



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



Abundant Gratitude

"Foster a spirit of gratitude and you will grow in contentment and joy"

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul believed that gratitude was a powerful tool and an antidote to frustration, burnout, and unhappiness. He understood that when we shift our eyes from looking at what we lack and focus on what we have, we will find greater happiness and joy. Gratitude helps us to appreciate the simple pleasures, find happiness in the present moment, and grow in our relationship with God and one another.

Thankfulness, appreciation, and gratitude are often seen as words that mean the same thing but that is not actually true. Thankfulness is a response to something that is pleasing. Appreciation is the recognition of the quality or value of something or someone. Both of these terms refer to internal feelings or ideas that we experience. On the other hand, gratitude is how we show through word and action our thankfulness and appreciation for the many blessings that we have been given.

Abundant Gratitude

Thankfulness and appreciation are feelings we all experience, but gratitude is a choice. Gratitude is about seeing the good things in our lives and understanding that God and the people around us play a significant role in creating that goodness. Gratitude happens when we make the conscious decision to look at the light in the darkness. It is about being intentionally grateful for what is still good despite what glaringly is not. Gratitude flows out of our perspective and our ability to decide how we will look and respond to life.

Drs. James and JR Greene point out that you do not need something good to happen in order to have gratitude, and when bad things do happen, your gratitude will not falter. If we have the courage to open up our hearts and minds to experience gratitude, we will find ourselves filled with feelings of kindness, warmth, and generosity.

The very mission and vision of the Society is rooted in the positive power of gratitude. Out of gratitude and love, we minister to the least among God's people. Through the spirit of gratitude, we are able to learn to love and accept one another and to value our differences, our individual gifts and talents, and to come to understand that being a Vincentian is not a solitary call but rather a call to work together with others so that our efforts can change lives including our own.

I am grateful for many things including the blessings that God has bestowed on me. I am grateful for my family, my friends, and for my call to be a Vincentian. I am grateful for my Conference and their patience with me. I am grateful for the Diocesan staff, my Diocesan officers, the Council Board, and all of the Vincentians that I am able to serve beside. I am grateful for those who support my efforts and for those who challenge me in ways that help me grow and become a better person and leader. I am grateful for those whom I visit and serve for allowing me the privilege of being part of their struggles and their lives in such intimate and meaningful ways. I am grateful for my pets who without fail are excited to see me every time I come through the door even if the only place I went was into the garage.

St. Vincent de Paul said that "Gratitude is the memory of the heart." His words remind us that gratitude is not a feeling but a state of being. By embracing a spirit of gratitude, we imprint within our hearts a memory of God's goodness, mercy, and love. That imprinted memory gives us the strength and courage to live out more fully our vocational call to feed, clothe, house and heal the poor and one another.

May we never forget how blessed we are and how much we have to be grateful for. May we always strive to be grateful for one another and those whom we serve. May we always strive to have hearts so full of gratitude that it overflows and illuminates the world with the light of God's love.



A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

(found in the Book of Common Prayer, p. 837)

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all God's gifts so freely bestowed upon us.
For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth, sky, and sea.
We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; *To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*



Let Us Open Our Hearts

When we think about the meaning of **friendship**, particularly as one of our three Essential Elements, we could hardly have a better role model than Blessed Frédéric

Ozanam. Friendship was so central to his life, and to the founding of the Society, that two of his biographers chose to highlight this in the titles of their books: *The Great Friend*, by Albert Schimberg, and *My Friend Ozanam*, by Pere Lacordaire.

Shimberg says of Frédéric that he “*had a genius for friendship, which was for him a communion of spirits, a meeting of minds. He poured out his heart in letters to his friends, was happy when they were happy, shared their disappointments and griefs, let them share his joys and sorrows, gave them counsel and asked for theirs. Above all, his friendship was an apostolate. He prayed with his friends; in life and after death he asked for their prayers.*” [Shimberg, 313]

In Frédéric’s words and actions we see friendship’s intimate connection to both service and spirituality, and it is through this connection that it becomes essential – the essence of the Society. In addition to praying for and with one another, he wrote, “*the strongest tie, the principle of a true friendship, is charity, and charity could not exist in the hearts of many without sweetening itself from outside. It is a fire that dies without being fed, and good works are the food of charity.*” [Letter 82, to Curnier, 1834]

This particular character of friendship in the Society is the means by which we arrive at consensus in our decision-making. We trust one another enough to be honest – to speak with simplicity. Indeed, honest disagreement between friends can only strengthen the friendship. “*Let us dare to contradict each other sometimes: truth and concord will end up by banishing strife.*” Frédéric wrote to Auguste Materne. “*Let us open our hearts and discuss things with wisdom. Our friendship will only become firmer.*” [Letter 11 to Materne 1830]

And so it always should be in our Conference meetings. No member should ever feel unable to express disagreement, and no other member should take disagreement as an affront. We are joined together with the common purpose of growing in holiness by serving Christ in the neighbor. It is through the **simplicity** born of friendship that we reach consensus and alter our plans for the better. Without spirituality, our service is merely work. Without friendship, we won’t “*journey together towards holiness...*” [Rule, Part I, 2.2]

It was in all three essential elements that Frédéric wished us to grow. May we share in his hope that “*as each of us grows older, may we also grow in friendship, piety, and zeal for good!*” [Letter 157, to Le Taillandier, 1837]

Contemplate

Is having and being a friend always at the center of my Vincentian service and spirituality?

The Wisdom of Our Founders



**The Woman behind the Society
Blessed Rosalie Rendu
September 9, 1786 – February 7, 1856
Feast Day – February 7th**

Blessed Rosalie Rendu was a Daughter of Charity who served 54 years in the Mouffetard area, which was at her time, the most impoverished district of Paris. Emmanuel Bailly, the first president of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, sent the founding members to her for guidance and direction in ways to best serve the poor. In the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, she taught them how to do home visits and ways to serve the poor with respect, dignity, and compassion.



Even the bloody battles of the French Revolution did not stop Rosalie from risking her life to help others. From tending to the children of her orphanage to climbing on barricades to aid wounded soldiers, Rendu's charitable heart and commitment continues to inspire us.

Rendu Quotes to Live by

Rendu worked selflessly with dedication and heart in service with and for others. Here are five quotes from Rosalie Rendu that can inspire us to live out her charitable spirit.

- *"But be kind and love, for love is your first gift to the poor. They will appreciate your kindness and your love more than all else you bring them."*
- *"Hunt down poverty in order to give humanity its dignity."*
- *"Be a milestone where all those who are tired have the right to lay down their load."*
- *"A Sister will go ten times a day to see those who are sick, and ten times a day you will find God there..."*
- *Never Have I prayer so well as in the streets."*

TODAY, TOMORROW, FOREVER

I believe God has a special place in His heart for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. From the very beginning He gifted it with vision guided by His grace. Look how far we have come!

Blessed Frederic Ozanam envisioned a global network of charity and social justice which has become a beautiful reality present in more than 150 countries.

Here in Phoenix, the seed planted in a meeting at St. Mary's Basilica in 1946 has grown to be the largest St. Vincent de Paul Council in the world. Visionary leadership powered by heavenly help has been a hallmark of our progress, enabling us to plan for the future with foresight, imagination and wisdom.

Another inflection point in our history is at hand. At the December General Membership Meeting our Vincentians will be asked to approve capital projects on our main campus – the Center for Purpose, Hope and Mission, and the Community Care Center – as well as an East Valley Medical Wellness Clinic on the site of the now-closed Mesa Thrift Store. A positive vote will allow our staff to move forward on fundraising, preliminary city processes and permitting for the three projects and give the Council Board budgetary oversight and approval authority, when sufficient funds have been committed, to begin construction.

Part of the Common Ground Campaign presented to the General Membership in June 2022, the projects are intended to transform the Dan O'Meara Center and strengthen the collaboration between Vincentians, staff and our community partners essential to the effectiveness of our Council-wide programs.

As we look ahead to the next 80 years, one of the most important factors in sustaining our Council's success will be to further integrate the work of our Vincentians throughout the Diocesan Council and our staff at the Dan O'Meara Center, fully leveraging the talents of both to best carry out our mission together. Our evolving campus will provide more space for Vincentians and more opportunities for our staff to support Vincentian work.

In pursuing these visionary projects we are greatly blessed by knowing that the Phoenix Diocesan Council has built the finest fundraising and marketing teams in SVdP's National Council. We can be very proud of their many achievements and confident they will secure the necessary funding for these significant initiatives.

Our outstanding Development group under the leadership of our Chief Philanthropy Officer, Ryan Corry, will tell you that Vincentian support for campaigns such as Common Ground is crucial to persuading businesses, foundations and large donors to contribute. We have also earned opportunities to encourage the support of family, friends and neighbors. It is sometimes surprising to discover the degree of admiration and appreciation others have for our caring and compassionate actions.

St. Vincent de Paul is committed to fostering a community in which we look out for each other, in which we have faith in each other, as brothers and sisters. The outpouring of love and support for our Society during and following the pandemic is powerful proof that the term "human family" is an inspiring reality, not an abstract concept. Your ceaseless and selfless efforts to provide help and restore hope to those who desperately need it validate the trust placed in us by our fellow citizens.

The late Cardinal Francis Xavier Van Thuan of Vietnam, former president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, described a Christian as the "man of now." He saw every Christian as a person who lives in the present, who acts to make a difference in his life and the lives of others without delay or deferral.

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TODAY, TOMORROW, FOREVER

It is inherent in our vocation that Vincentians are “now” people. We deal with the needs of our neighbors on a daily basis and seize those moments to serve them as best we can. Choosing now to support these capital projects will make our work more effective today and for many tomorrows to come.

St. Vincent and Blessed Frederic relied completely on Divine Providence which has been wondrously at work on behalf of our Society for the past 191 years. As the heirs to their uplifting legacies of love for the poor, how could we not be certain that God is constantly guiding us and clearing our path? Such certainty is increasingly essential as we adapt to a changing world in ways that by His grace and the strength of our Vincentian family will enable us to successfully pursue our sacred mission.

The beautiful Latin phrase I look at every day on my Fordham diploma – Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam (For the Greater Glory of God, the Jesuit motto) – brings to mind the spiritual foundation of our Vincentian calling. Many of my fellow Vincentians have heard me say that my three favorite letters of the alphabet are ROI. That is true in the secular sphere, but not when the real reason we are on this earth is considered. AMDG guides our stewardship of the blessings bestowed on us. The best return on investment we can gain in this life is when our focus is on the greater glory of God. The ultimate bottom line is that our resources are gifts from God to be used in serving Him.

Our calling to serve God in this way is a blessing of eternal value. Because we are so blessed, Charlotte and I contribute to Common Ground and our Vincentian Endowment. As the years rush past, it gives us great comfort to know that our ability to help His suffering children will continue long after we are gone. Our lives are indeed finite, but the wonderful work of the Vincentians will continue forever, an infinite legacy, and we choose to be part of that. It brings us great joy. We cannot think of a better way to show our love for our fellow Vincentians. You are our family and one of our greatest blessings.

Our modest donations won't change the world, but they just might change a few lives...that in turn might change a few more lives...that in turn might...well, only God knows how that divine ripple effect will play out. We'll find out about that when He calls us home and gives us the good news.

Organizations like St. Vincent de Paul need to dream. Common Ground and our Vincentian Endowment will make it possible for many beautiful dreams to come true in the service to Christ's beloved poor by our members on the front lines of our mission of mercy.

The future belongs to those who prepare for it...to those who act – who do – and who have that special sense of urgency which says do it now. Too often we are tempted to put off our good ideas or best efforts until some later date. That is often a big mistake. If we use the present as fully as we can, the future will offer even more possibilities for us and those we serve.

Psalms 37 tells us that “The steps of good men are directed by the Lord. He delights in each step they take.” The Lord will surely be delighted by the steps we take together to support our Society and sustain Blessed Frederic's magnificent vision.

It has been my honor to share this deeply-felt message with my Vincentian Family.

— Joe Riley



FROM THE DESK OF CONFERENCE RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

HP for Conferences Update

On October 1st a new process for Homelessness Prevention for Conferences was introduced to the conferences. As with any new process a number of questions were presented to the committee for clarification. A number of the questions were duplicates, some were unique, but all indicated a need to share the questions that will help clarify the process for all. As a result, the HP for Conferences Committee has created a FAQ sheet for conferences to reference when using the HP for Conferences allocation.

The FAQ sheet will reside on the Vincentian Support page which can be found by going to svdpaz.org, then selecting the Vincentian Support section near the bottom of the page. Then select **Conference Resources, Policies & Programs, Homelessness Prevention Instructions** to find the FAQ document. This is a living document, and as new questions are presented the questions and answers will be added to the FAQ sheet so be sure to check periodically.

The HP for Conferences committee has received a number of questions in relation to why a conference in an affluent area would receive an allocation for Homeless Prevention, and the answer is that no conference can predict who comes to them for assistance and what special situations may be presented to a conference. One of the Tier 2 conferences that had never requested HP funds in the past chose to address systemic change and use their allocation to help one Neighbor family. This family had an emergency which caused them to be months behind in rent. Although the emergency was over and they were able to pay their rent going forward, they were still in arrears for past due rent payment which they couldn't pay. The conference voted to provide multiple months rental assistance to clear the months they were in arrears, and allowed the family to remain in their home. This is a wonderful example of the St Vincent's saying that *love is inventive to infinity*.

As we continue to communicate updates and/or changes we welcome any and all questions, you can email any questions to hpreview@svdpaz.org.

Here are three examples of questions frequently asked. Please refer to the FAQ document under Vincentian Support/Conference Resources on svdpaz.org to see the full set of questions.

Q: What is the dollar amount of the 6-month allocation for conferences?

A: Beginning on 10/1 and for a 6-month period, all conferences have up to \$12,600 to use for rent, mortgage or utilities.

Q: Is Wildfire utility assistance request applied to the allocation?

A: If the request is for Wildfire, (APS, SWG, SRP) and approved by Wildfire, the requested amount does not decrease your allocation. If the request is for other utilities, or the neighbor does not qualify for Wildfire funds HP funds can be used and will be applied to the allocation amount.

Q: What is the difference between a Tier 1 and Tier 2 conference?

A: The difference between Tier 1 and Tier 2 is the copay requirement. For Tier 1 conferences the copay is recommended, but not required, up to 25%. For Tier 2 conferences the copay is not optional and it is 50% of the Requested Amount.

Diocesan Council Aid

The announcement for the new year Diocesan Council Aid application process is included in this Newsletter. Please refer to the announcement for specifics of the program.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Question: Can a Conference member hold more than one officer position in the same Conference at the same time?

Answer: No, a full member of the Society can hold only one officer position at a time at any given level. That means that a full member can simultaneously hold office in separate Conferences or Councils at the same time but not within the same entity of the Society such as a given Conference or Council. The Rule clearly states that all Conferences/Councils must have a full slate of officers and accepted practice is that requires four separate individual full members.

Question: Can a Conference member call another Conference and ask for twinning assistance?

Answer: No. The long-standing accepted practice for obtaining twinning within the Conferences and Councils associated with the Diocesan Council of Phoenix requires that twinning requests be made with the approval of the Conference or Council president and that such requests must be made from District President to District President. This practice allows for District presidents to make sure that requests cannot be covered through District funds and that requests are reasonable and not overly directed to one or two Conferences. In urgent cases, the request may go from a District president directly to a Conference or Conferences.

Question: At what point does holding back Conference or Council funds become hoarding?

Answer: Conferences and Councils within the Society are prohibited from hoarding funds. Funds donated to our Conferences and Councils belong to the poor and should be used to assist those calling upon us for assistance. Saving money back for a rainy day or what might be needed tomorrow is not what Vincentians do. Vincentians are called upon to do the good that presents itself to the best of their ability each and every day.

Conferences or Council with operational expenses such as rent, utilities, salaries, insurance or vehicle payments are permitted to keep a reserve of six months worth of funds to cover those expenses. Conference and Councils should be mindful to keep funds that are already committed for things like tithing, copays, reimbursements and twinning. When a Conference's funds are low, they should be mindful of the fact that their obligation is to serve the poor in their own Parish boundaries or their service area before twinning with another Conference.

If a Conference receives a large donation or bequeathment, they should invest the money with a plan to draw out the funds on a regular basis with the intent to use those funds up within a reasonable time frame.

We should always remember that the money we have does not belong to us; it belongs to the poor. We need to use it to help those in front of us today and not hold it back for the needs that may arise tomorrow. The people coming to us are experiencing a rainy day today and they deserve our help and support in this moment in time.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Phoenix Diocesan Council Aid Program

(formerly referred to as Diocesan Council twinning)

The purpose is to identify poor Conferences that need financial assistance and to authorize that those identified conferences will receive funds that have been allocated for this purpose. (Committee Charter approved by the Diocesan Council Board 09/2017)

History of the Program: For more than forty years, the SVdP Diocesan Council of Phoenix has recognized that some conferences associated with our Council, through no fault of their own, do not have access to sufficient donor funds from their parish and/or District to operate as a conference.

While many conferences may from time to time be in need of some type of financial assistance there are certain conferences that cannot provide any financial help to the poor without reliable funding from sources other than their Parish and/or their District Council.

For the past several years, funds for this Diocesan Council program have come from a portion of the fees charged to conferences by the Food Reclamation for food boxes and direct contributions from conferences, District Councils and private donors. Funds accumulated in this account are distributed to approved conferences in "good standing" at or before each Diocesan Council General Membership Meeting (GMM).

Applications are accepted annually starting in December and must be submitted to Vincentian Support Services (VESS) on or before a date set by the Conference Resource Committee.

Conference requests for Diocesan Council Aid are evaluated on, but not limited to, the general standards and factors listed below. The committee will evaluate the listed items in light of the conference, its history, current area conditions, and in context of the responses and explanations provided on the application and during the interview process.

In addition to reviewing the conference's application, Annual Report, interview and recommendation from their District president, the committee will make their decisions in consultation with the Diocesan Council president.

Over the course of the past Fiscal Year the conference:

Conference Operating Standards

- Had a full slate of officers
- Had a Spiritual Advisor
- Held regular conference meetings - at least twice a month
- Had a set of approved written Conference guidelines that were distributed to all members
- Attended at least 80% of their District Council and 50% of the Diocesan Council's General Membership Meetings

Diocesan Council Aid Program

- Completed and submitted their Quarterly & Annual Reports in a timely manner
- Required all members to be compliant with the Diocesan Safe Environment Training standards and requirements
- Completed required audits

Financial Activity

- Received less than \$50,000 from their parish and/or District Council
- Made use of other SVdP programs and resources: grants, HP, legal, dental, medical, Capital Asset Funds, etc.
- Identified and reached out to Community resources that could provide additional assistance for those in need
- Submitted twinning requests to other conferences for food and/or financial support
- Conducted Fund Raisers or Special Events to help bring in additional funds
- Spent at least 80% of conference funds with a minimum of 60% of those funds being used for client aid
- Requested financial support from their District

Serving “Those in need”

- Provided hours of operation and/or means of contact that afforded “those in need” easy access to the conference and its services
- Provided and documented Spiritual Aid to those whom they served
- Provided and recorded referrals to those whom they served
- Conducted Home visits with at least 20% of all client contact/interactions being in-person visits provided in the home of the people being served

Any conference that is in “good standing” may submit an application for Diocesan Council Aid. The standards and items listed above are provided to increase understanding of the program and the factors that will be used in the decision-making process.

This year, applications for Diocesan Council Aid (formerly referred to as Diocesan Council Twinning) will be due no later than Thursday, December 27th, 2024. Applications including a cover letter may be obtained from Vincentian Support.

Please feel free to contact Jean Renn, Diocesan Council Aid Subcommittee Chair at jeanrenn@yahoo.com or 623.521.0553, if you have questions or need additional information.



To our staff and volunteers who served as scribes for our September General Membership Meeting.

Hats Off to Our Scribes

One of the primary goals of our September General Membership meeting was to complete the SVdP National Council's synodal listening process of *VisionSVdP* initiated by our National President, John Berry. Attendees at the meeting were asked to answer three questions:

1. How can the Society adapt to a changing world?
2. What Phoenix Diocesan SVdP programs/activities need to be increased or added?
3. What Phoenix Diocesan SVdP programs/activities need to be decreased or eliminated?

During the listening session, everyone had the opportunity to speak at least once and all comments were recorded verbatim by our scribes. Each scribe inputted the comments made into their computer or laptop that was linked to one form that will soon be sent to the National Council.

Our process for listening to and recording responses was almost seamless because of the efficiency and effectiveness of our scribes. All of our scribes volunteered their time to make this happen. Thank each of you for helping us listen and record our thoughts.

Hats Off to Our Staff

Our VESS staff under the leadership of Irma Leyendecker created the directional centerpieces and the table numbers that corresponded to the attendees table assignments. Mixing Vincentians up with random other Vincentians gave us the opportunity to hear a wider range of comments. A special thanks to Sandy Edwards for preparing packets, materials, and the worship aid/program and to our IT department for creating the online form, QR code, and a depository process that will be used to send all of the comments to the National Council.

Hats Off to Vision SVdP Participants

Your cooperation, support, and comments helped us to participate in the National Council's synodal listening endeavor in a real and meaningful way. Our Council will be looking at your feedback as well and will use it for future planning. Thank you for participating.



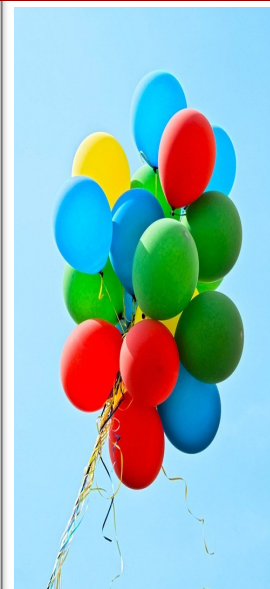
Congratulations Mary, on celebration 101 years!



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY JUBILIANS



Left to right:
Theresa Encino, Dora Pitchford, Cleo Monroe, Sally Pryor, Ted Miller, Therena Anderson, Lou-Anne Dillard
Agustin Caparros, Pat Gerencser, Helen Kolson, Ruth Oskler, Andrew Feucht, Jean Michel



At the 4pm Mass on September 28, 2024, the Our Lady of the Valley St Vincent de Paul Society Conference Jubilarians were honored and received a Blessed Jubilarian Crucifix. The New Jubilarians are: Andrew Feucht, Lou-Anne Dillard, Agustin Caparros, Sally Pryor, Therena Anderson, Marigene Dessaint, Helen Kolson, Ted Miller, Ruth Oskler and Darlene Wallace. Also four of the Jubilarians since 2010 received their Jubilarian Crucifix: Dora Pitchford, Cleo Monroe, Jean Michel and Theresa Encino. We are so grateful for the Jubilarian's years of devoted service to helping the poor.

News from St. Elizabeth Seton

Our SVdP visitors experienced an unusual problem at their Vincentian neighbor visit. The neighbor stated that her husband had passed away. Her brother had paid for her husband's cremation, but she was having a problem getting his ashes. The funeral home was located a distance from the neighbor's home, and they required \$170 to get the ashes to her. The neighbor could not afford the fee and did not have transportation to retrieve the ashes. The team visiting was a bit surprised and called one of our seasoned Vincentians for assistance. The call came through to the airport where the Vincentian was leaving for a family visit. After talking about the problem, our seasoned Vincentian offered to retrieve the ashes when she returned.

Upon her return, she got the vital information and found that the funeral home was not far from the airport. Since the funeral home was alerted, our dedicated Vincentian was able to retrieve the ashes. She carried them back to our waiting neighbor and "Joseph" was back with his loving family. A bit of a different event but as Blessed Frederic Ozanam stated, "No work of charity is foreign to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul"!

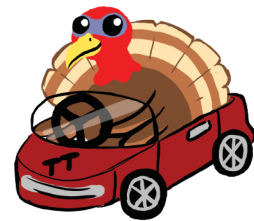
Karen Boeck

St. Elizabeth Seton

ARE YOU READY FOR TURKEY TUESDAY? READY OR NOT, HERE IT COMES!

The fun begins on November 26, 2024

- Please remember any turkeys picked up by the conference must be picked up before 4pm and we must get an accurate count of how many turkeys were picked up by our conferences.
- Our trucks will start picking up any leftover turkeys starting at 4:15.
- Media will be out from 4-7 so we welcome our Vincentians to join the fun at that time.
- We will also be giving Bashas gift cards of \$25 in early November. Each conference will be getting 80 cards so they can be given to neighbors in need before Thanksgiving.
- Sandy Edwards will need the name and phone number of your Area Coordinator. This will be the person calling in the count.



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AVAILABLE POSITIONS

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
CHAIR & MEMBERS**

**SHELTER & HOUSING COMMITTEE
CHAIR & MEMBERS**

OFE FACILITATORS/TRAINERS

STORES' COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Contact Sandy Edwards at
sedwards@ssvpaz.org
for further information
and/or contact numbers.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE CHANGES FOR THE BETTER



Once again, at our December General Membership Meeting (GMM), the names of our Vincentian recently deceased members will be read out loud and honored with a moment of silence. These faithful members are a large part of our heritage, our mission and who we are. We want to acknowledge them in a very special and prayerful way.

Please submit the names of all full, associate, and retired Vincentians from your Conference who have passed away this past year. Send the names of those members who have passed away since December of 2023 to Sandy Edwards at sedwards@svdpaz.org or Mary Ann Hunter at maryannhunter44@gmail.com.

Our Councils, our Conferences and Society are strong because of their service and our remembrance is a sign of our love and appreciate. Families of the deceased members are welcome to join us in this remembrance that will immediately following mass and breakfast.

**These members may be gone from
us but they are not forgotten.**





SVDP DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF PHOENIX ANNUAL FALL MORNING OF REFLECTION

Saturday, November 9, 2024
Dan O'Meara Center Hall of Banners

420 W. Watkins Road, Phoenix AZ 85002

Mass at 8:30 am followed by a Continental Breakfast

**Living Out Our Vincentian Vocation
through Catholic Social Teaching**

Present by: Abigail Standish
Catholic Diocese of Phoenix



**Please RSVP to Mary Ann Hunter maryannhunter44@gmail.com
or text to 928-699-9232
by Thursday, October 31st.**

*“Each of us has a mission, each of us is called to change the world,
to work for a culture of life, a culture forged by love and respect
for the dignity of each human person.” Pope Benedict XVI*

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

Teresa Quadros
Lee Matthews
Eddie and Terry Wilson
Pat Galea

HOLY CROSS

Mary Powell
Andy Torres
Dee Shack

**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**

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