

00:16:19 Jeanne Harper: Jeanne Harper - Marinette WI St Joseph Conference

00:16:23 Laurie Jacobs:Laurie Jacobs, Milwaukee WI

00:16:24 Beverly Lorenz: Beverly St Mary Byron

00:16:35 Marianne Sganga: Marianne Sganga

00:16:38 Tom Adkins: Tom Adkins, Indianapolis, St Simon

00:16:53 Diane Arnold: Diane Arnold-St. Benedict Conference-Mohnton,PA

00:16:58 Mary Ann Hunter: Mary Ann Hunter, flagstaff, AZ - San Francisco de Asis conference

00:17:03 Denise Dickerson: Denise Dickerson Thurmont, MD

00:17:04 Susan Feider Kelly: Susie from St. Gregory the Great Conference in Milwaukee

00:17:10 Mary Goetz: Mary Goetz - Holy Cross Conference - Mesa, AZ

00:17:10 Ron Avanzino:Ron Avanzino, San Jose, CA, St. Elizabeth Conference

00:17:19 Laurie Jacobs:Laurie Jacobs, Six Saints Conference

00:17:29 Marianne Sganga: Marianne Sganga, St. Patrick Church, Huntington, New York

00:17:39 Beverly Lorenz: Beverly, St Mary Byron, IL

00:17:51 John Walsh: John Walsh Sacred Heart Conference, Prescott, AZ

00:17:58 Neil Lucey: Neil Lucey, Manhasset New York, St Mary's Conference

00:18:59 Sandy Figueroa: Hi Everyone, Sandy Figueroa from St. Boniface Conference in Elmont, NY. Hello!!1

00:19:05 Trace Trylko: Greetings from Trace Trylko, Executive Director, Diocesan Council of Orlando. 81 degrees at 7 pm eastern â€¦ rubbing it in!

00:19:30 Myrna Stuart: Myrna Stuart, St. John Conference, Westminster MD

00:20:27 Grace Vera: Grace Vera, St. Mary Conf., Spokane Valley, WA-District Council of Spokane, WA

00:22:25 Jeanne Harper: Please post your questions in the chat and raise your hand at the end of a section...Thank you

00:23:42 Victor Vera: Victor Vera, St. Mary Conference, Spokane Valley, WA

00:24:29 Jeanne Harper: Please list your name, city and state and conference name....for anyone joining us this evening... 95 registered = 43+ joined already and more still joining --- THANK you for letting us know how important these monthly calls are to you

00:25:08 Denise Dickerson: Denise Dickerson, Our Lady of Grace Conference, Thurmont, MD

00:25:32 Erika Aldana: Erika Aldana, Hicksville, NY conference. Hi, everyone!

00:26:19 Charles Roboski: Good evening all - Chuck Roboski, St. John Student Center Conference, East Lansing, MI

00:26:45 Jeanne Harper: Michael Norris, St. Johns Mi. St. Joseph parish.

00:27:14 James Nantell: Jim Nantell, Santa Rosa Diocese District. Our Lady of Guadalupe conference. Unfortunately I will need to leave for another meeting at 4:30. I am sorry.

00:29:15 Jeanne Harper: From Me to James Nantell: (Privately) 06:09 PM

This is being recorded -- you will get the link tomorrow..

00:29:45 Cindy Estrada: Cindy Estrada, Dallas TX Our Lady of Lourdes Conference/Dallas Council/South Central Region

00:31:24 Victor Vera: The importance of meeting twice a month is very important too

00:31:33 Ron Avanzino: Do most conferences have a Spiritual Advisor? Is there training for a Spiritual Advisor available?

00:31:59 Jeanne Harper: Right on Victor --- needing to meet regularly weekly or bi weekly....critical....

00:32:31 Jeanne Harper: All conferences are required to have a Spiritual Advisor that is a lay person. Yes there is training available on the formation portal

00:33:46 Jeanne Harper: <https://www.svdpusa.org/members/Programs-Tools/Programs/Vincentian-Formation> - click on SA Training

00:34:27 Trace Trylko: Ozanam Orientation is recommended every 3 or is it every 5 years?

00:36:44 Jeanne Harper: It is required minimum of twice a year so that new members can attend within 6 months of joining SVdP --- As an active Vincentian I am not sure how often it is recommended to attend -- I know when they added Poverty and revamped OO -- everyone was required to attend.

00:37:03 Erika Aldana: How do you encourage other members to participate in the reflection? Sometimes I'm the only one who has a reflection.

00:37:51 Trace Trylko: Yes, I meant how often should a Vincentian experience OO? At least every 3 years? 5? A new Conference President is asking.

00:38:06 Jeanne Harper: Our Vincentians love to attend -- because of the meeting of friends, the comradery that is important.

00:39:11 Sandy Figueroa: This goes along with spirituality. Aren't conferences meant to be a community so that prayer and reflection are essential so that work of the conference takes place meaningfully? Thanks

00:39:30 Diane Arnold: May you use a reflection from a Fr. Maloney book or from the Rule, or some other resources?

00:40:03 Charles Roboski: can you talk about the types of membership and what members are invited (and in fact do) attend the twice monthly meetings?

00:40:06 Cindy Estrada: I can tell you the conferences meeting more than 2 times a week are usually flourishing

00:42:14 Diane Arnold: How do you find a facilitator for the Ozanam Orientation?

00:42:53 Victor Vera: It is a minimum of three years

00:43:29 Victor Vera: All Vincentians are required to revisit Ozanam Orientation every three years

00:45:12 Jeanne Harper: Charles --- there are two types - Active -- required to attend at minimum twice a month

00:45:22 Victor Vera: During your meetings ask member if they want to be a presenter or a Formator to present Ozanam Orientation. It is very simple to present OO now with videos provided by National SVdP

00:45:35 Jeanne Harper: Associates - attend some meetings or none - and they participate in our activities or events

00:47:09 Victor Vera: The Introduction to SVdP is also available

00:47:14 Nancy Baum: If possible may I have Mary Ann's email address? I am the President of our Conference.

00:48:04 Jeanne Harper: maryannhunter44@gmail.com

00:50:40 Victor Vera: We are attending one virtual OO now in three consecutive days, 2 hour period

00:52:53 Vince Salas, St. Anthony Conference, Renton, WA: Is the Introduction to St. Vincent de Paul video available on the SVdP USA site?

00:53:20 Charles Roboski: could you talk about the spiritual committee and the role it plays?

00:54:15 Jeanne Harper: Yes the Intro is in Vincentian Formation portal.

00:54:24 Julie Witzel: Yes, Introduction to the Society can be found in the G&R Portal at: <https://www.svdpusa.org/growth-revitalization/Planning/General-Information-Introduction>

00:54:36 Vince Salas, St. Anthony Conference, Renton, WA: Thank you

00:56:38 Victor Vera: The videos for the Introduction to SVdP area viable in the web site (www.svdpusa.org)

00:57:31 Jeanne Harper: Yes -- Julie just posted the link

00:58:49 Peggy Kirkpatrick: Does a Vincentian need to be a Catholic to be elected as a Officer?

00:59:17 Jeanne Harper: Yes they must be Catholic in good standing

01:00:33 Julie Witzel: They must be an active member and active members must be Catholic

01:02:29 Peggy Kirkpatrick: One member of our conference is a spouse to a member who is Catholic and active full member. he is so awesome? he has so many ideas.

01:05:02 Jeanne Harper: Everyone -- Please direct all questions to the chat - ensuring you are responding to Everyone at the top. Thank you

01:05:40 Jeanne Harper: Consensus is how we generally work -- votes are taken for Presidents, for accepting changes in bylaws,

01:05:52 Vince Salas, St. Anthony Conference, Renton, WA: What about other religious as spiritual advisors?

01:06:13 Jeanne Harper: We have consensus on minutes -- asking for corrections and edits during the time the draft minutes are sent and the next meeting.

01:06:51 Marie Wicks: How often do you meet with your Spiritual Advisors for formation and training?

01:06:58 Jeanne Harper: You may have a Deacon or Priest, or Sister -- but are encouraged by Marge McGinley - Formation Chair that we also have a lay SA

01:08:03 Victor Vera: It is recommended not to have a priest or deacon or sister be an spiritual advisor

01:08:58 Jeanne Harper: Yes exactly Victor -- but some have Deacons or priests that want to be involved ---- what is critical is to have a Lay Spiritual Advisor t

01:09:52 Jeanne Harper: as well

01:10:57 Victor Vera: Can a visit to a neighbor's home taking food be considered a home visit env if we could not enter the home due to Cover-19?

01:13:06 Jeanne Harper: Victor -- if you talked with them on the phone and got the story behind the need -- then yes delivering the food can be the closing of the visit.

01:13:07 Peggy Kirkpatrick: How much time needs to be given as a spiritual adviser in our conference?

01:13:50 Jeanne Harper: Depends on the discussion and sharing of our Vincentians --- usually between 20 and 45 minutes -- as this is the critical piece of being a Vincentian

01:14:37 Victor Vera: Thanks Jeanne, I had heard from National that unless you enter the home, it is not considered a home visit. I personally agree with you.

00:11:59 Julie Witzel: Please share your name, conference, and diocese

00:12:02 Cathy Garcia: Hello everyone Cathy Garcia

00:12:41 Grace Vera-Spokane, WA: Grace Vera, St. Mary Conf., Spokane Diocese

00:12:58 Cindy Estrada: Cindy Estrada, Our Lady of Lourdes, Diocese of Dallas

00:13:20 Dcn Jim Devine: Dcn Jim Devine. Palatine Illinois

00:13:26 Kathy Vargas: Kathy Vargas, Holy Spirit , New Hyde Park, NY

00:13:41 jackie thiry: Jackie Thiry, Green Bay Wi

00:13:41 Patricia Hall: Patricia Hall, Orlando.

00:13:47 Thomas Breaud: Deacon Tom Breaud St John Vianney Orlando FL

00:13:47 Nancy Thatcher: Nancy Thatcher - St. Anthony Conference - Columbus, OH

00:13:47 Deacon Dan Bassile: Deacon dan bassile Holy Name of Jesus Indialantic Florida

00:13:50 Annie Sutter: Annie Sutter St. Vincent de Paul St. Matthew Catholic Church
Virginia Beach VA

00:13:51 SANDRA NORMAN: SANDY NORMAN, ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS,
ST ANGELA MERICI CONFERENCE

00:13:55 Stephen Knych: Deacon Steve, Spiritual Advisor Diocesan Council Orlando
Florida; Corpus Christi Conference

00:13:56 Deacon Henry Knapp: Deacon Henry here in Sioux Falls, SD, 36F and
cloudy.

00:14:02 Kay Mazloom: Katie Mazloom Holy Family Catholic Church, Diocese of
Orlando....GREAT WEATHER!!!!

00:14:08 Jeanne harper: Jeanne Harper - St Joseph Conference Marinette WI

00:14:08 Steve Cusick: Steve Cusick - Holy Name of Jesus - Indialantic

00:14:09 Erika Aldana: Erika Aldana--St. Ignatius Loyola conference in Hicksville, NY. Hi,
everyone!

00:14:38 Deacon Henry Knapp: I used to live in Hicksville on Acre Lane.

00:14:53 Deacon Dennis Majewski: Dcn Dennis Majewski ABVM Conference Pulaski,
Wi. Green Bay Diocese.

00:15:00 Clyde Golden: Clyde Golden

00:15:01 Marianne Hondel: Marianne Hondel

00:15:05 Deacon Jack Rhine: Deacon Jack Rhine, Our Lady of Grace Conference, Palm
Bay, Florida

00:15:07 Ron Avanzino: Ron Avanzino, St. Elizabeth Conference, San Jose, CA

00:15:10 Ginnie: Ginnie Bucek from St. Jude Conference in Mansfield, Tx.

00:15:11 Susan Weinberger: Sue from St. Mary-Andrew conference in Mayville, Wisconsin

00:15:31 Marianne Hondel: Marianne Hondel, St. Catherine Parish, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

00:15:52 Dianne Perkins: Dianne Perkins from Holy Family Conference, Centralia, WA, Seattle Diocese

00:16:41 Jos   A. Rivera: Hello everybody. I am Deacon Jos   Antonio Rivera, from Saint John the Evangelist Council at Columbia, Maryland.

00:17:18 Ferdinand Kandia: Hello, I am Ferdinand with the SVDP conference Basilica-Cathedral of Mobile

00:23:17 Jeanne harper: Welcome all of you to tonight's Discussion and Sharing Call....we are so happy you are here.

00:25:04 Lois Severson: Lois Severson from the St. James Conference in Menomonee Falls. WI

00:26:06 Peggy Ann Kirkpatrick: Thank you, I am happy to be here. I am from St. Anastasia's Conference, Pa

00:26:58 Nancy Hogan-Baur: thanks Mike - Nancy from Ellicott City, MD

00:28:41 Julie Witzel: Spiritual documents can be found in the G&R Portal under the Formation and Clergy Relations tabs: <https://www.svdpusa.org/growth-revitalization>

00:28:53 Rita St Pierre: What an appropriate story! Never heard that before.

00:31:06 Julie Witzel: Also there is a Spirituality Suggestions at <https://www.svdpusa.org/growth-revitalization/Planning/Revitalization>

00:34:11 Rita St Pierre: Tim, it's also important for the SA to become comfortable with silence and wait for someone to share.

00:34:40 Jeanne harper: specific handout

00:34:59 Jeanne harper: Spirituality Suggestions for Revitalizing a Conference has all the links to the best practice links.

00:35:31 Jeanne harper: Also a great revitalization prayer is available there as well.

00:35:33 Jeanne harper: ESSENTIALS FOR "CONFERENCE" REVITALIZATION

HOLY SPIRIT FILLED MEMBERS - Acts 1:4-8 / Eph. 5:18 / Gal. 5:25

00:38:23 James Nantell: Our conference meets monthly, which is less than we are suppose to do. Are we unusualy from your experience?

00:39:30 Deacon Henry Knapp: Tim and Mike,

00:40:05 Deacon Henry Knapp: Tim & Mike, How important is it for SAs to do home visits?

00:41:46 Jeanne harper: Twice a month meetings are a MINIMUM or you are not in compliance with the Rule - many meet weekly.

00:43:08 James Nantell: My impression in Sonoma County is most only meet monthly, that is why I was wondering what those on this call are experiencing.

00:43:37 Erika Aldana: Should the SA lead the reflection? Share first?

00:44:04 Annie Sutter: We meet one is our general meeting and one we have a prayer group

00:45:19 Susan Weinberger: We meet twice a month.

00:45:45 Susana Santana: Most of our 136 active Conferences in the Los Angeles Council meet twice a month... only one that I am aware of meets only once, and we are trying to get them to "change their ways..." :)

00:45:48 Susan Bois: Hello, Susan Bois, St. Rita in the Desert, Vail, AZ We meet weekly.

00:45:56 Kathleen Fourre: Twice a month on Mondays except holidays. Conference is in San Francisco.

00:46:04 Patrice Steier: we meet 2x per month

00:46:43 Kay Mazloom: 2x a month- Holy Family Orlando

00:46:55 jackie thiry: We had met twice a month. However, during the pandemic we did not. Just resuming now and all expressed hw much we missed the interaction. I find we need each other to grow spiritually.

00:47:11 Ivan Garcia: Once a month in Framingham, MA

00:47:22 Erika Aldana: We meet 2x a month but it took a lot of "persuasion". I referenced the Rule and the Q&A from the e-gazette to get agreement.

00:47:25 Kathy Vargas: We meet once or twice a month

00:47:30 Annie Sutter: We are having problem with the fact no one wants to meet also hard to get younger people as we are a very small group and most over 65 need advice on how to get those interested in serving

00:47:37 Ginnie: Before COVID, we met twice a month.

00:47:47 Deacon Henry Knapp: 2x per month in Sioux Falls, SD

00:47:51 Cindy Estrada: In our Diocese the majority meets every two weeks and some are regularly weekly

00:47:59 james j plepel sr: weekly

00:48:06 Jeanne harper: In our District - we all meet twice a month - when we first started meeting twice - one was a full fledge meeting -- the second was after mass using the zVincentian Reflections.

00:48:06 Susan Daigle: We meet once a month for a business meeting and get together on one Sunday after mass for talking. But with COVID we do not make those Sunday meetings as much.

00:48:09 Deacon Dennis Majewski: Our conference tries to meet twice a month. One meeting is more focused on spirituality and the other on business but there is always some time on spirituality at the business meeting.

00:48:12 SANDRA NORMAN: we have a full business meeting once a month, & monthly First Saturday Mass together w/breakfast and short meeting or video presentation

00:48:13 Peggy Ann Kirkpatrick: Before Covid, we met mostly twice, now it is via zoom once monthly. Pa

00:48:15 Deacon Jack Rhine: We meet twice a month. One is a business meeting where we do pray and one has a focus on spirituality.

00:48:19 Grace Vera-Spokane, WA: My conference meets twice a month on Zoom now during Covid restrictions.

00:48:21 Patty Westlund: once per month

00:48:45 Ursula Nowak: We only meet once a month, which I am trying to change, but I face a lot of resistance. I would expect that after all that was said, those of us who only meet monthly, might be hesitant to say so.

00:48:52 Bonnie Minaglia: St. James Arlington Htgs IL since Covid we

00:48:56 Patrice Steier: we meet 2x per month

00:49:03 Dianne Perkins: 2X per month Centralia/Chehalis, WA

00:49:03 Jeanne harper: We also meet Virtual

00:49:40 Nancy Hogan-Baur: only once a month - just beginning for a few years spiritual engagement is on

00:49:46 Dcn Jim Devine: We meet twice a month; one business meeting and one Saturday morning meeting with mass and breakfast.

00:50:20 Patty Westlund: How long are your meetings?

00:50:25 Kay Mazloom: We have pantry hours 6 times a week and it is hard to meet (Zoom) more than 2 times. We pray at the beginning of each shift. We have good turn out at our meetings.

00:50:41 Ron Avanzino: We meet once a month and only half of our members show up.

00:51:46 Jeanne harper: Keeping your meetings to one hour and following an agenda after at least 20 minutes of prayer and reflection -- helps keep people involved

00:51:48 Cindy Estrada: It's not only important for the spirituality aspect of the conference, but also important for the fellowship and friendship as well. I mean, when you are trying to establish and grow a friendship only seeing our fellow members once a month...the relationship struggles.

00:52:53 Grace Vera-Spokane, WA: I think what Rita says could be true. In my district we have several conferences who meet only once a month.

00:53:03 Bonnie Minaglia: St. James Arlington Heights IL. prior to Covid we met 2x a month but now we haven't seen but email and talk on phone regularly. we don't have a place to meet. we just had our 1st zoom this past week. we need to change this. Bonnie Minaglia

00:53:04 Sister Deborah Kennedy, RSM: We meet twice a month

00:53:05 Jeanne harper: Right on Cindy --- many forget Spirituality and Friendship are KEY to being able to see the Face of Christ in those we serve...Service is the third leg of the three legged stool

00:54:13 Cindy Estrada: Hi Tim :)

00:54:20 Susan Bois: Our long-time members are very resistant to spiritual reflection. I fear we will lose them if we continue to stress reflection. Any ideas?

00:55:14 Patricia Hall: please talk about the optimal size of a conference. If you have lots of people should you break into two groups with 2 sets of officers and SAs?

00:55:26 Jeanne harper: Susan -- remind them growing in holiness is our main mission ---- if they lack the interior life of the Spirit - we miss everything in service.... SVdP

00:55:48 Peggy Ann Kirkpatrick: Is everyone still meeting in person, regardless of Covid?

00:56:40 Ursula Nowak: we meet virtually

00:56:42 Kathleen Fourre: Zoom meetings except for minimum # of people bagging.

00:57:13 Jeanne harper: We meet in the Parish Center -- we have 15 members - each member sits at a different round table to keep 6 ft apart -- and wear masks

00:57:36 Deacon Henry Knapp: In Sioux Falls - some Conferences via Zoom and some in person

00:57:40 Jeanne harper: We do have to clean the tables and chairs that we touch after our meetings

00:58:03 Dianne Perkins: We Google meet.

00:58:17 Kay Mazloom: My conference has a love story, we had revitalization a!bout 3-4 yrs ago. We grew in love an holiness once we initiated spirituality that was missing. The Holy

Spirit brought us 25 new members! Spirituality was welcomed and our fellowship and working together has been so wonderful. No more bickering or disagreements. However, the older less agreeable members left, they didn't want the spirituality. But we have grown unbelievably. We see Christ in all our guests that we serve in our pantry.

00:58:40 Kathy Vargas: We meet on zoom

00:58:48 Lois Severson: We meet twice a month for an hour to an hour and a half. Our spiritual reflection discussion takes 30 - 40 minutes. From Lois Severson

00:58:57 Patrice Steier: 1/3 in person

00:59:33 Susan Daigle: We meet in person

00:59:55 Robert Weber: I have been a Vincentian since 1956 and we started out meeting weekly. With the meetings and making visits our members all of us being in our late 20 years of age with growing families, we began to realize that we were actually neglecting our families. Over the years our conference has gradually reduced our meetings to monthly with that meeting almost becoming a mini-retreat. In order to maintain a younger membership this is perpetuating our conference. In fact, in our parish, we have two conferences with younger members with very active SAs in both conferences. Currently both of the conferences are making our visits virtually.

01:03:59 Ursula Nowak: What is the ideal number of members for a conference?

01:04:04 Grace Vera-Spokane, WA: Do some of you share how the home visit touched you spiritually? Or is mostly a laundry list of what you saw and how you helped the family?

01:04:08 Stephen Knych: I have found there are several stages people in ministry go thru, there is information, formation, and then transformation. Some folks get stuck in one of these; if you can't get thru that spiritual wall and you are not being transformed, then maybe the right solution is to step back from that ministry and seek God's will for His next plan for you.

01:04:25 Jeanne harper: 8-15 is a reasonable number

01:05:32 terry cochrane: Should we be discussing the RULE? We read a little from it, but never discuss it.

01:07:05 Jeanne harper: We share the heart issues of home visits - we do not share the nitty gritty - numbers, etc..

01:09:54 Jeanne harper: The Rule is the number 1 spiritual document we have --- we read a section and then we talk about how that challenges ourselves or our conference

01:10:59 Jeanne harper: Essentials of Spirituality

01:11:16 Jeanne harper: Many "conferences" have "meetings" but the Holy Spirit is not in charge!

Healthy "conferences" are Holy Spirit filled and that makes all the difference in the "meeting".

We've seen many times lifeless, cold and dead "conferences" that were not Holy Spirit filled.

These "conferences" had grieved or quenched the Holy Spirit so much that they don't even realize that His power is gone.

Any "conference" that wants Revitalization will seek and teach their members to be Holy Spirit filled.

Anything less will be a "conference" filled with the works of the flesh.

A Holy Spirit filled "conference" will glorify God and be a blessing to others around them.

A Holy Spirit filled "conference" has a healthy, powerful, witnessing, bold, loving, caring, and faithful "conference" membership.

Are you and the members of your "conference" Holy Spirit filled?

May today we not only live in the Spirit, but be filled and walk in the Spirit.

May God bless your "Conference".

<http://strengtheningchurchministries.com/documents>

01:13:14 Deacon Dennis Majewski: My nephew had open heart surgery and we are meeting on zoom as a family to pray and share our feelings together for him and his immediate family after this meeting. Please keep him in your prayers.

01:13:59 PAULINE MANALO: .A Blessed Thanksgiving

01:14:05 Marie Wicks: Thank you, all!

01:14:06 Grace Vera-Spokane, WA: Thank you Tim, Mike and Jeanne.

01:14:12 Patty Westlund: At our meetings we go through finances & an agenda, that seems more important than our spirituality.

01:14:26 Deacon Henry Knapp: Mike, Tim, Jeanne - great webinar - thanks much!!!

01:14:26 Ron Costanzo: Thank you for the open invitation. Much appreciated

01:14:27 Luciano Umerez - NYC St Ignatius: Thank you all! Have a blessed thanksgiving

01:14:28 Diane Arnold: Thank you so much I learn so much.

01:14:34 Kay Mazloom: Thank you, Happy Thanksgiving!

01:14:47 Deacon Dan Bassile: thank you happy thanksgiving

01:15:01 Annie Sutter: thank you Be blessed with good health wealth and happiiness