

# MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 16 March 2026

**Call to Order/Opening Prayer:** Pauline

**Time:** 5:03 PM

**Spiritual Enrichment:**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting: (X) Read/Approved; Approved with Changes**

Motion by: Larry      Seconded by: Toni

**Attendance: Total Active Members (31) LOA (0) Present (23) Absent (8) Quorum (16)**

<b>MEMBERS</b>		<b>MEMBERS</b>		<b>MEMBERS</b>		<b>Associate Member</b>	
Al	X	Margaret	X			Gloria	
Ann F.	X	Marge	X			JoAnn	
Ann L.	A	Mary Ellen	X			Judy	
Colleen	X	Mary	A			Martha	
Dennis	X	Michael	A			Michaela	
Diane	A	Norm	X				
Dotti	X	Pam	X				
Estela	X	Pat	X				
Francisca	X	Pauline	X				
Gini	A	Sandra	X				
Glenn	A	Scotty	X			<b>Visitors</b>	
Hilary	X	Stephen	A				
Ilona	X	Tom	X				
Janet	X	Toni	X			<b>Training</b>	
Jerry	X						
Kathy	A			Father Greg *			
Larry	X			Stan *			

\*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

March Birthdays – 18 March – Francisca

**Current Events:**

**Upcoming Events:**

- 14-20 March 2026 – Cochise County food drive
- 18 March 2026 – Anita Fernandez Memorial Mass, 9:00 AM at St. Andrew's
- 23 March 2026 – *No Vincentian Meeting*
- 23 March 2026 – Communal Penance Service, 5:00-7:00 PM at St. Andrew's
- 24-25 March 2026 – Lenten Retreat in Spanish, 6:00 PM at St. Andrew's
- 23-25 March 2026 – Lenten Retreat, 7:00 PM at St. Andrew's

**Old Business:**

1. The St. David Arts Festival was a success. Vendors will donate back to SVdP. Pauline did an interview with KGUN 9 TV in Tucson.
2. a. The Cochise COUNTY food drive from the Cochise County Food Network program is from 14-20 March 2026. There are boxes for food donations at several locations throughout Cochise County. There is a box at the thrift store.  
  
b. The second food drive at Albertsons Safeway is taking place across Arizona from Phoenix to here. Safeway has a huge box for donations specifically for SVdP across Southern Arizona. It was decided that all food collected in the Sierra Vista Safeway area will be given to the OLM food pantry.

### **NEW Business:**

1. The Anita Fernandez Memorial Mass is Wednesday, 18 March 2026 at 9:00 AM. It's been 8 years since her passing and her family has funded a \$10,000-\$15,000 grant each year. If you attend the Mass, please wear blue.
2. Vouchers:
  - a. Please fill out the conference vouchers completely and don't forget to put your assigned number on the voucher.  
  
b. For furniture vouchers, please call the store, identify yourself, ask who you are speaking with and verify they have the requested furniture before sending the friend to the thrift store. Send the friend to the store with our furniture voucher and Eileen will be the POC to contact Don8it. Eileen will be the point of contact between SVdP and Don8it. Vincentians will not call Don8it. If neither the store nor Don8it have the item, as always, the voucher will be held at the thrift store. It is the friend's responsibility to call the store to check on the availability of the item(s) requested.
3. Please complete the friend's file with any updates. Make sure that your notes are written so as not to offend the friend if they were to read them.
4. John Smith. Dennis has been working with him to find him a vehicle. He is a very nice man who lives in Bisbee in his car on someone else's property in exchange for paying the electricity. Please treat him kindly and give him food when he comes in.
5. For any friend who comes in needing help with rent or utilities, please make sure that they are on the lease and utility bill that needs to be paid. If they are not listed, SVdP cannot help them. SVdP should advise the friend to get the other people living in the house on the lease and/or utility bills.
6. Pauline had a grandmother come in with her 19-year-old Downs Syndrome grandson who needed help. Pauline called Easter Seals and they agreed to work with the grandson even though he was over the age of children that they work with. The grandmother also said there were two young girls in the house and she was afraid that there could be issues between them and the grandson. Easter Seals has agreed to work with them too.
7. On Friday, 13 March 2026, Pauline got a call from the Douglas Prison requesting transportation assistance to send a soon to be released inmate from Douglas to Phoenix. Pauline paid \$69 to a transportation company in Douglas who has a contract with the prison to do this. Slicks wanted over \$300 to provide the same service. Pauline asked the prison officer where in Phoenix this person was going and was told they did not know.

8. Thanks, again, to Mary Ellen for all the work with the toiletries. We have a lot of feminine products, so please ask our female friends if they need these items.

9. The following items were requested as needed by the thrift store: some 4x4s to go under the boxes for when it rains; and an appliance dolly. Pauline told Ann Faust and Colleen, to get estimates, submit them and they will be reviewed by the finance committee.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Due 7 April 2026

- A. Food Bank Report:
- B. Thrift Store Report:
- C. Finance Report:
- D. Poor Box Report:

**Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:**

**Home visits:** Larry, Ilona, Marge (and Susan from food bank), Dennis and Tom delivered food boxes. Dennis and Ann did a home visit to a friend who Dennis has been working with who has several issues that she needs help with. Help is on-going.

**Special cases:** Pauline had a grandmother come in who is taking care of her 7 grandchildren and who is exhausted. Her daughter is in prison, soon to be released, and she asked for prayers for her daughter.

**For the Good of the Order:**

**Spiritual Reading:** Margaret

**Conference Members Sick or in Distress:**

**Prayers for others:** Will be emailed separately

**Vincentian Schedule:** Will be emailed separately.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

- Food Bank Meeting:
- Finance Meeting: 26 March 2026, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall
- Thrift Store Meeting: 10 March 2026, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall
- Ad Hoc Meeting:
- Board Meeting: 24 March 2026, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall

**Vincentian Meeting:** - 30 March 2026, 5:00 PM, Madonna Hall

**Closing Prayer:** Pat

**Adjourned:** 5:45 PM

**Recorder:** Pat

