



# 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



## Our Greatest Treasure

*...for where your treasure is,  
 there your heart will be also.*

Matthew 6:21

The start of a new year often beckons our hearts and minds to think about new things including resolutions, goals, changes and, perhaps even embracing a fresh perspective or a new lens from which we see things. For example, in the gospel of Matthew, Jesus clearly reminds us that whatever we consider our treasure to be is where our heart will also be. So, what is our treasure?

As we ponder this question, we should begin by asking ourselves what does the Society hold as its greatest treasure? St. Vincent de Paul made it clear where our greatest treasure is when he wrote, "Every time we clothe the naked, we feed the hungry, we make monetary donations to the poor or we visit the lonely to make their day special, I see it, life's greatest treasure." What did he see? Vincent saw the poor!

Seeing the poor as the true treasures of the Church dates back to the early days of Christianity. In 258, after executing the Pope, Emperor Valerian ordered St. Lawrence to bring him all of the treasures of the Church. Lawrence, a deacon for Pope Sixtus II, had up to the execution of the pope been charged with the Church's financial matters and for distributing alms to the poor, the sick, the lame, and the widows.

Faced with the potential seizure of the Church's assets, Lawrence distributed all of the funds immediately to those in need. A few of the articles recounting his life indicate that he even sold some of the Church's sacred vessels in order to bolster the amount he had available to give to the needy. When the time came to surrender the treasures of the Church to the magistrate, Lawrence brought in a large group of the poor and needy where he announced, "These are the treasures of the Church." Needless to say, this action cost him his very life.

Lawrence's actions were heroic on several levels. Not only did he prevent a good deal of the Church's assets from falling into the hands of a pagan government, he was also able to highlight the fact that the Church views the poor as their greatest treasure. Through the eyes of the Church, the poor are seen as the privileged bearers of Christ's presence in the world. Thus, they are our greatest treasure.

As Vincentians, we are taught to know and to believe that the poor are our masters and that to serve them is to serve Christ, but how often do we view them as our greatest treasure?

The Cambridge dictionary defines the noun treasure as something of great value generally the word is used to describe things that have financial value, but it is clear from Jesus' life and teachings that true wealth is found in the value of people, and most especially, the poor and vulnerable. We see this time and time again in the story of God's relationship with His people.

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## Our Greatest Treasure

God's love for the poor is most fully manifested in and through the life of Jesus. The Word made flesh was born in a humble manger and was raised in a simple home by parents with no social standing or wealth. He lived much of his adult life among the poor, the sick, the sinners, and the marginalized. He chose simple fishermen and tax collectors to serve beside Him. He ate and traveled with them. Spent time with their families. He laughed and cried with them. He truly treasured the sick, the poor, the disabled, and the widows.

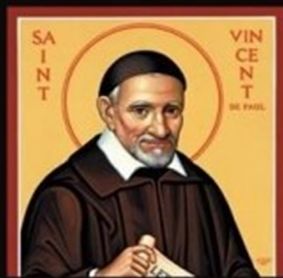
Even when we think of the poor as being part of the Church's greatest treasure, it is not always easy to see that treasure especially when neighbors are ill spirited, ungrateful, dishonest, manipulative, or rude. Blessed Rosalie understood that all of these less than positive things about some of those in need are a product of their lives, their sufferings, and/or their current crisis. Regardless of how they act, they are still part of the Church's treasure.

It is important to remember that a bent or tarnished coin or piece of precious metal has the same value as a buffed and shiny one. If the poor are like St. Lawrence and St. Vincent de Paul point out, the great treasure and riches of the Church, all of them must be treasured not just the shiny, pleasant, appreciative ones.

Most of us are blessed to have a chest full of treasures. Those treasures include our love for God, family, and friends. Now is a great time for us to check our list of treasures and make sure that the poor are included.

May we come to better understand what Lawrence knew as he shared with the emperor's minister that the Church is indeed very rich and so are we because our treasure is in a large part composed of the poor, the sick, the disabled, the disenfranchised, the forgotten, and the lonely. If we are able to embrace the poor as a part of our own personal treasure, then that is where our hearts can best be found.

*By Shirley Smalley*



Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another...

~ Vincent de Paul



## Contemplation: Sacred Images

In expanding upon the principle that “no work of charity is foreign to the Society”, the Rule goes on to say that these works include “any form of help that alleviates suffering or deprivation and promotes human dignity...” [Rule, Part I, 1.3] Human dignity is at the

heart of what we do, as it should be. After all, the first of the four permanent principles of Catholic Social Doctrine is “the dignity of the human person.” [CSDC, 160]

What do we mean by dignity, though? What does dignity call us to do, exactly? In all of her writing, St. Louise used the word dignity most often in speaking of the Blessed Mother, whose “dignity ... unites her to her Son”. [SWLM, 785] Yet she also speaks of the “dignity of suffering” [SWLM, 775] and the dignity of the Eucharist, which, she says, “should make us realize our powerlessness to prepare adequately to receive Him.” [SWLM, 822] In each case, dignity represents a worthiness, or a nobility.

How often are the poor expected to demonstrate their “worthiness”? How often are they called to shuffle into an assistance office, fill out a form, take a number, or many other indignities. As Vincentians, our respect for the dignity of all persons demands of us that we “never adopt the attitude that the money is [ours], or that the recipients have to prove that they deserve it.” [Manual, 23]

The greatest commandment reminds us to love our neighbor as ourselves, and not just the victim on the side of the road, not just the homeless, not just the single mother, not just the most sympathetic, but rather “everyone must consider his every neighbor without exception as another s\_e\_l\_f\_... a special obligation binds us to make ourselves the neighbor of every person without exception and of actively helping him when he comes across our path.” [Gaudium et Spes, 27]

In an essay on Christian charity, Frédéric Ozanam compared the ancient paganism to Christianity. They had, he conceded, better understood how to enjoy themselves, and had constructed vast stadiums to do so. We, on the other hand, “understand what constitutes human dignity, what lasts as long as life endures.” [Bauard, 322]

Each person is created fully in God’s image, the *imago Dei*, unique and unrepeatable, the “sacred images of that God whom we do not see”. [Letter 137, to Janmot, 1837] They are already worthy, and already deserving. As with the Body of Christ, received in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, as Louise teaches, it is we who must prepare to receive them, to serve them, and to honor them.

### Contemplate

Do I sometimes feel the neighbor must “prove himself” to me??

### Recommended Reading

Faces of Holiness

## *The Gift of Christ's Presence*

*Daniel Kain, President, San Francisco de Asís Conference*



Many years ago, I lived in Seattle with my young family. Mt. Rainier formed a prominent feature of the landscape when the clouds lifted—distant, but beautiful, magnificent, and powerful. We decided one rare sunny day to drive to the mountain and enjoy it up close. As the miles passed, we lost sight of the peak, eventually stopping at a parking lot in a thick forest. We approached a woman who was returning to her car from a hike and asked her where we could find Mt. Rainier. She gestured at the trailhead behind her and said, “There it is, in all its glory!”

How strange. What had been an imposing giant on the horizon that morning was now just a common trail leading into woods that rose in the background. We saw no majestic peak, no snow-covered slopes. We were on the mountain, solidly grounded in its presence and power, but so close we couldn't even recognize it. How could this be?

Appreciating God's presence is sometimes like this. Viewed from a distance, God may seem imposing, all powerful, and mysterious and, well, *distant*. Detached, we observe God's remote authority and majesty, likely with a sense of awe.

But here's a paradox. As Vincentians, we enjoy the gift of interacting regularly with neighbors in need. We have the opportunity, in serving the poor, to see Christ in front of us. “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me,” he said (Matthew 25: 40). Sometimes, I admit, I can be standing face-to-face with Christ, within touching distance, but I don't recognize Him. I see the surface disguises—the dirty clothes, the troubling smells, the quirky behavior, the flaunting of the pantry rules. And yet, there *He* is in “all his glory.”

C.S. Lewis, the Anglican scholar and apologist, wrote to his friend Malcom, “We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade, the presence of God. The world is crowded with Him. He walks everywhere *incognito*.” When we don't recognize the presence of God in those we are privileged to serve, we are fooled by the disguise. We are so close, and yet we still we miss Him.

Our drive to Mt. Ranier taught my family to see the mountain in a different way. May we all, as Vincentians, keep our eyes open to the presence of God in everyone we encounter. May we approach each opportunity to serve with gratitude in our hearts and a prayer on our lips that we might never ignore Christ in disguise. We don't want to miss out on this gift.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE  
CONFERENCE RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE  
INCREASED SPIRITUALITY**



At the September, 2024 General Membership Meeting members were grouped and asked to respond to the question “What Diocesan Council activities or programs need to be increased or added?”

Several responses mentioned more emphasis on holiness, more days of reflection, and retreats at the conference or district level. In November we held a Morning of Reflection and 70 people attended. Our goal is to increase that number. We will be holding another Morning of Reflection with a keynote speaker at our General Membership meeting in March. We’ve heard comments in the past about taking up too many Saturdays but if we want to attract younger members, which is a subject most conferences mentioned in their Vision responses, we have to do it outside the normal work week. Conference participation is needed to host these special days and be willing to serve refreshments and/or a continental breakfast. Suggestions for dynamic speakers are encouraged and welcome. We have been lucky in the past to bring in impressive speakers that someone heard at the National Assembly or at some other presentation. It is important for us to be cost conscious when selecting people as some come with very high price tags attached. In the past we have paid for their transportation, lodging, and given them a stipend

There are ways to address Mornings of Reflection or retreats at a local level. Districts and conferences are encouraged to hold days of reflection or retreats and Spiritual Advisors should play a key role in creating these events. You do not have to wait for it to come from the Council. The Serving in Hope Modules that can be obtained from National can be a great help in planning these days. Times can vary and can be for a few or several hours. Having a longer time and providing lunch and dialogue increases our fellowship, our second Essential Element. When we increase our holiness and our fellowship we can be better servants to the poor. Each module provides a wealth of thought and ways for us to better ourselves.



Keep in mind that YOU are a member of our Council and YOU can assist in setting up a Morning of Reflection or a retreat be it at the conference or district level. Prayerfully consider joining the Spirituality and Formation Committee to provide suggestions and help plan these events!!

## Do You Know...



### From the Food Services Committee

Dear friends- did you know that the Food Rec department gave out more food to conferences overall this past year than the year prior? In spite of less food donations and higher costs of food, food rec continued to provide our conferences with a variety of food stuffs to help meet the needs of our neighbors in need. Partnerships with a variety of sources have given our urban farms the ability to provide additional healthy produce to our families who attend family evening meals at the Dan O'Meara Center, along with fresh food items and much needed milk donated by the LDS community.

The Drives department has raised their bar to continue to promote food drives to get more food on our shelves for distribution. Please look to host more food drives throughout the year at your conference level to better meet the needs of your local community and neighbors. Remember, you can request drive materials all year long from the drives department.

Volunteers are wanted and needed, plating food, working in the gardens, in food rec for scanning lines for incoming donations, for preparing food boxes, and for help in homeless prevention intake among others. See the website for volunteer sign ups and opportunities.

Food Services departments directly affect and support the work our conferences do. We are a team and hope you feel that. Please reach out if you need help, have a question or concern we can help with. VESS is a wonderful liaison for you to utilize or you can contact the board for these areas- Sharon Sammartino @ [ssammartino51@gmail.com](mailto:ssammartino51@gmail.com).

We're here to help.

*By Sharon Sammartino*



# BRICKS to build the foundation

**TOPIC:** What Count as a Conference Meeting

Review Date: October 2024

**Category:** General Information

*“The members meet as brothers and sisters with Christ in the midst of them, in Conferences that are genuine communities of faith and love, of prayer and action. Spiritual bonds and friendship between members are essential, as is the common mission to help the poor and marginalized” Rule: Part 1 3:3*

The RULE clearly states that every Conference must meet at least twice a month (Rule: Part 1 3.3.1). The frequency of meetings, however, is not the only requirement of the Society related to conference meetings. For a gathering of Vincentians to constitute a conference meeting, there are certain components that must be present and elements that must be completed.

There are two statutes in Part III of the RULE related to conference meeting requirements. Statute 5 states:

Members of the Society, traditionally gather in communities called “Conferences,” which meet weekly, or at least twice a month. This is to affirm the importance of the spiritual and social dimensions of Vincentians coming together as a community of faith and love, prayer, and action. Conference members consistently strive to develop a three-fold relationship with God, the poor, and one another – mutual support and friendship.

Statute 7 further states: A Conference meeting includes the following components:

- **Punctual call to order**
- **Roll call – some method of recording attendance**
- **Opening prayer**
- **Spiritual reading (or meditation)**
- **Approval of minutes of previous meeting**
- **Home visitation reports**
- President’s report
- Secretary’s report
- **Treasurer’s report**
- Committee Reports
- Membership Reports
- Resolutions
- Special Works Report
- **Unfinished Business**
- **New Business**
- **Time and Place of next meeting**
- **Secret collection**
- **Closing prayer**
- **Adjournment**

**NOTE:** All components may not be needed at every meeting. For example, there may not be a Special Works category to be discussed throughout the year. Essential elements are bolded in the list above. These elements are to be included as needed. Home visit reports may also be limited to a few representative cases or ones that need approval.

Gathering of members to perform a conference work does not constitute a meeting unless all essential elements **BOLDED** above are present.

It is important that the conference sets a reasonable expectation for attendance, that the meetings are scheduled to accommodate the needs of the majority of members, and that the schedule and agenda is communicated to the conference so that all members are aware of when and where those meetings will take place.

One of the requirements for active (full) membership in the Society is regular attendance at Conference meetings. It should be noted, however, that the Society does not specifically define the words “regular attendance”. This lack of definition is by design and is meant to allow conferences to make that determination themselves. For example, a conference in rural Montana may define regular attendance very differently than a conference in southern California.

In addressing the issue of meeting attendance, the Rule of the Society clearly conveys the idea that if you are committed to being an active Vincentian, you will make every effort to regularly attend your conference meetings thus joining your brother and sister Vincentians in sharing our spirituality, fellowship, and service. This expectation implies more than attendance at a simple majority of your conference meetings.

As Vincentians, we must never lose sight of the fact that the Society does not exist to simply do works of charity. It exists to help our members to grow in holiness, friendship, and service – a blend of all three. And the place where the three basic elements of the Society come together most completely is in our Conference meetings.

***General Membership Meeting Dates for 2025***

***March 15, 2025 —June 21, 2025—September 20, 2025—  
December– TBD***

***VESS TEAM: Vincentians, if you need to reach the VESS Team,  
please email us at: [VincentianEngagement@svdpaz.org](mailto:VincentianEngagement@svdpaz.org)***

***IT ASSISTANCE: For assistance with you laptop or computer,  
please contact: Derek Blayney-Moore at: 602.261.6804– Email:  
[dblayney-Moore@svdpaz.org](mailto:dblayney-Moore@svdpaz.org)***

***Prayer Line: if you have updated for the prayer line, please email  
your changes to: [sedwards@svdpaz.org](mailto:sedwards@svdpaz.org)***



## News From VESS -

### Vincentian Engagement Support Services, Irma Leyendecker, Director

A huge thank you to Mary Ann Hunter for providing another wonderful Poverty Simulation event with our staff and Vincentians. Today we had almost 80 participants as vendors and simulating the lives of our neighbors who live in poverty. It was another great experience to realize the frustrations and challenges so many of those we serve go through every day. We hope to host another simulation event as it was a huge hit! Stay tuned for details on another Poverty Simulation event in the future!

This year our Council leaders hope to visit the monthly district meetings to learn more about how we can best support the work of our conferences. Our Chief Staff are excited to attend, and I will be working with each of them to schedule a time to visit each of our districts during their monthly meetings. District Presidents will hear from me soon to coordinate what meeting would be best for our Council staff to attend.

Our transportation team is currently conducting an audit of all of our SVDP vehicles. They are making sure we have current registration; insurance and the insured drivers are correct for each vehicle. We will be sending out a request for information on each of the drivers along with a request for their 39-month clean driving record.

Folks have been asking about Thank you notes to our wonderful friends at Safeway/Albertson's. They were very generous in donating 2800 \$50 gift cards for our conferences to distribute during December. If you would like to send any cards, please feel free to send them my way and I can get them all to our wonderful partners.

We look forward to seeing you at our next General Membership Meeting on Saturday March 15. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns by emailing our VESS team at [vincentianengagementsupport@svdpaz.org](mailto:vincentianengagementsupport@svdpaz.org)

# SVdP

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**Question:** Must a Conference or Council always have a full slot of officers?

**Answer:** Yes, a Conference or Council must have a full slate of officers at all times. That slate includes a president, at least one vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, and a Spiritual Advisor. No person may hold more than one office at a time, no officers may be related to the president, no two financial account signers may be related, and there must be at least one designated Spiritual Advisor.

Note that there can be more than one vice president, secretary, treasurer but one vice president must be designated as the first vice president.

***Jubilarian Celebration – St Vincent de Paul Council of the State of Morelos  
Saint John the Evangelist Church  
Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico  
April 15, 2024***

On April 15 of 2024, 6 Vincentian members of the St Vincent de Paul Council of the State of Morelos in Cuernavaca were enrolled as Jubilarians. The Jubilarian ceremony took place in San Juan Evangelista Church in Cuernavaca and was conducted by Padre Jose, pastor of San Juan Evangelista.

San Juan Evangelista Church was built in 1737 and the Parish was founded in 1740. The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded in Mexico City in 1845, the same year as it was founded in the United States in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1988, Emil Taboada and members, who joined after an invitation to serve at Sunday Mass, founded the first St Vincent de Paul Conference at the Church. A few years, a St Vincent de Paul Council (San Vicente de Paul del Estado de Morelos) was formed and today there are 5 Conferences in the Council.

Since the inception of the Jubilarian Program, Jim Novotny, the founder, had always wanted to extend the program to the Vincentians in Cuernavaca. Luis Garcia, a member of the Jubilarian Committee, provided the program and materials to Alba Jimenez, Council President in Cuernavaca. Alba translated the ceremony and certificates into Spanish and arranged the Jubilarian ceremony with Padre Jose, pastor of San Juan Evangelista.

After the introduction and readings, Padre Jose blessed the Jubilarian crosses with Gladys Herrera, member and President of the National Council of Mexico, and Alba Jimenez, President of the Council in Cuernavaca.

**San Juan Evangelista (est. 1737)**



**Fr. Jose blesses the Jubilarian crosses**



Among those receiving the award was Elia Herrera, a founding member of the first conference, San Juan Evangelista. Her sister, Gladys Herrera, joined the Conference a year after Elia and is now President of the Council of Mexico. The other Jubilarians have been active members between 25 and 30 years.

***Blessing of Jubilarian Candidates***



*Jubilarians – left to right: Rosa Maria Martinez Castillo, Reyna Estrada Avila, Elia Herrera Torralba, Patricia Zapata Quiroz, Cirenía García Ruiz, Gladys Herrera Torralba*

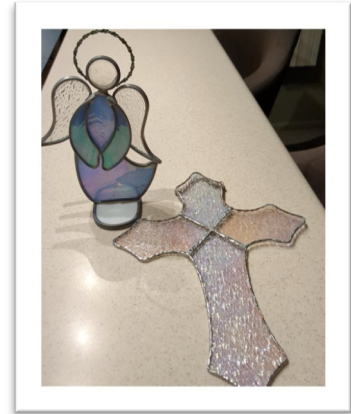


***Members of the Council***

*By Steve Jenkins*

## NEWS FROM ST. ELIZABETH SETON SOCKTOBER

Our community works together hand in hand to help our neighbors in need. The great community of Bell Ceramics opened up their hearts this year with Socktober and chose St Vincent de Paul to be the recipient of their choice this year. This special event, which began in October and ran through December, provided St Vincent de Paul with 1,743 pairs of socks to spread Christmas joy to our neighbors in need! We thank Bell Ceramics for all your generosity. We also thank the Artistic Stained-Glass Club for the donation of stained-glass crosses and angels.



In a world gone astray from God there is no peace, but it also lacks charity, which is true and perfect love... Nothing is more beautiful than love. Indeed, faith and hope will end when we die, whereas love, that is, charity, will last for eternity.

— Pier Giorgio Frassati —

## Christmas at Santa Teresita

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, the conferences that serve daily meals at Santa Teresita in El Mirage invited Santa to their daily meal. Families, children and adults came as invited to eat and then got to see Santa, who brought gifts for both children and adults. An early lunch was served and then families were taken outside to wait in line to see Santa. Each family came in, saw Santa, and received their gifts.



Santa greeted and talked with the children. Mrs. Claus came and assisted, keeping families moving along. Families came in and departed so the next family could come in. There were Barbies, trucks, stuffed animals, bracelets, Lego's (about 80 boxes) and toys of different kinds for the children, plus presents for the adults. There were gloves, scarves, hats, socks, blankets, coffee mugs and even some bed linens, etc. available to them.

Approximately 100 adults and 60 children, mostly ages 2-10, attended. Conference personnel helped with the meal and party. Many conferences contributed toys and gifts. Two large boxes of toys and gifts came along with the meals from our downtown Watkin's location. Our party was pulled together by George Kelly from our St Elizabeth Seton SVdP Society. There were many who helped organize and work to serve the meal and keep the flow to Santa moving. Sue Donut and Rosolba Chan had sorted all gifts into bins so that the lines could move quickly. All worked together to make the process flow as smoothly as possible. Many enjoyed the attention and joy they received.



There were known to be four individuals who were homeless and needed a little extra attention. Since we had found four sleeping bags, we took them aside and gave them sleeping bags to keep them warm in the cold nights.

God is good, All the Time and All the Time, God is good. Thanks to all those who supported and worked to give families and those in need a little bit of happiness for Christmas!

*Karen Boeck*



# CANS N CARS

A CAR SHOW BENEFITING ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



**SATURDAY MARCH 8TH | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**ST GREGORY CATHOLIC CHURCH PARKING LOT**  
**3424 N 18TH AVE, PHOENIX, AZ 85015**

General Admission: Five canned goods per person



**THE SOCIETY OF  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**FEED. CLOTHE. HOUSE. HEAL.**

Join us for a day of fun and community spirit! Bring your car enthusiast vibes and help collect canned goods for families in need. Enjoy a showcase of amazing vehicles, delicious food from local vendors, and live music. Register on our website to showcase your vehicle today.

**STVINCENTDEPAUL.NET/CANSNCARS**  
**REGISTER YOUR CAR HERE!**



**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

**(Spanish OFE)** Feb. 15, 2025 OFE 1 & 2; Mar. 1, 2025 OFE 3 & 4  
Vincentian Engagement & Support Services – 2120 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:maryannhunter44@gmail.com)**  
**Give your name; email, phone number, address,**  
**and your conference name.**



# March (GMM) General Membership Meeting & Morning of Reflection

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Dan O'Meara Center

Mass at 8:30 AM



## VINCENT & LOUISE: CREATING A WEB DIRECTED TO SERVICE

Presented by Dr. Patricia Bombard, BVM  
Director of the Hay Project  
De Paul University

*Vincent and Louise were extraordinary collaborators. They extended their passionate desire to assist those in need into a web of service that included persons from all walks of life and grew into a global movement.*



# PLEASE JOIN US!

RSVP to [sedwards@svdpaz.org](mailto:sedwards@svdpaz.org)



## ***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  
Peg Shandera  
Lu Stitt

**MOST HOLY TRINITY**

Jackie Jennings

**OUR LADY OF  
GUADALUPE**

Sue Miller  
John Cronin  
JoAnne Kontak  
Hazel Clark  
Lynn Schmidt  
Joe DiGiovanni

**OUR LADY OF THE DESERT**

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

**PRINCE OF PEACE**

Greg Roark  
Audrey Thorp

**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  
Marmejejo Family

**ST. ANTHONY**

Ann Casaus  
Kathy McDonald  
Cecilia Laubenthal  
Marnee Ballay  
Cheri Massie  
Ken & Lorraine Hesketh

**ST. BERNADETTE**

Mike Smalley  
Ron Betz

**ST. BRIDGET**

Cheryl Crame  
Joe Fellhauer  
Terri Lyn Gardner

**ST. DANIEL THE  
PROPHET**

Phil Murphy

**ST. GABRIEL**

Clare Marion  
Jack McAward  
Dolores Galligan  
Robert Fitzer  
Louise Fullam

**ST. GREGORY**

Edd Harrington  
Beverly Heart

**ST. HELEN**

Charlie & Jean Olds

**ST. JAMES**

Diane Stofko  
Abel Noble

**ST. JOHN VIANNEY  
SEDONA**

Pam Klauser  
Kathleen DeWeever  
Ray West

**ST. JOSEPH MAYER**

Dennis Baile, Sr.

**ST. MARGARET MARY**

Ray Baca  
Mary Esquibel

**ST. MARY'S BASILICA**

Robert Nue  
The Boozer Family

**ST. TIMOTHY**

Margaret Hewett  
Karl Rusnock  
Thea Podrybau

**ST. LOUIS THE KING**

Esther Escarcega  
Mary Fierros

**ST. CLARE OF ASSISI**

Joyce Murphy

**ST. GERMAINE**

Don Rien

**ST. MARGARET MARY-BHC**

Rev. Peter Dobrowski

**ST. MARY—KINGMAN**

Michael Aguiar  
Patty Couch  
Roger and Rita Gaumond  
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## REQUIESCAT IN PACE

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them;  
and may their souls, and all the souls of the  
faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.*



**Frank Castillo**  
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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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