



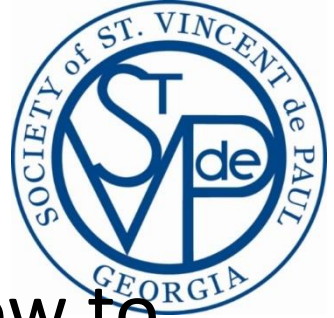
SVdP Georgia

Undocumented Interest Group

Meeting Notes

April 8 , 2020

Objective



Dear Vincentians – Looking forward to our call tomorrow to kick off focus on the needs of our “undocumented” clients. This is a discussion group to gain common understandings, experiences, and some best practices in our societal mission of charity and social justice. Please come prepared to discuss your conference’s experiences and share ideas on how we can improve our support of our clients.

Meeting Notes



The format of this meeting was to ask each participating conference their experiences related to COVID-19 and Undocumented Clients.

- Saint Jude Conference (Tracy G, Rafi G, Lillah B)
 - Experiencing and increase to 5 clients a week
 - Focus on helping them
 - Collaborating with local Community Assistance Center
- St Peter Channel (Beth P)
 - Have not seen an increase in financial assistance
 - Working with a small number of L/T Parishioner Clients
 - Reaching out to apartments
 - Drive Thru food pantry

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- All Saints (Evelyn C, Janice W.)
 - Lower Volumes (2 cases last week)
 - Apartment Complexes are working with clients on flexible payment plans
 - Concern that undocumented are going underground to avoid deportation
- Holy Spirit (Maura K)
 - 39 cases help; mostly Hispanic – running out of money
 - Recently slowed
 - Expecting 5 to 10 cases a week

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- Mary Our Queen (Anne P)
 - Experiencing 2 cases per week; not an increase
- Saint Andrew (Rick P)
 - Not a big uptick on cases – 2-3 a month
 - Increased demand on food pantry; many Hispanic
- St Brigid (Ali T)
 - Not sure of the increase in volumes
 - Have reached out former clients
 - Many fear for their jobs
 - Increase in food request
 - Collaborating with North Fulton CC

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- Holy Cross (Marion A)
 - Cases range from 3 to 10 per week which is an increase
 - Mostly rent assistance
- IHM (Mike G, Javier L)
 - Dramatic increase in Hispanic speaking request (40 calls)
 - Some landlords are working with clients and some are threatening
 - Assisted 1 last week and 5 this week
 - Upper limit of \$400
 - Expect long term 5 to 20 undocumented assistance per week
 - Priority with food assistance
 - Providing Kroger Cards
 - Sent letter request to parishioner donors for funds