

Homework: Visit a home with our Parish Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Pope Francis reminds us that **humble thanksgiving for our gifts leads to the responsibility of going forth to encounter others**. At the center of our spirituality are the two dimensions of contemplation and action, “because we can only enter the heart of God through the wounds of Christ, and we know that Christ is wounded in the hungry, the uneducated, the discarded, the old, the sick, the imprisoned, in all the vulnerable human flesh.” (Pope Francis, to you in CLC, by letter to the [World Assembly of CLC / CVX](#), July 2018.)

Jim Doerger, our St. Vincent de Paul Parish Conference president, says they'd love to have people join on **Home Visits**. They meet every Saturday, 9-12, and it's important to get there at 9 AM, since they go out by 9:30 at the latest. He advises that preferably not many people on any given Saturday (maybe 5 extras at a time max), so spread out over the month. Helping with **Thanksgiving Deliveries** would also be a way to get involved. For general home visits (the better option) email Jim Doerger at: jim@windowsolutionsgroup.com. Their meeting location changes, because of basketball games and parish commitments, so it'd be important to get the location each week from Jim. For Thanksgiving, **Diane Bissonette** is coordinating volunteers - dianebis@cinci.rr.com (per **Tim Severyn**).

Also, **Don Gloecker** (of our St. Vincent de Paul Society “District Conference” agency) recommends:

1. If we show up at someone's home with several people, it can come across as something equivalent to a trip to the zoo. It can feel that way to the person we are visiting, *particularly if some of the people visiting have no role other than observing*.
2. The best scenario would be a Home Visit with **only two (2) home visitors** – one an experienced Vincentian and the other the observer, with the Vincentian leading the conversation and the observer having the role of recording important information collected (after, not during visit).

To share, with each other as you choose, consider writing in a personal journal on your experience:

- Describe your Home Visit “**outer journey**,” similar to stories reported in some of our parish bulletins. (For example see Parish web home-page right-column link to [Oct. 14, 2018 bulletin](#)).
- Contemplate your Home Visit “**inner journey**.” For growth and support, Ignatian CLC aims to help facilitate members’ “*spiritual intimacy in community*.” As helpful, use the enclosed:

Article by **Rev. Paul Wacdorf**: “*I’d Love to Lord, But...*” **Identify your resistances** and your **need for prayer** and **dialogue** (p. 662: “I need to talk to another person about my resistances.” **St. Ignatius** [in his Rules for **Discernment** of Spirits, Week 1]: “...the evil spirit as a false lover who ‘acts in order to keep his [Ignatius]’ own suggestions and temptations secret, and our tactics must be to bring out into the light of day each such suggestions and temptations....’ ”)

Handout from **Ms. Pat Carter-Anderson** (CLC-USA): “*Two Standards and Theological Reflection*.” For our home-visit encounters and meeting together: **Pray for the grace of opening our hearts and minds for insights into the strategies and values of Satan and God** in the Two Standards of St. Ignatius of Loyola (in his Spiritual Exercises, for discipleship)....

Use the **Examen Prayer**: [Fr. Dan Hartnett, SJ instructs](#) & [Fr. James Martin, SJ reflects](#) on this, in action.

Segue to:

- **Fr. Pepe Ruiz, SJ** (CLC/CVX Puerto Rico) presentation
- **Ms. Pat Carter-Anderson** (CLC-USA) presentation
- Explore interest in convening a Social Analysis group-experience. (Pastoral Circle diagram)
- Connecting to advocacy networks/ parish ISN, SVdP “Voice for the Poor,” Network, Bread for the World....

Worksheet?

Idea: Use Pat’s “Two Standards and Theological Reflection” to draft **both Participant and Co-Facilitator activities/ Materials** (e.g., Co-Facilitators lead discussions, breakouts, using Pat’s Short handout or excerpts thereof to create a local contemplation group-experience, perhaps using a personal journalizing Q/A handout).