



SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT de PAUL St. Peter Conference

Ministry Update (for period April, 2021 through June, 2021)

Dear members and friends of SVDP,

I hope you and your families are doing well. Here are some ministry updates and highlights for the second quarter of 2021.

- Monthly SVDP meetings – It is our understanding that as of September, all ministries will be allowed to meet again in the church premises. Please stay tuned as we coordinate our meeting schedule with the church office secretary.
- SVDP Training – We will coordinate a SVDP training session for all members assisting with the phones, to make sure we all handle cases consistently. We will provide more information once we start meeting in person.
- Encouragement to join the phone duty roster – Since we don't yet know when we will resume home visits, we encourage members that are not participating in phone duty to please consider volunteering for this activity. We currently have 10 members (including the board members) sharing the English phone roster, and 5 members sharing the Spanish phone roster. Ministering to those in need (by phone or in person) is the heart and essence of what we do. Thank you!
- Changes in the Food for Family ministry – As we heard last Sunday, Carol and Deacon Dave Licata will be relocating to Virginia. Carol has been a valuable member of the SVDP family for many years and will be missed. We wish her and Deacon Dave many blessings and a great new chapter in their lives. Laura Boscia - our SVDP Secretary, has taken an additional role co-leading the FFF operations. Congratulations, Laura!
- Reduction in requests for support vs available funding – We have noticed a reduction in cases within the last quarter, which we believe is related to: federal assistance to families, abundance of work opportunities in the local labor market, and COVID relief assistance by the PB County. While we understand this may change in the future, we are currently seeking opportunities to disperse more of our current funds to families in need within Jupiter and Palm Beach County.
- Collaboration with The Lord's Place and other organizations – We have established a collaboration protocol with The Lord's Place, whereby they present cases of homeless families that they have previously vetted and assisted, and we provide financial support with first month, deposit, and/or last month of rent. This way, we both contribute to bringing homeless families out of homelessness. This initiative is in addition to our ongoing agreements with SVDP Palm Beach Council, MyClinic, and El Sol. Based on our funding availability throughout the year, we may reach out to our sister parish in Pahokee to provide support to their parishioners in need, in close coordination with Father Juan Cardenas.
- Phone donations - The old ministry phones that were recently replaced were put to good use. One was donated to Hannah's Home and will be used by a teen single mother that lives there. The other was donated to a local homeless person in need of a phone to secure a job interview.



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Summary of Cases reviewed, Distributions to the Poor, and Donations-Grants received:

	Second Quarter 2021 (April – June)	Fiscal Year to Date (October 2020 – June 2021)
Cases reviewed	29	126
Cases approved	25	100
Homeless cases	5	17
Hispanic families	8	45
Non-Hispanic families	21	81
Families impacted by COVID	11	68
Percentage of assisted families that were directly impacted by COVID	44%	68%
Cases brought out of homelessness	1	4
Cases where homelessness was prevented	19	52
Cases assisted from outside Jupiter area	9	16
Cases where we assisted to reunite families in other cities or countries	0	3
Total Assistance provided to the Poor	\$25,013	\$89,257
Total donations received from Individuals	\$ 4,269	\$39,094
Total grants received from Foundations	\$20,000	\$65,000