

Walk for the Poor

The Third Annual Friends of the Poor Walk in Southern Maryland will take place on Saturday, September 18, 2010 in Leonardtown. This event is not limited to St. Vincent de Paul members; it is open to anyone (including minor children accompanied by an adult) who wants to walk to show solidarity with the poor. All pledges for walkers will be to a St. Vincent de Paul conference as designated so that the proceeds may be used to help the poor in our area.

The Walk will start at 9 AM and starts from Fr. Andrew White School (on the left after you have turned onto Business Route 5 to go towards the center of Leonardtown, and just prior to St. Aloysius Church). The walk route is 5 kilometers (about 3.1 miles) and involves two laps around the downtown section of Leonardtown. There will be water stations along the Walk route.

Walkers are welcome to stop and visit the Historic Jail along the route.

There will be a free brunch after the Walk (paid for by Sponsors—does not come out of Walk pledges).

There are two ways to sign up: Online (preferred) or manual registration.

Online If you are interested in registering online to walk, please visit www.svdpusa.net/pledgathon/public/index.php and click on "Become a Walker" and follow the instructions when the screen comes up. (Note: the Web site runs some sort of script and you may have to stop your Internet transmission ("X" in middle of Internet Explorer to stop) in order to get a dialog box to come up that asks if you want to stop the script from running. You can answer "Yes" (stop). All walkers will need to also fill out an Accident Waiver and Release of Liability form. Please do that in advance of Walk Day and return to Damien Wanner to turn in at semi-monthly walk meetings to avoid delay on Walk Day.

Manual Registration Please fill out one of the registration forms and sign the Accident Waiver and Release of Liability form and return to Damien Wanner.

If undecided until the last moment, you may also do same-day registration on the day of the Walk starting at 7:30 AM but that would mean you would have to get there much earlier.

All walkers (online and manual registrations) should take a Walker Pledge Sheet and Donor Receipt sheet for any cash or check pledges that you may get. Pledge sheets with money collected can be turned in anytime up to the day of the Walk to Damien Wanner.

Donations If you are not walking but you are interested in pledging to one of our walkers, the best way is to go to www.svdpusa.net/pledgathon/public/pledgathon.livereport.php and when the list of all walkers comes up, use the Search box in the upper right of the table of walkers and enter word Waldorf and you will see all of the walkers who have registered online to benefit St. Peter's. Click on any name for whom you want to pledge and then click on the "Donate" button for that walker. All donations will be charged directly to the credit card that you input; there is no fee for online donations and all the proceeds will come to St. Peter's SVdP to help the poor in our area. Thank you.