

News release

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St. Vincent de Paul–Twin Cities adds two Parish Conferences

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., January 26, 2023 — St. Vincent de Paul-Twin Cities announced today the formation of two Parish Conferences in the Archdiocese. St. Rose of Lima in Roseville and Holy Family Catholic Church in St. Louis Park join the State’s oldest charitable organization and the world’s largest Catholic lay ministry.

“Parish conferences are the foundation of St. Vincent de Paul,” said Ed Koerner executive director of the Twin Cities District Council. “Conference members serve their neighbors in crisis and in need of spiritual, financial, clothing or food assistance.”

Both parishes are excited about their new ministries. St. Rose of Lima Conference President Kate Ritzer, said that when her church began discussing the formation of a conference, she jumped at the chance to lead and to learn. “Today, I’m participating in a webinar called *My Dream Has Turned in to a Nightmare*, hosted by the SVdP African American Task Force,” she said. “Understanding the causes of poverty, homelessness and mental health struggles in this community is the first step to improving any situation. Our conference will grow in Christ’s love and we will show that love to all.”

St. Rose of Lima Pastoral Associate, Brian Hindt, welcomes the opportunity to grow spiritually while building relationships with fellow members and neighbors in need. “St. Vincent de Paul brings together like-minded Christians and inspires us in ways to live out the Gospel.”

Holy Family Conference President, Gary Bowman “saw the beauty possible” as an SVdP conference member in Dallas, Texas. “I was very excited to hear Holy Family was developing a conference,” he said. And Bowman wasn’t alone. Holy Family Pastor Joseph Johnson commented he was very encouraged to see the great turnout of parishioners interested in St. Vincent de Paul. “It shows that people are still listening to the Holy Spirit calling us to serve!”

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About St. Vincent de Paul - Twin Cities

Established in 1856 by Joseph Cr  tin, the first bishop of the St. Paul diocese, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Twin Cities (SVdP) is part of the world's largest Catholic lay-persons' charitable organization, with more than 800,000 members globally. Named for the Church's Patron Saint of charitable works, 30 SVdP Parish Conferences in the Twin Cities and outstate Minnesota provide food, emergency assistance, mentorship, job training and personal relationships that change peoples' lives. St. Vincent de Paul – Twin Cities operates thrift stores in Minneapolis and St. Paul providing clothing, shoes, housewares, books, furniture and seasonal goods. Learn more at svdpmpls.org.

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