Vinny Fest Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is Vinny Fest?
A. Vinny Fest is a carnival style event to celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, the founder of the Congregation of the Mission. His feast day is on September 27 and Vinny Fest honors his legacy. Vinny Fest is an opportunity for the DePaul community to gather together and learn more about the ‘name above the door.’ SGA, DAB, the Office of Mission and Values and Catholic Campus Ministry piloted this event in 2015.

Q. Who is invited to Vinny Fest?
A. All DePaul students, faculty, and staff are invited to join in this celebration.

Q. What kinds of booths/activities are at Vinny Fest?
A. Interactive, fun activities that educate and raise awareness about our Vincentian heritage. Examples from the past include: Vincentian Jeopardy, Vincentian cake walk, Cartoon artist, Vincentian fortune teller, Potato Sack Races, Vincent coloring pages, cotton candy, snow cones, Vincentian cookie making. You’re invited to adapt or create your own any fun game/activity to include something related to the story of Vincent de Paul. Let your creative Vinny juices flow!

Q. Do you have any ideas of games/activities for Vinny Fest?
A. Vincentian Bingo, Yatzee, life sized games, screen printing, photo booth…

Q. What if I don’t want to have a booth, but I want to support Vinny Fest?
A. Even if you do not want to host a booth, you are welcome to support Vinny Fest by sponsoring food or beverage and helping us promote the event. You could also sponsor an activity that we would staff (for example if you want to sponsor a Balloon artist to come to the event).

Q. Can I promote my department/student organization at Vinny Fest?
A. The focus of Vinny Fest is to raise awareness and educate about the life and legacy of St. Vincent de Paul. We encourage you to try to make a connection between the story and mission of Vincent to your department or student organization. Unlike an involvement fair this event is not to recruit new members, but to celebrate our Vincentian heritage.

Q. Are there any rules about what I can bring to the Quad?
A. Because of the time of the event no amplified sound is allowed. When you fill out your Vinny Fest Participation Form on OrgSync we will ask for specific details if you need a table, electricity etc.

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