



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)

Giving others the opportunity to serve



Here at St. Vincent de Paul you've probably noticed that the people you work with can be different every day. Monday you may work with Maggie and on Tuesday, Al. Sometimes you may work with Sue again on Thursday, but in general, our "co-workers" change a lot!

Yes, I am talking about our *volunteer* "co-workers"! Volunteered do a large portion of the work here at SVdP. On some days our staff size doubles with addition of volunteers! In light of this, it makes sense that we take time to understand more about who volunteers are, why they are here, and why we love them!

Remember that volunteers are people, too! Just because they aren't being paid, doesn't mean they don't have valuable skills, ideas, or information. Take time to listen. Volunteers work at SVdP for many different reasons. Find out why they are here and why they have been coming for 20 years! You might be surprised by what you learn.

Providing volunteers with background information and giving them a reason for their work can help them to understand not only their specific task, but the mission of SVdP as a whole. When volunteers are able to fit their task into the larger picture they often become more motivated and excited about being here and helping YOU!

Finally, never forget to say "thank you." Volunteers—as most people—like to feel appreciated. Something as simple as a sincere "thank you" can mean more to them than all the money in the world. It doesn't cost a lot or take a lot of time, but recognizing that someone saved you time, did a great job, or put forth an extra-ordinary effort means a lot to them—whether they receive a paycheck or not.

We are Blessed to have many wonderful Volunteers helping us in Vincentian Support services, and we appreciate and love them all.

General Membership

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on September 17th at the Hall of Banners. Mass begins at 8:30 am.

District three (3) to host.

Conference Presidents, please encourage your members to attend.

Presidents Workshop

"You're thinking of running for Conference President" workshop will be held on Tuesday, August 9th, at 6:00 pm at Vincentian Support Services.

Future Vice-Presidents are invited to attend also.

Please call to register: 602-261-6803

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our life is a short opportunity to say "yes" to God's love and His call to serve others.

Service is at the core of what it means to be a Christian. Pope John Paul II proclaimed, "By the standards of the world, servanthood is despised, but in the wisdom and providence of God it is the mystery through which Christ redeems the world." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that "Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love for them the condition for entering His kingdom."

Jean Vanier, a Canadian who founded a worldwide network of communities for the mentally disabled, noted significantly that Jesus did not say "Blessed are those who care for the poor," but rather "Blessed are the poor." Simple as this remark may seem, it offers the key to the kingdom.

Wanting to help others in need is a noble, grace-filled desire. But unless we realize that God's blessing is coming to us from those we serve, the emotional burden of helping others may cause our help to be short-lived. Jean Vanier was once asked how he found the strength to see so many people each day and listen to their many problems. He replied: "They show me Jesus and give me life." Vincentians are sustained in our work by the realization that we receive the blessing of God – seeing Christ in them, the essence of Vincentian spirituality – from those to whom we minister.

Many people wonder what joy there can be in the solidarity with the poor to which Vincentians are called. What joy can there be in compassion? People like Francis of Assisi, Mahatma Gandhi, Albert Schweitzer, Dorothy Day and many others were hardly masochistic or morbid. They all radiated a joy largely unknown to a world filled with flawed notions as to what brings us happiness and fulfillment. Such joy is the splendid, secret gift of compassion. Each time we seek to remedy the deprivation, pain and suffering of others we experience anew the joy that is not of this world.

Jesus has given us the consummate example of joyful service. He invites us to serve Him in a world which, in some sense, is upside down, where values which have great importance to many – success, power, popularity – occupy a very different position. His way leads us toward the poor, the suffering, the lonely, the hungry, the homeless – toward all who seek compassion. They cannot offer us earthly treasures and trappings; they can and do give us the joy and peace of the children of God.

We all need such blessings. I believe it is a special source of inspiration for Vincentians to know that the poor are waiting to bless us.

Our faith teaches us to live our lives in imitation of Christ. We are never more Christ-like than when we are serving others. We have God's word that He will not be outdone in His generosity to those who say "yes" to His call.

God bless.

Joe Riley

Vincentians Honored at St. Gregory's

Congratulations!

On May 15, 2011 St Steven's Conference honored eight (8) members for their outstanding service to our clients, and to the Society. The ceremony took place before the final blessing at the 9:15 Mass.

Those honored were from left to right: Verna Freemole, Lorraine Novotny, Fr. Reggie Carreon, Gloria Kishen, Francis Juran, Lydia Butte, John Staley, Ed Freemol and Robert McLane (not shown).

We thank these Vincentians for their total commitment to those less fortunate.



Submitted by Jim Novotny, Jubilarian Chair

Did you know...



Our own Sister Carmel celebrates 50th year.

Fifty years ago the order of St. Francis added Sister Carmel Jacobs to their Franciscan Family.

Today she graces our Watkins Campus with grace and kindness...and continues her calling in an exemplary way.

*Congratulations Sister,
and God Bless*

Lake Havasu City Thrift Store \$5.00 sale a success

On July 8th and 9th the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift in Lake Havasu City had a two-day store wide \$5.00 paper bag sale. The sale included everything in the store including cleaning supplies and it was anything the customer could fit in their brown paper grocery bag that we provided for only \$5.00. the sale was a success and there was over 320 \$5.00 paper bags sold over the two days. We even had some of our loyal customers who waited out in the 100 degree heat before the store opened. This sale was a great way for us to clean our stock out and help multiple families in need with such a great bargain.

We look forward to having the same type of sale possible in October when the weather is cooler and many of our winter visitors will have returned.

Submitted by Sarah Thomas

My call to serve others

“The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as 'Benefactors'; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves.”

-Luke 22:25-27

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, gave these words to His apostles in the midst of the Last Supper to serve as a guide for their future ministry as leaders and shepherds of the Church. These words from Sacred Scripture are also given to us to be the model of true service and authority. Furthermore, these are the words that resonated in my head and within my heart the afternoon I volunteered at St. Vincent de Paul's dining room and when Gabriela Bova asked me to write an article about the time I spent as an intern with the Vincentian Fresh Perspectives Program.

Why this particular piece of scripture?

Because when I reflect on the month I spent with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Phoenix and the people there that I had the privilege to meet, two things come to mind – servant leadership and self-sacrifice. We are all given authority in some capacity in our families, our jobs, and our relationships. Jesus has the ultimate authority, for He is Lord and Savior, but he comes to us as a servant and sacrifice! We must do the same for it is through service and sacrifice, not selfishness, that we find our greatest fulfillment.

As a man discerning a vocation to the holy priesthood, I have learned that this applies even more so to the leaders of the Church! Please believe me when I say that I will take the experiences that I had and examples that I witnessed at St. Vincent de Paul and cherish them as I continue to pursue God's will for my life! May we all strive to serve others and make small sacrifices each day in the model of servant leadership and self-sacrifice that the Lord has given us. May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and lead us to everlasting life!



Submitted by Michael Villanueva

Voice of the Poor

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RESOURCES FOR CONFERENCES

The following is a list of community resources which may be useful to the clients who come to your conference for assistance.

Arizona Department of Economic Security	www.azdes.gov	Arizona's state human services agency - strengthening individuals and families, increasing self-sufficiency, and developing the capacity of communities
Arizona Self Help	www.arizonaselfhelp.org	free and easy way to find out if your family can get help from 31 different health and human services programs
Arizona Workforce Connection	www.arizonavirtualonestop.org	employment tools designed for job seekers, students, case managers, employers, training providers, workforce professionals, and others seeking benefits and services
Association of Arizona Food Banks	www.azfoodbanks.org	includes listings for food banks, pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other facilities that distribute emergency food
AZ Links - Aging & Disability Resource Center	www.azlinks.org	connecting individuals, families and organizations to aging and disability resources and information across Arizona
Benefits Checkup	www.benefitscheckup.org	for adults 55 and older or adults with disabilities. Screens for eligibility in 70 federal and state programs
Child Care Resource & Referral	www.azchildcare.org	statewide program in Arizona that helps families find child care
Community Information & Referral	www.cir.org	easy access to information about health, human, and emergency services provided in Arizona
First Things First	www.azftf.gov	quality early childhood development and health
Health-e-Arizona	www.healthyearizona.org	a single on-line application for Medical, Cash and Nutrition Assistance
My Family Benefits	www.azmyfamilybenefits.gov	an online system that offers Arizona families an easy and secure way to access information about Medical, Cash and Nutrition Assistance

THE MORAL STAND ON THE BUDGET BY THE US BISHOPS

At the beginning of the current federal budget debate, the US Bishops wrote a letter to the US House of Representatives stating that the federal budget should protect human life and dignity, make the poor a top priority and promote the common good of all during tough economic times. Some excerpts are below. See the full text at: <http://usccb.org/sdwp/2012-Budget-Letter-to-House-04-13-11.pdf>

"The moral measure of this budget debate is not which party wins or which powerful interests prevail, but rather how those who are jobless, hungry, homeless or poor are treated. Their voices are too often missing in these debates, but they have the most compelling moral claim on our consciences and our common resources."

"A just framework for future budgets cannot rely on disproportionate cuts in essential services to poor persons," the bishops wrote. "It requires shared sacrifice by all, including raising adequate revenues, eliminating unnecessary military and other spending, and addressing the long-term costs of health insurance and retirement programs fairly."

The bishops also offered a framework of three moral criteria that could guide budgetary decisions:

- Every budget decision should be assessed by whether it protects or threatens human life and dignity.



Manor Moments

Ozanam Manor Transitional Shelter

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 on to the path to independence.

Referral Number: 602-850-6900.

WISH LIST:

- New or gently used bath towels.
- Standard size pillows
- Grocery store gift cards (to buy milk)

Shelter Success

William was referred to Ozanam Manor by Vincentians at the St. Clement of Rome Conference in Sun City. He is developmentally disabled and had become homeless due to losing the Social Security benefits he had since he was a teen, bad financial decisions and poor judgment in people. William has been a model resident during his two- year stay at Ozanam Manor. While fulfilling his duties as a dorm monitor, William took on many extra tasks. He was in charge of ordering food and cleaning supplies, assigning chores and settling any occasional disputes (which are bound to come up when many men share the same living space). William is an avid sports fan and could often be found shooting hoops with other residents of Oz and the neighborhood children. He also took advantage of the Downtown YMCA to keep in shape physically. William utilized the time with his mentor at Ozanam Manor to stay mentally fit while improving his chess game. While a resident, he also had extensive dental work done through Luke Air Force Base and the SVdP Dental Clinic, and cleared up old traffic tickets. Beyond working toward his own goals, William found the time to help others. He could be counted on to look after the well-being of other residents and help the newcomers feel more at home. After waiting patiently for over two years, William was finally awarded the Social Security Disability benefits that he deserves. He has picked out an apartment in Surprise so that he can be close to his aunt and uncle and a car for travelling to the occasional Diamondbacks game. We at Ozanam Manor are so thrilled to know that William will be starting a wonderful new chapter in his life. Still, we will miss his great attitude and helpful ways.

Congratulations to William!

The Vincentian ANNUITY

Supporting St. Vincent de Paul not just for a lifetime, but *forever*.

A gift through the Vincentian Annuity will give you the security of a fixed income over your lifetime and provide support for St. Vincent de Paul that will last forever.

As an example, Helen, an 80-year-old widow and St. Vincent de Paul volunteer, recently established a \$50,000 Vincentian gift annuity. For her age, the annuity rate is 7.1%, meaning she'll receive \$3,550 annually for the rest of her life. And, she may take an income tax deduction of about 50% of her gift this year. Best of all, her gift will support St. Vincent de Paul's work for generations to come. Annuity gifts start at \$10,000.

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

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

For more information or to discuss various giving options, please contact Shannon Clancy at (602) 261-6814 or email plannedgiving@svdphx-az.org

Committee News

Formation & Spirituality meets on the 2nd 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.

Facilities Meets on the Monday preceding the Board meeting, at 9:30 am in the Vincentian Support Center. 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.

Stores meets quarterly, at SVdP 10:30 am. Sub Committee meets once a month. If you have retailing, merchandizing, or just a sense of style, come join us! Please contact Shirley Smalley at (480) 473-8159

*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.*

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're 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.

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

Voice of the Poor

This committee is the advocacy arm of St. Vincent de Paul and works to assess policies and social institutions in terms of their impact on those we serve. Believing in the dignity of every person, Voice of the Poor supports Catholic social teaching and works for justice.

Contact Kathy Jorgensen at kejorg@cox.net if you wish to receive VOP information via e-mail. Meetings are on the last Monday of the month at 3:30PM at St. Francis Xavier Parish Center, 4715 North Central Ave.

Next meeting will be on Monday, August 29, 31st, due to the recess of the legislature.

UPCOMING TRAINING AND FORMATION SESSIONS OFE CLASSES



AUGUST 13TH SATURDAY, **OFE # 3 & #4** PAYSON—9:00 AM NO MASS: **THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT TINY'S FAMILY RESTAURANT, 600 E. HIGHWAY 260 PAYSON—PHONE # 928-474-1244**

AUGUST 13TH SATURDAY, **OFE #1 & #2** CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION—8:00 AM MASS (CLASS IN MCCARTHY HALL)

AUGUST 20TH SATURDAY, **OFE #3 & #4** CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION—8:00 AM MASS (CLASS IN MCCARTHY HALL)

SEPTEMBER 10TH SATURDAY, **OFE #1 & #2** OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP- SCOTTSDALE—MASS AT 8:30 AM

OCTOBER 15TH, SATURDAY, **OFE #3 & #4** ST. BERNADETTE—MASS AT 8:30 AM

OCTOBER 29TH, SATURDAY, **OFE #1 & #2** SACRED HEART PARKER—9:00 AM IN THE CHURCH HALL—NO MASS

OCTOBER 30TH, SUNDAY, **OFE #3 & #4** SACRED HEART PARKER—9:00 AM IN THE PARKER DINING ROOM—NO MASS

NEW MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SERVE CLIENTS, BE MENTORED, AND ATTEND A FEW MEETINGS (APPROXIMATELY 3 TO 6 MONTHS) 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
'Called 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

ALL SAINTS
Deacon Reed
Deacon Vince

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Garth DeLeon
Marilyn Griffith
Lil Harwood
Lorraine McCoy
Pam McNeill

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Gloria Greene

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Jim Murray

ST. AGNES
Willie Muller
Bea Bies
Olive Sullivan
Frank Witte

ST. BRIDGET
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Sister Concepta, IBVM
Emilio Mendez
Dottie Salviano
Timmy Bowerman
Lillian Dye
Bob Ulloa
Sr. Ruth Dittman
Alta Fernandez

ST. JOSEPH
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ST. JEROME
Kathy Jorgensen

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Roseanne Peterson
Alice Turner
Lewis & Josefina Acosta

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Gus Barazza

ST. JEROME
Nancy Barnes

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Rosie Oblinger
Cari Lauffer

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT
Ernie Brehaut
Jo Anne Knox

SAINT TIMOTHY
Tom Keller

OUR LADY OF JOY
William Poortviet

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Andy Pistella
Mary Campbell
Alice Frieese
Deacon Gill Lopez
Al Lopez

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY
Fred Matheson

ST. GABRIEL
Darold Larson
Yolanda Leon
Anthony Skragg
Marilyn Kennedy

ST. GERMAINE
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Sue Christian
Bob & Dorothy Remillard
Rick Matosich
Calli Jo Howard
Trey Kueper
Joel Wernimont
Martin Jeffries
Betty Moroney
Sr. Mary John
Danny Smith
Susan Tamburello
Cleave McKeller
Micheal Smith
Gordon Ackerman
James Bastedo

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Chad Spfoolhoff

ST. HENRY
Irma Hernandez
Ron Hinckles

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Josefina Rodriguez
Ignacio Rodriguez

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Ceara McKenna

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Tony Kalaygian
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Jim Yzaguirre
Frank Plona
Max Gacula
Doris Troop

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Ron and Rhonda Brayman
David Brazil
Julia and Ruben Castillo
Carmen Corcino
Dot Creechley
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Peg and Spike Dorf
Mary Alice Dugan
Eliza Estrada
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Karen Rath
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Terry and Amy Watts
Susan White
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Sue Jacoby
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Rita Gaumond
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Jeanne Anderson
Andrew McGivray

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Rachel Street
Chick Jordan

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Francis Joanes
Walter & Dorothy Bessette

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Yolanda Leon
Freddie Ortega
Vi Doskocil
Jose Leon
Diane Young
Bernie Copeck

ST. RAPHAEL
BeBe and George Warhol

ST. MICHAEL
Manuel Macarenas
Billy Rodriguez

ST. JOACHIM & ST. ANNE
Carolyn McGloughlin
Jack Kelly
Irene Sosnicki
Rita Steckler
Marty Billingsley

ST. JOHN VIANNEY Goodyear
James
Barb's Mother

ST. MARGARET MARY
Bob Morasse

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Pete Martinez
Rori Lovario

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
Velma Scheetz

ST. GREGORY
Dixie Miller
Maybelle Huffaker
Beverly Langevin
Glennie Scott

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



Rebecca Jean LeClere

St Jude, Tuba City

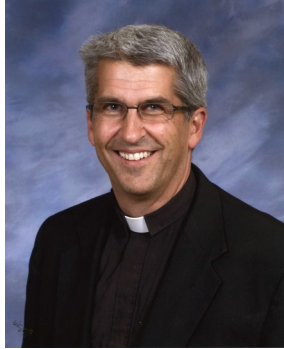
Fr. Francis Peacock

Morris France

St. Thomas Aquinas

***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.***

Morning of Reflection



When: October 1st, 2011

Where: St. Frances Cabrini Church Camp Verde

Time: 9:00 AM Mass

Speaker: Fr. Pat Mower, current Pastor of San Francisco de Assisi Church in Flagstaff.

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