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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)



Morning of Reflection With Retreat Master Father Greg Adolph

On Saturday, February 28th at St. Thomas Aquinas, Father will present a Morning of Reflection beginning with 8:00 am Mass followed by coffee, donuts and registration. The program will end about Noon. St Thomas Aquinas Church is located at 13720 W. Thomas Road.

One participant at Father's first Phoenix appearance in June 2002 said of the retreat master; "Extraordinary – humor, an understanding of the Vincentian apostolate and holiness – all in such a young priest."

For Fr. Gregory P. Adolph is no ordinary priest. Educated at Notre Dame, he became a Lutheran pastor. After 16 years in that role, he came over to and was ordained into the Catholic Church in 1991. Now pastor at St. Andrews the Apostle in Sierra Vista, Arizona, Fr. Greg has a brother who still remains a Lutheran pastor.

Father was originally invited believing that he would bring the extension knowledge of the Scriptures that many Protestant clergy have, and give a Retreat on some 'holiness' topic flowing from his Biblical familiarity.

Instead, Vincentians got a priest with a deep understanding of the Society, astounding insights into our opportunities, and the humor to discuss our problems without offending.

This is another opportunity for individuals to remove themselves from the hustle and bustle of their daily routine and be in the presence of God. Through his talks, charts and prayers, Fr. Greg will lead us into an opportunity to view ourselves and our relationship to the Creator.

When Fr. Greg is in town, it is not a gathering to be missed. Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 28th at 8:00 am.

Please register in advance by calling 602.261.6803

VOICE OF THE POOR

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www.voiceofthepoor.orgwww.stvincentdepaul.net**2008 VOP CONFERENCE SURVEY RESULTS**

Great thanks to all conferences who responded to the 2008 Voice of the Poor (VOP) Conference Survey. *This information is vitally important to the SVdP Diocesan Council and to Voice of the Poor representatives as they describe the impacts to the Society of the economic downturn to local, state and federal officials.* This year we were pleased to receive responses from fifty-three conferences or 60% of the eight-eight conferences in the Diocese of Phoenix. Kudos to District 5 - 100% of your conferences responded to the survey!

Based on information provided by the fifty-three responding conferences we know:

- ❖ 90% are still providing some financial assistance.
- ❖ 9% are no longer able to provide any financial assistance.
- ❖ 68% are finding that the ratio of food calls to financial calls has changed, and the percentage of requests for financial assistance is now greater than those requesting food.
- ❖ 68% are now being forced to turn away an increased number of valid requests for financial assistance.
- ❖ 89% regularly refer clients' government programs.
- ❖ 13% have been forced to curtail pantry hours.

Those conferences providing some financial assistance have had to significantly reduce aid offered. Responses to valid requests for rental assistance have been reduced by an average of 55% while responses to valid requests for utility assistance have been reduced by 37%.

Conferences are urged to continue to share their thoughts, ideas and concerns with VOP. SVdP Conferences are a credible source of information about the needs of low income families in Arizona. As always, interface with the conferences is a vital part of the VOP mission.

NAVIGATING THE BENEFIT MAZE

Where were you on January 10th? If you were not at the Navigating the Benefit Maze Workshop in the Hall of Banners – you missed a great event. The workshop was a refresher course to educate Vincentians on how to help low income families access safety net programs (such as Food Stamps/SNAP, WIC and EITC/VITA sites). Originally conceived as a workshop for up to fifty people, VOP was amazed and gratified at the interest expressed with *over 140 Vincentians attending*. All left the morning with lots of new information and materials to take back to their conferences. Presenters included:

Katie Kahle

Arizona Community Action Association
Arizona Self Help Web Site
www.arizonaselfhelp.org

Nancy Rossano

Department of Economic Security
Food Stamps (now called SNAP)

Tina Wegner

Maricopa WIC Program
Women, Infants & Children Nutrition

Dawn Warton

Consumer Credit Counseling Services
EITC, Child Tax Credits, VITA Sites

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Participants were asked to evaluate the workshop, indicate their interest in attending another workshop and provide suggestions for helpful topics. Based on the overwhelming responses, VOP is now planning to offer workshops quarterly. Suggested topics include health care resources, jobs and job training, housing and utility assistance, DES programs, and money management. Stay tuned!

Special thanks to Kathy Jorgensen who designed the flyer, agenda, evaluation and ran the workshop. Thank you also to committee members Ruth Ballas, Inge Casey and Julie Douglas who assisted Kathy and the presenters.

DID YOU KNOW?????

- ❖ The Federal Government is allowing taxpayers **eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) during the past three years, but who did not claim it, to file an amended return and retroactively claim the credit.** Please refer your clients (\$42,000 and below) to the nearest VITA site for free tax preparation including e-filing. Clients may also be eligible for Child Tax Credits and Credit for the Elderly. **To locate your nearest VITA site, call 1-800-829-1040 and post the location, days and times on your SVdP phone.**
- ❖ **Some of the criteria for determining SNAP (Food Stamps) eligibility have changed.** Previously applicants were limited to a percentage of child care expenses allowed to be offset against income. Currently the **entire amount of child care expenses can be used when calculating eligibility.** Clients who previously were denied eligibility by a narrow margin should be advised to reapply. Arizona has a participation rate for SNAP (Food Stamps) of only 55% of those who are eligible.
- ❖ **Applicants for SNAP (Food Stamps) benefits are no longer are required to claim a hardship reason to request a telephone interview.** Please advise your clients to simply ask for a telephone interview with no reason given. Call (602) 542-9935 (Area codes 480, 602, or 623) or (800) 352-8401 (All other area codes)
- ❖ The public web-based application is available for use by anyone statewide to apply for Medical, Cash Assistance and SNAP. The website is www.healtharizona.org Please provide your clients with this site and, if possible, assist them with the application process. Eligibility tool can be found at www.arizonaselfhelp.org

Voice of the Poor meets monthly during the legislative session. Meetings are open to all who are interested. Our next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 16 off campus. Contact Lucy Howell at howishome@aol.com or (602) 695-1604 for information or to place an item on the agenda.

Thank You †

The staff at Vincentian Support Services would like to thank the Anonymous Donor from Holy Cross for the three Ciboria's for our Chapel. Your generosity is very much appreciated, and we all thank you.☺ God Bless!

Guidance from Louise

by Mike Syslo

St. Vincent de Paul accomplished an enormous amount of good over the eighty years of his life. He was a great leader and organizer. But, as any great leader will tell you, he didn't do it alone. One person who worked very closely with Vincent on much that he did and who was co-founder of the Daughters of Charity was Louise de Marillac. They not only worked together, they inspired each other. Recently, I came across three quotes from St. Louise that I believe can help us in our ministry in the Society.

“It is not enough to visit the poor and to provide for their needs: one's heart must be totally purged of all self-interest...we must continually have before our eyes our model, the exemplary life of Jesus Christ. We are called to imitate this life, not only as Christians, but as persons chosen by God to serve Him in the person of His poor.”

What is in our hearts when we do our Vincentian work? Are we simply working or are we sharing our love and concern for those we encounter? What we do is not simply a task or a job to be done. If all we want to do is keep ourselves busy, then we don't need to be in this ministry. Even though the Society needs lots of help to serve the poor, our attitudes, our hearts, our frame of mind must be right. We are called to imitate Jesus in all we do. We must give our wills to Him and allow Him to love those in need through us. That is the only true way we can love Him through our service to them.

“If we forget for a moment that the poor are the members of Jesus Christ, we will inevitably serve them with less gentleness and love.”

If we truly believe that it is Jesus that we are serving in the poor, if we are truly looking for His face in the poor, if we believe that the box of food, the utility bill that we are paying, the clothing we are giving are for Jesus, then every action we take, every word we speak will be with love, gentleness and kindness. If we lose that belief, then our service will have less importance and it will eventually degrade. We must constantly remind ourselves that it is Jesus whom we are serving.

“Remember, it is the poor that you serve, that it is their money you are using...”

We tend to be tight-fisted with the money we have. This is especially true in a bad economy. Every Conference suffers from the same bi-polar condition. There are those members who want to give away the store and there are those who want to hold on tight and give assistance sparingly. Neither side is absolutely wrong. We want to serve those in need in the right way. We want to serve them well but we have only so many resources to work with. We have to keep in mind, though, that the resources we are given belong to the poor. We are simply the stewards responsible for distribution. We are asked to love those in need in the best way possible. That means we are not to give away the store. That means we are not to hold onto our resources and only use them sparingly. As good stewards and as good servants, we must look at each situation presented to us and discern the best way to love those in front of us now, this minute.

St. Louise de Marillac was St. Vincent's close co-worker and advisor. She was so for a reason. He respected her abilities and he respected her spirit. Louise had as great an influence on Vincent as he had on her. We can grow a lot by reflecting on her good advice. ■

Kellogg Company Announces Recall

Kellogg Company Announces Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Austin® and Keebler® Branded Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers and Select Snack-Size Packs of Famous Amos® and Keebler® Soft Batch Peanut Butter Cookies Because of Possible Health Risk

PRNewswire-FirstCall
BATTLE CREEK, Mich.
(NYSE:K)

For consumer questions contact Consumer Service

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Jan. 16 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Kellogg Company today announced a voluntary recall of certain Austin® and Keebler® branded Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers and select snack-size packs of Famous Amos® Peanut Butter Cookies and Keebler® Soft Batch Homestyle Peanut Butter Cookies because the products have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. No other products are involved in this recall.

Consumers who have purchased the recalled products are urged to destroy the product. Consumers with questions or who would like a refund may contact the Kellogg Consumer Response Center at 877-869-5633. Consumers with questions or concerns about their health should contact their doctor. Products impacted by the recall were produced on or after July 1, 2008, including:

Austin® Quality Foods Cheese Crackers with Peanut Butter- all sizes
Austin® Quality Foods Cheese & Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers-all sizes
Austin® Quality Foods Mega Stuffed Cheese Crackers with Peanut Butter - all sizes
Austin® Quality Foods PB & J Cracker Sandwiches - all sizes
Austin® Quality Foods Super Snack Pack Sandwich Crackers
Austin® Quality Foods Chocolate Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers - all sizes
Austin® Quality Foods Toasty Crackers with Peanut Butter - all sizes
Austin® Quality Foods Reduced Fat Cheese & Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers
Austin® Quality Foods Reduced Fat Toasty Crackers with Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers
Austin® Quality Foods Cookie/Cracker Pack
Austin® Quality Foods Variety Pack
Keebler® Cheese & Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers - all sizes
Keebler® Toast & PB'n J Flavored Sandwich Crackers - all sizes
Keebler® Toast & Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers - all sizes
Famous Amos® Peanut Butter Cookies (2- and 3-ounce)
Keebler® Soft Batch Homestyle Peanut Butter Cookies (2.5-ounce)

SOURCE: Kellogg Company

Web site: <http://www.kelloggcompany.com/>
<http://www.cdc.gov/>

The New RULE and Spirit

Statutes of the National Council of the United States

PART III. STATUTES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT

The following three statutes very clearly spell out the only way to remove members, officers, Conferences or Councils from the Society. This is a very serious matter and, therefore, the possibilities are very limited.

17: Suspension of Members, Conferences, and Councils

The President General can suspend members, Conferences, and Councils. However, the President General has delegated authority to suspend Members, Conferences, or Councils to the National Council President. When the National Council President has made such a decision, the Member, Conference, or Council suspended will cease to exercise any office and may not act on behalf of the Society under any circumstances.

An appeal of the suspension may be made to the National Council's Conciliation Committee, which will make the decision known through the National President. Should the member, Conference, or Council choose not to accept the appeal decision, a final appeal may be made to the President General.

Any member, Conference, or Council using means other than those provided by the Society to resolve internal disputes renounces Vincentian communion and leaves the Society, unless Council General agrees that the matter should be placed before the courts.

18: Annul the Election of a President

The President of the National Council may, for serious reasons, annul the election of a member as President of a Conference or Council. Such member will immediately cease to exercise the office and may appeal to the Board of the National Council.

Upon notification of a complaint for an election, the National Council President must issue a final decision within sixty days.

19: Removal of a President

Periodically, difficulties due to various causes such as medical, physical, mental, time management, lack of the conciliatory spirit a servant leader needs, or even insufficient ability for the role of President may impair the ability of a Conference or Council to carry out its work. If the situation becomes unmanageable, and the next higher Council cannot resolve the matter and the President refuses to resign, the next higher Council, through delegation of the National President, may remove a President in order to protect the Society. The President may appeal to the Board of the National Council.

The unknown help

As the Communications Manager for St. Vincent de Paul I have met a countless number of people. I have met many people who were grateful to receive help from SVdP, and even more people that were happy to help others in one of our ministries.

During this time, I have witnessed many Vincentians selflessly put their faith in action as they helped the less fortunate.

These acts of kindness have not only had a tremendous impact on the people being served, but they have had a profound impact on me, too. It has been inspiring to continuously hear Vincentians say “thank you” to the people they are serving.

Witnessing these acts of kindness has done more than make me smile. It has reinforced my faith, and for that I would like to say thank you. Your dedication and generosity is helping more people than you realize. 😊

By David Staudacher



Reminder

Please note that due to budget cuts you will receive your newsletter electronically; only four issues will be mailed per year. Please visit our web site for the latest issue:

<http://www.stveincentdepaul.net/VincentianSupport.htm>

If you have not sent me your E-mail address please do so:

sedwards@svdp-phx-az.org



Ozanam Manor Open House

Learn More about our Unique Ozanam Manor Transitional Shelter at an Open House

Ozanam Manor, St. Vincent de Paul’s service that helps elderly and disabled homeless adults return to independent living, will host a series of “open house” opportunities to visit the shelter and meet its residents and staff.

They will all be held on Saturdays after the General Membership Meetings from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Stop by after a meeting or just stop by and you will receive a tour, even if you have only a little time – or have a tour and join us for lunch in the garden afterward at 12:30.

Upcoming dates are:

- March 21,
- June 13 (tentative, depending on scheduling of the June General Membership Meeting), and
- September 19

Ozanam Manor is located in Central Phoenix at 1730 E. Monroe St., near 17th Street and Van Buren. Call 602 495-3050 or e-mail mikebsvdp@aol.com for directions.

We look forward to meeting you!

Mike Bell, Ozanam Manor Director



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MARCH 21, 2009

The next General Membership meeting will be held on March 21st. Mass will start at 8:30 a.m. We encourage all Conference Presidents to invite all members, especially your new members to attend for a morning of fellowship and friendship. Tours are always available for those of our members that have not seen our campus.



New Quarterly Reports

Please note that the new Quarterly Reports are now available. If you do not have the most recently updated version, please call Sandy Edwards to get your copies of the new reports 602.261.6803.



News Articles

We are always looking for interesting stories for our newsletter.

If you have articles please submit them to Vincentian Support Services.
sedwards@svdp-phx-az.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A key component of the Phoenix Diocesan Council's governance structure is in need of rejuvenation.

Some of our committees are suffering from a lack of Vincentian participation to the point where fewer than a handful of people, staff included, must deal with the important issues which come before them. SVdP deserves better than that.

Fresh ideas and perspectives are beneficial to any organization. Why not yours? Serving on a committee is a wonderful way to make a meaningful difference.

This newsletter regularly lists many of the committees and what they do. If an area of activity is one for which your experience suits you, or if you simply would like to help administer that part of our operation, I urge you to consider contributing your time and talents.

You have said "yes" to God's call to serve others by virtue of your Vincentian vocation. Perhaps He is calling you to greater involvement in the Society through service on one of our committees. There can be no greater incentive than to know He will not be outdone in His generosity to those who say "yes" whenever He lets us know we are needed.

God bless.

Joe Riley

Committee News

Formation & Spirituality meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month in the Vincentian Support Center. Every district should have at least one member on this committee and you don't have to be a conference officer to serve. We plan and execute programs to help form Vincentians both educationally and spiritually. We need your ideas and wisdom. Call Chairman Jim Prendergast at (480) 836-8082 to volunteer.

Development and Community Relations

Meets the 2nd Thursday of every other month at 4:00 pm in the Vincentian Support Center. Reviews and helps plan those programs which establish the image of the Society in our community, and increase the donation of time, talent and treasure to the Society from those within the sound of our "voice." Joe Riley is current Chairman, (623) 544-1166.

Voice of the Poor. Contact Howishome@aol.com for Lucy Howell, Chair, if you would like to receive VOP information by e-mail. Next meeting date is Monday, January 19 at 3:30 p.m. in Vincentian Support Services.

Eldercare meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 2:00 pm in the Vincentian Support Center.

Call Victress Jenkins at (602) 250-2333 for information.

Youth is temporarily shut down awaiting reorganization.

Stores meets quarterly. If you have retailing, merchandizing, or just a sense of style, come join us! Ray Daoust 480-905-9478



The Harvest is great but the workers are few...

go therefore and ask the harvest-master to send workers into his fields..."

We desperately (yes, we mean that) need Vincentians to join the committees that form the backbone of our Society. We cannot have staff and one or two other people making decisions.

Some of these committees meet in the evening, others during the day, and we're open to change if a large number of new members prefer a different meeting time. Come. Speak up. Participate. Lead.

It's your Society.



Conference Resources & Concerns meets on the first Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm in the Vincentian Support Center. Since this committee deals with all of the problems and opportunities faced by

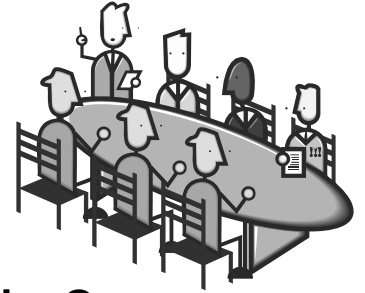
conferences, it seeks the widest possible representation. Join in by coming down! Chairman is Tom Clouser at (623) 979-3520.

Food Service meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:45 am in Vincentian Hall. If you've interested in food allotments, quantity or quality, delivery charges, dining room or pantry operations, etc., this is the place to participate. All are welcome. Andy Andreano is Chairman, (602) 261-6818.

Facilities. Meets on the Monday preceding the Board meeting, at 9:30 am in Frank Kubinski's office. Reviews and plans for the current and future physical needs of the Society. Looking for people with backgrounds in civil engineering, architecture, the construction trades, and related areas. Call Chairman Jerry Tong to help (480) 897-7922.

Safety. This committee is interested in safety problems anywhere in the Council – stores, dining rooms, Watkins campus, etc. Meet at 9:30 am on the 2nd Wed. of the month in Vincentian Hall. Chairman is Frank Kubinski 602-261-6819 ■

UPCOMING TRAINING AND FORMATION SESSIONS



New Members are encouraged to serve clients, be mentored, and attend a few meetings before taking the Ozanam Formation Experience (OFE).

OFE CLASSES

- Feb 21st Saturday **OFE #3 & #4** – St. Frances Cabrini, Camp Verde: 781 S. Cliff Parkway – in the Church Hall. 9:00 am to noon and 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Lunch will be provided
- Feb 28th Saturday, **OFE #1 & #2** – St. Margaret Mary, 780 Marina, Bullhead City -- starts with 7:30 am Mass class starts approx. 8:00 am, lunch provided.
- Mar 1st **Sunday, OFE #3 & #4** – St. Margaret Mary, 780 Marina, Bullhead City -- starts. 8:00 am. No Mass. Lunch provided.
- Mar 14th Saturday, **OFE #1 & #2** – St. Timothy, 1730 W. Guadalupe Rd. Mesa
Mass will be at 8:30 am – Lunch will be provided
- Mar 28th Saturday, **OFE #3 & #4** – St. Timothy, 1730 W. Guadalupe Rd. Mesa
Mass will be at 8:30 am – Lunch will be provided
- Please call in your reservation to attend to (602) 261-6803.***



PLEASE CALL IN YOUR RESERVATION TO: (602) 261-6803. If we don't answer, leave (1) your name, (2) your conference name, and (3) your home phone number on the voice mail. We do not call you back to confirm, but only to tell you if the session is *cancelled*. Without a reservation, if the session is cancelled, we cannot call you and you may make an unnecessary trip. Thank you.

REMINDER

Our Bishop expects that ALL members of St. Vincent de Paul attend the 'Call to Protect'. Please call your parish Secretary for dates and times. ■

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

<i>ST. JOSEPH</i> Kathleen Henes	<i>SVDP DINING ROOMS</i> William Lanford VirJean Moore	<i>SVDP EXECUTIVE OFFICE</i> David Smith Ben Sarrat Larry Hall John Bogle Phyllis Anderson Erin Grace Bailey Peggy Barrett Judy Casey Bill Collier Victoria Coury Charlie DeFrancesco Gladys M. Friedman Dan Geddes Eugene Hicks Evan Jahanski Jeffrey Mark Mae Jolley Rusty Lyon Rosie Lyon Linda Shultz	<i>SVDP DEVELOPMENT</i> The Valletta Family Kevin Tawney Dorothea Merrick Christina Mulhern Kathleen Nageotte Wayne Parker Ginny Lenio Verna Warren Joyce Zabilski Nancy Powers Ben Avery	<i>OUR LADY OF THE DESERT</i> Marie Hedrick Eva Neal
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<i>HOLY CROSS</i> Bob McNamara	<i>ST. GREGORY</i> Jeanette Jenkins		<i>OUR LADY OF JOY</i> Alan Cisar	<i>ST. MARY KINGMAN</i> Pam Ellico Rita Gaumont Ruth Jefferson

O God, who put love of the poor into the hearts of Frederic Ozanam and his companions, and inspired them to found a Society for the relief of the spiritual and corporal miseries of those in want, bless this work of charity and zeal, and in accord with Your designs that Your pious servant, Frederic Ozanam was glorified as Blessed by the Church, we beseech You to manifest by heavenly favors the power he enjoys in Your sight. We make this prayer through Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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.

Holy Cross
Connie Fester

Our Lady of Mount Carmel/Our Lady of Peace
James "Jim" Barnard

***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.***

A special note about Jim Barnard:

Jim was Vice President at OLMC from 1988 to 1994 while his wife, Mary, was President. The Barnards then became Co-Presidents of a Special Works Conference called Our Lady of Peace, which was devoted to assisting victims of domestic violence. The Barnards retired and moved back to St. Louis MO. in 2000.

Remembering... Father Portmann

It was a late night call from Steve Jenkins advising me that Father was back in the hospital and this time it didn't look good. Thus began the final vigil for a man who was so much a part of SVdP and one of the strangest friendship's I have ever enjoyed.

It as 15 years ago that I arrived in Phoenix to work for the Society in Vincentian Support Services and one of my duties was to be sure we always had a priest for Mass on Wednesday. "Just give them a call" were my instructions. They forget to say "except for..." and my first conversation with Father Fred was very difficult. The next day he stormed into the office demanding to know who this Eileen person was. I, of course, let him know.

Once calm settled in and we got to know each other we discovered we were both involved in helping those suffering with AIDS and their families. We also helped each other as we said goodbye to so many young people.

Father loved serving and he always found time to say Mass at a parish needing a helping hand. He was also fond of saying Mass at the prison (I think he related to the people there since he was once a prisoner during WWII in Germany). But most of all he loved being around Vincentians. He was always there for us.

I've had the privilege of working with many Priests and Sisters while with the Diocese of Phoenix but there will only be one "Father Grumpy". I will miss you, old friend.

Eileen Bornheimer
Ephrata, WA

**Words of Inspiration
From Our Founder
Bl. Frederic Ozanam**



In the morning, 150 associates approached the holy table together...Letters were received from more than 15 French cities where already conferences are flourishing; almost an equal number are being organized this year. We see nearly 2000 young men engaged here in a peaceful crusade of Catholic charity...Thus, in this proud age of ours, it is wonderful to see develop, outside all political and philosophical systems, a tight-knit group of men determined to use all their rights as citizens, all their influence as educated persons, and all their professional knowledge to honor Catholicism in time of peace and defend it in case of struggle.

“Life in Letters,” July 12, 1840

**Words of Inspiration
From Our Patron
St. Vincent de Paul**



More on collaboration: The Daughters of Charity in God’s providence do with their hands what we are not able to do with ours, the corporal assistance of the sick poor. This trust in God enables these women to aid the sick poor, and to comfort them with words of instruction and encouragement that will help them attain salvation...Like us, the Daughters are dedicated to the salvation and the care of the poor. They follow the example of the primitive Church. Then the role of women was to distribute food to the faithful, and to collaborate in the ministry of the apostles.

“Letter to Jacques de la Fosse,” February 7, 1660

current resident or

