



2010 ANNUAL REPORT

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

A Message from the President

Greetings to all our 700+ Vincentians, our many volunteers and employees!

SVdP Family

It is a joy to see our 35 Conferences, 6 Districts, 18 stores and recycling center prospering and growing - especially in spirituality. Nearly all our centers seem to be working together as teams and this teamwork has made for more joy at SVdP. Let's keep remembering that our teams are made up of Vincentians, volunteers, employees and the people in the community who are our donors and store customers.

One method of teamwork that Gladstone and possibly others have done is to have joint meetings of everyone at SVdP. They discuss concerns and ways to improve. So far they have been quite successful.

Conferences

Congratulations to Precious Blood Conference, Stephenson, and St. Anne Conference, Chassell, who were approved for aggregation by the International Council.

Stores

I am happy to share that nearly all our stores grew in sales and profits this past year. Even those that didn't grow are doing well. This growth has provided more funds for the conferences enabling them to give further aid to people in need.

The Bessemer store completed their very nice addition this past fall and the new Ironwood store is doing well.

The Escanaba Recycling Center is working with some of the stores to recycle excess clothing and thereby providing additional funds to the districts. It has been a successful endeavor for all involved.

Commissioning and Renewal Ceremonies

What are they? SVdP [see Rule pg.51] tells us that we are to conduct an annual Renewal Ceremony where we pledge to serve our members and the poor. The Iron Mountain SVdP family recently had a very nice ceremony led by Fr. Dan Zaloga and Deacon Don Christy at their appreciation dinner. After the inspiring words of Fr. Dan and Deacon Don, everyone stood and pledged their service for another year. The men of the local Knights of Columbus Council along with members of the Stella Maris youth group of St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish graciously served a nice dinner [thanks for the invite!].

The ceremony can be conducted by your pastor, deacon or spiritual advisor. It can be held in church or elsewhere.

The Commissioning Ceremony is for new officers and members. The ceremony is similar to the Renewal Ceremony and could possibly be held at the same time. Contact Laurie at the Diocesan Council office for the ceremonies if you need them.

Appreciation Gatherings

You are encouraged to hold gatherings of everyone at SVdP annually. They can be as elaborate or simple and inexpensive as you wish. The gatherings can be dinners, luncheons, breakfasts, etc. and are a way for you to thank everyone - also an opportunity to grow in friendship.

Thank you for everything you do for SVdP and the people we serve.

God bless,
Roger K. Pepin

2009-2010 ANNUAL REPORT TOTALS

Summary of Income and Expenditures of Conferences

Beginning Balance	\$210,542
Receipts	
Donations from Members	\$46,072
Church/Poor Box Collections	\$165,540
Fund Raising Proceeds	\$74,496
Other SVDP Units' Contributions	\$417,025
Other	\$150,604
Total	\$1,064,279
Expenses	
Those We Serve	\$810,999
Disaster Contributions	\$10,450
Domestic Twinning	\$6,020
Foreign Twinning	\$5,101
Sub Total	\$832,570
Solidarity Contributions	\$5,350
Operating Expenses	\$25,970
Other	\$24,591
Sub Total	\$55,911
Total	\$888,481
Ending Balance	\$175,798

"In Kind" Goods & Service Provided

Value of Food, Furniture, Clothing and Other	\$614,979
Value of Professional Services	\$61,020
Total "In Kind"	\$675,999
No. of Persons Helped	75,823

Number of People Served

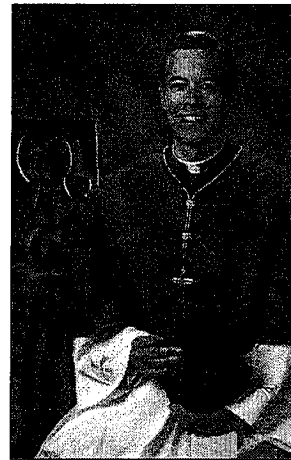
A. Home Visits	3,026
B. Prison Visits	99
C. Hospital Visits	1,607
D. Eldercare Visits	8,409
E. Other In-Person Visits	9,027
F. Telephone Contacts	4,636
G. Jobs Obtained	13
H. Referrals	2,447
I. Travel Aid	875
J. Spiritual Aid/Sacraments	592
K. Other	1,045
Total Persons Contacted (A to K)	31,776
Total Hours of Service	55,093
Estimated Total of Unreimbursed Miles	105,551

Dear Brother and Sister Vincentians,

Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever!

It is with great joy and gratitude that I write these words of greeting which accompany your annual report of services and activities.

The services that you provide for those in need bring joy and hope to those experiencing a time of struggle in their lives. When someone is discouraged, it is indeed wonderful that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul can show them the face of our merciful God.



I am extremely grateful for the great service of charity that you provide to all of us in the Body of Christ, the Church. Your organization works directly with the people who are experiencing very real needs. I pray that the continued generosity of all the people of God will enable you to continue the good work you do.

Remember the words of our Divine Savior, that whatever we do for the least of our brethren, we do for Him. May God bless, reward and prosper your good works!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Alexander K. Sample

Most Reverend Alexander K. Sample
Bishop of Marquette

We dedicate this report to the memory of our deceased Vincentians

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DISTRICT COUNCILS
Established in 1982

Copper Country - Jim Dompier
Escanaba - Ray Maanika
Ironwood - Julie Ahnen
Iron Mountain - Bob Peters
Ishpeming - Tony Bogetto
Marquette - Ron Provost
Eastern UP -

- Conference Presidents -

St. Cecilia Carol Busakowski
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St. Anne (Escanaba) Barbara A. Nelson
St. Joseph Ann Trudell
St. Sebastian Judith Levra
St. Louis the King Mike Gschwind
Our Lady of Perpetual Help George Miljour, Jr.
St. Michael Orville Dishno
St. Stanislaus Kostka Mary Jane Hatfield
All Saints Ingrid Johnson
St. Francis de Sales Dale Du Four
St. Thomas Adalore Gerou
St. Mary Janice Pellegrini
Our Lady of the Snows Joyce Birkmeier
St. Augustine Maryann Wolf
Holy Family (Flat Rock) Linda Deksnis
St. Leonard Anne Leschke
Sacred Heart (L'Anse) Gail Weisinger
Our Lady of Peace Jim Frederickson
Resurrection Joe Masini
St. Barbara Peggy Bryson
Precious Blood Jill LaMere
St. Joseph and St. Patrick Jan Tolfa
St. Anne (Chassell) Priscilla Mattson
St. Martha and St. Mary Julie Kent

Summary of the works of St. Vincent DePaul Society

Our Motto:
Help Us
Help Others

- Helping destitute and homeless families
- Assisting the poor materially and spiritually
- Visiting the sick, aged, lonely and handicapped
- Distributing Christmas Baskets
- Providing medical supplies, clothing, rent, fuel, furniture, household appliances, bedding and housing for poor families
- Operating stores and workshops
- Helping people help themselves
- SVDP Society has become the largest charitable organization of lay people operating under church auspices in 112 countries in the world
- Conference units are composed of men and women who volunteer their time and energy in serving the needy