

# 2022 BALTIMORE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

## Speaker Bios



### **Dave Barringer**

*CEO, National Council SVdP*

Dave Barringer is the CEO of the National Council of the US Society of St. Vincent de Paul, providing staff leadership to the national office staff and the Board of Directors in support of more than 100,000 members across the U.S. Dave implements policies and governance directives of the National Board of Directors, President, and National Council.

Dave is also CEO of the SVdP National Foundation, where he recruits and trains Board members to raise major gifts in support of Society programs, and the executive producer of a national television series that highlights the experiences of Vincentians serving the poor. Prior to joining the Society, Dave served as Senior Vice President at Goodwill Industries International. He holds a BA degree in Journalism & PR and a Masters degree in General Administration. Dave and his wife Mary Ellen live in St. Louis, and have a son, Thomas, a Vincentian and middle/high school science teacher and football coach in the Phoenix area.

### **Jeff Beamguard**

*Director of Stores Support*

*National Council SVdP*

Jeff began his role as Stores Support Director for the National Council in 2020. Jeffrey brings to us three decades of thrift store and non-profit experience. His career started in Boise, Idaho as a store manager for the Idaho Youth Ranch (IYR). When he started, IYR had three stores that help fund a large statewide program for troubled youth and their families. He moved up in the company to become the Vice President for Retail where he opened 18 stores for a total of 21 locations raising over \$2M annually. With the growth of the stores there came a need for a larger warehouse. IYR purchased a 80,000 sq ft warehouse building to handle the production for stores. He and other staff organized a group of retired executives from Albertson's who volunteered their time to set up the interior of the building for efficiencies and material handling.

Jeff went to school at Boise State University, home of the "Blue Turf" He is married to Diane and has two children. Jeff enjoys boating and loves the Seattle Seahawks. He also likes to hike and go camping in the family's 5<sup>th</sup> wheel RV. "I am so happy to work for such a great company doing what I love to do!

## **John Berry**

*National Vice President  
Southeast Region*

John Berry is an experienced senior executive and tireless advocate for people in need. He champions national, state, and local efforts to fight poverty, dependence, and need. After 14 years as the Chief Executive Officer of St. Vincent de Paul Georgia, John retired in September 2020 and has founded Berry Consulting Solutions, LLC.

During his 14 years at SVdP Georgia, John led an organization that impacted poverty by hundreds of millions of dollars. John is a vocal advocate at the National and State levels working with Congress and the Georgia State Legislature on issues related to the children, families, poor, and those living on the margins of society. John is a nationally recognized speaker, facilitator, and trainer. He became SVdP Georgia's CEO in 2006 following a 25 year business and federal government career beginning as an engineer in the commercial nuclear power industry and leading to senior executive management positions with Fortune 100 companies in the nuclear power, environmental engineering, and high technology sectors which included extensive international experience in Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.

John excels in facilitating and leading board governance training, strategic planning processes, and cultural change efforts within organizations and in helping organizations create and grow strategic alliances and collaborative relationships.

## **Lynne Betts**

*National Vice President  
Eastern Region*

Lynne Betts currently serves as the National Vice President - Eastern Region. Lynne worked as a Community & Business Development Specialist for a regional non-profit, supporting individuals with varying disabilities who desired to enter the competitive workforce until March 2020. A native of Delaware, Lynne has lived in Washington, D.C. & Baltimore and has traveled extensively. After completing an apprenticeship with the International Brotherhood of Painters & Allied Trades (IBPAT) in the DC metro area in 1982, she became the first woman Journeyman in the Mid-Atlantic States.

Lynne has taken training opportunities to become a DE Certified Naturalist, a Community Master Wellness Volunteer, and a youth FlyBy-Light facilitator with One Common Unity. To stay grounded in Catholic Social Teaching and the Vincentian Charism, Lynne does Home Visits, attends regional and annual SVdP gatherings, and has participated in the Catholic Social Ministries Gathering for over 10 years.

## **David Blyer, Arreva**

*Co-Founder & CEO*

David is Co-Founder, CEO, and President of Arreva, a trusted advisor and market leader to the non-profit industry for more than three decades, providing software and services including virtual fundraising, donor relationship management, and virtual auction software. He founded DonorCommunity in 1999, the first All-in-One Fundraising Software for the nonprofit industry,

and co-founded Arreva with Susan Packard Orr, through a merger with her company, Telosa in 2017. In 1994, he co-founded, and was the CEO and President of Vento Software, a provider of packaged vertical business intelligence applications that was acquired by Chicago-based SPSS in 1999. After the acquisition, David served as President of the company's Enabling Technologies Division which was acquired by IBM. Prior to Vento, Blyer held executive management and sales positions with Tandem, NCR and other leading technology/consulting firms. David holds an MBA in Finance from Nova Southeastern University and a BA in Business Management from the University of South Florida.

## **Bill Brazier**

*National Vice President  
Mideast Region*

Bill currently serves as the National Vice President for the Mideast Region. He has served in various other leadership roles at the national level and is a member of the Blessed Rosalie Rendu Parish in Detroit, Michigan.

## **Michelle Boyer**

*Marketing Communication Specialist*

Michelle Boyer was born and raised in St. Louis City. She attended Missouri State University where she received her Bachelors of Science Degree in Print and Internet Journalism with a Minor in Spanish. She began working for the SVdP national office as the communications administrative associate in 2014. Among her responsibilities at SVdP are the E-Gazette and social media. Michelle is an active member of the St. Gabriel the Archangel parish in South St. Louis City.

## **Francis Brissette**

*Communications Committee*

Francis Brissette has a BA in Performing Arts and awarded New England's Best Comedic Actor in 2019. He kicked off his TikTok career in 2020. After becoming an overnight internet sensation, Francis and his brother quit their jobs to become full time content creators building their digital platform to over 3 million followers across multimedia platforms. Dedicated to his Vincentian heart, he is excited to use his knowledge and expertise help the Society grow.

## **John Paul Brissette**

*Youth Committee*

John Paul Brissette, a member of the SVdP National Youth Committee, and his brother, Francis Brissette, have Vincentian blood pulsing through their veins. Their mother, Renee, is the Executive Director of the [Rhode Island Council](#), and along with their siblings Kat and Peter, they are founding members of Rhode Island's Youth and Young Adult Conference, called [Next Gen](#).

Over the past couple of years, John Paul and Francis have worked hard and become social media influencers. They publish family-friendly comedy content using various internet platforms like [Twitch](#), [TikTok](#), and [YouTube](#).

## **Kat Brissette**

*Young Adults Committee Chair  
National Council, SVdP*

Kat Brissette currently serves on the National Board of Directors and is the Chair of the National Young Adult Committee. She is also an International Young Adult Territory Coordinator for the SVdP International Council General. She is a designer and artist from Rhode Island, with an MFA from Tyler School of the Art + Architecture at Temple University and a BFA from Rhode Island College. Using her creativity and heart, she explores ways design can make an impact. She has a playful personality, loves coffee, tacos, and blue. When Kat isn't designing, she's most enjoys spending time with her family, making TikToks with her brothers, or volunteering in the community. Kat grew up serving in the Society. Her mother serves as the Executive Director for the Rhode Island Council. With her three brothers, Kat formed the Youth and Young Adult Conference, Next Gen, in Rhode Island. She loves helping people however she can, especially if it means using her artistic abilities to do so. With the other members of Next Gen, Kat helped found the Necessities for Neighbors Program. With the program, they collect, pack, and distribute thousands of toiletry bags to the neighbors in need in their community. Kat has been the volunteer coordinator for Next Gen Youth and Young Adults Service Events, Poverty Simulations, and more. She serves as the Vice President of her parish SVdP Conference at St. Mark in Cranston, RI.

She publishes monthly newsletters aimed at Young Adult Vincentians and had the opportunity to represent the National Council at World Youth Day in Salamanca, Spain. She has attended many National Assemblies and SVdP Disaster Services Training Sessions and Conferences. Kat is always willing to help with any and all design needs. She helps design flyers, brochures, social media posts, and e-blasts whenever she can, both for her local SVdP and the National Council. Kat currently lives in Rhode Island with her family.

## **Wayne Bugg**

Wayne has worked for the St. Vincent de Paul-Twin Cities, for 20+ years. He currently is serving as their associate executive director. Wayne is the North Central Region's representative for the Society's African American Task Force. He is married with 5 children, and has been an active church member for many years. Contact: [wbugg@svdpmpls.org](mailto:wbugg@svdpmpls.org)

## **Ryan Carney**

*Chief Advancement Officer  
National Council, SVdP*

Ryan Carney joined the National Council of the United States, Society of St. Vincent de Paul as its Chief Advancement Officer in February 2021. Originally from Nashville, TN, he moved to St. Louis to attend Saint Louis University, where he graduated with his degree in Business. Ryan's experience with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul began in 2007 when he started working at the St. Louis Council as their first grant writer. During his time at the St. Louis Council, Ryan held a number of positions including development, formation, training, and programs.

In 2015, Ryan joined the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) as their Director of Philanthropy. While there, he worked with major gifts and planned giving in the Southeastern United States. In 2018, Ryan was called back to St. Louis and the Society's St. Louis Council to lead their Development Office, where he worked with St. Louis's Executive Director, John Foppe to double their annual development revenue. Ryan has been an involved Vincentian at both the Conference and Council level. He attended Invitation for Renewal and worked with the Vincentian Family in St. Louis. He attended two international Vincentian Family Gatherings.

"I have a passion for the SVdP mission. I believe it is one of the most important apostolates of the Church," said Ryan. "I am humbled to play a small part in building up the Society and providing resources to Vincentians to serve our neighbors in need." Ryan currently lives in St. Louis with his wife, Debra, and their four children, Clara, Mary Kate, Finn, and Jack.

## **Marty Cormack**

Marty was a charter member of the Church of the Resurrection conference in Rochester Minnesota which started in 2010 and was its initial conference president. Marty went on to serve as the initial president of the newly formed District Council of Rochester Minnesota starting in 2014. Marty is currently serving as the secretary and administrative assistant for the North Central Region, and as a member of the National Council Formation Committee and Task Force on Leadership. Marty and his wife Ginni have one surviving son and one grandchild.

## **James Davis**

James Davis is a registered nurse who held a variety of staff and leadership positions in the Vincentian Health Care ministry at Ascension/Seton Family of Hospitals in Austin, Texas. He is a member of the National Formation Team and has worked with teams to develop Spiritual Advisor Training, Home Visit Training and now Vincentian Discernment and Consensus. James is a member of the St. Austin's Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society Conference in Austin Texas and serves as the Conference Spiritual Advisor. He also serves as the Spiritual Advisor for the Diocesan Council of Austin Texas as well as the South Central Region. His passion is the integration of Vincentian Spirituality into all aspects of Conference and Council Life.

## **Phil DeVol**

CEO

*Aha! Process*

Phil DeVol is an international consultant who has been working with aha! Process since 1997. He used aha! Process concepts to make institutional changes at the addiction treatment center where he was the executive director for 19 years. During this time he also co-wrote *Bridges Out of Poverty* with Ruby Payne and Terie Dreussi-Smith. His book *Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-by-World* is being used to engage people in poverty in the work of building communities where everyone can live well. It worked so well that DeVol used it as a basis for a prison reentry model called *Getting Ahead while Getting Out*.

## **Elizabeth Disco-Shearer**

CEO *Disaster Services Corporation*

Elizabeth Disco-Shearer is the CEO of the Disaster Services Corporation for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA in the Washington, DC Metro area. She oversees the disaster relief and recovery efforts of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States and American Territories. In this role she has extensive experience in the management of disaster response and has deployed to the California Wildfires, Hurricanes Florence, Irma, Harvey, Maria, Matthew, Michael, and other tornado and flooding events. Her work in DC involves interactions with FEMA leadership and coordination with other national leaders and policy makers in the disaster arena.

Elizabeth has over 30 years of senior management experience and is a former College Administrator, Federal Compliance Contractor, Senior Partner of a Non-Profit Consulting Firm that assisted NGOs on regulatory compliance, an Administrator for Catholic Charities of Dallas, Executive Director of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Dallas and a Regional Director of South Central Region of SVDP. She is a national speaker on Disaster Case Management and on Long Term Economic Recovery after a disaster. Elizabeth recently conducted Privacy Act Training for West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster and Disaster Case Management Training for the State of Vermont.

She has served on many NGO Boards including being President of the Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster and the Texas Association of Financial Aid Administrators. Elizabeth is currently the Vice Chair for the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, serves on the Legal Services Corporation of America's Disaster Task Force, the Advisory Board of Missouri State University's Customer Experience Program and on the Board of the International Women in Emergency Management.

## **Ray DuPont**

*National Vice President  
South Central Region*

Ray has been a Vincentian for 39 years holding a variety of positions including Conference President, Conference Treasurer, District Council President, Diocesan Council President, Diocesan Council co-treasurer, Chair of the National Stores Committee, Formator and National Vice President for the South Central Region. Ray currently serves as the Formator and Co-extension for the Diocese of Austin and National Vice President for the South Central Region.

Ray holds a diploma in Electronic Technology from Penn Technical Institute, a BS degree in Applied Solid State Physics from Marist College and MSEE degree from the University of Vermont. Ray worked at IBM in the areas of circuit design, semiconductor design, microprocessor architecture and design, he retired after 34 years.

## **Cindy Estrada**

Cindy joined the Society in 2016 as Secretary for the Our Lady of Lourdes Conference in West Dallas. She joined the Diocesan Council as a Vincentian Support Leader about a year later. As a passionate advocate for families she'd previously worked with family life and education centered assistance organizations like AVANCE, HIPPIY USA, North Texas Parenting Center, and Genesis Women's Shelter. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Science and Family Studies, and is a Qualified Family Life Educator. She's served her church for over 15 years in a variety of ministries including Dallas Area Interfaith, Pastoral Juvenil, and Jornada Juvenil where she organized and led retreats for over 7 years for young adult Catholics preparing a new generation of servant leaders in the Latino community. Currently she still teaches a Catholic Social Justice Series there for the parish's adult formation program.

## **Irene Frechette**

*National Vice President  
Northeast Region*

Irene Frechette currently serves as the National Vice President – Northeast Region. She has served in numerous leadership roles at the national level, including as the Former President and Treasurer of the Fall River Diocesan Council in Massachusetts.

## **Heather Fullerton**

*National Re-Entry Program Coordinator  
National Council, SVdP*

Heather joined The Society of St. Vincent de Paul as the Associate Director of Poverty Programs/Director of Immersion Program in 2020. For the past 15 years, she used her skills as an educator and non-profit manager to create equitable systems in which all people flourish by training and coaching others to build capacity. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Science Education from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a Master's Degree in School

Administration from Lindenwood University. As a teacher, she earned National Board Certification for excellence in innovative teaching. Heather is married to her amazing husband, Joshua Fullerton, and they have been blessed with two children: Camille (11) and Christian (8), and our Dalmatian mix, Uno. In my free time, I enjoy sewing, gardening, and playing video games with my family.

## **Cathy Garcia**

### *Disaster Services Corporation*

Cathy Garcia joined the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 1999, after seeing a bulletin insert of a meeting for SVDP. She called Father Lawrence Matula and inquired about SVDP and this meeting. Father had explained the assistance of home visits and that is all Cathy had to hear. She wanted to join because her Grandparents Santiago and Catalina Saucedo would take her when she was a little girl to home visits with SVDP. Cathy has been a Conference President, VP, Secretary for St. Robert Bellarmine Conference. Her mentor was Edwin Petering, who invited her to be his proxy to a Mid Year meeting in Washington DC. He asked her to the Annual meeting and used the excuse that he couldn't sit for very long for the business meetings. Cathy was so honored to be of service and agreed. Cathy has been attending Annual meeting since 2003. She didn't know that Edwin Petering was forming her in Servant Leadership. Cathy has been the Council President of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas and currently appointed to VP of the Council. Cathy has served on the National Level of SVDP USA as a National Council Member. She was appointed to the MCD Ad Hoc Committee and involved in the creation of the MCD Handbook under Past National President Joe Flanigan. She served as the National Chair of the Multi-Cultural Diversity Issues and Initiatives for 6 years under Past President Sheila Gilbert. She currently appointed by National President Ralph Middlecamp to serve on the National Extension Committee.

She was hired by DSC SVDP USA to work the Project Comeback Texas as a DCM Supervisor serving Wharton, Jackson, Victoria, Aransas and Nueces counties, overseeing 12 DCMs. In August 1<sup>st</sup>, Cathy will supervisor the extended DCMP serving 10 counties in the Diocese of Victoria. Cathy served in 2010 as a DCM supervisor after Hurricane Alex in the Diocese of Brownsville and in 2013 was hired on by SVDP Disaster to work the ODRP after the 2013 TORNADOS in Oklahoma, in addition, assisted with the Texas Bastrop fires.

Cathy is married to Felix T for 29 years, they have three daughters, Felicia, Sky and Cynthia, Cathy has one daughter Lynda and in addition have two stepchildren Felix C and Misty. In addition to the family structure she has 17 grandchildren. Cathy enjoys involvement in her parish and serves as served for more than 34 years as a Catechist, Extra Ordinary Eucharist Minister, is a member of the Guadalupanas, CDA member and is serving on the Pastoral Council.

Cathy was honored to be asked by Bishop Brendan Cahill to be serve on the Convocation Committee for the Diocese of Victoria. Cathy is also a member of the Hispanic Education Project, Elks, SPJST and serves on the El Campo City Wide Thanksgiving Dinner Committee as the home delivery coordinator for more than 15 years.



## **Catherine (Casey) Guilfoyle**

Casey resides in Edgewood, Kentucky and began her membership in the Society in 2009. She has served in various leadership roles on the Conference and District levels. Casey retired from part time practice as an attorney in 2019 where she was focused in the area of elder law in order to devote her time more fully to her family and her new role as a “Nana” and also begin her 1<sup>st</sup> term as the Council President of Northern Kentucky, Diocese of Covington. Casey became a member of the SVDP National Governance Committee in 2021.

## **John Hallissy**

*National Vice President  
Western Region*

John Hallissy has served as the National Vice President – Western Region since 2017. During his tenure as Diocesan Council President from 2008 – 2014, the Sacramento Diocesan Council experienced growth, both in the number and in the vitality of its constituent conferences, and also at its thrift store. In addition to his work with the Society, since 2013, John has served on the Board of the Catholic Schools Association of Sacramento, currently serving as Chairperson.

John received an undergraduate degree in finance from the University of Notre Dame in 1987 and a law degree from the University of California at Davis in 1991. Since that time, John has practiced law in the field of civil litigation, primarily insurance defense in Northern California. John has an AV Rating with Martindale-Hubbe, signifying a ranking by his peers for excellence in legal expertise and ethical standards. In 2002, John was elected by his peers to the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), a select group of civil trial attorneys. John is married to Carol Hallissy, who, before retiring, worked for 30 years as a registered nurse.

## **Jeanne Harper**

*Chair  
National Growth & Revitalization Committee*

Jeanne serves on the Society's National Board of Directors as the National Growth & Revitalization (formerly Extension) Liaison and the National Neighborhoods of Hope committees. As the Society's Getting Ahead lead trainer, Jeanne instructs program facilitators throughout the U.S., and is chair to the newly formed National Getting Ahead sub-committee. She continues to conduct weekly home visits and is active in her parish Conference. Apart from tirelessly serving St. Vincent de Paul, Jeanne is spiritual advisor for youth in local Mini Vinnies, Youth Vincentians and Young Vincentians Conference. A retired psychotherapist, Jeanne holds a Master's of Pastoral Studies in Family Ministry from Loyola University. She and her husband David have two children and four grandchildren. Contact: [jmharper1964@gmail.com](mailto:jmharper1964@gmail.com)

## **Steve Havemann**

*Executive Director*

*District Council of Des Moines*

Steve Havemann is the Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul of Des Moines, and President of Ask, Listen, Hear training and development. Through this work, Steve aims to help others think, and act, more positively and productively. This work resulted in the publication of his first book, *The Excellent Persuader*, and has been instrumental in the growth of St. Vincent de Paul in Des Moines. Steve has served as an officer for the Beaverdale Neighborhood Association, the Young Non-Profit Network, the Harvest Academy, and is a graduate of Leadership Iowa.

A native of Des Moines, he graduated from Central College with a degree in Communications and Political Science, and earned his MEd at Drake University. He loves spending time with his daughter, taking his daughter on adventures, golfing, tennis, writing, and landscaping. Steve believes that "Progress is not the advancement of technology, but rather the development and evolution of people."

## **Bishop Donald J. Hying**

*National Episcopal Advisor*

Most Reverend Donald J. Hying, installed as the Fourth Bishop of Gary on January 6, 2015, was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee on May 20, 1989. On July 20, 2011, he was ordained the seventh Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Prior to being named auxiliary bishop, Bishop Hying served as Rector of Saint Francis de Sales Seminary from 2007 to 2011, appointed by then-Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan. Bishop Hying served as Temporary Administrator at St. Augustine Parish, Milwaukee in 2006; Dean of Formation at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary, from 2005 to 2007. He was Pastor at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Milwaukee from 1999 to 2005; Associate Pastor at St. Anthony Parish, Milwaukee from 1998 to 1999. Hying served as Temporary Administrator at St. Peter Parish, East Troy, 1998; Team Member for La Sagrada Familia Parroquia, Dominican Republic from 1994 to 1997. His first priestly assignment was as associate pastor for St. Anthony Parish, Menomonee Falls from 1989 to 1994.

Bishop Hying serves as the Episcopal Liaison for National Association of Catholic Chaplains and as Episcopal Advisor to the U.S. Society of St. Vincent de Paul. He is also a member of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and is currently serving as Bishop for the Diocese of Madison.

## **Kathy Iberle**

Kathy Iberle started doing home visits with the St. John the Evangelist Conference in 2008. Kathy fell in love with the history and charism of the Society, and soon started assisting her husband Tom in teaching Ozanam Orientations. One thing led to another, and now Kathy is the president of the District Council of the Columbia River (7 conferences strong!), Formation Chair for the Western Region, and serves on the National Leadership Task Force.

Kathy enjoys developing and delivering training both as a volunteer for the Society and professionally through her consulting business ([www.kiberle.com](http://www.kiberle.com)).

## **Sunnie Lain**

Sunnie Johnson-Lain serves as the Director of Conferences and Service Learning for St. Vincent de Paul-Cincinnati, leading their Conferences, Ozanam Center for Service Learning, and Vincentian Volunteers of Cincinnati programs. Sunnie is a member of the Invitation for Renewal team and previously served as the Lead Formator for the Mideast Region. Sunnie has been a Vincentian for 13 years and sees her most important role as that of Spiritual Advisor for her own Conference—St. Gertrude, in Madeira, Ohio.

## **RENATO LIMA DE OLIVEIRA**

*SSVP International President*

Renato was born October 30, 1970 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He is married to Andréa Bueno, and has two Children, Gustavo and Bianca.

He is currently working at the National Telecommunications Agency – Anatel – Brazilian state organisation. And has a master's degree in Political Science with three post-graduate qualifications. Renato joined St. Vincent de Paul in April of 1986 at the Santo Tomás de Aquino Conference, Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil. And is presently a member of the São Francisco de Assis Conference (Brasília). From 1986 – 1988 he served as Secretary for the Santo Tomás de Aquino Conference. 1990-1994 he served as Coordinator of Youth Commission for Nossa Senhora das Graças Particular Council, Asa Norte, Brasília. 1994-1998 he served as Coordinator of Youth Commission for Divino Espírito Santo Central Council. 1994-2001 he became Editor of Convincente magazine. In 2001 he became President of the São Francisco de Assis Conference until 2004. From 2002-2006 he was Coordinator of the Antônio Frederico Ozanam Supported Learning Centre for the area covered by Divino Espírito Santo Central Council. In 2006 he became President of the Divino Espírito Santo Central Council (with 70 Conferences and 8 Particular Councils) until 2010. From 2013 to 2016, he served as Secretary of the São Francisco de Assis Conference (Brasília).

He served in several capacities with CGI, 2001 – 2002 Consultant for Communications; 2008 – 2016 International Territorial Vice President and active member of Permanent Section of the GCI; 2013 – 2016 CGI representative for the Collaboration Commission of the International Vincentian Family (VFCC). Renato has written several books regarding Vincentians: (in Portuguese): VINCENTIAN CHRONICLES – 2006; MORE VINCENTIAN CHRONICLES – 2010; NEW VINCENTIAN CHRONICLES – 2013; VINCENTIAN CHRONICLES IV – 2015. “THE VINCENTIANS AND THE BRAZILIAN PARLIAMENT” – 2012 (in Portuguese). Co-author of GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, on politics and Lecturer on SSVP training course, and organiser of Vincentian events. He took part in the following movements and pastoral programmes: SEGUE-ME (young people), EMAÚS (young adults), PASTORAL CARE FOR HEALTH (visiting the sick) and UNIVERSITY PASTORAL CARE (students).

## **Pamela Matambanadzo**

*Liaison for Diversity*

*National Council, SVdP*

Pamela Matambanadzo currently serves on the National Board and chairs the Multicultural Diversity Committee, which oversees the African American Task Force (AATF) and Hispanic Latino Task Force (HLTF). She served as chair of AATF prior to taking on leadership of the MCD. Pam is also member of the National Finance Committee as well as National Voice of the Poor Committee as co-chair of the North Central region VOP. Pamela is on the board of The Pope Francis Center Chicago (PFC), a special works of District IV, SVdP Chicago servicing people in District IV to help people transition out of poverty – Systemic Change. Her experience as a wealth management advisor allows the center to offer financial counseling. The Center prides itself in its ability to collaborate with other organizations in being need-centered to fully provide services for disenfranchised communities in Chicago. Pamela is responsible for the day to day operations and programs for the center.

Pamela has been a dedicated Vincentian since 2001 when she joined her conference at her home parish, St. Mary of the Lake in Chicago, where she is Conference President. Also serving on the parish council as well as being a Lector.

## **Marge McGinley**

*Chair, National Formation Committee*

Marge comes to us with over twenty-five years of parish ministry experience combined with fifteen years of casual relief hospital chaplaincy and twenty years of care of the poor in the community of Mt. Holly, NJ. Marge holds a certificate in Ministry to the Bereaved, and a Certificate in Parish Administration from the Diocese of Trenton. Her Clinical Pastoral Education was accomplished at Cooper Medical Center in Camden, NJ. Her B.A. of Human Services further compliments her ability to recognize the social issues and family dynamics in every setting. Marge has been recognized by Burlington County as an Outstanding Woman of the Year in Social Service for her work with the marginalized population of her community. Marge currently serves as a part time Hospital Chaplain, a District Council President, and the National Formation Committee Chairperson.

## **Ralph Middlecamp**

*National Council President*

Ralph is a member of the St. Thomas Aquinas Conference in Madison, Wisconsin. He served as the executive director and CEO of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the District Council of Madison from 1999 until his retirement July 31, 2017. He began his career with the Society in 1987 as a store general manager. During his 30-year tenure, the number of stores increased to seven, and he developed the Center for Vincentian Charity.

He has served on National Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Store Committee and Communication Committee, and is on the presenting team of the Society's national leadership renewal program, Invitation for Renewal.

Ralph also is a past member of the International Council General's Commission for the Cause of Canonization of Blessed Frederic Ozanam. In 2017 was elected as National Council President. Ralph is married to Dr. Cathy Hurt Middlecamp, who is on the faculty of the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

## **Paula Migliore**

*Director, Transitional Housing &  
Vincentian Services Advisor*

Paula is the Director of Transitional Housing and the Vincentian Services Advisor with the Society and has been in this role for 5 years. She came to NY from PA to attend college and graduated from St. John's University, Queens with a BA in English, a MS in Secondary Education and a MA in Theology -- this is where she was introduced to the Vincentian charism and is blessed to be back with the Vincentian family in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Long Island. Paula oversees the transitional home run by SVDPLI that serves men who are re-entering society from prison. Paula participated in many mission trips with the Vincentian family and brings that love of the mission to her work with the Diversity Committee as well as the Voice of the Poor Committee.

Paula is blessed to live out her vocation surrounded by so many amazing Vincentian volunteers and her colleagues who continue to inspire her. Paula worked in Campus Ministry at St. John's, she worked as a case manager in a homeless shelter run by the Society in downtown LA on Skid Row, worked at a shelter for homeless shelter for women and children and formerly incarcerated women in BK/Queens and also serves in her own parish in Queens helping with RE and Faith Formation. Paula is blessed with 3 sisters and loves being an aunt to her 3 nieces and 2 nephews! Being a part of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings great hope & joy to Paula's faith life.

## **Catalina Miller**

Catalina has been a Vincentian since 1994. She served as regional secretary for the Society for six years and is currently the Lead Formator for the Western Region. She has provided spiritual guidance as spiritual advisor for her conference, St. Philomena Church in Carson, CA. She presently serves as their conference president. Contact: [svdpmiller4@gmail.com](mailto:svdpmiller4@gmail.com)

## **Jack Murphy**

*Voice of the Poor Committee Chair  
National Council, SVdP*

Jack Murphy has more than 20 years of working for and with Fortune 500 companies in operations, human resources, training, and quality areas. Jack was a senior adjunct professor for Quality & Operations Management at Keller Graduate School for 14 years. Currently, he is in the Investor Relations area of the Metro Atlanta Chamber. He serves on both the National and Georgia Boards of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, responsible for Diversity, Advocacy, &

Systemic Change. He chairs the North Fulton Poverty Task Force. Jack received a BA in psychology from Belmont Abbey College and a MEd. from the UNC-Greensboro. Jack and his wife Nancy, a retired elementary school principal, have two grown daughters and two grandchildren. They live in Alpharetta, GA.

## **Idalia Nieve Reyes**

Idalia Nieves Reyes has been working for the St. John Paul II Parish as a Pastoral Associate for the last 6 years. After spending years as a Human Resources Official in the University of Puerto Rico in Utuado, a beautiful campus in the middle of the mountains of Puerto Rico, she decided to shift her perspective of serving others from a professional perspective to a more spiritual one. An active member of the community, she oversees the supplying and distribution of the Parish Food Pantry that serve 75 families monthly. She also participates in the Sacramental Formation for Adults program, visits the elder as a pastoral caregiver and contributes to the Saint Vincent de Paul meal site. In her free time, she dances, take care of her garden, cooks and spend time with her sons and daughter.

## **Kerry Alys Robinson**

*Executive Partner for Global & National Initiatives  
Leadership Roundtable*

Kerry has been with Leadership Roundtable since its inception serving first as its founding executive director for eleven years, then as its global ambassador for four years, and now as executive partner for global and national initiatives. Leadership Roundtable is dedicated to promoting excellence and best practices in the management, finances and human resource development of the Catholic Church by harnessing the managerial expertise and financial acumen of senior level lay executives. Kerry is a trustee of the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities and a member of FADICA (Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities). She has been an advisor to grant making foundations, charitable nonprofits and family philanthropies since 1990.

Kerry is a frequent writer and speaker on the subjects of philanthropy, development and faith. She is the prize winning author of *Imagining Abundance: Fundraising, Philanthropy and a Spiritual Call to Service* and is the founding editor of *The Catholic Funding Guide: A Directory of Resources for Catholic Activities* first published by FADICA in 1998. Kerry has contributed chapters to five books, including *Leadership* in *A Pope Francis Lexicon*, edited by Cindy Wooden and Joshua McElwee. She has been a columnist for *Chicago Catholic* since 2017 and has a blog on spirituality called *Love in Ordinary Time*. Kerry served as the director of development for Saint Thomas More Catholic Chapel and Center at Yale University and led a successful \$75 million dollar fundraising drive to expand and endow the Chapel's intellectual and spiritual ministry and to construct a Catholic student center, designed by Cesar Pelli, on Yale's campus. Kerry co-founded ESTEEM, a national Catholic young adult leadership formation program, with Yale Catholic Chaplain, Fr. Bob Beloin, and Leadership Roundtable Founder, Geoff Boisi.

She and her husband, Dr. Michael Cappello, Professor of Medicine at Yale University, have two children, Christopher and Sophie.

## **Kevin Peach**

COO

*Disaster Services Corporation*

Kevin Peach is the Chief Operating Officer (COO) at Disaster Services Corporation SVDP-USA, recognized for his ability to create public-private partnerships to drive cross-sector collaboration. He has served in various capacities to advise the United Nations (UN), the Executive Office of the President (White House), the National Security Council (NSC), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), and private industry. Kevin's background is in emergency management, leading programs that address preparedness, protection, security, response, recovery and mitigation. Having served in various capacities for various local, state, federal, and international agencies, Kevin possesses extensive and diverse professional experience managing multilateral disaster responses, government organizations, complex disaster projects and emergency management programs. He has experience managing emergency field response activities, and the formulation and development of policies addressing the mobilization of resources during emergencies, the preparation of emergency plans, and the coordination of emergency operations.

## **Tom Pelger**

*National Vice President*

*North Central Region*

Tom has been a Vincentian since 2010 -- serving as conference member and home visit leader, conference President, Peoria District Council President, National Systemic Change Task Force member, and National Finance Committee member. Tom has conducted Bridges Out of Poverty education, has team-taught the Society's national Getting Ahead facilitator training webinars; he has served as facilitator, mentor and Steering Committee Chair in Peoria Council's *Coming Together to Get Ahead* program.

In October 2017, Tom was elected to the Society's National Board of Directors as Vice President supporting Vincentians in the North Central Region. Tom is a father of 3 and a grandfather of 6; was married for 41 years, widowed, and was blessed to marry Sue Prebil in October 2018. Tom was born in Chicago and grew up in Kansas City & St Louis before joining Caterpillar -- working 37 years in sales and marketing, while moving 12 times including 18 years outside the U.S. before "retiring" in 2010.

## **Jill Pioter**

*National Director, Marketing & Communications*

*National Council, SVdP*

Jill Pioter serves as National Director of Marketing and Communications for the National Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. In her role, Jill collaborates with the Advancement team to strengthen our brand and name recognition as a Society, with her efforts benefitting both the National Council and the Society's local Councils and Conferences across the United States.

Jill's work includes oversight of all Society communications, including electronic outreach via email communications, on our website, and through our social media channels. She is a long-time writer and copy editor who brings a consistent voice to the Society's messaging, and is also an experienced graphic designer who brings brand cohesion and elevation to the Society's direct mail outreach efforts.

## **Anthony Pluchino**

*National Director of Programs  
Disaster Services Corporation*

Anthony Pluchino has had a very diverse career serving in the Military, as a Teacher, Finance Industry Executive, Business Owner and currently in the Non-Profit area with DSC SVDP. His current position with DSC SVDP USA is the National Director of Programs. He has managed Disaster Case Management programs involving the 2016 Floods in North and South Louisiana, Puerto Rico Maria Program, Harvey Texas Program, Florida Irma and now Michael programs. He has written grants for the Disaster Case management programs, state Disaster funds, ARC Grants, EFS grant and NJ Pandemic relief fund. He is the Monmouth County, New Jersey COAD Co-chair. In addition, he is the Vice-Chair for the New Jersey state VOAD. Anthony serves on the National VOAD committees for Disaster Case Management and Long Term Recovery. He has been instrumental in setting up DCM programs for the Louisiana, Florida and Puerto Rico disasters.

## **Lalo Rodela**

*Task Force Representative  
South Central Region*

Lalo Rodela was born and raised in El Paso, Texas and has three adult children, Andres, Teresa and Alejandro. I also have three granddaughters, four-year-old Mia, two-year-old Emma, and one-year-old Charlotte. I'm happy to say that I finally met her this past March, a week after her first birthday! I am retired from the city of El Paso after serving 27 1/2 years with the fire department.

I have been serving as a Vincentian for about seven years. I am the president of the Saint Raphael Conference. I was elected to the position last September after serving as treasurer for about four years. I am also a trained Spiritual Advisor and have served in that capacity in our Conference and our Council. I am also a Formator for our council and the South Central Region, The region includes the states of Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas. The president of our region is Ray Dupont.. I was the (volunteer) director of the SVDP thrift store for two and a half years. I also serve with the Multi-Cultural and Diversity Committee, which oversees and supports this Task Force.



## **Rita St. Pierre**

Rita is a founding member of a conference in RI and its Spiritual Advisor for 15 years. She was the RI Council president for one term. She currently is the NE regional co-spiritual advisor and is an assistant lead formator for the NE region. She was named to the National spirituality committee in 2016.

## **Joe Sabatino**

*Chair, National Housing Task Force*

Joe Sabatino has held a variety of leadership roles in his time with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, where he currently serves as Chair of the Society's National Housing Task Force.

At the local level, he serves on the Board for SVdP Cares in St. Petersburg, and is a past Diocesan President for the Venice, Florida Council. In addition, he previously served as a Past District Council President for Charlotte County, Florida.

Sabatino was the first president of the St. Vincent District Council of Charlotte County, and led three successful District-wide fundraising efforts for the Society's Friends of the Poor® Walk. Sabatino also represents the Diocese of Venice, Florida on the St. Vincent de Paul National Council. He is a member of the Sacred Heart Conference of St. Vincent de Paul in Punta Gorda.

A retired Exxon Mobil executive and Vietnam veteran, he has been active in the Punta Gorda community, serving as president of the Burnt Store Isles Association and chairman of the city's Utility Advisory Board.

## **Pura Santangelo**

*Member*

*Archdiocese Galveston-Houston*

Pura Santangelo was born and raised in Falcon, Venezuela. Her Catholic education includes the Salesians Academy for Girls and Catholic College Preparatory. After graduating from high school, Pura enrolled in the English as a second language program at the University of Houston Central Campus. After completing the program, she pursued a degree in the Hilton School of Hotel and Restaurant Management. Prior to joining the Society, Pura worked in the hospitality industry for 17 years specializing in event planning.

In July 2004, she started volunteering at the Society's Central Office answering incoming calls to our helpline. Pura was hired three months later as a Vincentian Services support staff. She worked her way up to Director of Vincentian Services. Pura is responsible for overseeing programs that promote greater spiritual growth, encourages greater unity and solidarity, and strengthens relationships within our Parishes, Conferences, and Districts.

## Bill Soucie

In 2007 Bill joined the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Bede Conference in Ingleside, IL. Over the years he served in several positions and ultimately served 6 years as President of the Archdiocesan Council of Chicago until 2018. Currently Bill is a member of the National Leadership Task Force and also an active member at St. Bede Conference in Ingleside. Bill and his wife, Kathleen, are enjoying their 12 grandchildren.

## Mike Syslo

### *Governance Committee Liaison*

Mike has been a member of St. Vincent de Paul since 1983. Starting as a Conference member at Good Shepherd in Garland, TX, he served as Conference Treasurer and Conference President. He also served as Vice-President of the Dallas District Council. In 1984, he presented the first Ozanam School in Dallas (first in over 20 years). Mike has been putting on Ozanam Schools and other training sessions for SVdP since. Mike has been a member of several Conferences in six Councils: Dallas, TX; San Jose, CA; Santa Rosa, CA; Eureka, CA; Phoenix, AZ and St. Louis, MO. Employed by the Society in 1990, he served as Special Projects Coordinator, Vincentian Life Director, Volunteer Coordinator, Dining Room Manager, Executive Director, Director of Vincentian Support Services, Director of Operations, and Associate National Executive Director. Until his retirement on April 30, 2015, Mike served as Senior Director of Governance for the National Council Office.

Mike has written extensively on topics concerning the Society. He has presented workshops at many National and Regional Meetings. Mike has also served on multiple National Committees. He was a member of the task force which developed *Serving in Hope*, the *Ozanam Orientation Trainers Guide*, the *Invitation for Renewal* Leadership Retreat, the *Vincentian Pathway*, and is currently Chair of the National Governance Committee. Mike is Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Archdiocesan Council of Chicago. In addition, Mike serves on multiple committees in Chicago.

## Trace Trylko

### *Executive Director*

### *SVdP Orlando*

Trace Trylko, Executive Director for St. Vincent de Paul Orlando and a Vincentian for 15 years, works behind the scenes and in front of the camera to bring the stories of "Our Faith in Action: Today's Society of St. Vincent de Paul" alive. Trace, a former TV news reporter/anchor, produces, writes, reports and hosts OFIA.

## **John Walters**

*Chair*

*Stores Committee*

John Walters- Graduated from Indiana University School of Business. Worked for May Dept stores for 40 years. Retired as Senior Director of Store Operations for 300 stores. I was Store Director of SVDP Thrift stores in St. Louis for 8 years. Grew from 4 stores to 10 and put together a By Pound store and central processing warehouse. Retired June 1. I am on National Board for our National Store in Arizona and also Chair of our Stores Committee for National. Married to Lynne for 50 years and have 3 twin boys – a nurse and a Macys Manager.

## **Tim Williams**

*National Director of Formation*

*National Council, SVdP*

Tim Williams is the National Director of Formation for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States. Before joining the national staff, he served as 1st Vice President and Senior Formator for the Diocesan Council of Dallas, chaired the Spiritual Advisor Handbook Task Force, and was a member of the National Formation Committee. He has presented on Vincentian Spirituality and Formation at numerous Diocesan, Regional, and National Assemblies. Most importantly, he and his wife have made hundreds of home visits, serving Christ in the person of the poor.

## **Julie Witzel**

*Member Services & Extension Manager*

*National Council, SVdP*

Julie Witzel has been a part of the National Council Staff since 2015. She currently serves as the National Membership Services & Extension Manager. Before joining the national staff, Julie graduated from Truman State University. As a high school and college student, Julie enjoyed spending her summers on mission trips in Nicaragua and Peru. On her trips to Nicaragua, Julie helped build schools and dig trenches for water supply. In Peru, she worked with pregnant women to help them better understand proper nutrition for themselves and their babies. It was during her time on those trips that Julie realized how much she enjoyed helping others. Upon graduating, Julie moved back to St. Louis and began working as an intern at the SVdP National Office. She was hired on as a full-time staff member in the Governance and Membership Services Department in the Spring of 2015. Julie lives in St. Louis with her husband, Matt, and their new puppy, Leo.

## **Terri Zenobio**

*Director of Vincentian Services  
Diocesan Council of Rockville Centre*

Terri Zenobio is Director of Vincentian Services for the Diocesan Council of Rockville Centre, New York. She has been with the Society for eight years supporting the Extension and Formation efforts of the 63 Conferences in the diocese on Long Island. She received her Bachelor of Arts from the College of the Holy Cross, her Master's degree in Social Work from Boston University and a Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership from the University of Notre Dame. Terri was an active member of the National Youth and Young Adult Committees and now serves as the Vincentian staff liaison to the National Formation Committee. After a career in various nonprofit organizations, she feels blessed to have discovered this charism and vocation as she collaborates with her colleagues in the Central Council and the 1400 Vincentians who assist neighbors in need.