



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

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:9-11



Merry Christmas



Hope speaks to us of a thirst, our aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfillment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love...

Pope Francis

On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis declared 2025 to be the Jubilee Year of Hope. A jubilee year, also known as a “holy year” is celebrated within the Catholic Church every twenty-five years but may also be declared on off years as an extraordinary jubilee year as designated by the Pope.

The foundations for our Catholic celebration of jubilee years is based in the Old Testament and flows from our roots in Judaism. According to Leviticus 25:8–55, a Jubilee Year is a time when debts are forgiven, slaves/prisoners are set free, family lands are restored to their original owners, and the nation rests in the fullness of God’s blessing.

While Jews no longer celebrate jubilee years, in ancient times they were celebrated every fifty years. In those days, a jubilee year was declared after seven sabbatical years that occurred every seven years. During a sabbatical year, the fields rested and no planting could take place. The same was true in a jubilee year. So, the Jewish people prayed and trusted that God would provide them with a harvest in the forty-eighth year that was plentiful enough to sustain His chosen people for two years.

During the Jewish celebration of the jubilee year, debts were forgiven, prisoners/slaves were set free, all land was returned to its original owners or their heirs and the people of God were called to re-establish their relationship with God and one another. It was a time for gratitude, rest, freedom, prayer, learning, and spiritual growth. The practices of the jubilee year allowed for rest, reflection and a reset of freedom, debts, land, and faith.

The Catholic Church has been celebrating jubilee years in some form since the 1300s. Today, it is a special event in the life of the Church that normally occurs every twenty-five years. The last ordinary jubilee year was 2000 when St. John Paul II declared the Year of the Great Jubilee. Pope Francis declared an extraordinary jubilee year in 2016 termed the Year of Mercy. This coming year’s jubilee is focused on the phrase “Hope never disappoints” is set to open with midnight mass on December 24th at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome.

As part of the opening of the jubilee year, the Holy Doors of the four basilicas in Rome will be unwalled. The Holy Door at St. Peter’s will be opened at 7 PM on Christmas eve. The Holy Doors at the other three basilicas will open as follows: St. John Lateran on December 29th, St. Mary Major on January 1st, and St. Paul’s on January 5th. The opening of the doors represents the passage to salvation opened to humanity through Jesus Christ. All Holy Doors will be closed and walled off by brick masons at the end of the jubilee year. The 2025 Year of Hope will close on January 6, 2026 with the closing of the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica. The other three Holy Doors will be closed on December 28th,

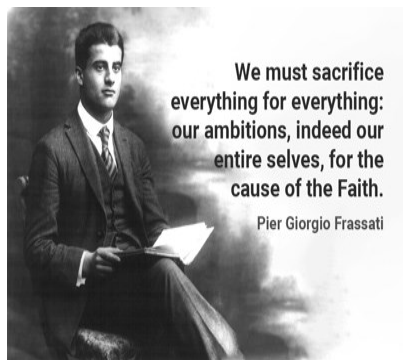
During this Jubilee Year of Hope, each Diocesan Bishop is called to set up events and pilgrimages for the faithful of his Diocese. Special graces and indulgences are attached to these events and pilgrimage sites. The pilgrimage sites for our Diocese are the Chapel of the Holy Cross in Sedona, Sacred Heart in Prescott, St. Anthony's in Sacaton, St. Mary's in Kingman, St. Mary's Basilica and St. Simon & Jude Cathedral in Phoenix. (For complete details, see Bishop Dolan's 2025 Jubilee decree at the end of this article.)

For Catholics, a jubilee year is truly a special time that helps us to re-focus ourselves on our relationship with God and our brothers and sisters. It is a time to reset, to forgive, and to begin anew. As Vincentians, we are called to serve in hope and to share that hope with others including the poor, the marginalized, and the forgotten.

This jubilee year calls us to evaluate our own sources of hope. Do we hope because we trust in the Divine Providence of God? Do we have hope because we believe and have faith in the goodness of God? Do we have hope because we have seen firsthand that the love of Christ we share with others as Vincentians is real and does make a difference in the world? Do we have hope because the love of God has ignited a flame within our hearts that cannot be extinguished?

Let us ask ourselves real questions and take real actions towards living out fully the jubilee principles of prayer, learning and forgiveness. During this year, let us ask ourselves who do I need to forgive, what debts do I need to cancel, and what things do I need to do or let go of in order to grow closer to God.

This is a time for healing, forgiveness, and to renew in positive ways our relationships with God, our brother and sister Vincentians, and our neighbors in need. It is a time to move towards unity of spirit, to increased joy, and a renewed sense of hope. It is a time to unwall the doors to our hearts opening us to more fully experiencing the love of God and others in a way that they will not need to be closed and bricked over at the end of the year. Please join me in celebrating this jubilee year by being a pilgrim on a journey of hope and holiness.



Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati will be canonized as a Saint during this Year's Jubilee for Young People to be held between July 28 and August 3, 2025

Frassati, who died at the age of 24 in 1925, is also beloved by many today for his enthusiastic witness to holiness that reaches "to the heights." Born on Holy Saturday, April 6, 1901, Frassati was an avid outdoorsman, servant to the poor and a faithful Catholic.

The young man from the northern Italian city of Turin was a Third Order Dominican known for his charitable outreach. At the age of 17, he joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society and dedicated much of his spare time to taking care of the poor, the homeless, and the sick as well as demobilized servicemen returning from World War I. In 2017, Frassati was named that patron of Vincentian Youth by the International Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless
cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Franciscus

OFFICE of the BISHOP



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PHOENIX

DECREE

DESIGNATING JUBILEE SITES WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX FOR THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR

On May 9, 2024, His Holiness, Pope Francis, declared an Ordinary Jubilee for 2025 with the Bull, *Spes non confundit*.

The Diocese of Phoenix joyfully participates in the Jubilee Year by designating Jubilee Sites within its territory.

Therefore, I, the Bishop of Phoenix, hereby declare the Jubilee Sites of the Diocese of Phoenix for the 2025 Jubilee Year to be:

Chapel of the Holy Cross, Sedona

Sacred Heart, Prescott

St. Anthony, Sacaton

St. Mary, Kingman

**St. Mary's Basilica, Phoenix
(the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**

Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral, Phoenix.

During the Jubilee Year, which runs from December 29, 2024 to December 28, 2025 in the particular churches, visitors to these Jubilee Sites may gain a **plenary indulgence** according to the norms of law. A plenary indulgence is the total remission before God of temporal punishment for sins whose guilt is already forgiven, which a properly disposed member of the Christian faithful gains under certain and defined conditions.

All the faithful, who are truly repentant and free from any affection for sin, who are moved by a spirit of charity, and who, during the Holy Year, purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory in the following ways (in regard to the Jubilee Sites of the Diocese of Phoenix):

Pilgrimages

If a member of the faithful makes a pilgrimage (journey) to one of the above mentioned Jubilee Sites of the Diocese of Phoenix, they may gain the Jubilee Indulgence by devoutly participating in Holy Mass at the site, or by taking part in a Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Hours (Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer), the Via Crucis, the Rosary, the recitation of the Akathist Hymn, or a penitential service that includes individual confessions.

ENCOUNTERING THE LIVING CHRIST

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Pious visits to sacred places

If a member of the faithful makes a pious visit to one of the above mentioned Jubilee Sites of the Diocese of Phoenix, they can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, individually or in a group, they devoutly visit any Jubilee Site and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God.

A plenary indulgence can be acquired only once in the course of a day. However, the faithful who have carried out an act of charity on behalf of the souls in Purgatory, if they receive Holy Communion a second time that day during a Eucharistic celebration, can obtain the plenary indulgence twice on the same day, applicable only to the deceased.


The faithful who are truly repentant of sin but who cannot participate in the various solemn celebrations, pilgrimages and pious visits for serious reasons (especially cloistered nuns and monks, but also the elderly, the sick, prisoners, and those who, through their work in hospitals or other care facilities, provide continuous service to the sick), can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence, under the same conditions if, united in spirit with the faithful taking part in person, (especially when the words of the Supreme Pontiff or the diocesan Bishop are transmitted through the various means of communication), they recite the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any approved form, and other prayers in conformity with the objectives of the Holy Year, in their homes or wherever they are confined (e.g. in the chapel of the monastery, hospital, nursing home, prison...) offering up their sufferings or the hardships of their lives.

The general norms for gaining a plenary indulgence are as follows:

- Any member of the faithful can gain plenary indulgences for oneself or apply them to the dead by way of suffrage.
- To be capable of gaining indulgences, a person must be baptized, not excommunicated, and in the state of grace at least at the end of the prescribed works.
- To gain indulgences, a capable subject must have at least the general intention of acquiring them.
- The person must receive sacramental confession several days before or after visiting the Jubilee Site.
- The person should receive Eucharistic Communion on the same day as the visit to the Jubilee Site. However, this may be fulfilled several days before or after the visit.
- The person should pray for the intention of the Holy Father on the same day as the visit to the Jubilee Site. However, this may be fulfilled several days before or after the visit. This condition of praying for the intention of the Holy Father is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary; nevertheless, one has the option of reciting any other prayer according to individual piety and devotion, if recited for this intention.¹

This decree in its entirety is to be made known to the faithful of the Diocese of Phoenix by way of the Catholic Sun, Diocesan website, and by being sent to all the parishes, quasi-parishes, and missions of the territory.

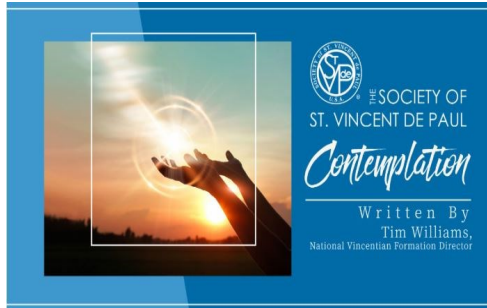
Given at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Phoenix, Arizona, on this 4th Day of October in the year of Our Lord 2024.


 +John P. Dolan
 Bishop of Phoenix


 Msgr. Peter Dai Bui
 Notary



¹ The information regarding the conditions for gaining the Jubilee Indulgence can be found in the Decree on the Granting of the Indulgence During the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025 Called by His Holiness Pope Francis, the Code of Canon Law, and the Manual of Indulgences.



Our Vincentian Hearts

In his encyclical, *Dilexit Nos*, Pope Francis focuses on the importance of the heart to the practice of our faith; not merely the physical, biological heart, but the heart which is the core of our being, the union of body and spirit. Not surprisingly, he cites St. Vincent de Paul, who often taught that all God asks of us is our hearts. He also said that “*as soon as a heart is empty of self, God fills it.*” [CCD XI:281] His

biographer Joseph Guichard even noted that St. Vincent began each day by crossing himself and saying, “*My God, I give You my heart.*”

St. Vincent’s actual heart is in the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal in Paris, but in Frédéric’s time, it was in a cathedral in Lyon, Frédéric’s childhood home, where it was an inspiration to him. Like Vincent, Frédéric recognized the centrality of the heart to our vocation, saying of our patron that he “*is a life to be carried on, a heart in which one’s own heart is enkindled...*” [175, to Lallier, 1838] Adding then, to Vincent’s teaching, Frédéric’s thoughts begin to define for us a Vincentian heart.

Our works, he believed, should be guided not by cold reason, nor bureaucratic rules, nor even solely by the model of other Conferences. Instead, as he advised one new Conference, “*It is better for you to raise your work by your own strength, under the inspirations of your heart, under the influence of local circumstances...*” [90, to Curnier, 1835]

For Frédéric, the heart was the center of both faith and charity, for “*the human heart easily allows itself to be captured by love and there is always much love there where there is much faith.*” [145, to Velay, 1837] This love of God, charity, arises in our hearts through “*God’s design... to implant religion in the mind through reason, and in the heart through grace.*” [Bauvard, 213]

Yet there is another vital aspect of the Vincentian heart: its union with other Vincentian hearts. Frédéric went so far as to say that “*The principal goal of our association was to do everything with one heart and one soul...*” [1457, Report on the Works, 1834] You can’t be a Vincentian without other Vincentians; our friendship is first “*a union of hearts in Jesus Christ, our Lord.*” [Bailly, Circ. Ltr. 14 Jul 1841] That friendship we share with one another, we extend also to the neighbor, serving for love alone; a love that arises from the light of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, and that seeks to unite us in communion with one another and with Jesus Christ.

This flame in our hearts inspires us to love God, as St. Vincent taught, “*with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brows.*” [CCD XI:32] In our works, in our faith, and in our friendship, Vincentian hearts are united, and as Frédéric said, “*When the heart and the hand are at work, how can we stop them?*” [40, to his father, 1831]

Contemplate

How can I better allow myself to be led by the inspirations of my heart, in union with fellow Vincentians

Recommended Reading

Dilexit Nos

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING DUE DECEMBER 31st

December 31st is the due date for all Vincentians to be compliant with the Safe Environment Program as defined by the Diocese of Phoenix

REQUIREMENTS

- Complete a Safe Environment Foundations class in this year -or -
- Complete an annual renewal class between July 1st and December 31st of each year
- Participate in initial and periodic background check via the submission of Social Security number

Need Help?

Contact Shirley Smalley, Diocesan Council President, at msmal14727@aol.com or Mary Ann Hunter, Spirituality and Formation Committee Chair, at Maryannhunter44@gmail.com.

OFE CLASSES – 2025
ALL CLASSES RUN 9AM – 3PM

Jan. 18, 2025 OFE 1 & 2; Jan. 25, 2025 OFE 3 & 4
St. Gabriel – 32648 N. Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek, AZ

**Feb. (To be Determined) - Our Lady of the Lake Food Bank –
Lake Havasu, AZ**

(Spanish OFE) Feb. 15, 2025 OFE 1 & 2; Mar. 1, 2025 OFE 3 & 4
Vincentian Engagement & Support Services – 2120 S. 3rd Dr., Phoenix

(English OFE) Feb. 15, 2025 OFE 1 & 2; Mar.1, 2025 OFE 3 & 4
Grand Canyon Rm at De Paul Manor – 320 W. Watkins Rd, Phoenix

Apr. 12, 2025 OFE 1 & 2; Apr. 26 OFE 3 & 4
St. Steven – 24827 S. Dobson Rd., Chandler

May 17, 2025 OFE 1 & 2; May 24, 2025 OFE 3 & 4
Christ the King- 1551 E. Dana Ave., Mesa, AZ

June 12, 2025 OFE 1 & 2; June 13, 2025 OFE 3 & 4
St. John Vianney – 180 Soldier Pass Rd., Sedona

Aug. 9, 2025 OFE 1 & 2; Aug. 10, 2025 OFE 3 & 4
Sacred Heart- 150 Fleury St., Prescott

To register contact: Mary Ann Hunter
928-699-9232 (Text or Call)
Email: maryannhunter44@gmail.com
Give your name; email, phone number, address,
and your conference name.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Question: Can a Conference use their HP - Homelessness Prevention funds for neighbors who live outside of their Parish boundaries?

Answer: The answer is no. At the current time, these funds are designated for parish-based Conferences to serve the neighbors in need that live within their official Parish boundaries. If a Conference has met the needs of those who live within their own Parish boundaries, they can choose to serve the neighbors in need in an area not currently served by another Conference but those neighbors must be helped through use of Parish donations, twinning, and/or community funding.

Having a history of and/or a protocol for assisting neighbors in need outside of a Parish's boundaries does not constitute the expanded service area (s) as being part of the official Parish boundaries.

If the Conference is parish-based, everyone living in the parish neighborhood should be served, whether they are parishioners or not, since all are joined together through the realities of creation and redemption. The Conference recognizes its responsibility toward all its neighbors as brothers and sisters in Christ. (Manual p. 19)

Question: Can a Vincentian or a Vincentian employee seek assistance from a Conference?

Answer: Yes, a Conference member or Society employee may seek assistance from a Conference and/or a Council. They must be treated as any other neighbor in need, shall not participate in the discussion or decision-making process related to their request, and must not be active, at the time of their request, in that aspect of the Conference's works. In other words, a pantry worker cannot just ask to take a box of food home with them during the course of their shift.

Care should be taken when admitting new members who have or are currently neighbors in need who routinely ask for assistance. Time should be spent having them volunteer with the Conference to determine their readiness to be a Vincentian.

It should be noted that extra care should be taken in regards to neighbor assistance records and confidentiality when members or employees ask for assistance.



BRICKS to build the foundation

TOPIC: Procedure for Conference Annual Audit

Review Date: October 2024

Category: Financial

Audits need to be performed annually for each District and Conference. The audit may be conducted by two or more members of the Conference or District not associated with the Treasurer's position or by a qualified non-member such as a CPA or Certified Internal Auditor. However, at the time of a change of officers, the audits must be conducted by persons outside of the Conference or District. People generally think that an audit is a financial matter, however, an audit in SVdP should cover more than just the Treasurer's financial portion of Conference operations. The audit should include a basic review of the overall operations of the Conference.

From a general standpoint, the Society expects its Conferences to perform an audit annually. This is stated in a number of different ways in a number of documents. By Resolution 124 of the National Council, the Nationally Approved Bylaws and Resolutions of the National Council have the same authority as The Rule. Diocesan and District Councils also have bylaws and resolutions that amplify local circumstances.

Based on Part III of The Rule, Statute 2, Diocesan and District Councils should make it a formal policy to coordinate the practice and review of annual audits from the Conferences within their area of jurisdiction.

WHAT AN AUDIT INCLUDES

A basic review of the overall operations should take into account:

- Minimum Requirements for Existing Traditional Conferences (Resolution 071);

- Requisite operational expectations of a Conference such as meeting frequency, doing Home Visits, working in pairs, etc.;

- Non-financial recordkeeping and procedures.

- Financial recordkeeping and procedures.

WHO SHOULD DO THE AUDIT

There are two types of audits that are requested by the Society. The first is the simple internal audit and it applies to 90+% of all Conferences in the Society.

The second type is an external audit performed by a qualified individual who is not a member of the conference or Special Works being audited. This second type of audit usually applies to Conferences that have a store and/or one or more special works as well conferences. This also applies to audits performed when there is a change in officers.

RECORDKEEPING REVIEW

Ensuring the records are being kept properly is an essential part of any audit. Part of the operational review is to ensure that the various records are kept for a sufficient time period and are kept confidential. The Manual of the Society, Page 32, has a short list of time periods for documents that can be used for the review. It is reproduced here for convenience.

Annual Conference Report*	Permanent
Letters of Aggregation	Permanent
Bank Deposits	3 Years
Bank Reconciliations	3 Years
Bank Statements	7 Years
Cancelled Checks	7 Years
Invoices Received	7 Years
Case Records & Cards	3 Years
General Correspondence	3 Years
Meeting Minutes	7 Years
Minute Books	7 Years
Treasurer Statements	7 Years

*including statistics, membership list, and items with historical significance

The confidentiality of the information we maintain related to those people that we serve is an important aspect of the Vincentian way. The audit should assure the Conference members and the members of the Council that the records are secure. Confidentiality also calls for us to destroy (not simply discard) the records when the retention time is expired. Shredding is the recommended method of destruction.

One additional consideration should be kept in mind. During any seven year audit period there will be multiple people in the various officer roles. It is important that there is a smooth transition of records moving from one officer to the new one.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Bank Account

Every Conference is required to maintain its bank account (s) separate from the parish and separate from the personal accounts of any of the members. There shall be no co-mingled funds. The funds of the Conference must be in standalone accounts not tied to the parish or any of the members. The only exception to this is when a Conference has an approved reserve account. To avoid any perception of hoarding, the reserve accounts should be approved by the next upper Council. The funds in the reserve may be combined into a shared investment account as long as the Conference has sole access to its funds.

Society Expenses Only

All donations to the Society may be used for the legitimate expenses of the Society: assistance to those in need, operational expenses, support of upper Councils, meeting expenses, etc. No Society funds may be given to fund other organizations. The exception to this is in the case of a co-payment where the Conference and the other organization have agreed to share the cost of helping a specific family or individual. This type of transaction does not fund the other organization.

The Financial Audit

Please use the Financial Review Worksheets to complete the following:

1. Verify signers on the account with the signature card at the bank.
2. Review the Conference Guidelines for disbursing funds.
3. Randomly select one month from each quarter of the fiscal year being examined.
For each of the selected months, check income:
 - a. Verify that the deposits reflected on the bank statements agree with the income recorded in Conference records.
 - b. Select one deposit randomly for each month to verify that the count sheet, deposit slip, Conference records, and bank statement all agree.
 - c. Review the reconciliation of the Conference's ending book balance (on the Financial Report) with the bank statement to make sure they agree.

4. Check expenditures by randomly selecting at least three (3) disbursements from each of the four months being reviewed:
 - a. Compare the amount on the check with the amount on the bank statement.
 - b. Make sure that checks listed on the reconciliation “clear” the bank on the following month’s bank statement. (If a check has not cleared in the following month, determine if a stop payment is necessary.)
 - c. Determine whether the disbursement is recorded in the correct expense classification on the monthly financial report.
 - d. Determine that the disbursement is supported by proper documentation including case record form, receipt, check request form, and/or invoice.

To access the Audit Worksheets go to [svdpaz.org/Vincenian Support/Conference Resources/Audit Process Worksheets](https://svdpaz.org/Vincenian_Support/Conference_Resources/Audit_Process_Worksheets) or use this link [Audit Process Worksheets](#)



Listening Session Question: How can the Society adapt to a changing world?

The National Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul launched their two-year VisionSVdP synodal process in March of this year. We have been asked to hold synodal listening sessions at all levels of our Diocesan Council. It is now time for us to hold a listening session at the Conference level. Each Conference is asked to set aside time on their meeting agenda to hold a single listening session.

Set a time limit that is appropriate for your Conference size and the number of members attending the session. Ten to twenty minutes should be enough time for most Conferences. Inform your members of the time and date of the session and the question they will be asked so that they have an opportunity to think about it in advance.

Before the meeting, assign a scribe or recorder to write down or input directly into the link the remarks/comments made by your members. All remarks must be recorded exactly as they are said – no editing or combining of remarks. Each person must speak or pass before a person may share for a second time.

Please use the link at the bottom of this email to input and submit your data. Data may be entered during the session or remarks may be written down and inputted at a later date. This data will be included with our submission to the National Council.

All data must be collected and submitted no later than Friday, December 29, 2024.

Survey Link: Please use this link to access the response form <https://forms.office.com/r/vMpHnT1ZP1>. If you have any questions or need help accessing the form please reach out to Irma Leyendecker, Director of Vincenian Engagement Support Services at ileyendecker@svdpaz.org 602-550-4398.



FROM THE DESK OF CONFERENCE RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

The Conference Resources Committee is hard at work and we are seeking Vincentians to join us in our efforts to help us help our conferences!

WHO WE ARE:

The Conference Resources Committee provides support and assistance to Conferences within our Diocese addressing various areas. They include but are not limited to:

- Create and format BRICKS with practical suggestions for Conference Operations.
- Provide direct assistance to Conferences for capital projects through the allocation of Capital Asset funds.
- Oversee the Diocesan Council Aid Program to low-income Conferences Work in conjunction with staff in developing and implementing guidelines related to the Homelessness Prevention program funds for Conferences.
- Develop conference processes for new programs.

The committee consists of Vincentians and staff members and we meet once a month in the VESS office.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Each program has a subcommittee and we are looking for new members to work collaboratively to find solutions, develop best practices and document the solutions. The subcommittee meetings can be in person or on Zoom.

Attend the monthly Committee meeting and bring your Vincentian experience and knowledge to find the best solutions for our conferences.

QUESTIONS:

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Ally Geinosky at ageinosky@svdpaz.org or Mary Ann Hunter at maryannhunter44@gmail.com. We welcome any and all questions and comments.

News from St. Elizabeth Seton

2024 Clothing Drive a Huge Success

With the help of 50 volunteers, the 2024 coat drive was an overwhelming success. We more than doubled last year's results! There were over 60, 55-gallon boxes! We sent 20 boxes of warm clothing to our Santa Teresita dining hall in El Mirage, where our parish SVdP members and friends serve lunch every Thursday. The remaining 40 boxes were sent downtown to our District offices on Watson. Also 100 pounds of food was sent for the families and individuals served at the SVdP facilities.

Our clothing drive was held November 30th, through December 1st. Our drive addressed clothing of winter accessories – coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, sweatpants, slacks of all kinds, gloves, and headwear. We received around 3,100 articles of clothing, plus 183 blankets, and 30 sleeping bags.

The clothing drive was suggested and planned by our SVdP team. We were so pleased with the assistance of members and especially the caring of our wonderful parishioners! The support shown to our organization has helped us help so many of our needy neighbors. We applaud your thoughtfulness and consistent help. Thanks be to God, our SVdP members and to our dedicated parishioners!

Karen Boeck

Thanks to all who donated!



General Membership



We celebrated yet another successful General Membership Meeting this past Saturday.

Everyone had a great time fellowshiping with fellow Vincentians, and staff.

Bishop Nevares took time to say hello to Vincentians and staff after mass.





Christmas cheer with the Vincentian Engagement Team



Our Team held our first annual Christmas luncheon and gift exchange. The team enjoyed games and a Christmas socks contest.



Remembering Wayne Peterson

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Friends and Family,

With a saddened heart, I have learned that we lost a Vincentian brother this past Saturday, December 7, 2024.

Wayne Peterson has been a very active member to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Corpus Christi Conference and a cherished friend to many. He was an asset during our Christmas and Thanksgiving events, Furniture Drives, Food Drives, and he distributed food to those in need on a weekly basis for many years. Wayne will be greatly missed.

Please pray for Wayne's wife Sue Peterson and their son Connor so that they can find strength from others who care about them.

Your friend in Christ,
Carmelita
President, SVdP
Corpus Christi Conference



We will Miss You!



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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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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