

St. Vincent De Paul Church

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Mission Statement

St. Vincent de Paul is a faith community striving to live Jesus' gospel message of love, peace and justice for all peoples. In the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, our inclusive community welcomes, affirms and serves both the poorest of the poor and those who are alienated and most vulnerable among us. Our individual faith journeys join together in the celebration of the Eucharist. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to nurture the gifts of all our members. Our parish family will draw strength and unity from diversity. We will foster an atmosphere of warmth, hospitality and prayerfulness. We pray that our commitment to these efforts will further the mission of being one with our God and one with each other.

The DePaul Catholic School, An Independent Mission School

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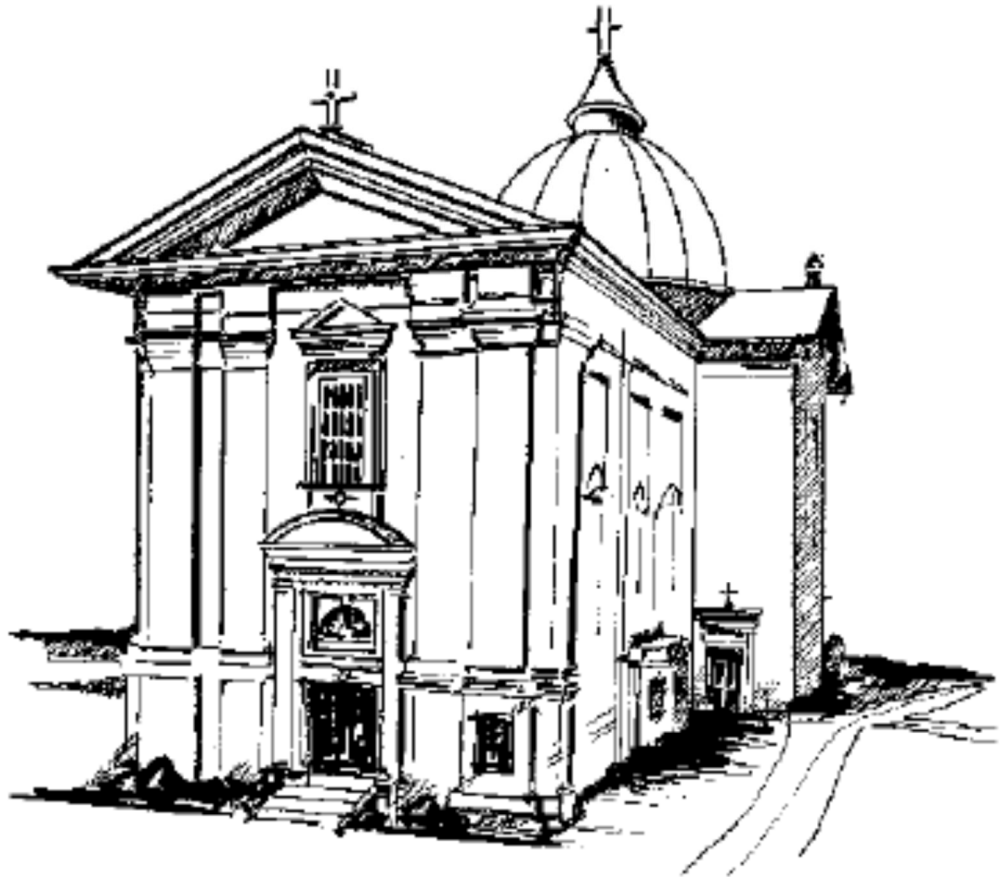
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Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.

July 10, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	07/10	Miraculous Medal	9:00 am
		Joseph Mastronardo	11:00 am
MON	07/11	NO MASS	
TUE	07/12	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
WED	07/13	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
THU	07/14	Joan Bretschneider	7:00 am
FRI	07/15	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	07/16	Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN	Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time
SAT	Sacrament of Penance 3-3:30 pm

FOR THIS WE PRAY

Parishioners

Muriel Ancrum, Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, Katherine Elliott, Tom Weir, Ansoh Curtis, Myles McDonald, William Drinker, Judith Di Battista, Ruby Tyer, Donna Jean Cocchia, Leo Johnson, Patricia Judge, Pat Burton, Thomas Baumann, Dick Taylor, Ginny Witte, Edna Poole, Bobbi Satterthwait, Nan Wade, Betsy Moore, Vince Morgan, Gerry Widmann, Kay Harty, Mary Lynn Kraft, Darryl Carroll, Helen Rosales, Natalie Gianetti, Arlene Myers, Betty Barnett, William Horoschak.

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Our Sister Parish of Las Anonas de Santa Cruz, El Salvador. Those who fight in wars, those who are victims of war, and those who seek peace and justice.

Please pray for the soul of Helen Dallin and her family.

PASTORAL CARE

We will bring the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass regularly because of sickness or infirmity. Please call the Rectory, at 215-438-2925.

Last Week's Collection	2,991.50
Electronic	<u>3,073.00</u>
Total	6,064.50
Tithe	303.23

Today's Readings

First Reading:	Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Psalm:	Psalm 69
Second Reading:	Colossians 1:15-20
Gospel:	Luke 10:25-37

Readings for Next Week

First Reading:	Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm:	Psalm 15
Second Reading:	Colossians 1:24-28
Gospel:	Luke 10:38-42

Monday:	Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Mt 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

BAPTISM OF OUR CHILDREN

Call Fr. Sy Peterka, Pastor, at 215-438-2925, ext. 218, for available dates and additional information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA is the process through which adults become members of the Catholic Church. If you are interested in exploring whether the Catholic Church is where you want to begin or continue your Christian faith journey, please contact the Rectory at 215-438-2925.

THOSE IN NEED OF THE SACRAMENTS

Please contact Fr. Sy Peterka, at 215-438-2925 ext.218, to make arrangements.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in becoming involved in one or more of our Parish ministries, call the Church office, at 215-438-2925.

PARISH OUTREACH

Non-perishable food donations may be made Monday, Tuesday and Friday between 9am and Noon. To make an appointment for any other time, please call Evelyn Rogers at 215-438-1514.

RESERVATIONS FOR MEETINGS/EVENTS

Please call the Church office, 215-438-2925.

RACIAL HEALING STATEMENT

To foster a community in which people of all races and cultures are treated as equals and fully participate in the life of the church. We hope to achieve this by... Deepening Cross-Racial/Cross-Cultural relationships; Developing each person's gifts for Leadership & Ministry, (Including each group's Art & Culture) and by... Supporting actions for justice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - July 10-16, 2016

CELEBRATING LAUDATO SI 1st ANNIVERSARY

At St Vincent's, we are celebrating a special Laudato Si Liturgy on the weekend of in mid-July. The Mass will call all of us to think deeply and pray strongly for the healing and sustaining grace needed by our Mother Earth and will include music, readings and symbols related to Care for Creation. All those at Mass will have the opportunity to take the St. Francis Pledge, which reads: "*I pledge to pray, act and advocate to solve the problem of climate change.*" Taking the St Francis Pledge is the best way for our parish community to take action. If you pledge on the website listed below, you can receive action alerts, resources and stories from Catholics leading the charge. Register your pledge here: www.catholicclimatecovenant.org.

DECORATE OUR SPACE WITH YOUR TREASURES

Let us come alive to the splendor that is all around, and see the beauty in ordinary things. - Thomas Merton

You are invited... to consider this quotation as you pay attention to "the beauty in ordinary things", this summer. Our reflection space in the back of the church during the summer months of Ordinary Time will be dedicated to your offerings of items you may find...on a summer walk at the beach, in your back yard, or on a city street...whatever you notice that speaks to you in a special way, for its beauty and splendor, feel free to add to the space as a reminder of the splendor that God has for us, all around.

FR. TIM'S FAREWELL

We will honor Fr. Tim as he celebrates his 65th birthday and his farewell after four beautiful years of ministry here with ONE MASS at **10am on Sunday, July 31** followed by a party!

LECTORS Please Sign up for Summer!

If you are lector, please sign up for times you can serve our worshipping assembly at Masses this July-Aug-Sept! Sign-up sheet is in the Liturgy Prep room in the back of church, to the right of the main entrance. Thank you for making God's Word come alive in our Masses!

LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary meets Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the rectory.

SENIORS MINISTRY

We will gather each Wednesday from 11am-2pm in the Senior Center located behind the church.

HOSPITALITY

All are welcome to enjoy hospitality on the Rectory porch between the Sunday Masses. You are also welcome to host; just sign up on the posted list by the side door entrance. Everything is supplied. There is no need to buy anything. Hosts serve cookies and other snack items and prepare lemonade. All supplies are kept in the cabinets in the small room, just off of the rectory kitchen. There is no cost to the community for summer hospitality. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Jack DiFeo 215 887-7911.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 25 we will honor the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul with ONE MASS at 10am followed by a celebration.

ST. VINCENT'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are offering a "cave themed" Vacation Bible School with scriptures, fun activities, and a field trip from **Wednesday, August 3 through Sunday, August 7 from 11am-4pm** at the church. All children ages 5-12 are welcome. Cost is free with lunch provided. Registration forms in back of church are due **July 24**. For more information, email dre@saint-vincent-church.org or call 808-343-8306 or 641-226-7200.

DISCUSSION GROUP: "WHAT ABOUT JESUS?"

Would you be interested in being part of a group to discuss the book, REDISCOVER JESUS? Fr. Sy passed it out when we were meeting at the Miraculous Medal a few months ago. It's very clear and well-written, with brief chapters and thought-provoking questions after each chapter. It's ideally set up for small group discussion. If interested call Dick Taylor (215-248-3178) or Fr. Sy (410-371-0627, or the rectory). Tell us what's the best meeting time for you.

POWER UPDATES:

Voter Registration: Can you volunteer? POWER does not support candidates, but it does urge everyone who is eligible to VOTE. St Vincent's and other POWER congregations have a goal of 100% congregant voter-turnout. We will also work hard to register new voters in our neighborhoods all summer, at events and locations where people gather. If you can help, we can train you! Sign up on clipboard in the back of church. Important dates: Tues Oct 11: Deadline for the Board of Elections to receive registration forms; Tues Nov 8: Election Day.

COFFEE SALE TO SUPPORT OUR SISTER PARISH

ur Sister Parish ministry is still holding a monthly sale of Fair-Trade coffee to support our work with our friends in El Salvador to help fund scholarships, advocacy, and education about issues affecting our Salvadoran friends. We will take your order and payment 2 weeks before delivery: see Mary Durkin or Joanie Brooks at church or contact Joanie at jmblapaz@yahoo.com or 267-825-6989, Mary at joemarydelia@verizon.net or 215-675-9166.

COUPONS TO BENEFIT MY PLACE GERMANTOWN

Jack DiFeo is selling Shop For A Cause coupons for \$5 after the nine o'clock mass for the remainder of the summer. These coupons provide 25% off purchases made at Macy's from Friday, August 26 through Sunday, August 28. If you end up not using the coupon, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to end homelessness in the city of Philadelphia. All proceeds go to My Place Germantown providing permanent housing and support to formerly homeless disabled men.

PART TIME BOOKKEEPER NEEDED

Kitty Intrieri will be retiring! We are seeking an honest, hardworking person with accounting skills to work flexible hours. If interested, call Kitty at the Parish a.s.a.p.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

Starting this weekend, forms are available for those active members who send their children to Catholic schools and need help.

In the Old Testament, the New Testament lies concealed; in the New Testament, the Old Testament lies revealed.

—St. Augustine

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish
Registration Form

Thanks for being here! If you would like to become an ACTIVE member of St. Vincent De Paul Parish (full-time or part-time), we invite you to **complete the Parish Registration form below.**

Date _____ Envelope number _____

Name _____

last

first

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Home Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Full name and relationship of all resident family members

_____ DOB _____ Relationship _____

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Have you received the Sacraments?

() Baptism () Confirmation () First Communion

Are you interested in

() Liturgical Ministry () Service Ministry

(Can you sing, lector, teach....)

**Please place completed form in the Offeratory basket
or send to the Parish Office and we will contact you.**

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**Bulletin Deadline: Mondays by noon. Email to
secretary@saint-vincent-church.org**

St. Vincent de Paul Church
Electronic Donation Authorization ES6255

Thank you for considering donations to St. Vincent de Paul electronically via your bank account. Please complete this form so that we can set things up for you. If you have questions, call Kitty at 215-438-2925x229

Date_____ Envelope Number_____
Electronic Type: New____ Change____

Name_____ last first

Address_____

City_____ State__ Zip_____

Telephone #_____

Cell #_____

Email_____

Date of 1st Donation_____

Amount of Donation_____

Frequency:

Monthly on the **1st** _____

Monthly on the **15th** _____

Weekly (**every Monday**) _____

Weekly (**every other Monday**)_____

Bank Routing Number_____

Account Number_____

Please debit my checking account per **attached voided check**. (If you wish to debit your savings account, please contact your bank for routing and account number.) **I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my bank account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.**
Authorized signature and Date:

Petitions for July 9 and 10, 2016

1. As we reflect on the strong words of Moses in the first reading:

“If only you would heed the voice of the Lord, your God and keep his commandments and statutes with all your heart and soul.”

Let us consider that God’s commands are not too mysterious and remote for us. Rather they are very near to us, in our mouths and hearts, so we have only to carry them out. Let us pray...

2. In this time of continued uneasiness and mistrust between communities of color and law enforcement officers, we ask for God’s most powerful grace and peace to rain down on all of us and fill our hearts with love and understanding of one another. Let us pray...

3. As our Catholic Church and other People of Faith continue to celebrate the one year anniversary of Pope Francis’ Encyclical, *Laudato Si*, also known as *On Care for Creation*; we pray that women and men of faith and good will throughout the world will heed the call to protect, to heal and to sustain our Mother Earth. Let us pray...

4. Looking ahead to the political conventions and to the Fall election season, let us ask the Holy Spirit to inspire the candidates to speak out for unity, for dignity and just treatment for all; and inspire voters to choose candidates who will care about those who are “the least among us”. Let us pray...

5. In communities across this country recovering from violence, may the Lord grant peace, comfort and hope to those grieving and suffering and eternal life to those who have died.

GOD'S POEM

**When I tried to send you away
YOU sent angels to be with me
To protect and save me
From my destructive self
By tenderly enfolding me
In gentle wings of YOUR love.**

**When I said I didn't need YOU
YOU put YOUR arms around me
Tenderly held me close
Within YOUR loving heart
That soothed my troubled soul
And eased the pain in my heart.**

**When I would not listen to YOU
YOU sent friends to comfort me
To love me gently, to hold my hand
And listen to me with compassion
When I was sad and afraid
So I would not feel alone.**

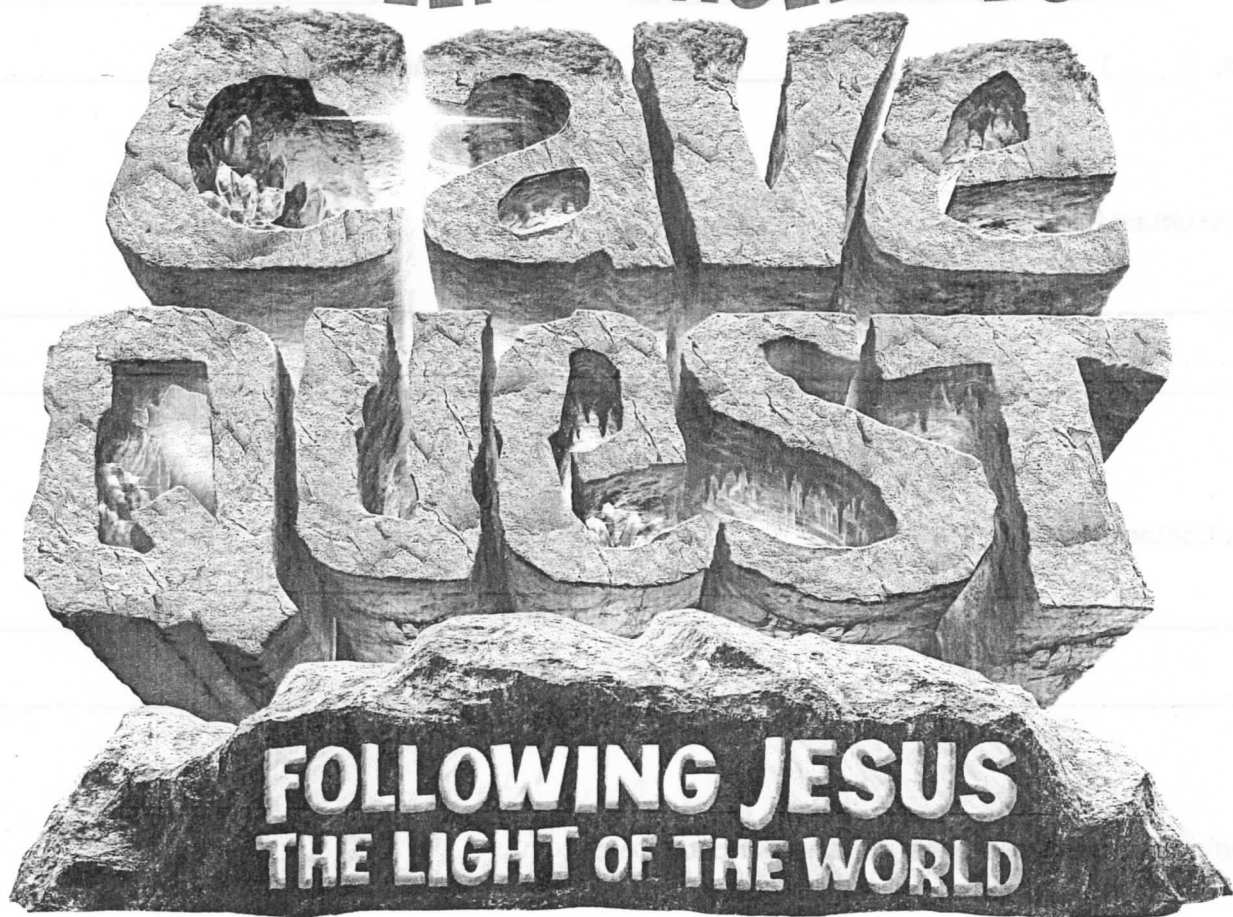
**When I told YOU I didn't love YOU
No offense did YOU take, or
Abandon me to my emptiness
But tenderly smiled at me
As I turned away from YOU
And filled me with more of YOUR love.**

Free Produce Vouchers For Low-Income Philadelphia Seniors, Starting Monday, July 11

The annual Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) encourages seniors to eat more fresh fruits and vegetables, while also supporting Pennsylvania farmers. Income-eligible Philadelphia residents, age 60-plus, can receive \$20 worth of vouchers to purchase fresh Pennsylvania-grown produce at more than 50 certified Farmers' Markets in the city. The vouchers will be distributed while supplies last at PCA, 642 North Broad St. in Philadelphia (weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and at senior community centers throughout the city. The Reading Terminal Market, at 12th and Arch Streets, and the Share Food Program, at 2901 W. Hunting Park Avenue, will also distribute the vouchers on designated dates. To receive the produce vouchers, 2016 household income must not exceed: \$21,978 (individual), \$29,637 (couple), \$37,296 (3 people), or \$44,955 (4 people). **For more information, seniors may call the PCA Helpline at 215-765-9040 or go to <http://www.pcacares.org/blog/free-produce-vouchers-for-low-income-seniors-starts-july-11/>**

ST. VINCENT'S

TOTALLY CATHOLIC VBS



What: Cave themed Vacation Bible School with scriptures, fun activities, and a field trip

When: August 3, 2016 (Wednesday) – August 7, 2016 (Sunday) from 11am-4pm

Where: St. Vincent's Church (109 E. Price St. Philadelphia, PA 19144)

Who: Any children between the ages 5-12 are welcome!

Cost: FREE – lunch included

Please return the registration form to St. Vincent's Church by Sunday **July 24, 2016**.

For more information, please email dre@saint-vincent-church.org, or call 808-343-8306 or 641-226-7200.

St. Vincent's Vacation Bible School Registration Form

Child Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

Emergency Contact Person 1:

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact Person 2:

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

Known medical conditions, allergies, dietary restrictions, etc. :

I, _____, give permission for my child, _____, to attend the
(Parent/Guardian's Name) (Child's Name)

Vacation Bible School at St. Vincent from August 3, 2016 to August 7, 2016.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Save The Date

September 26 & 27, 2016

Cathedral Basilica of

Saints Peter & Paul

18th and Ben Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19103



Revival

Bishop Fernand Cheri, OFM

Auxiliary Bishop

Archdiocese of New Orleans

Join us for two wonderful nights of

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Our Revival will feature

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Great Music and Joyful Movement.

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Choir Prelude starts at 6:30 PM

Revival commences at 7:00 PM Sharp!

For information, contact your local Parish or the Office for Black Catholics
at 215-587-3541 or wbradley@archphila.org



Bishop Fernand "Ferd" Cheri, III, OFM.

Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of New Orleans

Come & Celebrate
Fr. Tim's 65th Birthday

And His Farewell

ONE MASS

July 31st @ 10AM

Party after Mass

Celebrating the 1st Anniversary of Laudato Si

In the months of June and July, Catholics and people of faith around the world will be celebrating the first anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical, **Laudato Si**, On Care for Our Common Home.

Both the Global Catholic Climate Movement and the US Bishops' Catholic Climate Covenant are urging individuals, families, organizations and parishes to plan events to honor and celebrate this historic document, with the goal of generating at least 1,000 events worldwide.

At St Vincent's, we are planning to celebrate a special **Laudato Si** Liturgy in mid-July. The Mass will call all of us to think deeply and pray strongly for the healing and sustaining grace needed by our Mother, Earth. The Mass will include music, readings and symbols related to Care for Creation. In Addition, all those at Mass will have the opportunity to take the St. Francis Pledge, which reads:

"I pledge to pray, act and advocate to solve the problem of climate change." Taking the St Francis Pledge is the best way for our parish community to take action.

2. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul Parish are open, cordial and friendly. They feel very much at home and shared their love for their parish and one another with openness and honesty. They expressed great pride in the accomplishments of being a parish focused on social justice issues, with ministries and non-profits created which address those issues, and which serve the people of the parish, the larger Germantown neighborhood and El Salvador. They were open and candid in their remarks.

Of those we interviewed, the average number of years spent at St. Vincent de Paul was 19.5 years. And, when asked to rate from one to three how at home they felt at St. Vincent's, 45 (97.8%) of the 46 interviews said 3, they felt very much at home.

The top strengths noted:

1. The People/Church Community (26 Mentions);
2. Social Justice (22 Mentions);
3. Diversity (19 Mentions).

The people who comprise St. Vincent de Paul Parish see themselves as the number one strength and when describing themselves they intertwine all the other strengths mentioned. They are proud of their hospitality and welcoming nature (to ALL) and believe it flows from their spirituality. They love that they are diverse and that all members and visitors are viewed equally regardless of age, race, gender, socio-economic status, faith or length of time in the parish. Interviewees noted numerous times that the reason people are willing to travel great distances to worship at St. Vincent's is to be a part of a faith community entrenched in the "Social Justice orientation of the Gospel."

The top areas for improvement noted:

1. More Unity Needed/Combine Masses/Merge is a Work in Progress (23 mentions);
2. Building Needs Improvements (19 mentions);
3. Communications (7 mentions).

Interviewees, for the most part, expressed sadness that the merger has created division within the community. The charisms of hospitality and welcoming may be present but there is a perceived lack of unity. Parishioners long for more interaction, more dialogue and more acceptance among the current members.

The second most mentioned area for improvement was repair of the buildings. Since this Study is testing the level of support people will give toward the projects listed, it actually makes this a strength that people see a great value and need to repair the buildings.

Communications was mentioned both specifically and indirectly throughout the interviews as an area to improve. Internal communications reflected overlap of events and meetings because there is no master calendar. Inconsistency of announcements at different Masses was also noted.

However, communications was also bundled as marketing and public relations meaning people feel there should be a plan for external communications to invite others to come and experience St. Vincent's.

When asked "Do you agree with the plans proposed?" - 37 (80%) agree; 9 (20%) agree with reservations and no one disagreed. Those who agree with reservations to the plan have concerns about the cost, whether enough due diligence has gone into choosing contractors and the financial capability of the parishioners. There are also as many people who want air conditioning as there are those who definitely do not want it.

Interviewers discussed the historical reality of the importance of major level gifts to a campaign and reviewed with each participant a range of gifts needed to reach the goal of \$1 million. In the Major level there were only two pledges. In the Leadership level there were 13 pledges. Combined, 15 (33%) of the 46 interviews noted Major/Leadership level gifts. We look for 50% to 60%, making this response very low.

LCDC consultants suggest that there is a tentative potential for St. Vincent de Paul Parish to raise \$400,000. It is tentative because some responses were made with conditions; specifically, a few interviewees want the rest of the work of the roof to go out to bid to at least two other companies, assuring that there has been 'due diligence' and all options have been considered for the appropriate cost of the roof.

Regardless of what money is needed to complete the project, the Capital Campaign goal must be achievable. If that goal reached will still not cover the costs, people need to know if the parish will borrow money and how they will carry the debt service. If there are other philanthropic sources, it would be best to secure them before announcing the targeted goal.

A Capital Campaign could be an energizing force to hurdle obstacles expressed in this Study. Working together towards a common cause could be a spiritual and unifying experience – and also raise money. There are many circumstances at St. Vincent's that would not make the traditional Capital Campaign strategy viable. The distance people must travel to get to the church and the age of many of the current leaders would suggest a non- traditional Campaign strategy may be more appropriate for St. Vincent de Paul Parish. A Capital Campaign is about building relationships, communicating and working together to accomplish a common goal. Done successfully, a Campaign can do far more than raise money. All efforts must be directed to accomplish all these goals.

Lynn Cummings Development Consultants recommends cautiously proceeding with a Capital Campaign and our recommendations for success are listed in Chapter 4 – Closing Remarks and Recommendations.

MADAGASCAR

My Dear Friends,

Because of your mercy, compassion and generosity, you have brought **HOPE** to the Church in Africa. I know in this **YEAR OF MERCY** that I will have your support and prayers.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for all you have sacrificed and for your generous spirit that has and continues to bring **HOPE** in Africa.

This year, we have some very exciting ways in which you can help bring God's love, hope and mercy to the poor in Africa.

Please pray for the success of these projects. Thank you in advance for all you do. Please live mercy and give generously, so we can help complete these projects; **GIVING MERCY AND HOPE TO THE POOR IN AFRICA**. If you have any questions about this appeal or would like to consider a bequest, feel free to contact me at (410) 371-0627 or frsy7@hotmail.com.

Please make all checks payable to "CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION-AFRICA". Be assured of my prayers and the prayers of hundreds of Vincentians priests, brothers and seminarians in Africa.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Sy



In Madagascar, the Vincentian priests and brothers are hoping to set up a program that helps children with disabilities. Many of these children are orphans, because their families see no hope for them, so they abandon them. This program will develop a forestry program in which the children will be trained and through the growing and selling of trees. This will provide for their basic needs and give hope to these orphans and children with disabilities. Cost \$13,000



CHAD



In Chad, Thank you for all that you have done in building schools and helping build their first church in the Vincentian parish. They have worked hard in building their church, but could use help with furnishing (altar, pews, lectern, etc.) To finish this project, they need only \$7,500.



Please accept my contribution to help,
Thank you!

Name: _____

Any amount is appreciated!

☐ \$25

☐ \$50

☐ \$100

☐ \$500

☐ Other \$ _____

☐ Please accept my monthly contribution
of \$ _____



NIGERIA

In Nigeria, Father Jacob, a Vincentian priest, is starting a ministry called "DePaul hope Social Center". This center helps train widows so that they can provide for themselves and their children. Many of these women are widows because their husbands were killed by the terrorist group Boko Haram. After training, they will be given "micro-loans", so that they can become self-sufficient. Their total need to fund this project is \$21,500. *Please help bring God's MERCY & HOPE to these widows.*

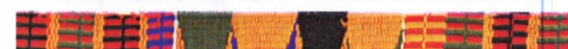


ETHIOPIA

In Ethiopia, a Vincentian priest is building two small homes for widows and their children. Because of the severe draught and extreme poverty there, they need our help. The cost for these two homes is only \$3,500. *Please show mercy and give hope.*



African



Appeal for Hope

*"Mercy is the very foundation of
the Church's Life.*

*The Church's very credibility is
seen in how she shows merciful
and compassionate love."*

Pope Francis

Please make check payable to:

**Congregation of the
Mission / Africa**

Return in self addressed envelope to:
Congregation of the Mission / Africa
109 E. Price Street
Philadelphia, PA 19144

Please give address if giving monthly:
Address: _____



LET US PRAY...

O Lord our God, in the name of our Daughters and Sisters of Nigeria we come to you on bended knee in prayer. In the heat of this day, suffering and hardship has visited young ones and we beg you, almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit to bring forth release and mercy on those who have been captured, sold and raped. Reverse O Lord, the spirit of the captors. Restore O Lord, the hope of these young innocent girls and bring Recovery to them and their families. Relieve the injured and Redeem O Lord, this situation and drench it with Your love and mercy. We remember O Lord, how You set the captives free in Egypt and how You carved a way to freedom by splitting the waters of the Red Sea. We remember, O Lord how Your mighty hand brought David out of the lion's den and we ask You, O Lord to do the same for our dear young Sisters and Daughters. We come to You this day, knowing the fullness of Your amazing grace which makes a way out of no way. We thank You O Lord for what You can do and will do in Jesus' name- Amen



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