



SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT de PAUL St. Peter Conference

Ministry Update (for period January 2021 through March, 2021)

Dear members and friends of SVDP,

I hope you and your families are doing well. It's hard to believe that it has already been one year since the pandemic started and our world was turned upside down. Hopefully most of us are getting vaccinated soon and we will be able to regain normalcy. Here are some ministry updates and highlights for the first quarter of 2021, and a summary of our accomplishments for the COVID pandemic timeframe.

- Monthly SVDP meetings - Our Board intends to start meeting monthly, now that we are all vaccinated. Once we can find a place where the whole membership is allowed to meet physically (provided everyone attending is vaccinated), we will start coordinating monthly meetings.
- Ministry Phone upgrades - We will be replacing our ministry phones this month, since the Spanish phone in particular is very old.
- 2020 Financial review is ready - We hired a CPA to perform a financial review of our books, and it's available upon request for grant application purposes.
- Protecting SVDP members' phone numbers - We ask that you please provide only the SVDP ministry phones to our friends in need. Help us protect the privacy of the Board and other members by not sharing private cell phones with our friends in need. Thank you!
- Support outside the Jupiter area - The SVDP Palm Beach Council has been increasingly contacting us to support families that either live in places where there is no active SVDP Conference, or in cases where a SVDP Conference does not have sufficient funding. This has provided us an opportunity to reach out to a larger segment of the Palm Beach County population, and to collaborate with other SVDP Conferences, El Sol, and Catholic Charities.
- Support to Homeless families - Some of the homeless families that reach out to us are not in a position to rent an affordable home, either because they don't have a job, or because their income is not enough to cover their rent on an ongoing basis. In such cases, we always offer to help them (down the line) with first month rent and/or deposit, once they find a place they can afford. These cases do not show up as 'approved' (below), but are under our consideration.
- Assistance to COVID-impacted families - During the last three months, the percentage of assisted families impacted by COVID has dropped to 62%, down from 84% (for the whole COVID timeframe). This could be a positive sign that families are starting to recover financially and in need of less help from groups like ours.
- Collaboration with Hispanic Ministry for furniture donations - We have had a few cases where parishioners make furniture donations and the SVDP Thrift Store is unable to accept them (due to insufficient storage capacity). This has provided us an opportunity to collaborate with the St. Peter Hispanic Ministry, and have the donated furniture distributed among parishioners in need. Thanks to Ediza Vega for helping us with this effort.



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

	First Quarter 2021 (January – March)	COVID timeframe (March 2020 - March 2021)
Cases reviewed	52	232
Cases approved	45	185
Homeless cases	10	29
Hispanic families	21	115
Non-Hispanic families	31	117
Families impacted by COVID	28	155
Percentage of assisted families that were directly impacted by COVID	62%	84%
Cases brought out of homelessness	3	5
Cases where homelessness was prevented	25	102
Cases assisted from outside Jupiter area	6	15
Cases where we assisted to reunite families in other cities or countries	2	5
Total Assistance provided to the Poor	\$43,927	\$130,423
Total donations received from Individuals	\$15,210	\$ 60,061
Total grants received from Foundations	\$25,000	\$102,500