Casey retired from part-time practice as an attorney in 2019 where she was focused in the area of elder law. She retired so as to devote her time more fully to her family and her new role as a “Nana” and also begin her first term as the Council President of Northern Kentucky, Diocese of Covington. Casey became a member of the SVDP National Governance Committee in 2021. Contact: cguilfoyle@me.com.

Jeanne Harper

Jeanne is chair of the National Council Growth & Revitalization Committee. Jeanne's tenure with SVdP is wide ranging and distinguished. Although her role as North Central Regional Vice President ended in 2017, she continues to serve on the Society's National Board of Directors as the National Growth & Revitalization (formerly Extension) Liaison and the National Neighborhoods of Hope Committees. As the Society's Getting Ahead lead trainer, Jeanne instructs program facilitators through the U.S. She continues to conduct weekly home visits and is active in her parish Conference. Apart from tirelessly serving St. Vincent de Paul, Jeanne is spiritual advisor for youth in local Mini Vinnies, Youth Vincentians and Young Vincentians Conferences. A retired psychotherapist, Jeanne holds a Master's of Pastoral Studies in Family Ministry from Loyola University. She and her husband David had two children and four grandchildren. Contact: jmharper1964@gmail.com.

Bob Hartzheim

Robert Hartzheim is a member of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and has been active in St Vincent De Paul for over 20 years. Bob a Vincentian has done home visits since he first joined St Vincent's. He became Vice President of Fond du Lac Council in 2013. He became Council President in 2016 Fond du Lac Council operates a successful resale store, runs The Getting Ahead program, supports a Food Pantry and recently opened our new homeless shelter. This project is a joint project with The Solutions Center. The Council and St Vincent's is well known in the community as the place to go for help. His desire to help in leadership led him to serve as Treasurer and later as Vice President of The Archdiocesan Council in 2019. He recently joined The National Housing Task Force.

Bob returned to school after returning from his time in service. He was awarded the Army Commendation medal twice. Bob earned a CPA certificate, CGMA and CIP designations. Bob retired from his business in 2016. His work with St Vincent's is his calling and where he belongs. Doing home visits is a true calling. Contact: bob@rhartzheim.com

Rosa Hernandez

Rosa Hernandez, is a member of the first Hispanic/Latino conference in Milwaukee formed when St. Adalbert conference was renamed to Unidos en Cristo (United in Chris) as members of three parishes gathered to serve as the Spanish speaking community conference in southeast Milwaukee. Rosa has two daughters; 20 and 5 years old. She became a Vincentian in 2013 and is blessed to be here celebrating 10 years as a Vincentian. She has served as conference secretary, treasurer and president as well as serving as a board member for the Milwaukee Council.

Rosa says "It has always been a passion of mine to serve the most vulnerable in our community by helping those in need at a very difficult time in their lives. This ministry has helped me grow in servant leadership but most importantly, this has gifted me the opportunity to see and feel God's love and guidance through my spiritual journey as a Vincentian. Living my discipleship by spreading love and encouraging the younger generation in the Society of God's work has always been my ultimate purpose for continuing in this ministry." Contact: rosahernandez1210@yahoo.com.

Myron Hubbard

Myron was baptized by the Honorable Cardinal Joseph Cody in the St. Louis Cathedral and was educated in the Chicago Archdiocese Catholic schools. Myron is a second-generation Vincentian and watched his mother, Vincentian Marie Copeland, inspiring efforts as he grew up. While most of this time Myron was an associate member, he now is honored to be an active SVdP member. Myron is motivated by the Society's mission to help those in need and find the face of Christ in those served. Myron serves as a member of SVdP's Illinois African American Task Force which is charged with establishing more conferences within the African American Community in the Illinois. He takes this mission very seriously, for he feels that these areas can also benefit from the addition of the SDVP presence. His motivation can be found in the words of an old spiritual, "If I can help somebody along the way, then my living has not been in vain."

Chris Kane

Chris Kane is the Senior Director of Client Services at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, District Council of Madison where he has worked for the last 28 years. He is a native of Dubuque, Iowa and received his B.S. in Psychology from Iowa State University in 1992. In 2005 he helped develop and implement the first client-choice food pantry in Dane County. Chris is a longtime advocate for people struggling with food insecurity and finding new ways to serve people with the dignity they deserve. He has resided in Madison since 1995 and lives with his wife and three cats, enjoys hiking, birding, and anything else that takes him outside in the two weeks each year the weather is nice in Wisconsin. Contact: ckane@svdpmadison.org.

Kim Kuske

The Society's is what brought Kim to SVdP. After working in the corporate world for several years, giving back offered her a better purpose to employment. Now Kim says that she not only feels good about the work she does, but she also enjoys knowing that she is helping make a difference serving those in need. Kim's passion is her family and helping people. Contact: kkuske@svdpwausa.org

Mike Lamb

Mike has been a Vincentian since 2011, a member of St. Veronica – Flossmoor, and is currently the District Council President and on the Board of Directors for the Chicago Archdiocesan Council. Contact: mike.lamb1018@gmail.com.

Pamela Matambanadzo

Pam is the National Council Liaison for the Diversity Committee and has been a member of St. Vincent de Paul Society Chicago (SVdP) since 2003 at her home parish - ST Mary of the Lake in Chicago where she is Conference President. Pamela co-chairs the SVdP NCR VOP and is also SVdP NCR representative committee for the Multicultural Diversity; chairs the African American Task Force, AATF member (Multicultural diversity). She also currently serves as Chairperson for Voice of Poor for the Chicago Council as well as VOP state rep for Illinois. Pamela is also a member of the SVdP USA Finance Committee.

Pamela on the board of The Pope Francis Center (*a special works project servicing people District IV*) – case management center to help people transition out poverty – Systemic Change. Her experience as a wealth management advisor put her in an advantageous position to offer financial counseling at the center. The Center prides itself in its ability to collaborate with other organizations in being need-centered to fully provide services for disfranchised communities in Chicago. At parish level Pamela is a lector and on the endowment committee and coordinates the altar servers. Pamela is also a member of the Parish Council and has participated in the Parish Renew My Church efforts. Contact: pam.matambanadzo@gmail.com

Tom Matoushek

Tom currently serves as Manager, Growth and Revitalization for the Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis. Prior to that, he facilitated the rollout of a popular Conference data base to the 138 Conferences in the St. Louis Council. Tom has close to 30 years of experience in the Biopharmaceutical/Pharmaceutical industry in manufacturing, engineering, and project management capacities. He has been active in his parishes including Parish Council, chair of committees, lector, concession stand worker, fried chicken runner and many other activities.

Tom has been blessed with a wonderful wife of almost 40 years, four great children and four adorable grandchildren. Contact: tomm@sudpstl.org.

Christine & Denis McCarthy

Christine McCarthy is the District Council President for the District Council of Green Bay. Chris has been a Vincentian since 2003 in Merrill, Wisconsin. During that time, she served as Conference Secretary and became a formator for Ozanam Orientation. She then served as VP in 2018 and then President of the Superior Diocese District Council until 2020 when she and her husband moved from Merrill, Wisconsin to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin which was now in the Green Bay Diocese.

She and her husband, Denis, then started up a Conference there and Chris was elected to The Green Bay District Council as President and oversees 23 Conferences and four stores. She and her husband, Denis, continue to teach Ozanam Orientation and she has a special passion of encouraging Home Visits. Contact: cmccarthy818@gmail.com.

Denis McCarthy, Conference President for St. Joseph's Conference. Denis became a Vincentian in 1965 following his military service, when his father Joseph, (Conference President at St. Ita's in Chicago) invited him to become a Vincentian. After moving from Chicago to Wisconsin, Denis did not become active again until starting a conference in Merrill, Wisconsin in 2003, where he served as Conference President. He also became a formator for Ozanam orientation in 2015.

After moving to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin in 2020 he and his wife Christine, started up a new Conference at St. Joseph's and is currently President there and serves on several Committees for the Green Bay District Council along with doing Ozanam Orientation. Denis has a Law Enforcement background which is helpful in assessing difficult or dangerous situations on home visits. Contact: dmccarthy818@gmail.com.

Julie McIntyre

Julie is Executive Director Waukesha District Council. Beginning as a store volunteer, followed by employment, her journey with the Society spans 33 years. Throughout her tenure she has seen dramatic growth in membership, revenue, donations, and service to neighbors throughout the County. Council Programs include a successful Jail Ministry, a Meal Program, Summer Lunch Program, Back to School Program, and its newest systemic change initiative, a Getting Ahead Program. In addition, the Council has three thrift stores in Waukesha County. Julie served on the National Stores Committee, Archdiocesan Store Committee, is an Invitation for Renewal alumni, certified Ozanam Orientation Formator and has been a presenter at other regional assemblies. Julie has two sons, five grandchildren and resides in Waukesha, WI. Contact: jmcintyre@svdpwaukesha.com

Michael Meehan

Mike Meehan is the National Council Member for the Diocese of Madison. He lives in Madison, Wisconsin with his wife Kathy. He and his wife Kathy have been members of our Society for 19 years. He is a past president of the St. Thomas Aquinas Conference, and currently serves as President of the Madison Diocesan Council. Contact: diocesanpresident@svdpmadison.org

Doug Moran

For over 30 years, Doug has represented employers ranging from single member LLCs and closely held corporations up to Fortune 500 companies, advising employers, and litigating, when necessary, issues related to state and federal laws, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the Fair Labor Standards Act. Doug and his team assist employers in handling the day-to-day issues surrounding employee relations and in drafting and implementing employee policies and procedures, including employee handbooks. Doug is admitted to practice in Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan and numerous federal district courts and courts of appeals throughout the nation. Doug has been honored as a Super Lawyer in his employment law practice in Michigan (2006) and Illinois (2019-2023) and as an Illinois Leading Lawyer in commercial litigation and employment law (2018-2023).

Harry Ohde

Harry's volunteer Vincentian career started in 2010 as he helped organize and start a new SVdP Conference at St. Margaret of Scotland parish on the far south side of Chicago. Harry was elected SVdP ADC District VI Council President in 2014. District VI consists of 14 SVdP Conferences and is located on the far south side of Chicago. In 2018, Harry was elected ADC SVdP Council President/CEO. Chicago ADC has 96 SVdP Conferences located throughout Cook and Lake Counties. Chicago ADC operates two thrift stores, one in Libertyville and the other in Orland Park. Harry manages the daily functions and responsibilities of the ADC. Harry was re-elected SVdP ADC President/CEO in 2021. Contact: harry@svdpchicago.org

Tom Pelger

Tom is the National Vice President for the North Central Region and is a father of 3 and a grandfather of 6; was happily married for 41 years, widowed, and was blessed to marry Sue Prebil in October 2018. Tom was born in Chicago and grew up in Kansas City & St Louis before joining Caterpillar - - working 37 years in sales and marketing, while moving 12 times including 18 years outside the U.S., before "retiring" (?) in 2010.

Tom has been a Vincentian since 2010 - - serving as conference member and home visit leader, conference President, Peoria District Council President, National Systemic Change Task Force member, *Neighborhoods of Hope* faculty, and National Finance Committee member. Tom became an Aha Process trainer in 2013, and has conducted Bridges Out of Poverty education, has team-taught the Society's Getting Ahead facilitator training webinars; he has served as facilitator, mentor and Steering Committee Chair in Peoria Council's *Coming Together to Get Ahead* program. In October 2017, Tom was elected to the Society's National Board of Directors as a National Vice President supporting Vincentians in the North Central Region. Contact: rvp@ncr-svdp.org

Guadalupe Sandoval

Guadalupe has been a Vincentians for over 10 years. It started as a desire to help others and transformed into a vocation. When she joined the conference at St. Frances of Rome in Cicero, it felt like a task to be completed. After attending Ozanam workshops and Spirituality workshops, she realized that spirituality is the reason we are Vincentians. She currently is a member of the district level Spirituality Committee for Chicago and is the president of the conference at St. Mary Frances of the Five Wounds in Cicero and Berwyn. Guadalupe's Vincentian Vocation is calling her to reach out to others, especially the Spanish speaking community. Most recently, Guadalupe has joined with two other Vincentians to begin the work for the Hispanic Committee for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Contact: gsandoval903@gmail.com.

Teresa Steck

Teresa has been part of the Vincentian family since 2021 and is the Communication Director for the Chicago Archdiocesan Council. She enjoys spending her free time volunteering with the Society and volunteering with the Hills Chamber of Commerce, connecting with small businesses and helping them grow their business. Teresa has two adult children and resides in Highland, Indiana.

Eileen Steed

Eileen Steed, SVdP Conference Active Member since 2019 at St. Jude / St. Vincent de Paul Parishes in Peoria, IL; Member Services Committee; recent Conference President of St Jude Conference. Contact: eileensteed@sbcglobal.net.

Mark & Cathy Stine

Mark and Cathy Stine are co-founders of ServWare. ServWare is Vincentian-developed neighbor tracking software, customized for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Councils, District Councils, and Conferences. As Vincentians in Dayton Ohio, they developed the software from first-hand knowledge of the needs of their local Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference. Mark and Cathy each have over 30 years of IT background and expertise. Mark has extensive experience in the design and implementation of Web-based software applications. Cathy has a background as a software product owner, project manager, trainer, and technical documentation.

ServWare has been a National Partner with the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul since 2017. Contact: mark.r.stine@gmail.com.

Mike Syslo

Mike Syslo is the National Council Liaison for the Governance Committee and has been a member of St. Vincent de Paul since 1983. Mike has served in a variety of roles within Conferences and Councils. Mike has been a member of several Conferences in six Councils: Dallas, TX; San Jose, CA; Santa Rosa, CA; Eureka, CA; Phoenix, AZ, St. Louis, MO, and Chicago, IL. He was employed by the Society from 1990 to 2015, serving in a wide variety of roles. Mike has written extensively on topics concerning the Society. He has presented workshops at many National and Regional Meetings. Mike has also served on multiple National Committees. Mike is Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Archdiocesan Council of Chicago. In addition, Mike serves on multiple committees in Chicago. Contact: mike.syslo@outlook.com

Brooke Trick

Brooke began working for Vincent de Paul in 2002. During her tenure she has managed three store locations and opened two new stores. She originally started at our Stoughton location, working her way up to become the store manager. She then accepted the position to open and manage our largest store in Sun Prairie. In 2019 Brooke took the position of Senior Director of Retail Operations, overseeing 250 employees in seven thrift stores and the processing center that supports them. In her spare time, Brooke enjoys travel, fishing, and gardening. Contact: btrick@svdpmadison.org.

Jim Tuite

Jim has been a Vincentian since 2012 and is a member of Holy Trinity Parish in Bloomington, Illinois. While active as a Parish CCD teacher, he joined the Holy Trinity Conference after retiring from State Farm's corporate law department. His initial role was gathering food, primarily bread, from local grocery stores. He joined the Conference Board a year later and then became Conference vice president and then president in 2017.

The Holy Trinity Conference had outgrown its Parish Center space and was in desperate need of new space. Corpus Christi Grade School was moving to a new location and the building would be vacant. Jim used his legal background and as President worked to create a leasehold arrangement beneficial to both the Parish and Conference to expand the food pantry and benefit the Parish in housing its CCD program. Fundraising and volunteer work allowed the building to transition from school to Pantry.

Jim will retire in September after six years as Conference President. His greatest discovery in retirement from a complex corporate law practice is that issues facing a Conference, especially operating as a food and clothing pantry, can be as equally complex and more challenging than a large company.

Cheryl Ann Vescio

Cheryl Ann has been a Vincentian since 2017 when her conference at St. Daniel's in Wheaton, Illinois was formed. She is currently the Conference President and President of the DuPage District. Her as part of the Joliet Council is to build up the conference to meet the needs of their neighbors. This work includes growing the diversity of the current conference while inspiring conferences to adopt parishes without conferences. Cheryl works full-time as Senior Director for ZEISS Vision.

Includes growing the diversity at our current conferences while also inspiring conferences to adopt parishes without conferences. Contact: cavescio@msn.com.

Susan Wiland

Resides in Hampshire, Illinois and is an active member of SVDP St. Charles Borromeo for 12 years. Married to Jerry for fourteen years, sharing a “Brady Bunch” family of 6, 3 boys and 3 girls and 12 grandchildren, all who bless us every day. Serving as the Rockford Council President, she is completing her second term in September 2023. She is very active in her parish ministries: Family Faith Formation, Liturgy Council, Adoration, and coordinating with our parish youth ministry to serve breakfast to the homeless. Susan is also a Salvation Army Service Volunteer for Hampshire Township. Susan’s personal mission is to follow the examples of St. Vincent de Paul, Blessed Fredric Ozanam, and Blessed Rosalie Rendu by putting the needs of the poor and vulnerable first. It is not just dropping your spare change in a cup or sending food to a food pantry but to truly care for the poor and see the face of Christ in every friend in need. Contact: svdp.rockfordcouncil@gmail.com.

Tim Williams

Tim is the National Director of Formation for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States. Before joining the national staff, he served as 1st Vice President and Senior Formator for the Diocesan Council of Dallas, chaired the Spiritual Advisor Handbook Task Force, and was a member of the National Formation Committee. He has presented on Vincentian Spirituality and Formation at numerous Diocesan, Regional, and National Assemblies. Most importantly, he and his wife have made hundreds of home visits, serving Christ in the person of the poor. Contact: twilliams@svdpusa.org.

Deb Zabloudil

Deb Zabloudil is a member of the St. Elizabeth St. Vincent de Paul Conference in Columbus OH. She has been a Vincentian for about 14 years (not counting the two years she spent as a student at DePaul University in Chicago). Deb is currently working with the Microloan Program in the Columbus Diocesan Council and is a member of the Alternative Lending and Financial Literacy subcommittee of the Systemic Change Task Force. She also currently serves on the Board of Directors ARCH (Accompanying Returning Citizens with Hope), a program that provides services to men and women in prison who are preparing for release as well as services needed after release. They also operate a transitional home for women who have been released from prison. Deb retired from a career in higher education after 25 years working in a community college, a private liberal arts college, and a large state university. Most importantly, Deb has been married for 48 years to Bob, and has three adult children, their spouses, and 9 grandchildren and 2 new puppies – all of whom are the loves of her life! Contact: debzabloudil@gmail.com.