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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

Is Anyone Listening?

*The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,
but a wise man listens to advice.*

Proverbs 12:15

As Vincentians, we are taught to be good, active listeners in our dealings with the poor and vulnerable. There are numerous writings, articles, presentations, webinars, and workshop centered around the need for us to be present and listening with our eyes, our ears, and our hearts when visiting with the poor during home visits and other in-person encounters, but how often are we reminded to listen in a meaningful way to one another? It is often easier to listen to a stranger who needs our assistance than to hear what a brother or sister Vincentian who has a different point of view or opinion has to say.



Being a Vincentian is a 24/7 vocation. We are called to listen to everyone that includes other Vincentians, friends and family members. Often times, we halfway listen to those around us creating the illusion that we are actually listening. Other times, we listen with the agenda of gathering enough information for us to respond or defend ourselves or our opinions. True listening is a sign of love and respect. At the heart of this love, is the belief that you are important and I value what you have to say.

During a motivational speech at a Military Officers' celebration, the person who designed a revolutionary machine to pave airport tarmacs and runways and made millions, shared how he came up with the idea from suggestions of his company's equipment operators. He said, "I try to listen to everyone because even the greatest fool among us will have at least one great idea in their lifetime and when they do I want to be listening." This is so very true. Often times, other Vincentians including newer and younger members, have great ideas that go nowhere simply because we are not really listening or we are too set in our ways to try something new or different.

There are also times when we hear what is being said but we disagree with the comments so strongly that we fail to be open to the message or willing to evaluate its value. The world-famous song "New York, New York" was written by the song writing team of John Kander and Fred Ebb. It was one of several songs they created for Martin Scorsese's film of the same name. When John and Fred played the songs for Scorsese, Lizza Minelli and Robert DeNiro where across the room listening. After they finished, Robert DeNiro told Scorsese that the film's theme song was weak and needed to be rewritten. Scorsese asked the duo to try again. Kander and Ebb left that meeting frustrated and upset.

On their way to Fred's apartment to work on the song, Ebb remarked, "Some actor is really going to tell us how to write a song!" After arriving at the apartment, the team took only 45 minutes to rewrite it and the rest is history. Today, "New York, New York" is the most widely known, acclaimed and honored song of the writing team's career and John Kander gratefully admits that DeNiro was right. This musical piece created out of an unpleasant challenge and frustration is still the most popular song associated with the city of New York.

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Like many others, I too have been guilty of either not truly listening or taking the time to process new ideas and feedback. For example, I was adamantly opposed to the idea of having a check request form mandated for SVdP conferences until I became a treasurer. Once I took on the responsibilities of that position and had to tie expenditures to the names of neighbors and vendor receipts, I immediately created a check request form. Like Robert DeNiro, Larry Shima was right and listening to him would have saved me hours of work and grief. I heard what Larry said. I understood his form and his reasoning but I did not take the time to evaluate what I heard from an open-minded position. My ears and my heart were closed because I refused to consider the idea of changing how my conference had always done things.

In order to grow spirituality and in friendship, we must learn to be better listeners in our everyday encounters within the Society. We need to listen to our newer members, to those with new ideas, to those struggling with health or personal loss, and to our members who are close to aging out because of physical limitations. Improving our listening skills with one another will only serve to help us grow in holiness and in our ability to truly hear what those whom we serve are saying. Listening conveys how much we care, respect and value others. Listening requires the gift of time and presence. It is, after all, one of the greatest gifts that we have to offer to others.

As Vincentians, we are called to listen with the eyes, ears and heart of Jesus. Let us enter the summer months committed to talking less and listening more. For if we speak too much, we will only hear what we already know, but if we listen to others, we will learn who they are and what they know. We will be blessed with new ideas and new perspectives. May we all strive to open ourselves more fully to the voices around us so that together we can grow in holiness, in fellowship, and in service.

By Shirley Smalley

St. Catherine Labouré



- Born May 2, 1806, ninth of eleven children
- In 1830 joined the Daughters of Charity
- Blessed Virgin appeared to her in July, 1830 and again in November, 1830; requested she have a medal struck ("Miraculous Medal")
- It is believed that Frederic Ozanam, who lived within blocks of the site of the apparitions, was strongly influenced by the events; he insisted that the Blessed Virgin Mary be named Patroness of the Society
- For over 40 years she spent every effort caring for the aged and infirmed
- Died on December 31st, 1876





NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY

HOSTED IN ST. LOUIS
SEPT. 5 - 9, 2023



SVdP National Assembly 2023 Phoenix Council Member Interest Form

Vincennes, Vincennes volunteers, staff, and employees interested in attending the 2023 Assembly in St. Louis are asked to complete and return this form to VSS to the attention of Sandy Edward no later than July 31st.

Please note that Conferences and District Councils are encouraged to help offset the cost of members attending this event.

Please Print

Attendees Name:		
Last Name	First name	Middle Initial

Conference: _____ District Council: _____

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Please check all boxes that apply:

- ☐ I will attend the 2023 National SVdP Assembly and am willing to work at the 2024 Phoenix National Assembly promotional table during that event.
- ☐ I will attend the 2023 National SVdP Assembly and am willing to volunteer/work during the National Assembly at the Sheraton Downtown in Phoenix, August 14-17, 2024.
- ☐ I will attend the 2023 National SVdP Assembly and will be able to help with preparations leading up to the 2024 National SVdP to be held in Phoenix but will not be unable able to attend the event on August. 14-17.
- ☐ My Conference and/or my District Council is helping to cover my expenses for the 2023 National SVdP Assembly.
- ☐ I want to attend the 2023 National SVdP Assembly but need to discuss possible ways to help offset the costs.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Shirley Smalley at msmal14727@aol.com or Mary Ann Hunter at maryannhunter44@gmail.com. We hope to have a large group attending the Assembly in St. Louis. The 2023 National gathering will provide attendees with opportunities for increased formation, spirituality, fellowship and a chance to experience an Assembly before we actually host one next year. Please consider joining us in St. Louis!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In preparation for hosting the 2024 Society of St. Vincent de Paul National Assembly in August of 2024, we need photos of our various activities, programs & ministries from 1950 through 2000.

We want to share with our brother and sister Vincentians a little bit about our history & how our programs started, developed, and came to be what they are today.

If you have any vintage photos, please bring them to the General Membership Meeting (GMM) on Saturday, June 17th or email them to Shirley Smalley at msmal14727@aol.com or Mary Ann Hunter at maryannhunter44@gmail.com.

Photos

Top: Left - Dining room volunteers Right - Original Dining Room sign
Bottom: Left - people coming in for a meal Center - neighbors eating in the original dining room Right - Original Ozanam Manor





From Day to Day

One of the most treasured tenets of our Vincentian spirituality is trust in Providence. When our treasures run low, we trust in Providence to refill them. When we are not sure of the path to take, we trust in Providence to guide us. But Providence is more than simply a generous donor, or a wise friend, and our trust demands much more from us than simply expecting things to work out well.

In our households and our businesses, we prudently set aside money for “rainy days” rather than spend it all on payday, because we have obligations – bills – that will remain, even if our income does not. But what about the works of the Conference, particularly the assistance we give to neighbors in need? These are not, strictly speaking, obligations, and there is no amount of saving up that will assure we can meet them. As an earlier edition of the Rule explains, our works, *“being entirely optional, should be from day to day; besides, nothing is more Christian than to trust one’s self to Providence and to count upon its inexhaustible care when the work is undertaken for God. To make a reserve, to have before us a disposable capital which we never touch, to lay out beforehand a budget as in a relief association, are proceedings essentially contrary to the spirit of our Society.”* [Rule, 1898, 87]

Our tradition seems almost to defy common sense. Surely it is better to set aside money for those neighbors who will certainly call us next week than to give it all out today! Or, perhaps, giving all, we have to meet today’s needs makes the most sense. After all, if a homeless shelter had three vacant beds, who would ever turn away a mom with two kids just to keep those beds open for tomorrow?

The needs presented to us are as unique and unrepeatable as the images of God who present them, and we can never know in advance the best way to help. This is why we are called to “assess each home visit as a unique encounter and ... not set predefined limitations on the amount of help to be given or the type of help to be given or the number of times to help someone.”

This apparent conflict between prudence and Providence is as old as the Society. As Bl. Frédéric once explained, *“in such a work it is necessary to give yourself up to the inspirations of the heart rather than the calculations of the mind. Providence gives its own counsel through the circumstances around you, and the ideas it bestows on you. I believe you would do well to follow them freely and not tie yourselves down with rules and formulas.”* [Letter 82, to Curnier, 1834]

To trust in Providence means to abandon ourselves completely to the will of God, and it is from Providence that both donations and the needs of the neighbor are placed before us. If we have the means, we give generously. When we are poor ourselves, we give what little we have. Money can be saved in a bank, but it isn’t money we are trying to save.

Contemplate

Are there times I let worry about tomorrow’s funds obscure the needs before me today?

Recommended Reading

The Manual



BRICKS to build the foundation

Hoarding: Keeping Excess Funds

"Money must not be hoarded."

Rule Part I:3.14

As Vincentians, we are asked to love those in need in the best way we can. The only way to do that is to treat each case on its own merit. While establishing general guidelines for assistance has some benefit, Vincentians are called upon to assess each home visit as a unique encounter and should not set predefined limitations on the amount of help to be given or the type of help to be given or the number of times to help someone. To love someone in the best way possible is to keep all of our resources available for our Lord's use. All of our resources include our hearts, our time, our funds, and other things we use to help people.

Members must accept the fact that our donors have given the Conference resources to use to help those in need. **The reality is that the funds we have belong to the suffering, the deprived, the forgotten, the poor, and those in need. We are stewards of these resources and are accountable for how they are used.**

The Rule of the Society makes it clear that Conferences and Councils may not hold onto funds beyond their short-term needs. The Rule reads, "Nevertheless, the Society uses money and property to help relieve the suffering of those in need. The Society's funds must be handled with the utmost care, prudence, and generosity. Money must not be **hoarded**. Decisions regarding the use of money and property are to be made after reflection in the light of the Gospel and Vincentian principles." (Rule, Part I, Article 3.14)

Hoarding occurs when a Conference decides to keep funds in its financial instrument rather than helping an individual or family that it is capable of helping.

The fact is that once the Conference decides that the request is legitimate and it has the resources to fulfill the request, then deciding to keep the money in the bank is the wrong decision and constitutes hoarding.

The Rule goes on to explain who is responsible for the oversight of Society funds, "Councils and Conferences zealously manage and maintain the Society's assets. The authority to manage the Society's assets remains exclusively with Councils that may delegate this authority in accordance with the Rule of the Society and the Bylaws and Resolutions of the National Council.

Faithful to the spirit of non-accumulation of wealth, the next higher Council may determine annually the percentage of the funds of each Council or Conference within their area that may be made available to them. The next higher Council will work with the Council or Conference to determine an appropriate reserve for unanticipated events and direct the allocation of funds which exceed the anticipated demands, which may not be **hoarded** as a capital sum, to the service of the poor in their own area or abroad in the poorest areas of the world." (Rule, Part III, Statute 24)

According to the Manual, "It is wrong for a conference to seek financial security by building up a large balance for the needs of the future. Conference balances generally should not exceed what they expect to spend during an average quarter. Surplus funds should be shared generously with more needy Conferences or the Special Works of the District Council."

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As a general rule, Conferences and District Council's should not maintain reserve balances greater than their projected expenses for a given Quarter or 25% of their annual expenditures. Conferences with large reserve funds can be seen as compliant if they are routinely disbursing funds in excess of their income thus making regular progress in spending down their excess funds.

If a Conference receives a large sum of money designated to be spent within their Parish boundaries or for a specific purpose such as food, utilities or rent, the Conference must consider giving away their non-designated funds such as Fifth Sunday collections to other Conferences, Councils and SVdP programs in order to bring their financial assets to a more appropriate level.

Conferences that operate a store, a dining room or other SVdP programs such as a Dental Clinic should maintain a three to six month reserve to cover fixed expenses. Conferences and Councils may also set aside Capital Campaign funds that are restricted and designated for purchases of property, buildings, vehicles or to start new programs. All Capital funds must be used solely for the expressed purpose that they were raised for and expended in a timely fashion.

Conferences that are blessed with funds in excess of their normal needs, must always keep in mind that many Conferences in poor and rural areas have few if any sources of income. It makes no sense that the "haves" among us would hold onto money they do not need while the "have nots" turn the poor away on a daily basis because they have nothing to share with them. In Luke 12:48 Jesus challenges us by saying, "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." Much is expected of those Conferences and Councils to which much has been given. Let us share with open and generous hearts and with a desire to be one in solidarity and support of one another.

Suggested Ways for Conferences to expend excess assets:

- To the Diocesan Aid Fund
- To poor Conferences locally or internationally
- To the Phoenix Diocesan Council Vincentian Endowment
- To poorer Districts
- To the Phoenix Diocesan Council and its programs including One-At-A-Time and Homeless Prevention fund
- To SVdP National Disaster Fund

Excerpts taken from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's National statement on Hoarding.



A Very Special Dedication

May 30th 2023 was declared

Frank Barrios Day

***Frank is a Past Diocesan Council Board President,
and continues to support our efforts to help those in need.***

***Congratulations Frank!
We appreciate all you do.***



From the Desk of the Conference Resources Committee

Grant Applications

Conferences and District Councils are encouraged to seek funding from a variety of sources including corporate and community grants, however, if a Conference or District Council is applying for a grant other than a local area grant, the president should contact John Junker in Vincentian Support Services before the application is filed. Since our Diocesan Council and its affiliated District Councils and Conferences are incorporated as one entity, coordination of grants is the only way that we can ensure that we are not competing with ourselves for funds.

Dismissal of Conference Members

Conferences and/or Conference officers do not have the authority to dismiss Vincentians from the Society. Members who are not compliant with the Catholic Diocese of Phoenix's Safe Environment Training program are not allowed to participate in any capacity including the attendance at meetings in Parish-based Conferences by virtue of the Catholic Diocese of Phoenix requirements but they are not technically removed from membership. It should be noted that according to the Rule of the Society, only the International Council President can remove a member from the Society. Currently, that power has been transferred to the National Council President. If you have questions concerning the removal process, please contact Mary Ann Hunter.

Using Rental Assistance Funds

Matching rental assistance funds through the Diocesan Council have been running low and for several weeks have been nonexistent. This has been due in large part to the lack of government funds and grants that are currently available. Conferences with sufficient funds to pay the entire amount of a neighbor's rental needs, should seriously consider using their funds to cover those expenses, thus leaving whatever funds might come in for use by our lower income conferences. Keep in mind, that nearly a third of our area Conferences receive little or no funds from their Parish and/or its parishioners.

Remember to be in "Good Standing" all Conferences must:

Hold in-person meetings at least twice a month. Hybrid meetings with a combination of in-person and remote attendance to accommodate the needs of homebound members may be conducted, however, members attending from out of the parish area must meet all full member requirements in order to vote.

Have an active Spiritual Advisor and include Opening and Closing prayer and a Spiritual reflection at every meeting.

Have a full slate of conference officers that meet the full enhanced member requirements.

Follow the SVdP Meeting Agenda for all meetings.

Have Secretary minutes and a Treasurer's Report at each meeting.

Obtain verification that all members, volunteers & employees are Safe Environment compliant and approved.

Provide person-to-person services to our neighbors in need and, as often as possible, through Home Visits

Conduct home and pantry visits in pairs.

Be represented at 80% of their District Council and 50% of the Diocesan General Membership Meetings.

Complete and submit Quarterly and Annual Reports in a timely fashion.

SVdP Thrift Stores

HELP BY SUPPORTING OUR BRINGING HOPE HOME PROGRAM!



The Bringing Hope Home program helps furnish homes for individuals and families referred to the program by Diocesan Council program case managers and Conferences. The program combines the resources and power of SVdP thrift stores and transportation team to set up the newly housed individual or family with household essentials and furniture, which SVdP delivers on move-in day.

“Bringing Hope Home literally helps finalize the rehousing process by furnishing that home,” said Mike McClanahan, the director of retail operations at SVdP.

Mike and team developed the Bringing Hope Home program in the hopes of reducing the number of individuals or families returning to homelessness simply because they couldn’t overcome the large up-front costs that come with moving and acquiring furniture.

“If we didn’t intervene, what would happen is that person would spend their first two or three paychecks just trying to get a bed or a couch for their family,” Mike said. “Now they don’t have to worry about it, and that lifts a huge burden off that family.”

“We like to say that we turn houses into homes,” says Irma Leyendecker, SVdP’s director of mission advancement who teams up with Mike to help manage the program.

When the Bringing Hope Home first started, the team helped one individual or family each month. But the need for such a program and its success in easing the transition into housing became quickly apparent. Now it helps up to eight individuals or families per week.

SVdP case managers working with individuals and families in their rehousing pipeline refer guests to the program after they’ve helped establish housing for them. After receiving the referral, the Bringing Hope Home team coordinates a date with the guest to go to a SVdP thrift store and pick out new furniture and household essentials for their apartment.

Individuals are given up to \$1,000 to spend in store, while families receiving up to \$2,000. That money goes far thanks to the affordable thrift store prices. And the items aren’t beat up or on their last legs either. SVdP does quality control and requires gently used donations, so shoppers and guests of the Bringing Hope Home program are sure to get things in good condition.

“You got to give people a head start,” Mike said. “You have to get them in a situation where at least they have a competitive edge to stay ahead of falling back into homelessness. And so that to me is in essence what it does.”

Conference and individuals can help support this growing program through donations of furniture and household items and/or financial contributions. Every dollar helps us help others.

Our Vincentian Legacy--- Making an Impact Forever

Recently, I attended a beautiful funeral mass for a long-time Vincentian. This person was "present" and helping at so many Parish and Conference activities. However, the funeral mass reminded all of us who attended that a person who has passed to an eternal reward is no longer present.

Each of us will, maybe sooner than we think, join that Vincentian. Ecclesiastes 7, verse 2 reminds us we are all going to die; and it is a good time to think about it while there is still time. Yes, each of us will be remembered for what we did in terms of home visits, praying with our neighbors, and other vital conference actions. Sometimes memories fade. However, a gift to our Diocesan Council does not have to fade or stop being present. That gift, which embodies the heart of our perpetual individual legacies, may take many forms.

For instance, today it could be a legacy of a small gift of the annual Required Minimum Distribution from a retirement plan, a larger Qualified Charitable Distribution from a retirement plan, or even a one-time gift to the Society with a "windfall". In the future, it may be as simple as a testamentary gift in our will or trust of some stock, IRA or 401k balances in full or in part, or possibly a home (or the profit of a sale thereof) at the passing of the Vincentian and spouse.

One possible recipient of these present or future gifts is our Diocesan Vincentian Endowment, which was created solely for the benefit of our conference activity. It has grown to over \$3 Million at the close of 2022. That meant over \$1,600 per conference in non-principal earnings and interest was distributed last July. Mary Ann Hunter, a few years ago, spoke of a time when the Endowment would reach \$5 Million --that would mean over \$3,000 a year for every conference.

Donna Rodgers, our Annual Giving manager, or Marc Anderson, our CFO, would be happy to review with you the "nuts and bolts" of how to most effectively structure these confidential perpetual gifts.

Please give prayerful consideration to what sort of legacy you might endow as we jointly "Celebrate Vincentian Life Forever".

*Bill Klink
Vincentian, St. Matthew Conference*

ServWare News

Our Phoenix Council now has 53 conferences implemented in ServWare! We have another six conferences currently in the implementation process. Our Council has been working closely with ServWare to further enhance the application to better meet our needs and here are some recent successes:

- Several conferences within our Council recently participated in a pilot to test new functionality for creating a bank account reconciliation within ServWare. Several further enhancements have been added, based on the feedback from these conferences. Additional enhancements are also planned. This functionality will be released within the next month for all conferences utilizing the financial functions that choose to utilize this enhancement.
- District 4 has implemented the District Access functionality for the district officers and Conference Presidents. This level of access allows the district to post district meeting documents in ServWare, for all Conference Presidents and district officers to view. The documents can also be made available to all conference members within the district. This level of access also provides the ability to run conference specific activity summary reports. Additionally, there are plans to add the ability to run an aggregated report for the entire district. These summary and aggregation reports will be helpful to District Presidents in creating their monthly Board reports as well as other overall reporting needs.
- District 3 has all conferences within the district fully utilizing ServWare, including all the financial functions. Three conferences within this district are now submitting the ServWare Conference Activity Report (CAR) in lieu of the Phoenix Council Quarterly/Annual report (QRP Workbook). Our Council is working on a plan for transitioning additional conferences to using the automated CAR report for Quarterly reporting.
- District 8 has been an outstanding example of rapid implementation over the past six months, with all but two conferences implemented. One of the remaining two conferences is currently in the process of implementation.

Conferences can incrementally implement ServWare as their conference records application at any time. We have several resources available to assist a conference through this process.

For questions or further information please contact:

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Our Lady of the Desert – St. Vincent de Paul Conference

*Tom White, town founder, came to Dolan Springs in 1959 to sell land.
Our Lady of the Desert Mission began in Dolan Springs in 1972.*

St. Vincent de Paul, an international organization, linked with the Mission and the Conference opened on July 12, 1993 in Dolan Springs. Located at 7141 W 11th Street, behind the closed DD Market, the Conference, which is operated by volunteers, offers a Food Pantry and Thrift Store. The Food Pantry receives free food from the Phoenix based food banks of St. Mary's and St. Vincent de Paul. The Conference purchases additional needed food, or at holiday time, local food gift cards in addition to food gift cards donated by Bashas and Safeway/Albertson's Corporations. The number of people coming to SVDP for food is staggering. In March 2022, the Conference served 321 families and 574 individuals and in March 2023 501 families and 915 individuals. One must complete a 1 page application form and provide written proof of Arizona residency to receive food.

Sources of income are from grants, private donors and other St. Vincent de Paul Conferences that donate/twin \$ to help carry out our Mission. The income from the Thrift Store helps to pay for the expense of operating the Conference, including the buildings.

Our Conference has been instrumental in working with the Mt. Tipton School, especially with the Fall food drive and student Christmas shopping/party, is a part of the Lunch Bunch, co-sponsored the 2022 Christmas Dinner with the Dolan Springs Community Council, conducting fundraisers like the Estate Sale held on the SVDP Parking lot, and are now advertising Thrift Store items on social media platforms such as Posh Mark. As you know food is expensive and our donations are diminishing. As part of our fundraising efforts, beginning the 2nd Saturday in May and each month thereafter, the OLOD-SVDP Conference will host a Community Marketplace on our parking lot. For \$20 vendors can have a 10' x 20' spot to sell their wares, yard sale, craft, etc. The Thrift Store will be open and beverages will be sold. We are very excited about this event because the community will benefit.

This year marks the Conference's 30th Anniversary. Events are being planned, so keep a lookout for more details to come.

And finally, the Conference could not do what it does without the help of the fabulous volunteers. The Conference is so successful because of them. So to show our appreciation during the National Volunteer Appreciation Month of April, the Conference is taking our volunteers out to lunch. Even though St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic organization, we whole heartedly welcome volunteers from any or no religious denomination.

The Thrift Store is open on Monday and Wednesdays with operating hours as follows: winter hours, October through May 9 am to 1 pm, and summer hours, June through September, 8 am to Noon. Donations are gratefully accepted on those dates. IRS Tax Donation forms are provided upon request.

For more information contact OLOD-SVDP Conference President

Charlotte Kiffer at 928-715-3434



Sacred Heart Conference *Vinny Skinny*

A GREAT Donation for the Homeless



This past Friday, a young boy and his grandmother came to the Sacred Heart Thrift Store. However, this wasn't a shopping trip for him. Instead he wanted to donate the \$45 he had earned doing work for his grandmother to the Sacred Heart Conference. He wanted to make sure the money was used for someone who doesn't have a home!

Nikko is pictured with Thrift Store Mgr. Brittany O'Carroll. Nikko gave \$45 he had earned working for this grandmother to the Conference to be used for the homeless!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul At St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church Cave Creek, Arizona

On April 15th and 16th, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St Gabriel had the privilege of hosting our 9th annual Cookie Fest to thank our generous parishioners for their continued support. A tradition that started 11 years ago and was suspended for two years during the Covid crisis. We thank Father Chad for giving us the opportunity to speak to the parishioners at each mass about the work that we do and to extend an invitation to come join us.

A special thanks to Marcella Laube, who has chaired this event for six years and her committee: Geri Anastasi, posters; Mary Cause, beautiful bows that have graced several of our recent events; Pat Muehlenberg and Diana Murphy, and John Murphy and Felix Fornino who helped with setting up and kept refilling those cookie trays. Our conference members made/bought delicious cookies that kept us well prepared to treat our parishioners and many helped to distribute those tasty treats after each mass. All in all, it was a beautiful weekend and an enjoyable event for us.

Looking forward to doing it again next year!



Jubilarians Honored at St. Theresa's Conference



Our six newest Jubilarians as of April 23, 2023 have nearly 100 years of combined SVdP service. Along with their calling as Vincentians, all of them have served and continue to serve multiple other ministries in the Parish. All six emphasize the depth of friendships and personal growth of spirituality experienced as Vincentians.

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OFE CLASSES – 2023

ALL CLASSES RUN 9AM – 3PM

June 22 OFE 1 & 2; June 23 OFE 3 & 4
St. John Vianney -180 Soldier Pass Rd., Sedona

July 15 OFE 1 & 2; July 22 OFE 3 & 4
Corpus Christi – 3550 E Know Rd., Phoenix

Aug. 12 OFE 1 & 2; Aug. 19 OFE 3 & 4
Holy Cross – 1244 S Power Rd., Mesa

Oct. 5 OFE 1 & 2; Oct. 6 OFE 3 & 4
***St. Mary/St. Juan Diego at St Mary's –
230 W. Galveston St., Chandler***

Oct. 14 OFE 1 & 2; Oct. 21 OFE 3 & 4
Church of the Resurrection -3201 S Evergreen Rd., Tempe

Jan. 20, 2024 OFE 1 & 2; Jan. 27 OFE 3 & 4
St. Gabriel – 32648 N Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek

To register contact: Mary Ann Hunter
928-699-9232 (Text or Call)
maryannhunter44@gmail.com

What is needed to register?

Your name; email, phone number, address, and your conference name

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
Barbara Velleman

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Lee Matthews

HOLY CROSS

Mary Powell
Andy Torres
Dee Shack
Mary Jo Kent
Sharon Culley

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Michael McCann
Frank Simmons
Rosie Bell
Linda Lee Chambon-Gay
Sue Dori
Scott Marthaler
James Reed
Tom and Barbara Reed
Peg Shandera
Lu Stitt

MOST HOLY TRINITY

Jackie Jennings

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Lynn Schmidt
Joe DiGiovanni

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT

Rita Hughes
Tony Mueller
Valerie Panagopoulos
Peggy Merrill
Duke Merrill
Mary Austin
Art Austin

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Cindy Smith

QUEEN OF PEACE

Susan Petrie
Mary Kay Dunlevy
Martina Bonilla

SACRED HEART PARKER

Edith Smith
Dora Norris Family
Fr. John Ikponko
Vernon Norris Family
Peggy Knapp
Ana Lopez
Tomasia Torres
Terry Watts
Marmelejo Family

ST. BRIDGET

Cheryl Crame
Joe Fellhauer
Terri Lyn Gardner

ST. DANIEL THE PROPHET

Phil Murphy
Don Fraiser

ST. GABRIEL

Jack McAward
Dolores Galligan
Robert Fitzer
Louise Fullam

ST. GREGORY

Edd Harrington
Beverly Heart

ST. HELEN

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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.***



THE VINCENTIAN ANNUITY

Supporting
St. Vincent de Paul
not just
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but **forever.**

SAMPLE ANNUITY RATES

	SINGLE LIFE	TWO LIVES
AGE 60	4.4%	3.9%
AGE 70	5.1%	4.6%
AGE 80	6.8%	5.7%
AGE 90	9.0%	8.2%



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General Membership Meeting

***June 17, 2023—8:30 am Mass
followed by breakfast, a short
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exciting raffle prizes***

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