

News in brief

Conference of St Bernadette Continues Lunar New Year Tradition

Every Lunar New Year, it has been a tradition for SSVP Conference of St Bernadette to celebrate the festive season with our Friends-In-Need (FINs) on the church premises where they will have lunch and take home a goodie bag. Given the continued Covid-19 pandemic, this was not possible. So the Conference delivered the goodie bags to the FINs. The Conference serves almost 160 (FIN) households of which about 80 per cent are elderly. The goodie bags contained Bak Kua, pork floss, cookies and oranges – blessings made possible by a generous \$5,000 donation from a Vincentian. Instead of the goodie bag, Muslim FIN families were presented with a \$30 FairPrice voucher to buy items of their choice.



Conferences of St Peter & Holy Trinity provide electrical appliances during Festive Season

These two Conferences which assist FINs in central Singapore and Tampines donated some 40 appliances ranging from light bulbs, electric fans, rice cookers, electric kettles and refrigerators to help FINs improve their living condition. The project was made possible with the support of PowerPac Electrical Pte Ltd which donated the items. Said Mr Derrick Neo, Marketing Director of PowerPac: "As a homegrown brand, we want to step up and do what we can to support our local communities especially during challenging times like now. This is a really meaningful project and we are very proud to be a partner to SSVP"



Conference of Christ the King brings cheer during Christmas

On 18 December, Vincentians from SSVP Christ The King (CTK) delivered Christmas hampers and bento boxes to 108 families under their care. Each family received a Christmas hamper containing a bath towel, six bottles of Essence of Chicken, a tin of butter cookies and a box of chocolates. The hampers were accompanied by Christmas cards specially written by CTK parishioners. The Conference also delivered 150 bento lunch boxes from Crossings Cafe, sponsored by Eyecare Without Borders. In addition, cupcakes baked by one of the CTK parishioners were given to 30 families as well. During the Christmas season, education subsidies were given out to the school-going children of FINs.



Conference of St Stephen Collaborates with Kampung Circuit

Vincentians from St Stephen Conference and volunteers from Kampung Circuit came together during Christmas and Lunar New Year to share blessings with their FINs. Six volunteer families from Kampung Circuit lovingly prepared Turkey, Ham Bento Sets and together with Vincentians, delivered it along with other goodies to FINs in MacPherson on Christmas Day. During Lunar New Year, the FINs were each presented with a bento lunch box of roast duck and abalone.



Purple Candle Advent Fundraiser by Holy Cross Conference

During the Advent season last year, Holy Cross Conference launched The Purple Candle fundraiser. The Conference sold 200 copies of The Purple Candle Book to parishioners and raised \$6,972 for FINs. This helped to fund the Conference's Christmas Celebration Meal for 113 FINs as well as for Education

Awards given out in 2021. The funds will also help to kick-start an Adult Diaper Programme, which addresses the needs of elderly FINs. During the fundraiser, Ms Geraldine Schubert, author of the book and a multi award-winning artist, was on hand to autograph the books. Some bought copies to be gifted to FINs.



SSVP Forum

Vincentians came together to attend the SSVP Forum held at Church of St Francis Xavier on 12 March. It was a jam-packed afternoon with presentations on key topics including Leadership and Community Building, Financial and PDPA SOPs as well as becoming more familiar with the Milk & Diapers Programme and Community Services Office. The Forum was also the perfect platform to share with Vincentians the new developments and direction SSVP is headed towards as part of its transformation. The Forum ended with a lively dialogue session between Vincentians and panellists.



Partnering the Poor Workshop

SSVP Faith Formation and Development Committee organised this workshop on 9 April. It featured presentations by SSVP Spiritual Advisor, Fr Eugene



Vaz and National Council of Social Services (NCSS). The Workshop was followed by Palm Sunday Mass and was attended by over 100 Vincentians, some at Agape Village and others over Zoom. Fr Vaz reminded Vincentians that rather than waiting for people who are disadvantaged, marginalised or vulnerable to come to us for help, we should go out to meet them.

The NCSS team presented their research findings on the 3-wave Quality of Life Study which was conducted during the Covid pandemic. Respondents included people living in 1-2 room flats, seniors, persons with disabilities and mental health conditions. This was followed by a panel discussion. The panellists were Deputy CEO, NCSS Seah Yang Hee, Director & Senior Principal Clinical and Forensic Psychologist Dr. Chu Chi Meng and SSVP NC President Florence Tan.

Riding with Jesus for FINs

As part of the 40th Anniversary of Church of Christ the King (CTK), parishioners from the CTK Chinese Ministry initiated this cycling fundraiser to spread God's love and bring love and hope to our FINs.



On 15 April, Good Friday, the cyclists were flagged off from CTK. They cycled to 14 Churches around Singapore including Church of the Holy Family, St Joseph's Church and the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, in about 7.5 hours, covering a distance of 52 km.

SSVP Shop's Great Singapore Sale

In June, SSVP Shop will be offering 30% off storewide as part of the Great Singapore Sale. Prices will start from as low as \$1. You can find your favourite brands including Zara, Levi's, Gap, Guess, Uniqlo alongside designer labels at SSVP Shop with prices that suit



your budget. SSVP Shop is located at 501 Geylang Road and is open from Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm. 