

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Ladies of Charity: 400 years of "Yes" to the Call of St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, September 7

- ◆ Special Reception: 400th Appeal Donors (by invitation)
- ◆ Welcome by Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr., D.D., J.C.L., Diocese of Kansas City, St. Joseph
- ◆ Benediction: Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, DD, Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS (pending)
- ◆ Cocktail Reception, Dinner

Friday, September 8

- ◆ Opening Liturgy: Rev. Richard Gielow CM Presider and Homilist
- ◆ Panel: The Call of St. Vincent—Saints in our History
- ◆ Showcase of Projects: LCUSA into the Future
- ◆ Regional Meetings

Saturday, September 9

- ◆ Best Practices Panel
- ◆ Presentation of Lay Vincentian Spiritual Moderators Certificates
- ◆ Business Meeting
- ◆ Closing Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- ◆ Concluding Banquet

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September 7 to 10, 2017

Join us as we celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the founding of the Ladies of Charity by St. Vincent de Paul. This extraordinary anniversary is the beginning of our 5th century of serving God in people who are poor, frail or exploited. We celebrate our history as we anticipate a future that "Welcomes the Stranger" and brings about the reign of God through compassionate acts of charity and justice.

Plenary Speakers



"Women of Boundless Compassion"

(Thursday, September 7, afternoon, followed by cocktails & dinner)

Sr. Joyce Rupp is well known for her work as a writer, a spiritual "midwife," and retreat and conference speaker. She has led retreats throughout North America, as well as internationally. Joyce has a B.A. in English, a

M.R.E. in Religious Education, and a M.A. in Transpersonal Psychology. She is a member of the Servites (Servants of Mary) community and was a volunteer for Hospice for fifteen years.



"Welcome the Stranger," A Reflection on the Theology of the Laity"

(Friday, September 8, morning)

Bishop Howard J. Hubbard, D.D., Bishop Emeritus of Albany and former Episcopal Moderator of the Ladies of Charity

*I am a part of all of life.
Each one's joy and sorrow
is my joy and sorrow,
and mine is theirs.
May I draw strength
from this inner communion.
May it daily recommit me
to be a compassionate
presence
for all who struggle with
life's pain.*

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1999-2008. Bishop Hubbard served as Bishop of Albany from 1977-2014. His tenure sought to achieve goals of collaboration, collegiality and shared responsibility. He was committed to outreach to other denominations and faiths.



“St. Louise, The Ladies and the Daughters: Collaborators serving the Strangers at the Margins”

(Saturday, September 9, morning)

Sr. Kathleen Appler, DC, Superioriess General of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. A native of Utica, NY, Sister Kathleen was elected Superioriess in 2015. Sr. Kathleen was also a Spiritual Moderator of the Ladies of Charity in Albany.



“Mettre la Table”

(Saturday, September 9, afternoon)

Sr. Paule Freeburg, D.C. is a Daughter of Charity of the Seton Province and is currently the Western Region Spiritual Advisor to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a religion consultant for the Diocese of San Jose, and works in development and public relations at a school for economically disadvantaged children. Sister holds a Masters in Theology with an emphasis in Scripture and has an extensive background in religious education for both children and adults. She is also a member of the Spirituality

Committee of LCUSA. Sister Paule lives with her community in Mountain View, just north of San Jose.



AIC International

(Saturday, September 9)

Alicia Duhne In 2017 Alicia was elected to a three-year term as President of AIC International. Alicia was born in Monterrey, Mexico and continues to live there. She has a Bachelor’s degree in Business, a Master’s in Management and a Master’s in Human Potential Development in Organizations.



Concluding Liturgy, Presider and Homilist

(Saturday, September 9)

Very Rev. G. Gregory Gay, CM, Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission, 2004-2016. A native of Baltimore Maryland, Fr. Gay became a Vincentian in the Eastern Province. As Superior General, his priorities were visiting the provinces of the Vincentians and the Daughters of Charity, encouraging love of the Vincentian charism especially among the young, collaboration, and systemic change initiatives.