



# Society of St. Vincent de Paul 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)*

## General Membership Meeting

March 20th, 2010

Mass starts at 8:30 am

## Morning of Reflection

***The Morning of Reflection will be held on February 13th at St. Theresa Catholic Church. Mass will be at 8:00 am—Fr. Billy Kosco will be the speaker***

***Please RSVP to Sandy at 602-261-6803***

"The Reality of Love" is the passionate subject of speaker Father William Kosco at the St Vincent de Paul Morning of Reflection at St. Theresa's Church, February 13, 2010.

Father Kosco, pastor at St Henry Catholic church in Buckeye, has chased his dream of sharing "The Reality of Love" from Prescott, to Hollywood, to Hungary, and finally to Phoenix.

The journey to promulgate "The Reality of Love" began after high school with attendance at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, to study film making. Unsatisfied with his progress at age 24, he quit work and travelled the U.S. by bike, discovering himself alone with God.

He then decided to become high school English teacher, completing studies at Northern Arizona University, and joining the Peace Corps to teach English in Hungary. In a small village there on New Year's Eve in 1992, he attended evening Mass and finally heard God's call to him to return to the church and take his faith more seriously.

After completing priestly studies at the Benedictine Monastery in Oregon, Father Kosco was ordained at age 36 in 2000. Since then, he has served in several parishes in the Phoenix diocese and has been the pastor of St. Henry's since 2005. He's especially proud of his efforts as the youth minister to help teens see the "Reality of Love".

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

During the past year Vincentians in the conferences of the Phoenix Diocesan Council made some 54,000 home visits, devoted nearly 500,000 hours to their labors of love and provided more than \$4 million in direct assistance to those in need.

Those numbers are indeed impressive but their real significance lies in what they represent: your loving, caring encounters with the poor as you performed your miracles of personal compassion. They speak eloquently of those grace-filled times throughout the year when you were the hands and feet, the eyes, ears, voice and, yes, the smiling face of Christ as you answered the phone, sorted the food, stocked the shelves, packed the food boxes, visited the poor in their homes and prayed with them.

As the basic unit of the Society, our conferences form the enduring foundation of our service to the poor. The quiet, often unseen work you do on a daily basis within your parish communities is tremendously significant – in the eyes of God, in the eyes of those you serve, and in the eyes of so many of your fellow parishioners whose prayers, generosity and volunteer time enable us to fulfill our mission of service in the name of the Lord.

Since our founding in 1833, the central and most basic activity of conferences has been visiting the poor in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen attentively without judging, offer advice humbly and render assistance in a loving way that preserves the dignity of the person we serve. There is special joy in serving the poor so personally in the name of Christ.

Our Lord understands the difficulties we frequently face in doing His work. Every moment of our actions on behalf of His children in need – including the weariness, the frustration, the anxiety – is blessed by God. To my mind, that is a thought worth contemplating. I think of His boundless gratitude as the perfect incentive for patience and perseverance on our part.

It was said of the early Christians, “See how they love one another.” One of the great rewards of participating in the work of a conference is witnessing the love which animates its members – love for neighbor and for each other.

Every day we have countless opportunities to show by our words and actions that God loves everyone, and so do we in response to His command. It is a great source of inspiration for me to see how you are seizing those daily moments through your caring and compassion, and making such a magnificent difference in the lives of so many.

While visiting Sacred Heart Conference in Parker recently I noticed an engraved sign hanging on the dining room wall which contained five very meaningful words: “Family and friends gather here.” It was a beautiful expression of Vincentian solidarity with the poor and with each other. It also captured succinctly what the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is all about.

God bless.

*Joe Riley*

## ***The reward for volunteering***

A few months ago—while my Vincentian partner and I were delivering food boxes we stopped at one particularly run down home. An eight year old boy and several excited children came to the door and the eight year old insisted on carrying the 1st food box and I gently set in his arms. He did the same with the 2nd box.

Independence and perseverance were evident as I watched him struggle yet carrying both boxes . My partner and I were about to leave in our truck and turned around upon hearing “Sir” Sir”. In his hand was a cross made out of pipe cleaners which he gave me saying “God bless you”. Holding back tears I thanked him and showed my partner our new cross which now sits on my dresser. As I look at it every night, that unforgettable boy’s gratitude and that pipe cleaner cross is worth more than all the money in the world to me! It is a daily reminder of why we are Vincentians!!

The Lord give you peace!  
Richard Frohm  
St. Mary's Basilica Conference

## **Wise Men sought Jesus years ago. Wise Vincentians seek 'n' serve Him today**

St. Clare of Assisi Conference added a new “twist” to it’s usual clothes, toys and help with Christmas dinner Angel Tree requests this year. With many “tweens’ and teens in our families this year we had a card that suggested gift cards to Sonic, Jack in the Box, McDonald's , Wendy’s or any fast food restaurant. We thought kids would enjoy having the money to go with their friends and “hang out.”

So many families have limited funds and are not able to give their children money for fun things. Still, the spirit of sharing our blessings prevailed.

Our parishioners responded with enthusiasm and we received almost 100 gift cards to put with the other presents for our 82 families (250 children)

Deck the Halls with boughs of “thank you” - Fa –la-la-la!

*St. Clare of Asisi Conference*

## SHOES



While we were making home visits, our client Mike F. asked us if we had some vinegar, so that he could clean his coffee maker. We said that we would stop at home, after we finished our last home visit, and bring him the vinegar. When we arrived at Mr. Mike F's mobile home he was at the doorway trying to put on his shoes. My wife asked me if I saw his holey and ripped shoes. I did and asked him what size he wore; he said size 10 which is the same size as mine; I took off my shoes and gave them to him. He had tears in his eyes and so did I. Mike needed the shoes more than I did because you see Mike is handicapped and walks with two old metal crutches that wrap around his arms.

We asked him if he needed help with anything else. Mike asked if we knew of any place that could help him get some glasses so that he could read. We decided to help him with that too. We took him to Wal-Mart and got him some glasses and two pairs of shoes. Afterwards we went to a restaurant for dinner. Mike told us that this was the first time in 30 plus years that he has had a real dinner. Mike lives in a 10ft travel trailer with no working stove.

He served our country in Viet Nam for two, two year terms and now he needs our help. With our prayers and people who care this will be done.

Thank You

*The Miller's  
St. Philip Benizi Conference  
Black Canyon City, AZ.*

## Volunteering Made Easy!

Volunteering at our greater-Phoenix area Thrift stores could not be easier. Over the past 18 months, the Serve Our Stores (SOS) committee has worked diligently with our conferences to increase the number of volunteers working in our Thrift stores and we are beginning to see real results from these efforts.

Volunteers are a valuable asset that allows our thrift stores to be more than just stores. Volunteers help create a friendly and personal atmosphere for our shoppers. They allow us to keep our stores well stocked and nicely staged. Volunteers bring in special skills and talents, customers and donations and free staff so they can expand the services and events offered to our customers.

You can help us recruit new volunteers by sending people you know that might be willing to help to us. Volunteers can make an appointment to talk to the thrift store manager of the store in their area or they can go directly to the Volunteer Office at Watkins. Either way interested individuals can be volunteering at one of our stores on a regular basis within a short period of time.

Help us get the word out that volunteering at our SVdP Thrift stores could not be easier.

*Shirley Smalley*

## OZANAM NEWS



### Manor Moments

Ozanam Manor Transitional

Ozanam Manor serves a vulnerable segment of the homeless population – physically or mentally disabled adults and those older than 50 – by helping them move from homelessness onto the path to independence.

Referral Number: 602-495-3050

#### WISH LIST:

Body Lotion  
Hand Cream  
Body Wash

#### Me? A Mentor?

*The people who come to Ozanam Manor agree to accept help and work to meet goals that include obtaining financial, medical and social support and moving to permanent housing. Although not all Ozanam Manor clients meet all of their goals, most clients are truly open to accepting help to improve their lives. You can be a source of help where it may be most needed and wanted.*

*The purpose of our mentoring program is to provide our clients with an opportunity to receive training or guidance from a skilled volunteer and to provide an opportunity for a meaningful volunteer experience. The mentoring may consist of teaching new and more effective ways to communicate, teaching trade skills, or teaching other useful skills that the client has an expressed desire to learn. The mentor and client will work together toward established goals that are based on the client's personal objectives and what the volunteer is willing and able to teach*

*Mentoring involves role modeling, partnering, teaching, and learning. **Many of our residents enter and exit the program without ever having a mentor. Please consider mentoring.***

**If you are interested in volunteering, taking a tour or hosting your District meeting at Ozanam Manor, please call Mike Bell, Director of Shelter Services at 602-495-3050 Ext. 15.**

## Just A Volunteer

As a Vincentian, I have s been confronted with attitudes and statements that strongly imply that because Vincentians are volunteers the Society and its leadership must limit their expectations of what our members can and should be able to do and be. I am convinced that nothing could be further from the truth for Vincentians are people with a mission and a vision. I have witnessed the Vincentian spirit in action and am continuously amazed by what Vincentians can and do accomplish.

Exactly what is a volunteer? The dictionary defines of a volunteer as a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a job or service. As a general rule, definitions of a volunteer do not include limitations on expectations or performance and why should they? Whether we are paid for what we are doing or not, are we not all called by our baptism to give the best of ourselves to every undertaking?

As Vincentians, we have each been called by the Lord to seek and find God's self-sacrificing love through our own freely given self-sacrificing love for the poor. In following this holy call, we are asked to give from our necessity not just from our excess. We are called to give not only of our talents but also from our deficits and our weaknesses.

Several years ago, I was volunteering for a Youth Ballet company where my son danced. They kept asking me if I could help them sew costumes for their upcoming show. I offered to work back stage, to make props, to be the stage or house manager, but kindly explained that I could not sew. No matter what I said or did they kept asking me to sew. The group really needed me to do something that I was not good at and in a true leap of faith I decided to give them what they needed rather than what I wanted to give them.

Over the next ten days, I spent hours sewing, taking out stitches and re-sewing. I had band-aids on every finger and thought I would never finish, but in the end I did do the hand stitching on every costume I had been given. When the costumes were finally finished and the curtain opened, I felt the warm fatigue of having completed an almost impossible task.

As Vincentians, we are called to serve by doing things we enjoy as well as doing things that challenge us, are unpleasant or make us uncomfortable. We are called to follow Jesus' model of sacrificial love. Doing home visits, working in the pantry or serving in one of our SVdP dining rooms is not the only work we are called to do. We are also called to submit accurate and timely reports, maintain records, attend meetings, participate in formation classes and spiritual activities. These tasks are not only necessary for the continuation of our work, they are truly holy activities and a valuable offering to the Society, to those we serve and to the Lord.

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## Just A Volunteer

According to Fr. Joe Cornelia, each of us is a divine lover because we love the divine and the divine loves us. As free and active participants in this divine love, could we ever refuse anything to the source of our love? Let us joyfully follow the example of the apostles, who as volunteers denied Jesus nothing. Let us wholeheartedly say, "Here I am Lord. I have come to do your will" even if that means doing things that are difficult, boring, tiresome and unattractive. Let us say with conviction that we are Vincentian volunteers and we freely undertake the task of serving our brothers and sisters without reservation.

*Submitted by Shirley Smalley*

## BIRDIES FOR CHARITY



Want to **"MAKE A DIFFERENCE"????**

Help St. Vincent de Paul with your pledge to "Birdies for Charity", part of the Phoenix Open. Your pledge is matched by the PGA Philanthropic Organization - Birdies for Charity Arizona.

By selecting St. Vincent de Paul as the Charity of choice, we receive 100% of your pledge PLUS a 10% BONUS!

It's so simple. Just go to [www.birdiesforcharityarizona.com](http://www.birdiesforcharityarizona.com)

Under ***Birdies for Charity is Here!***, click on the link

Click on Pledge Form

Step 1 – Make your Pledge

Step 2 – Select St. Vincent de Paul (#56)

Step 3 – Provide your information

And SUBMIT!

It's that easy....& YES, you will truly MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Thanks for your continued support!

*For more information please contact:*

Donna Killoughey at 602.418.2445 or  
Denise Brittain at 602.421.7106

# The Vincentian ANNUITY

Becoming a Vincentian  
not only for life, but *forever*.

| SAMPLE<br>ANNUITY<br>RATES |        | Single Life | Two Lives |
|----------------------------|--------|-------------|-----------|
|                            | AGE 60 | 5.0%        | 4.6%      |
| AGE 70                     | 5.7%   | 5.2%        |           |
| AGE 80                     | 7.1%   | 6.1%        |           |
| AGE 90                     | 9.5%   | 8.3%        |           |

A gift through the Vincentian Annuity will provide you with income for your lifetime. It may also help to avoid capital gains, reduce estate tax and investment management fees while supporting our Vincentian Endowment which serves those in need. Annuity gifts may range from \$10,000 and up.



## St. Vincent de Paul Phoenix Diocesan Council

- Spirituality
- Fellowship
- Serving those in need
- Giving others the opportunity to serve

For more information or to discuss various giving options,  
please contact Steve Zabalski at 602-261-6801 email: [szabalski@sudp-phx-az.org](mailto:szabalski@sudp-phx-az.org)

P.O. Box 13600 Phoenix, AZ 85002  
[www.stvincentdepaul.net](http://www.stvincentdepaul.net)

## **ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**

### **VINCENTIANS RING SALVATION ARMY BELLS IN WICKENBURG**



“All monies collected will stay in the local community and be used to assist with utility payments for the needy.”

That was the pitch made by Charlie Peterson, Director of the local Community Action Program (CAP) office made to St. Anthony of Padua Conference last summer. Charlie was trying to arrange for volunteer bell ringers at three locations in Wickenburg during the month of December. Charlie further explained that he would like our conference to staff a particular weekday in December and staff the three locations from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on each of those days. Similarly, other organizations would staff the locations on the four remaining weekdays.

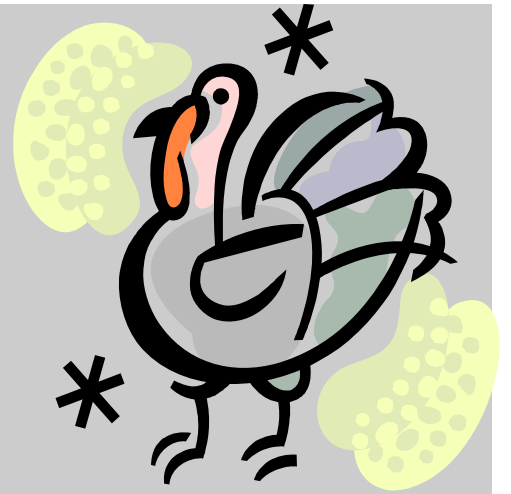
It was after a minimum of discussion that the conference agreed to staff the first four Wednesdays of the month. Charlie suggested that we set up a schedule of 3 two hour shifts at each location and we agreed that such a schedule would be workable with the size of our conference. Vincentian and relatively new conference member Jack Finegan agreed to arrange and oversee the effort.

At the end of the collection period and between Christmas and New Years day, Charlie reported that money collected at all Salvation Army locations was more than twice the amount collected the previous year and amounted to just under \$14,000.

Because we have an ongoing collaborative relationship with Salvation Army to help clients get utility assistance it was only natural to find a way to support each other.

Overall, the experience was a positive one. Many Vincentians referred to the experience as “fun”. Thank you Jack Finegan for organizing the program.

## St. Agnes Conference St. Agnes School “feather” promotion



Our school has a new principal this year. Denise called a meeting of the school staff to consider how the school could show their support for the poor, the hungry and the needy for Thanksgiving Day.

They decided on a feather competition to benefit our St. Agnes St. Vincent de Paul Conference. They put up a turkey at each classroom that had no feathers. The students in each classroom would earn dollars by doing extra chores at home; collect aluminum cans and sell them or any way that they could earn money to buy feathers at \$1.00 each to pin on the turkey.

The competition was quite heated between the classrooms for this worthy purpose BUT there was a greater incentive. The winning classroom would have the great joy of hitting their teacher with a cream pie – right on the kisser. Boy, did the winning classroom enjoy this.

The children raised \$707 so that needy families could be able to get rent or utility assistance as well as special goodies in their Thanksgiving boxes.

*Submitted by Al Moreno*

## What a 10 year old can teach us

*St. Simon and St. Jude Conference*

Love one another! That’s what Christ taught us to do. So we, as Vincentians, volunteer to help those who need assistance with food and utilities. One day in December we were attending to our duties when a 10 year old boy, accompanied by a lady and gentleman appeared with three boxes of food. We asked how we could help and the lady told us that he wanted to help the needy because he realized there were so many people in our community who were barely getting by. The young boy’s name was Bryson.

After our initial shock we tended to accepting the food. We took pictures with Bryson, our young volunteer.

We thanked Bryson and his family and wished him success in his future endeavors.



## *Voice of the Poor Newsletter*

February, 2010

[www.voiceofthepoor.org](http://www.voiceofthepoor.org)

[www.stvincentdepaul.net](http://www.stvincentdepaul.net)

### **Governor's Proposed State Budget:**

The state faces a \$1.4 billion deficit in the *5 months* remaining in FY 2010. A deficit of over \$3 billion is projected for FY 2011. There is an ongoing structural deficit meaning the state's expenditures do not match its revenues. A summary of budget cuts proposed by the governor include:

Return to '06 funding levels for K-12 education triggering reductions in federal support

Elimination of all-day Kindergarten

Maintains university funding at '06 level (75% of '08) level

Elimination of KidsCare health coverage for 47,000 children

Reduction of AHCCCS rolls by 25% eliminating coverage for 310,000 individuals

Reduced service for 17,000 seriously mentally ill adults (about half of that population)

Elimination of cash assistance for 10,000 families

Places a hard cap on day care assistance; eliminating service for more than 10,000 children in working poor families

Closes Dept of Juvenile Corrections transferring minors to county detention centers.

Reduces State employee pay by 5%.

***This budget assumes an immediate approval by the legislature of the one-cent increase in state sales tax unsuccessfully sought by the governor for the past year. It also assumes approval of a referendum to rollback AHCCCS eligibility.*** Cuts in low income healthcare will result in a loss of \$2 federal dollars in matching funds for every \$1 cut. President Joe Riley and the diocesan board remain committed to the proposed increase in sales tax. Help SVdP persuade the legislature that they MUST vote for the temporary sales tax increase. Go to AZLeg.gov and click on "Who is My Legislator?" Call or e-mail your message. Not hearing from constituents is taken as approval of the status quo.

## *Voice of the Poor Newsletter*

### **Bills:**

Over 700 bills have now been filed. VOP's Tom Finnerty is reviewing bills and compiling a list pertaining to the Voice of the Poor Legislative Agenda. On the VOP list currently are 7 immigration bills, some with enforcement provisions that have been defeated in the past (House bills 2042, 2383, 2384, 2531, 2532, 1027 and SB1070). The diocesan board voted unanimously on Jan. 20 to oppose HB 2161 (payday lending; regulation). The bill was scheduled for House Banking and Finance on Jan. 25.

### **HPRP is up and running at JP II Special Ministries:**

On January 7 over 40 representatives from SVdP Conferences *within the boundaries of the City of Phoenix* attended training by City of Phoenix staff for screening appropriate clients for this program. The HPRP program will use federal stimulus funds to assist families and individuals whose job loss is a direct result of the current economic downturn. The \$7 million program is expected to be in effect for approximately 3 years.

Phone line for HPRP (602) 850-6706 and HPRP FAX (602) 850-6718 will be monitored by four volunteers on Monday, Wednesday and Friday who will review applications prior to submission to the City of Phoenix staff at the Travis Williams Family Service Center.

### **Diocesan Board Supplements Funding for FAM:**

The board approved supplemental funding for FAM of \$4,000 monthly through June at its December meeting. This funding will allow FAM volunteers to continue to offer emergency housing and utility assistance for an average of 20 cases monthly referred by conferences.

### **VITA (Free tax preparation for low income families) are announced:**

Go to this site at Arizona Community Information and Referral for locations in Arizona for free help in tax preparation. <http://cir.org/seasonal-tax-vita.html>  
Trained volunteers will assist with filing for the Earned Income Tax Credit and child tax credit as they apply.

***Voice of the Poor* meets monthly during the legislative session. Meetings are open. Our next meeting on Mon. Feb. 15 will be held off campus due to the holiday. For information or to submit an item on the agenda, contact Lucy Howell at [howishome@aol.com](mailto:howishome@aol.com).**

## SS. Simon & Jude Vincentian Activities

Have you recently noticed the enormous blessing of the Young Vincentians working among us? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul SS. Simon and Jude Conference is filled with joy to have several young people working in our pantry every week. Their parents have also been coming to work with them and they are very happy to help in this wonderful mission of charity.

Two or three other great works of charity have occurred which are such blessings. Two little girls in the fourth grade, who were celebrating their birthdays, decided to ask for donations for St. Vincent de Paul instead of birthday presents for themselves. They were so happy to give this donation to St. Vincent de Paul and it was indeed a gift from the heart.

Recently, a teen who was working on his Eagle Scout badge, decided to run his own food drive for St. Vincent de Paul. He made flyers which he distributed along with a bag to be filled with cans of food. He then made another trip to all those houses on the specified date and managed to collect 1500 cans of food. We were just overjoyed!

Our Conference is also blessed to have the Boy Scouts along with their leaders help unload and stock shelves on the first Sat. of each month when we get our palettes of food. The Young Vincentians from our school also ran a food drive before Christmas and collected hundreds of cans of food, along with some diapers and other personal items.

Not only is our community incredibly supportive of St. Vincent de Paul, but we are so thankful for the young people who are stepping up to reach out to the poor and needy in our community. We feel that the mission of the Lord will be carried on through the hands and hearts of these young Vincentians!



### *On the lighter side*

#### **BULLETIN BLOOPERS**

Next Sunday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

# Committee News

**Formation & Spirituality** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm 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 & 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 Chair Lucy Howell at Howishome@aol.com if you would like to receive VOP information by e-mail. Next meeting date is February 15 at 3:30 at Ron Meyer's office, 3636 N. Central Ave, Suite 750.

## Eldercare

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

**Stores** meets quarterly, at St. Bernadette at 9:00 am. If you have retailing, merchandizing, or just a sense of style, come join us! Please contact Larry Shima at (480) 373-6312

*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 deci-  
sions.*

*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! Contact Chairman Tom Clouser at (623) 979-3520.

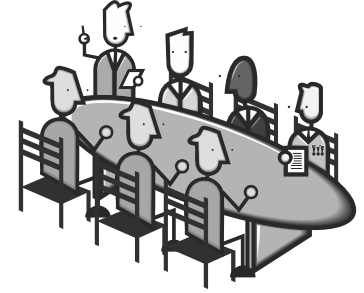
**Food Service** meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am in Vincentian Support. If you've interested in food allotments, quantity or quality, delivery charges, dining room or pantry operations, etc., this is the place to participate. All are welcome. Andy Andreano is Chairman, (602) 261-6818.

**Facilities** Meets on the Monday preceding the Board meeting, at 9:30 am in Vincentian Support. 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 at (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 OFE CLASSES



Feb 13th, Saturday, **OFE #1 & #2**—St. Philip Benizi, Black Canyon City; Starts at 9:00 am No Mass

Feb 20th, Saturday, **OFE #3 & #4**—St. Philip Benizi, Black Canyon City; Starts at 9:00 am No Mass

April 10th, Saturday, **OFE #1 & #2**—**Sts. Simon & Jude Church**—Start with Mass at 8:30am

April 10th, Saturday, **OFE #1 & #2** — **St Thomas Aquinas Church**— Start with 8:00 am Mass

April 17th, Saturday, **OFE #3 & #4**—**Sts. Simon & Jude Church**—Start with 8:30 am Mass

April 17th, Saturday, **OFE #3 & #4**—**St. Thomas Aquinas Church**—Start with 8:00 am Mass

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

**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 voicemail. 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.**

### FUTURE TRAINING

Conferences and/or Districts that wish to set up formation & Training sessions in their area should contact Patria Metrick at (602) 850-6717. the beginning of the year is usually busy, so think and plan now, and then call ■

## 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

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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.

**Mary Jo Young**

*St. Elizabeth Seaton*

**Tony Varela**

*St. Frances Cabrini*

**Charles Muehl and Tulie Hess**

*St. Augustine*

**Carlos Cavazos**

*St. William*

***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.***

## ***ATTENTION ALL***

***If you have anyone listed on the Prayer Line please  
let me know if they need to be removed.***

***Thank you.***

***Sandy Edwards — (602) 261.6803***

***You will find out that charity is a heavy burden to carry, heavier than a bowl of soup and the basket of bread. But you will keep your gentleness and your smile. It is not enough to give bread and soup. This the rich can do. You are the servant of the poor.... They are your masters and the more difficult they will be, the more unjust and insulting, the more love you must give them. It is for your love alone that the poor will forgive you the bread you give them.***



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