

## ST ALBERT THE GREAT CONFERENCE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Oct 01 -Dec 31, 2021

Vincentian Volunteers strive to:

- See the face of Christ in everyone we serve
- Be the good news of Jesus Christ to each person served
- Let every person we serve see Jesus in each of us



The fourth quarter of 2021 brought the Omicron strain and high COVID infection rates resulting in breaks in employment and a large number of neighbor requests for rent and utility assistance. This drove our assistance expenditures to exceed \$21,000 this quarter. Thanks to the generous contributions from many of you and the many hours our volunteers give, we were able to cover this large expenditure. We continue to partner with The Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP) to also bring Montgomery County grant funds to bear on these bills when possible.

Every day of every week we respond to the many calls we receive from neighbors in our parish boundary on the St. Albert's St. Vincent de Paul call line. These requests include assistance with food, emergency shelter, and various financial issues in areas such as rent, utilities, and furniture. Caring for these neighbors begins with a private conversation over the phone where our call takers try to learn the concerns and needs of the neighbor. While much of our assistance is intended to address short term issues, our ministry calls us to make a personal visit with the neighbor to try to work out a long-term solution to their situation. We are also receiving many calls from individuals living in adjacent parish areas due to the strain of a large call volume and limited resources within a number of adjacent St. Vincent de Paul parish conferences. We have reached out to several of these conferences (Our Lady of Mercy, Our Lady Mother of Refugees, Corpus Christi, and Holy Angels) to provide donations (twinning) to help neighbors in their area when possible.

## **CONFERENCE CORNER**

You might be wondering how important your contribution to St. Vincent de Paul is to impacting the lives of our neighbors in need. The contributions provided by parishioners in the quarterly envelope collection as well as those from companies and other agencies are critical to our mission. YOU make all this possible THANK YOU! Please consider donating via the Feb 26th collection or using the parish Weshare system for payment.

In the last three months conference members volunteered 200 hours, answered over 100 calls, and made numerous home/other visits to assist 231 neighbors in need.

## BY THE NUMBERS Oct 01-Dec 31, 2021

Category	Expenditure	(Approx %)	Households
Rents/Mortgages	9,489.00	(44)	18
Twinning*	4,770.00	(22)	25
Utility Electric	1,867.00		11
Water/Sanitary	1,635.00	(80)	07
Utility Gas	1,320.00	(06)	07
Food	1,104.00	(05)	30
Appliances/Furniture	1,010.00	(05)	04
Misc./Other	241.00	(01)	01
2021 4th Qtr Expense	es \$21,436.	\$21,436.00 103	
Category		Income	
Parish Donation**		8,799.00	
SVdP District Council Donation		2,900.00	
From Individuals or Companies		11,300.00	
From Misc. Agencies		465.00	
2020 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr Income		23,464.00	

<sup>\*</sup>Twinning – other conference donations for COVID needs \*\*Via parish donations including We Share, SVDP envelopes, and Garden Guild