



# St. Vincent de Paul Society NEWSLETTER



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*"It is for your love alone that the poor will forgive you the bread you give them."* St. Vincent de Paul



## BE BOLD! BE COURAGEOUS!

*"So, our vocation is to go, not just to one parish, not just to one diocese, but all over the world; and do what? To set people's hearts on fire, to do what the Son of God did. He came to set the world on fire in order to inflame it with His love." St. Vincent de Paul*

Many of our images of St. Vincent de Paul focus on his humility, his gentleness, his love, and his mercy, but we must also be aware that he was bold and courageous. Much like the apostles at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit set his heart on fire and completely changed the trajectory of his life. As he entered more fully into his calling to the priesthood, he was transformed from being self-serving to being a servant to the poor.

So where did the term Pentecost originate from? The word Pentecost comes from the Greek word for fiftieth. The Jewish Festival of Weeks fell on the fiftieth day after Passover. It is no surprise then that the Church celebrates our Feast of Pentecost 50 days after the Resurrection. Ten days after the Ascension of our Lord, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and gave birth to the Church.

After his Ascension, the Lord asked His apostles to pray and promised them that He would send the Holy Spirit to empower them to be His embassies. Unlike their response to Jesus' request to stay awake and pray with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, this time the Apostles were able to do as He requested. They prayed for nine days leading up to Pentecost, and this is considered to be the first novena.

As disciples, we should stand in awe of the transformation that occurred in the lives of the Apostles at Pentecost. When Jesus was arrested, most of the disciples fled in fear. Peter denied Him three times and only John stood at the foot of the cross. After the crucifixion, the apostle Thomas isolated himself and would not even believe what the other disciples told him about the Resurrection. By leaving the group, Thomas lost not only a good part of his faith but the support of his brother Apostles. The other Apostles stayed together but they remained for the most part hidden in a room consumed by fear.

Certainly, the tongues of fire that descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost and their subsequent ability to speak in different languages were dramatic signs of God's active presence, but these were not the most important and long-lasting effects of this miracle. The boldness they received from the Holy Spirit gave them the courage and wisdom to preach the Good News and to convert nearly 3,000 people in one day. Before this event, the Apostles had never even preached and most still thought that Jesus' mission was to restore the earthly kingdom of Israel. Up to the moment of the descent of the Holy Spirit, they lacked even a basic understanding of the mission of Christ.

So, what does Pentecost have to do with us? Like the Apostles, each of us received the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. We too have received the ability to be bold and courageous for Christ, yet so often we remain silent and hidden behind a myriad of excuses. A gift has little value until it is opened up and so it is with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We must open them up by allowing them to work in our lives and by nurturing them through our prayers and our actions.

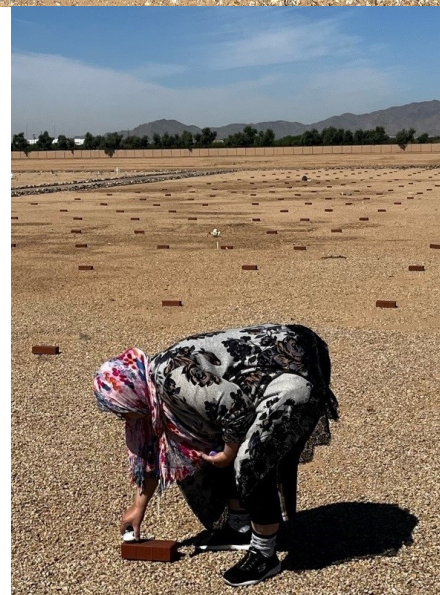
Our boldness needs to be manifested in a variety of ways. We too can preach and convert not just by bringing people into the Church but by converting the hearts of others to the mission and works of the Society. We can be bold and courageous in our advocacy for the rights of the poor and vulnerable. We can be bold in seeking new members and courageous in enlisting new donors, supporters, and volunteers.

As St. Vincent de Paul wrote, "...our mission is to set people's hearts on fire and in doing so inflame the world with God's love." As we approach the Feast of Pentecost, let each of us focus on how we, like Peter and the other Apostles, may respond in boldness and courage to the mission we have been given. May our words and actions proclaim the Gospel and, instead of remaining hidden in our meeting rooms and pantries may we go out into the world daring to leave behind what is familiar and safe. As Frederic Ozanam said, "Let us go out and take the Gospel into the streets."

Shirley Smalley

## *News from Ozanam Manor*

Today our Ozanam Manor residents went to the White Tanks Cemetery where those without family or funds are buried. We wanted to do it on Good Friday as a work of mercy, to remember those who have passed on who may not have people to remember or mourn their passing. LL started us off with an ecumenical prayer for their souls, and Shatha, Michael, Karla and Martin each said some words as well. We placed rocks of remembrance on graves, often pausing for reflection or prayer. The rocks were painted by Alex and our Oz residents throughout Lent in preparation for this outing. It was beautiful and meaningful, and I am so grateful to be able to share these moments with our Ozanam family.





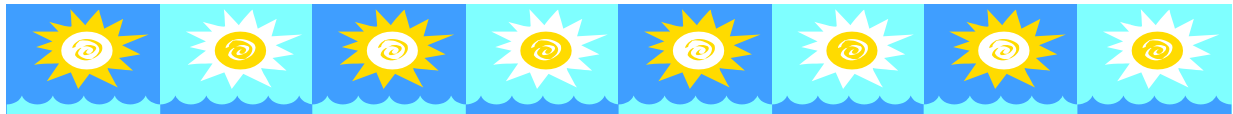
## *News from St. Elizabeth Seton*



St. Elizabeth Seton SVdP Conference put together 50 Easter baskets for the Gardens of Sun City (an assisted living in Sun City) and they were delivered Easter morning

Thank you to those who helped put the baskets together:

Rita & Pat Hogan, Carolyn Wren, Laura and Connor Stewart, Kathy Vednick, Teri Marquardt, Rose Finn, Bell Ceramics.



## A few happy recipients of the Easter Baskets



*Easter Blessings to All*



## Gila Bend Update

This is an update on the flood that we had in Gila Bend on August 14, 2021. The flood that happened on that day took two lives and displaced 47 families. For the last eight months these families have been working to rebuild their homes. We are so grateful for the outpouring of support that we received. Your prayers and financial support has allowed us to help these families. We have been able to provide furniture, appliances & materials as needed. Very thankful to our District Eight (8) for helping us, the many Conferences, our Diocesan Council, VSS, Knights of Columbus and all those from near and far.

Please keep these families in your prayers as they continue to rebuild.

*St. Michael Parish & Conference  
Gila Bend*



## Buckeye Update In Pictures





## News from Cottonwood

### **NEW DELIVERY TRUCK FOR COTTONWOOD CONFERENCE**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Immaculate Conception Cottonwood Conference is pleased to show off its new delivery truck. The truck is now hard at work with pickup and delivery of food and thrift store items from throughout the Verde Valley. Thanks to the awesome response to our fundraising efforts, donations far surpassed expectations. Our goal was to raise \$40K to go with \$20K from operating funds. However, \$57.5K was collected from grants, endowment, Parish collections, individual donations, and sale of the old truck. Instead of buying a used truck as originally planned, we now have a NEW 2022 Isuzu Truck! Because we exceeded our goal and negotiated a good price, little operating funds were needed.

A heartfelt THANK YOU is extended to the SVDP Diocesan Endowment, Arizona Community Foundation, Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl, and the many individual donors who made the truck possible.



*Thank you  
To our Donors!*



## **Are you receiving Frederic's e-Gazette?**

The e-Gazette comes by email every Thursday from our national office in St. Louis. If you are not receiving it and you have an email address please send your email with the name of your conference to:

[maryannhunter44@gmail.com](mailto:maryannhunter44@gmail.com)

## **SPANISH OFE PRESENTERS**

In order to present OFE in Spanish we need presenters who can speak Spanish. We would like to be able to present two classes per year – beginning in the Fall. There would be a commitment to be trained. If you are interested, please contact:

Guadalupe Sosa  
602-332-1471  
[Guadalupe50@msn.com](mailto:Guadalupe50@msn.com)



### *Newsletter Articles*

*If your Conference would like to submit an article for the June Newsletter, please submit your article to Sandy Edwards by May 15, 2022.*

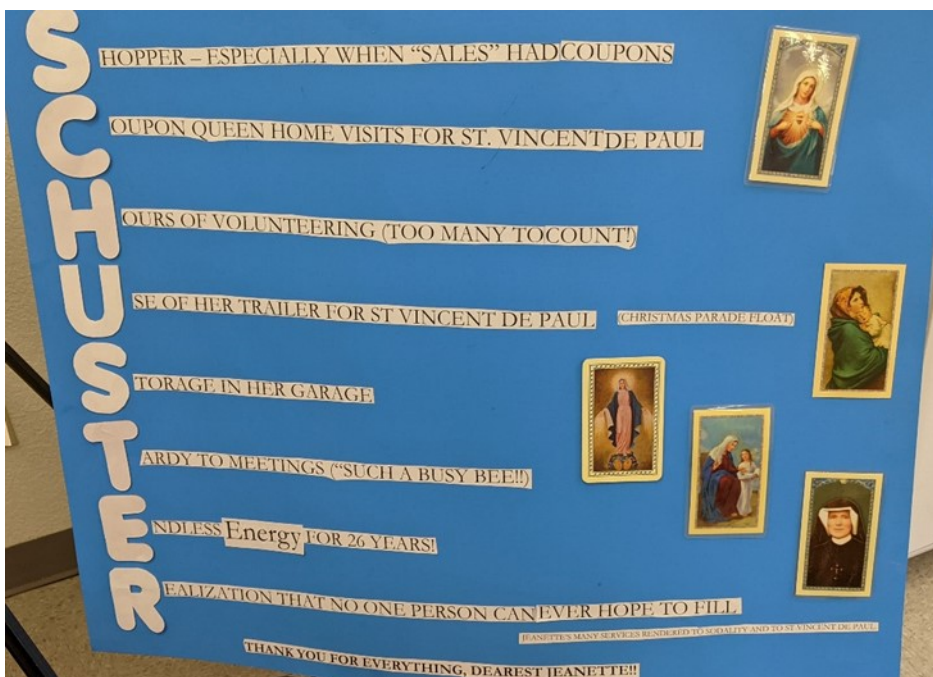
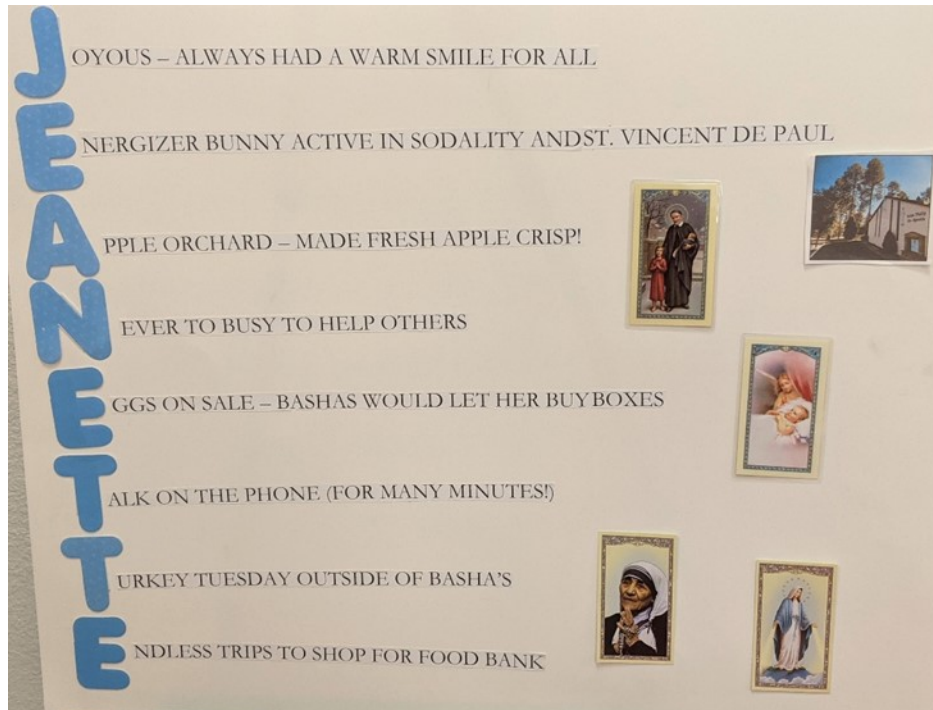
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## Celebrating Jeanette Schuster

The St Philip the Apostle conference in Payson AZ celebrated the retirement of Jeanette Schuster who completed more than 25 years as a Vincentian. At the luncheon on March 30, 2022 Jeanette received her 25 year pin and her Jubilarian award.

The posters below, detail the Vincentian life of Jeanette.



Below are some of the photos of the event with captions



*Jeanette with her daughter and Fr. Tom Quirk,  
pastor of St Philip the Apostle*

***Thank you Jeanette,  
for your many years of service!  
We appreciate you.***



*Jeanette and Gary Bedsworth  
our resident chef.*



# The Stores Committee

## The Good News & the Challenging News!



The good news is that our Maricopa area Thrift stores are thriving with sales at an all time high. The challenging news is that, in order to continue to perform at this level and to grow even stronger, our stores are in need of employees and volunteers.

Sometimes, we think that the only people we can refer to our stores for employment or to volunteer are our Vincentian members. That is so far from the truth. Vincentians are always welcomed to become store employees or volunteers, but we must not overlook the larger community. Friends and family members are a great source for finding the people we need and referring them to the stores can directly help your conference.

Many years ago, the Stores Committee created the Remuneration program. This program allows for volunteers to earn free gift cards for your conference. These gift cards are exactly like the ones you purchase and can be used by you or a twinning partner conference to help the poor.

The program is easy. Once a new volunteer starts volunteering at a store, they simply ask the manager to register them in the Remuneration program. Participation in this program is not limited to Vincentians. Any volunteer can register for the program. When the person is enrolled in the program, they will be asked to designate a conference or council to be the recipient of their hours. They will get a card with twelve spaces. That card will include their name and their designated recipient on it. The spaces will be stamped each time the volunteer completes two hours of service. Once all twelve spaces have been stamped, the volunteer will present that card to the conference or council president. That card will then be submitted to VSS and a Card will be given to the recipient conference or council.

This program allows for volunteers to serve the store and your conference or council directly all at the same time. The father-in-law of one of my conference members once earned twenty-five Care Cards for us in one year's time. What a gift. He was so proud of his ability to work at the store and to give something to our conference that would directly aid the poor in our area.

This program is a win-win for everyone. It helps the stores get the help they need and it gives extra resources to the conference. Everyone knows at least one person that would love to help us help others by serving in one of our stores.

You can make a difference. You can help us sustain our retail operations. You can help us provide services and goods directly to the poor. You can help us provide quality used items to everyone. You are the answer to the challenge.



## ***From the Desk of the Conference Resources Committee***

### **Who Can Vote?**

As summer approaches, many conferences have members who leave Arizona for other states and homes in cooler climates and who could blame them? Leaving and returning to a conference after an extended absence is something that occurs more often in Phoenix than in many of the other Diocesan Councils across the United States. This migration of members often leads to questions as to who can vote and if absentee voting is possible.

The answer to the appropriateness of absentee balloting or voting is simple. The answer is no. Members must be present in person in order to vote on issues, proposals, and in elections. It should be noted that during the pandemic when in-person meetings were not allowed, members were allowed to vote via Zoom or conference phone call-based meetings.

The answer as to who can vote is a little more complicated. According to the Rule, active (full) members are the only individuals that can vote in the official proceedings of a conference or district council meeting. They are also the only members that can hold office.

The definition of an active (full) member is clearly articulated in part three of the Rule on page 50 where it states: "Active members are those who participate regularly in the prayer life, meetings, and charitable activities through personal contact with the poor..." The Rule goes on to say, "an active member accepts the Rules and Statutes of the Society, belongs to the Catholic Church, and is received as a Vincentian brother or sister into the Society's Conference or Council with which he or she is affiliated." In addition to these requirements, the bylaws of the SVdP Diocesan Council of Phoenix also require the completion of the Ozanam Formation Experience (OFE) as a condition for active (enhanced) membership.

Most often the problem of active membership status for Vincentians that are routinely absent for months at a time arises because the Rule does not specify what is meant by regularly. The reason there is no definition of this term is because the Society respects the conference's or council's right to define that for themselves. No one knows a conference better than its members. What is regular attendance and participation in Phoenix is going to be very different than regular attendance and participation in Anchorage Alaska.

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## Who Can Vote?

So how can a conference or council decide who can vote and who cannot? First and foremost, voting members must meet the other criteria for active (full) membership. Secondly, the conference must decide what their definition of regularly means. For example, a conference could vote to define regularly as 50% participation and attendance. They could go on to say that members absent for two or more consecutive months will be moved to Associate member status until they have attended at least three regular meetings and participated in at least two of the conference's charitable works.

The important thing is not what the conference decides but that a definition has been established, is written down, has been distributed to all Vincentians, and is applied equally to all members. The best place to record your definition is in your conference or council guidelines.

The purpose of the requirements for active (full) membership are to safeguard the integrity of the conference or council and its works. Members who are not attending meetings or participating in our works on a regular basis are not actively involved in the life of the group during the time of their absence. Additionally, leaving members who no longer meet the requirements of active membership on your conference or council roster increases the number of members required for a quorum to be reached.

Certainly, all members of the Society are part of the Vincentian family. The ability to vote or hold office does not define our relationships with one another. We should maintain communications with all our members and joyfully welcome back those who have been absent when they return.

If members are informed of the protocols for the two membership categories in advance, temporarily changing their membership status will be a matter of form alone but, if we never deal with the subject, such actions may appear arbitrary and sometimes hurtful.

It is important to keep in mind that, except for voting in elections and Diocesan Council matters, the Society encourages conferences and district councils to make decisions by consensus. In such a decision-making model, sharing and compromise are the primary components, not a formal vote. In formulating a definition of regularly, a conference needs to consider the needs of the conference, the community they serve, and its members. The definition must be reasonable and should take into consideration the ebb and flow of its members. And once approved, the requirements should be followed and applied with compassion and consistency.

### **Ozanam Formation Experience (OFE) Requirements**

An extension for completing the OFE classes in order to be an active (full enhanced) member requirement was made during the pandemic. That extension expired at the end of April. As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, completing the OFE classes is a requirement for active (full enhanced) membership and, therefore, to hold office.

*Shirley Smalley  
Committee Chair*

## Invitation to Join the Cuernavaca Support Team

In 1988 our Council of Phoenix initiated a relationship with a newly formed Society of St Vincent de Paul Conference (San Juan Evangelista) in Cuernavaca, Mexico. This effort has continued and grown since then. Throughout these years, in Phoenix, individuals, Conferences, Districts, and the Diocesan Council have contributed to the growth of the Society in Cuernavaca.

Today, Council in Cuernavaca has four Conferences, including a Youth Conference. In the Conferences there are 26 active members, 10 associates, six in training to become members, and 25 contributing members. In addition, the Society has a large Center with an Executive Director, three employees, and hundreds of volunteers from the community including not-for-profit organizations and 20 participating schools.

### Members and visitors in January 2022



Vincentians and guests from Phoenix pose for a photo in the SVDP Center. The building incorporates a kitchen and dining area that can hold 300 people. Both a small and large thrift store are attached. There is a second story that contains a large meetings room equipped with audio-visual equipment, food service, facilities, bathrooms, and a patio with a garden. It has taken many years and hard work to realize such a center and it serves as a hub for all Vincentian activities in Cuernavaca.

Home visits and monitoring scholarship students involve the members of the Conferences. The scholarship program includes students from first grade through university. Currently, there are 145 students receiving scholarship in grades 1-12, and an additional six students attending the university or technical colleges. In addition, funds are provided to 11 elderly persons to provide living expenses (of these, 88 are sponsored by Phoenix). Conferences members monitor the progress of the students through home visits and by speaking with them when as they arrive at the SVDP Center for the monthly scholarship funds.

### Scholarship students for 6-month review



These are scholarship students served by Espiritu Santo Conference. On each visit to Cuernavaca, we speak with each one and take an individual photo. In this way we receive an update on their status in school and at home.

On a visit in January, students were asked what they would like to do after graduation. The answers were surprising and indicated that students' understanding of potential careers develop as they continue to advance in school.

The SVDP Center prepares weekly meals and, during the pandemic, has given out take-out meals for the individuals and families. The Center also collects food and other items which are packaged and distributed to 160 families who come to the Center every month and another 500 packages of food to families at six other locations in the area. The Center holds workshops and administers other programs, such as a micro loan program and training to persons who can start small businesses.

### Support Group

The development of a support group is essential to continue to support the extraordinary work that our fellow Vincentians are doing in Cuernavaca. When the original cooperation agreement was made in 1988, one of the provisions was to start a process called 'intercambio' or exchange of Vincentians through visits. Over the past 34 years, in addition to the visits to Cuernavaca by Steve Jenkins every six months, 150 visits have been made by other Vincentians and interested parties during the same time. Likewise, Vincentians from Cuernavaca have come to Phoenix to observe and participate in our Council and Conference works. The result has been an exchange of ideas and support by Phoenix that has given rise to many of the improvements in Cuernavaca.

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# **OZANAM FORMATION EXPERIENCE (OFE)**

## ***IN-PERSON***

**July 13, Wednesday** (OFE 1 & 2)  
*St. John Vianney Sedona – 9am – 3pm*

**July 14, Thursday** (OFE 3 & 4) –  
*St. John Vianney Sedona – 9am – 3pm*

**August 20, Saturday** (OFE 1 & 2) & **August 27, Saturday**  
(OFE 3 & 4) -  
*Church of the Resurrection 9am – 3pm*

***Pre-registration required as class size will  
be limited***

Register by text, email, or phone by sending your  
name, email, phone  
number, address, conference name, and class date/  
dates to  
Mary Ann Hunter

[maryannhunter44@gmail.com](mailto:maryannhunter44@gmail.com)

928-699-9232

Attending both classes is one qualification for  
acceptance as a full member of the  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



# ***SAVE THE DATE***

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Morning of Reflection

With

Fr. Dennis Holtschneider, CM

Begins with

Mass at 8:30 am

Get Lent off to a great start!

St. Joan of Arc

3801 E. Greenway Rd.

Phoenix, AZ

(More information will be given in January.)



## OZANAM FORMATION EXPERIENCE (OFE) IN-PERSON

St. John Vianney – Sedona – Wednesday, July 13 – 9am - 3pm (OFE 1 & 2)  
Thursday, July 14 – 9am - 3pm (OFE 3 & 4)

St. Thomas Aquinas – Avondale – Saturday, August 13 - 9am - 3pm (OFE 1 & 2)  
Saturday, August 20 – 9am - 3pm (OFE 3 & 4)

Church of the Resurrection – Tempe – Saturday, August 20 – 9am-3pm (OFE 1 & 2)  
Saturday, August 27 – 9am - 3pm (OFE 3 & 4)

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## **MORNING OF REFLECTION**

Saturday, July 16, 2022

Hall of Banners

420 W. Watkins Rd., Phoenix

8:30 am. – 12:00 pm.

(Begins with Mass)

**Presenter**

**Sr. Paule Freeburg, DC**

Western Region Spiritual Advisor

Topic – **Five Sayings of St. Vincent**

*Presidents, please send number from  
your conference who will attend to  
Mary Ann Hunter by July 9*

[maryannhunter44@gmail.com](mailto:maryannhunter44@gmail.com)

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If the support to Cuernavaca by Phoenix is to continue, it will have to be organized. At present, Steve Jenkins coordinates everything including scholarships, special assistance, preparations for bi-annual visits and recruitment of donors. Fortunately, Steve is in good health and expects to be continuing for a long time. However, there is a need to spread the work and organize an on-going support group or committee.

You are invited to join this Cuernavaca Support Group. Please contact Steve Jenkins, and he will personally contact you to discuss possible ways in which you can assist. Arrangements will eventually be made for a meeting to officially form this support group.

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## THE JOURNEY TO SUCCESS!



The Surprise Thrift Store at Crossroads Towne Center in Surprise, had its opening ceremony on November 6, 2013. The ceremony was held at its location in the corner of the shopping center at the west side. The location was not too visible from Grand Avenue so it took a while for people to be aware of it, but it became successful. There were donations galore and staff and volunteers kept it priced and on the floor on a daily basis. Sometimes, because the donation area was not very large, clothing had to be put on racks and priced outside—even in the summer. It was a fun place to work and everyone knew it was for a good cause.

Because a larger store was needed, a search began and it just happened that a mattress company was going out of business at the east end of the shopping center and our leaders pursued looking into renting that space as it was large. It was much more visible to the public as well. It had an ideal area for displaying our goods and even a large area in the back to receive donations, sort, test, and price items for sale. Our corporate leaders decided this was the way to go and so the journey continued on a more successful basis.

The transition began with clearing out the original store and moving all the merchandise to the new location, together with all the office equipment so our managers could restart. This took several days and was mostly accomplished by employees. At the direction of corporate leaders and managers, volunteers from District 3 Conferences of St. Clare of Assisi, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Clement of Rome, St. Joachim & St. Anne and St. Elizabeth Seton were called in for three days before opening to set up racks, shelving, cashier counters, office space and kitchen areas. Merchandise was sorted and priced and then placed out on the floor and so the fun began on opening day: **February 17, 2018.**

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## THE JOURNEY TO SUCCESS!

There have been some incidents that have caused disruption, such as an above the ceiling rain leak, someone breaking into a glass door and stealing jewelry and, of course, the pandemic. During the pandemic, we were closed for two months and economically that set the store back. Our bathrooms were closed and when men came to ask to use the bathroom, the greeter would tell them there was a bush around the corner. That brought a lot of laughs. It did not take long to recuperate our sales once customers knew we were open again.

To this day, the store has been very successful, even reaching a million dollars in sales for the fiscal year of 2021. Customers are well-pleased with the service and merchandise.

It is with great gratitude that our Society thanks all involved, from full-time managers and employees to the many steady volunteers who put their love and care in bringing about the success of, "surprise!", the Surprise Thrift Store!







# Current Volunteer Needs



**THE SOCIETY OF  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
FEED. CLOTHE. HOUSE. HEAL.

## We need your help!

At St. Vincent de Paul, 95% of our workforce are volunteers-like YOU! We really can't do our work without our volunteers. The community works best when we all do it together!

## Kitchen Crew

Help our kitchen prepare 4,500 nutritional meals to distribute to our 5 dining rooms and other partner agencies. Volunteer duties may include chopping vegetables, opening cans, packaging food, and cleaning up.

### Watkins Main Campus | 2120 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dr, Phoenix 85003

- Monday-Friday 6:30 AM – 11:30 AM, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, or 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM

## Meal Services

Our goal is to serve a warm, nutritious meal with love to 4,500 guests daily. Volunteer duties may include set up, guest greeting, waiting on tables, bussing tables, plating food, and cleaning up.

### Family Dining Room | 2120 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dr, Phoenix 85003

- Monday-Friday 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

### Phoenix Dining Room | 1300 W. Harrison St, Phoenix 85007

- Daily 9:30AM – 1:00 PM
- Monday-Friday 6:00 AM – 8:30 AM
- Fridays 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

### Sunnyslope Dining Room | 9227 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, Phoenix 85021

- Daily 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM
- Monday-Friday 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

## Dream Center

Our Dream Center provides tutoring and educational activities for children who visit our Family Dining Room. Volunteer duties include set up, helping with homework, and assisting with educational activities.

### Family Dining Room | 2120 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dr, Phoenix 85003

- Monday-Friday 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

For questions and sign-up information, please contact [volunteer@svdpaz.org](mailto:volunteer@svdpaz.org).



## *Dottie Sullivan*

Those of you who knew Dottie Sullivan no doubt realize what a kind-hearted Vincentian she was. Sadly, she passed on March 13, 2022. Dottie joined SVdP at Saint Benedict in 2007 and was active until a few years ago when she was "slowing down" .... those were her words. For many years she helped the needy providing thousands of dollars through a program administered at the downtown SVdP called Family Assistance Ministry. She also worked endless hours leading the Phoenix program Adopt-A-Family, helping to match volunteers and families provide Christmas presents for needy families. We were blessed to have Dottie in our group and she was a disciple who always thought of other people and was there to help. I was fortunate to go on many home visits with Dottie and most of the time her first words were... "we need to find a way to help them." Please pray Dottie and her family, and in their grief hopefully they know that their mother, grand mother touched hundreds of people and made the world a little better place for those around her. Below is a photo at church - 2010 -with (I believe) her granddaughters.



*Dottie, you will forever be in our hearts.*





## *Remembering Beth Michelson*



Beth Michelson, former president of The St. Daniel The Prophet Conference, was taken to heaven on March 19, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Beth was a true Vincentian, dedicated to carrying out the mission of St. Vincent de Paul.

While living in Williams, she was involved in the formation of the conference there.

After Beth returned to the Valley, she became a member of our conference and served as president for one and a half terms before resigning because of her illness.

Beth always thought "out of the box". After a home visit to a disabled widow, she gathered volunteers from our conference to thoroughly clean the widows home.

She worked closely with a representative from the City of Scottsdale to assist the homeless.

Beth also became a member of the Council's Spirituality Committee and had hoped to teach OFE classes.

Her dedication, organizational skills, leadership and resources were invaluable to our conference members. We were blessed to have her in our conference and as our leader.

We miss you and love you, Beth.  
May you rest in eternal peace.



## ***Blessed Frederic Ozanam Intercession Prayer Line***

O God, our Father, You alone have the power to bestow those precious gifts of Yours which we rightly call miracles. If it be Your will, be pleased to grant such a gift on behalf of...

**ALL SAINTS MESA**  
Judy Allard

**CHURCH OF THE  
RESURRECTION**  
Caroline Steele  
Bob Bruce

**HOLY CROSS**  
Rose Burmich  
Sharon Smith  
Martin (Lefty) Wolf

**IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION**  
James Reed  
Mike Vize  
Barbara Reed  
Lindsey Plas  
Lynn Treimer  
Lee Marteleer  
Al and Regina Gilson  
Pam Willis  
Diane McCann

**MOST HOLY TRINITY**  
Jackie Hennings

**OLPH SCOTTSDALE**  
John Corcoran  
Forrest Dougherty  
Dale Nickekl  
Mary Zarlengo

**OUR LADY OF  
GUADALUPE**  
Joe DiGiovanni

**OUR LADY OF JOY**  
Alan Cisar

**OUR LADY OF THE  
DESERET**  
Richard Gordon

**OUR LADY OF THE  
VALLEY**  
Pat Gerencser

**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE**  
Cindy Smith

**QUEEN OF PEACE**  
Susan Petrie  
Mary Kay Dunlevy  
Martina Bonilla

**SACRED HEART—**  
Dora  
Gloria Lopez

**ST. BRIDGET**  
Cheryl Crame  
  
Joe Fellhauer  
Bill Cowperthwait  
Nancy Cowperthwait  
Terri Lyn Gardner

**ST. DANIEL THE  
PROPHET**  
Phil Murphy  
Don Fraiser

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Jack McAward  
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***May the Angels lead them into Paradise,  
may the martyrs receive them at their coming  
and lead them into Jerusalem, the Holy City.  
May the Choir of Angels welcome them  
and, with Lazarus, who was also poor,  
may they have everlasting rest.***





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