

de aliento y nos concedió 50 días de indulgencias a toda persona que contribuya para las obras de la Conferencia. Dios Nuestro Señor sabrá recompensarlo en el cielo el bien que reporte toda esta Asociación por su celo y caridad de que está revestido nuestro segundo Señor Obispo, que hacemos votos al cielo porque nos viva muchos años para bien de esta Diócesi.

Ahora más que en otra ocasión os manifiesto que Nuestro Buen Jesús ha sido el que siempre obra en sus empresas, y de esto lo habréis visto en el presente año que de una manera notable olvidaste vuestra Conferencia y a pesar de esto gastó esta Asociación en los pobres y fábrica, la respetable suma de \$ 8,652.54, cantidad sacada de limosnas y sacrificios, dándose por este medio a conocer aquello de que *Ni el que planta, ni el que riega es algo, sino Dios que da la semilla.*

En el cielo recibirán el pago los que contribuyeren con sus limosnas lícitas y no como la filantropía ante Cristiana, a sostenimiento de esta Conferencia. Trabajad con empeño, Señoras socias, y por amor que tenéis al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, a nuestra querida Madre la Santísima Virgen de Guadalupe y a San Vicente de Paul, os pido una oración para él.

DIRECTOR,

*Presb. Ignacio Díaz y Morán.*

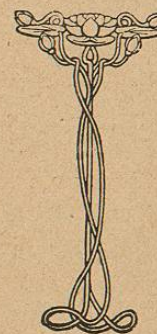
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# Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Detroit

AND ITS

## CHILD CARING DEPARTMENT

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## ANNUAL REPORT 1921



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Instituted Oct. 23, 1899

Incorporated March 15, 1912

**GENERAL HEADQUARTERS:**  
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Rue Furstenberg, 6

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REV. J. C. VISMARA, D. D.  
Chaplain

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First Vice-President  
B. A. SEYMOUR  
Secretary

JAMES F. MURPHY  
President

JOHN HILDEBRANDT,  
Second Vice-President  
ANTHONY BODDE  
Treasurer

The Particular Council is composed of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of all the Parish Conferences and meets monthly in the Society's Headquarters, 611 McDougall Avenue.

## CHILD CARING DEPARTMENT

Licensed by the State Board of Corrections and Charities, under Act No. 300, Public Acts, 1913

### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 1920

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## Organization and Purpose

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international organization of Catholic laymen engaged in the personal visitation and service of the poor. The Society takes its name from St. Vincent de Paul, the first exponent of modern charity; his principles are its principles.

The Society was founded by Frederic Ozanam and the first conference was held in a newspaper office in Paris in May, 1833. From this first conference in Paris, the Society has spread all over the world; and from the seven members there present it has grown until there are today some six thousand conferences with two hundred and fifty thousand members, with universal recognition as the authentic lay charitable organization of the Church.

The unit of organization is the parish conference; the various conferences in a given diocese are united in a Particular Council; the several Particular Councils of an archdiocese are united in a Metropolitan Central Council; the members in a given country are united under a Superior Council; and the Vincentians of the whole world are united under a Council General with headquarters in Paris.

In the diocese of Detroit there are at present fifty-eight active conferences with a total membership of two thousand and seventy-nine.

Although the primary object of the Society is the visitation of poor families in their homes, it is, nevertheless, a fundamental principle that "no work of charity shall be regarded as foreign to the Society." Thus special works to meet special social problems which lie outside the parochial scope of any one conference are undertaken by the various Particular Councils.

In Detroit, the Central Office at 611 McDougall Avenue serves as a clearing station for the cases of the several conferences.

The Particular Council conducts a Child Caring Department, whose object is the care of neglected and dependent children. In conjunction with the Child Caring Department there is conducted by a competent staff of physicians and nurses a Children's Free Clinic at 509 Breitmeyer Building.

Another special work is the Central Clothes Bureau at 540 Macomb Street, the purpose of which is to serve as an exchange for supplying clothing and shoes to the conferences for distribution among their poor.



The Child Caring Department is a participant in the Detroit Community Union and its yearly deficit is defrayed by the Detroit Community Fund. The conference work of family relief and other works of the Society are supported by funds raised by the members themselves. This is in accordance with the Rule of the Society which directs that not only shall the members themselves visit and relieve the families of the poor, but that they themselves shall also find the means to support their works. Thus, over and above the \$83,573.66 received from the Detroit Community Fund for the Child Caring Department during 1921, the Society expended in other works of charity \$125,479.40.

Attention is called to the item "Bequests," appearing in the financial report of the Particular Council. A bequest to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Detroit is a fitting and praiseworthy clause in any will.

#### MEXICAN REPATRIATION

The Society, made aware of the pitiable conditions, both spiritual and material, prevailing in the Mexican colony in Detroit at the beginning of 1921, undertook to defray the expenses of any worthy Mexican desiring to return to his own country. An arrangement was made with the Mexican Government whereby the Society undertook to defray transportation to the border and the Mexican Government to return those repatriated from the border to their respective homes. To finance this work a fund of \$11,000 was raised among the members of the Society. When this was exhausted an appeal was made for additional funds to the various Bishops of Mexico. They responded by sending some \$12,000. Thus the Society was enabled to make good its offer to repatriate every worthy Mexican who applied within the time limit set. A thorough investigation was made of each case, the whole work being carried on in close co-operation with the Mexican Consul in Detroit, and with the invaluable assistance of Rev. J. B. Mijares, a Mexican Jesuit. A statistical report of this special work will be found elsewhere in these pages; the report of money received and expended will be found in the financial report of the Particular Council.

#### CLASSES IN CHARITY CASE WORK

Two classes in Charity Case Work for Vincentians were conducted during the year. The first, held at 611 McDougall Avenue, averaged an attendance of fifteen during ten weeks beginning July 22, 1921. The second, held at St. Anthony's

School, averaged an attendance of fifteen during ten weeks beginning December 1, 1921. These classes will be continued in other sections of the city during 1922.

#### OZANAM BOYS' CLUB

The Ozanam Boys' Club was organized October 18, 1921. Its purpose is to provide recreation under proper supervision and Catholic influence for those boys who have been reared in various institutions in the city. The membership numbers 42. The Club meets each Tuesday evening at 611 McDougall Avenue. Mr. Henry Smith, Athletic Instructor at St. Francis' Home, is director.

#### QUARTERLY MEETINGS, 1921

Feb. 13, 1921—Holy Redeemer  
May 17, 1921—St. Charles  
July 24, 1921—Sacred Heart  
Dec. 7, 8, 9, 1921—Annual Retreat; Holy Family  
Dec. 11—Holy Family

#### NEW CONFERENCES ORGANIZED, 1921

St. Augustine  
St. James, Ferndale  
St. Cyril and Methodius  
St. Margaret Mary  
St. Paul, Maltese  
Holy Name  
Sacred Heart, Roseville  
Visitation  
Our Lady of Sorrows

#### CONFERENCES REORGANIZED

Sweetest Heart of Mary, Detroit  
St. Philip, Battle Creek  
St. Patrick, Wyandotte



Summary of reports from the following parish conferences, for the year ending September 30th, 1921.

	Active members on roll Sept. 30, 1921.	Honorary members on roll Sept. 30, 1921.	Weekly attendance of Active members.	Number of families relieved during year.	Number of persons in families relieved.	Number of Visits made during year.	Number of situations procured during year.	Balance from 1920 and receipts for 1921.	Total Disbursements.	Balance Sept. 30, 1921.
All Saints.....	8	26	5	20	92	92	3	\$ 657.37	\$ 556.73	\$ 100.64
Annunciation.....	11	92	8	65	247	476	17	2,576.10	2,574.27	1.83
Assumption (Grotto).....	7	19	5	9	28	34	...	359.32	267.67	91.65
Blessed Sacrament.....	10	73	7	57	315	271	2	890.73	878.23	12.50
Cathedral.....	5	12	4	20	51	87	...	633.68	543.25	90.43
Holy Family.....	7	10	5	64	315	596	12	1,007.70	1,006.03	1.67
Holy Name.....	10	23	5	16	82	90	9	476.27	438.24	38.03
Holy Redeemer.....	16	50	8	33	170	336	24	2,315.88	2,307.16	8.72
Holy Rosary.....	21	15	15	64	242	345	35	4,189.94	3,423.62	766.32
Our Lady of Help.....	9	25	5	21	89	87	...	551.35	486.03	65.32
Most Holy Trinity.....	8	103	5	35	205	92	9	1,260.30	762.94	497.36
Nativity.....	15	32	10	48	284	637	3	3,203.15	3,171.15	32.00
Our Lady of Sorrows.....	17	25	11	9	40	149	2	490.05	319.25	170.80
Sacred Heart.....	10	19	8	9	26	408	3	836.50	570.56	265.94
St. Agnes.....	5	20	4	27	62	102	3	712.48	615.99	96.49
St. Aloysius.....	9	13	5	27	117	403	18	2,923.79	2,537.21	386.58
St. Ambrose.....	6	15	5	25	165	263	1	977.71	807.80	169.91
St. Anthony's.....	10	42	6	37	199	273	4	2,457.19	2,407.63	49.57
St. Augustine's.....	8	3	6	23	144	91	1	318.23	283.25	34.98
St. Bernard's.....	9	63	8	33	179	141	5	2,231.19	1,952.92	278.27
St. Ambrose.....	6	15	5	25	165	263	1	977.71	807.80	169.91
St. Anthony's.....	10	42	6	37	199	273	4	2,457.19	2,407.62	49.57
St. Augustine's.....	8	3	6	23	144	91	1	318.23	283.25	34.98
St. Bernard's.....	9	63	8	33	179	141	5	2,231.19	1,952.92	278.27
St. Boniface.....	6	23	3	20	95	168	3	313.43	293.33	20.10
St. Catherine's.....	23	42	10	16	78	296	4	3,120.57	3,064.37	56.20
St. Charles.....	14	38	8	9	42	86	6	1,388.14	1,313.76	74.38
St. Elizabeth's.....	12	26	8	27	134	619	27	2,411.77	2,348.80	62.97
St. Florian's.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Gabriel's.....	22	29	19	15	75	113	3	1,070.52	938.23	132.29
St. George's.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Joachim's.....	12	3	7	36	147	78	14	363.50	125.50	238.00
St. John's.....	16	8	9	57	287	357	5	1,100.23	1,086.42	13.81
St. Josaphat's.....	7	17	5	12	...	55	183	548.56	470.30	78.29
St. Joseph's.....	5	...	4	31	119	133	...	1,631.28	779.69	851.59
St. Leo's.....	10	20	8	43	175	243	16	2,638.94	1876.41	762.53
St. Margaret Mary's.....	9	12	7	14	65	114	3	678.03	654.89	23.14
Santa Maria.....	7	4	4	21	67	80	15	169.12	164.12	5.00
St. Mary's.....	12	40	9	84	350	790	6	3,232.17	3,136.55	95.62
St. Paul's (Maltese).....	10	17	8	102	498	845	50	1,848.75	1,727.21	121.54
St. Paul's (Grosse Pointe).....	18	5	5	6	50	58	...	500.52	83.95	416.57
Jesuit's.....	13	48	5	27	130	410	9	1,539.11	1,668.46	129.35
St. Rose.....	14	38	9	39	186	296	15	1,684.88	1,683.52	1.36
St. Stanislaus.....	4	33	4	32	149	44	...	570.96	575.95	4.99
St. Theresa.....	15	47	8	15	72	62	1	712.92	371.41	341.51
St. Vincent's.....	6	1	5	12	64	75	10	878.63	587.45	291.18
Sweetest Heart of Mary.....	35	12	15	35	140	135	...	825.84	661.67	164.17
Visitation.....	8	2	6	2	10	34	1	136.63	120.16	16.47
Our Lady of Lourdes (River Rouge).....	10	20	5	18	93	18	2	532.30	454.77	77.53
Holy Cross (Marine City).....	10	20	6	16	68	84	...	500.49	433.86	66.63
St. Mary's (Royal Oak).....	7	10	5	36	226	364	10	949.20	904.78	44.42
St. Peters (Mt. Clemens).....	7	47	5	45	154	82	...	538.43	220.43	318.00
St. Joseph's (Adrian).....	12	14	5	3	14	69	...	527.12	196.21	330.91
St. Phillip's (Battle Creek).....	8	17	6	10	50	82	...	265.56	158.14	107.42
St. Benedicts (Highland Park).....	22	35	5	35	179	153	4	668.04	482.13	185.91
Total.....	555	1308	338	1460	6769	10916	538	\$50,414.57	\$52,492.39	\$7,922.18

## Report of Child Caring Department--1921

### CASE DEPARTMENT

	Families	Children
Cases continued from 1920.....	237	782
Reapplications.....	651	2,421
New Cases.....	2,005	5,434
	2,893	8,637

#### Disposition of other cases—

Referred to other agencies.....	155
Referred to Conferences of St. Vincent de Paul.....	764
Cases cared for and closed in the Department.....	1,719
Cases continued into 1922.....	255

Visits of Inquiry.....	3,615
Visits of Service.....	2,407

6,022

#### Miscellaneous services to others than wards of Society—

Employment secured for.....	75
Medical care secured for.....	120
Hospital care secured for.....	42
Legal advice given.....	30
Clothing supplied.....	526

#### Cases filed in Juvenile Court—

	Families	Children
Dependency and neglect.....	20	40

### HOMES DEPARTMENT

#### Homes in use January 1, 1921—

Boarding.....	117 for 243 children
Free.....	116 for 129 "
Adoption.....	72 for 77 "

305 449

Homes available but not in use..... 33 for 40 "

#### Homes in use January 1, 1922—

Boarding.....	195 for 316 children
Free.....	123 for 129 "
Adoption.....	70 for 78 "

388 523

Homes available but not in use..... 97 for 150 "

Visits of Investigation of Prospective Homes.....	322
Visits of Supervision of Children in Care.....	3,389
Visits of Service to Children in Care.....	3,820

7,531