



## Society of St. Vincent De Paul

### Most Holy Rosary Church

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Dear parishioners of St. Ignatius of Antioch,

We come off a very challenging year but one filled with the love and service of Jesus. This is an overview of what transpired with our conference in 2020.

The last week of January leading up to Super Bowl Sunday we over saw one week of the Winter Night's Program at the Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg. SVdP along with other parish ministries provided meals for the week. There were 8 families. The residents and staff were very grateful.

The food pantry operates every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 – 1000 AM. We continued to support our neighbors in need with the Food Bank Truck distribution. We also do home visits to assist people with various needs, such as rent, deposits, utilities, and furniture. All was going as planned.

Then came the COVID 19. We met the challenge under the leadership of our president, Bob Liles. With restrictions changing frequently, we were able to keep the food pantry operational with a select number of Vincentians able to maintain a flexible weekly schedule. Same with the Food Bank Truck. Our home visits, became non-home visits, utilizing the email and phones. We are continuing to operate under these restrictions.

In July Grocery Outlet's manager, Pat Choa from the Buchanan Road store, still was able to put on a food fundraiser. Our pantry was the recipient of small donated bags of food which were distributed through the food pantry.

To assist people to make donations to our conference, in such a difficult time, Bob Liles set up a Donor Box. It is currently available on our website: <https://www.holyrosaryantioch.org/svdp>

On October 1, 2020 Bob Liles became the president of the SVdP District Council. He now oversees the 29 conferences in Contra Costa County. Bob was president for of the Holy Rosary Conference for the previous 6 years, and was District Council Treasurer at the same time. He is still a member of our conference.

On October 1, 2020, I, Larry Hopwood became the conference president. Our Vice-President is Justine Charley from Most Holy Rosary, Secretary continues to be Linda Castro from St. Ignatius of Antioch, Treasurer continues to be Alizu Urbina from Most Holy Rosary, and the Spiritual Advisor is Bob Martin from Most Holy Rosary.

November 23, 2020 was the food distribution at St. Ignatius of Antioch. The continued cooperation between both parishes is vital to assist our community in the City of Antioch.

Under the guidance of Fr. Robert and Brian McCoy, the registration and distribution were flawless. Everyone was being safe and aware. They wore masks and social distanced. It was also a beautiful day the Lord provided for all. The registration was held at the front of the church, where people were given a \$30.00 Grocery Outlet Voucher, since there were no food

baskets. The food distribution was held at the north end of the parking lot allowing the people to drive through, receiving fresh vegetables provided by Catherine Vidaurri and a frozen turkey.

On Friday December 18 we had our food distribution program at Most Holy Rosary Parish Center. Due to the restrictions we had to hold the distribution outside in our parish center parking lot. We purchased 150 Lucky Store Food Cards worth \$40.00 each. We planned to give everyone a card instead of a turkey or bag of food. Earlier in the week the Food Bank donated fresh fruit and vegetables. Our warehouse team of Frank Zamora, Tim Hennessey, Romy Myszka, and John picked up the food and set it out Friday for distribution.

The food pantry was closed the last 2 weeks for the Christmas and New Years holidays.

We want to thank all of you for your tremendous generosity in such challenging times throughout 2020. You provided \$18,147.00 to assist with food and other various services we provide.

I hope some of you find it in your hearts to serve those in need. If so you can call the number at the top of the front page or send an email. We here at SVdP look forward to working with your parish in 2021.

**INDEED, SOMEONE MAY SAY, "YOU HAVE FAITH AND I HAVE WORKS."  
DEMONSTRATE YOUR FAITH TO ME WITHOUT WORKS, AND I WILL DEMONSTRATE  
MY FAITH TO YOU FROM MY WORKS. (JAMES 2:18)**

May our dear Lord bless all of you at **St. Ignatius of Antioch.**

Sincerely,

Larry Hopwood

President of the Most Holy Rosary Conference of St. Vincent de Paul