



2023 NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING

June 15 – 17, 2023

University of St. Mary of the Lake
Mundelein, IL

Wednesday, June 14

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration Table Open (*Pick up Materials*)

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Dinner – *Mundelein Center*

Thursday, June 15

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration Table Open (*Pick up Materials*)

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast – *Mundelein Center*

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Mass – *Conference Center Chapel*

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch – *Mundelein Center*

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Meditation & Personal Prayer – *Conference Center Chapel*

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

North Central Leadership Meeting

3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Welcome & Campus Orientation

3:10 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Spiritual Retreat: “Love is Your First Gift” – *Sr. Kara Davis*

5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Dinner – *Mundelein Center*

6:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Host City Event (On Campus) Options:

- **Bean Bag Toss Tournament**
- **Explore the University of St. Mary of the Lake**
(on Your Own)
- **Visit to Marytown Shrine and Bookstore/Gift Shop**
- Improv Players Theatre**

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled night of laughs with the Improv Playhouse, a talented group of comedians/performers who hone their skills in improvisation, musical theatre, television, and film locally and internationally. Performance is hosted by the Chicago Council.

Friday, June 16

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

6:45 a.m. – 7:15 a.m.

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Registration Table Open

Morning Prayer & Rosary – *Conference Center Chapel*

Breakfast – *Mundelein Center*

Keynote Presentation: “Society of St. Vincent de Paul: What Must Be Done” – *Dave Barringer*

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Workshops Block 1

“Leading a Home Visit Workshop in Your Council” – *Tim Williams*

“Understanding SVdP By-Laws and Why They Matter” – *Mike Syslo*

“Revitalization of Conferences and Members” – Host: Jeanne Harper, Panelists: *Susan Wiland, Christine McCarthy & Tom Fahl*

“Thrift Store Best Practices” – *Jeff Beamguard*

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Workshops Block 2

“Cultural Competency 2.0 – Why does it matter to SVdP members?” – *Wayne Bugg & Myron Hubbard*

“What to do when Parishes are Closed or Merged” – Host: Jeanne Harper, Panelists: *Tom Matoushek, Mike Meehan, Harry Ohde & Mike Syslo*

“Using Financial Literacy Resources with Our Neighbors” – *Deb Zabloudil*

“Integrating SVdP’s Mission into your Store” – *Julie Bennett & Julie McIntyre*

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Group Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Workshops Block 3

“Handling Challenging Home Visit Situations” – Host: Jeanne Harper, Panelists: *Tim Williams, Christine & Denis McCarthy*

“Food Pantry Best Practices” – *Chris Kane, Jim Tuite & Dorothy Deany*

“Barriers We Encounter” – *Luis Cantu & Pamela Matambanadzo*

“Thrift Store Tips & Tricks: How to Execute a Successful Event” – *Ashley Berken & Brooke Trick*

2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Workshop Block 4: “Conference & Council Best Practices”

- **Vinny’s Lockers: Madison District** – Julie Bennet
- **Home Visit Supply Bag: St. Joseph Conference, Sturgeon Bay** –Christine McCarthy
- **NCR/National Thrift Store Committee** – *Jeff Beamguard, Brooke Trick & Kathy Kuske*
- **Coloring Our Community with H.O.P.E.: Rockford Council** – *Susan Wiland*
- **Goal #1 – Growing Our Network of Friends: West DuPage Council** – Cheryl Ann Vescio
- **Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting’ By World: Building Your Resources for a Better Life: Chicago Council** – Mike Lamb
- **Formation – Chicago Style: Chicago Council** – Mike Syslo
- **Hispanic Latino Task Force: Chicago Council** – Guadalupe Sandoval, Deacon Jesse Blanco & Luis Cantu
- **ServWare: Chicago Council** – Teresa Stack & Nicole Dionesotes

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Mass – *Chapel of the Immaculate Conception (Building A)*

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Social Time & Banquet

Saturday, June 17

7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Registration Table Open

6:45 a.m. – 7:15 a.m.

Morning Prayer & Rosary – *Conference Center Chapel*

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Breakfast – *Mundelein Center*

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Keynote Presentation: “Going Beyond Charity... Seeking Justice?” – *Host Pamela Matambanadzo, Panelists:*

Jeanne Harper, Brandon Cacek & Tim Williams

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Workshops Block 5

“Survival Kit for Conference Presidents” – *Marty Cormack*

“Rekindling Vincentian Spirit” – *Tim Williams*

“Serving Homeless Neighbors” – *Bob Hartzheim*

“Home Visits to Hispanic/Latinos” -- *Dora Fabian*
(Presented in Spanish)

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Workshops Block 6

“Home Visits, Loving Our Friends in Need” – *Brad Blauvelt*

“Things You Might Want to Know About the Rule” – *Tom Fahl*

“Recruiting New Members: Opportunity to Serve the Lord” – Host: Jeanne Harper, Panelists: *Susan Wiland, Christine McCarthy & Eileen Steed*

“Effective Conference Meetings” – *Rosa Hernandez*
(Presented in Spanish)

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Group Lunch (Raffle Basket Drawings)

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Workshops Block 7

“Hoarding: What Does it Mean” – *Mike Syslo & Casey Guilfoyle*

“ServWare: Managing Friend in Need Households” –
Mark & Cathy Stine

“Is Your Business Protected? Important Issues Every Employer Must Address” – *Doug Moran & Carol Bauer*

“Best Practices in Recruiting Hispanic/Latino Members”
– *Rosa Hernandez, Dora Fabian & Mike Meehan*
(Presented in English)

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Dinner – *Mundelein Center*