

Sacred Heart of Jesus Conference

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



November 2013

OUR SOCIETY WELCOMES FR. LEON FLAHERTY

HOWARD PROFFIT

Memorial

Honors Our Veterans

Howard Proffit, a World War II Veteran, had a desire to honor his fellow comrades in need.

Howard willed that his remaining estate would assist veterans struggling with basic needs. The funds were entrusted to our Society to disburse.

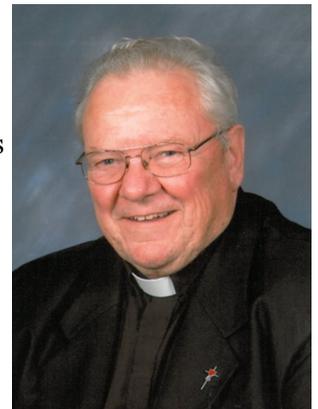
Over the past year we have assisted 16 veteran households with a total of \$3082. Donations can be sent to the Society and earmarked to assist veterans from this restricted memorial account.



Vincentians "Serve in Hope" because we are called to bring the love of God, the compassion of Jesus, to those who are poor and suffering.

Fr. Lee graciously agreed to become our new spiritual advisor. Father was the guinea pig for a new web based training for new spiritual advisors offered by our National Office. With only a few minor glitches in the technology, Fr. Lee was given the blessing of being the first person trained via the web in our nation.

Jeanne Harper, Northwest Regional Vice-President, was invited to attend a meeting on April 26 by Bishop Peter Christensen with other Society members to discuss the presence of our Society in the Diocese of Superior. Currently there are conferences in the cities of Superior, Rice Lake, Phillips and Merrill. In attendance at that meeting were members of our Sacred Heart of Jesus Conference, President Liz Gaynor, Lynn Tracy, Pat Higgins and Fr. Lee Flaherty.



Fr. Lee also joined with other members in Madison, Wisconsin, for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Annual National Meeting held September 13-15. Other members in attendance were Pat Higgins, Lynn Tracy, Becky and Eric Stuart. The three day conference provided members with training and spiritual enrichment

with a keynote by our international president Dr. Michael Thio. Of note is that our Society is currently present in 149 countries throughout the world.

Fr. Lee also joined with Jeanne Harper and Jayne Stewart from the Rice Lake Conference and Lynn Tracy in providing an hour long presentation to priests and deacons in our diocese during their congress held in Ashland on October 15. It is hoped that other parishes throughout our diocese will consider expanding our Society to their area and offering parishioners an opportunity to grow in spirituality and service to our brothers and sisters in need.

We thank Fr. Lee for his willingness to help us enrich our spiritual development and thus assure that we are serving Christ's poor with the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul.

HELP US HELP OTHERS

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
1416 Cumming Ave.
Superior, WI 54880



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If you have questions or would like to donate to our society please contact us. If you have a need or know of anyone in need of our services please call **715-398-4039**, leave a message for Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Meetings

Meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Catholic Charities building at 1416 Cumming Ave.

Membership

Active Members are those that attend meetings and visit with families in their homes or at times in the office.

Associate Members are those that help with special projects.

Contributing Members are those that provide regular or annual donations in support of the Society.

SVDP Officers

President: Liz Gaynor
Spiritual Advisor:
Fr. Leon Flaherty
Vice President: Lynn Tracy
Vice President of
Membership: Pam Dawson
Treasurer: Eric Stuart
Secretary: Becky Stuart

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HELPING OUR SEMINARIANS IN THEIR FORMATION

Theodore Heino and James Zahler were actively involved with our Society during their summer internships at the Cathedral of Christ the King. These spiritual and compassionate young men graciously offered their time to meet with those in need at our office and in their homes and attended our Society meetings. They touched our lives and the lives of those in need whom we served. We wish them both God's continued blessings as they continue on their journeys of faith.



Our Service to those in Need — October 2012-September 2013

Our Society was contacted by over 1000 households in the fiscal year from October 2012 through September 2013. There are no expenses for salaries, vehicles, or buildings. 95 cents out of every dollar donated to our Society goes directly to meet the basic needs of those we serve. Monies were disbursed in the following categories.

Housing	\$ 35,143.00	Other	\$ 2,306.00
Utilities	\$ 12,789.00	Medical	\$ 2,049.00
Transportation	\$ 7,542.00	Disaster Contributions	\$ 259.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 3,189.00	TOTAL	\$ 63,277.00

We were able to assist 83 households with furniture with a total estimated value of over \$6000.

Thank you for your generous support to allow us to serve our brothers and sisters in need.

OUR SOCIETY HONORS ITS DECEASED MEMBERS

Within the past year we said our earthly farewell to several past members of our Society.

Our dear David Zeig was a regular "fixture" in the Catholic Charities office with his own desk at which he prepared our mailing labels for our annual appeal. The Lord be with you David.

We also said our goodbyes to Marisa Anderson a compassionate woman with an unforgettable smile. Marisa helped us welcome and assist those in need at the Catholic Charities building.

Walter Baltes who was too ill to make it to our meetings was a faithful contributing member with his wife Bernice. Walt and Bernice's prayers have continued to strengthen us as we have served the poor.

Glen Darst served the Society for many years prior to the re-formation of the Society as the Sacred Heart of Jesus Conference. Glen's tireless work with the earlier Society and his genuine support of our current Society and its members will be always remembered and appreciated.

Thank you for Memorials received in memory of:

Jean Hurley
Walter Baltes
Mike Carey
Bob Drahota
Bob MacGregor
Helen Carlson
Angeline Sperling

May they Rest in Peace

Thank you to the following organizations/companies for supporting us financially this past year:

Calumet Specialty Products;
Dove Staff; Diocese of Superior (Rice Bowl); Downs Funeral Home;
Murphy Oil USA; Knights of Columbus; H & H Lumber;
Judy Weber (ICO), SHS Ceramics Students; Worldwide Machining & Welding; National Association of Retired Federal Employees;
Richard I Bong American Legion