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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)

Western Region

2011 Western Region Meeting Society of St. Vincent de Paul "Restoring Hope through Faith and Love"

Would you like to hear about Ozanam Orientation, attend a Spiritual Advisors Workshop, learn what 'Voice of the Poor' is all about or hear about the Impact of the Economy on the people we serve?, then the Western Region Meeting is just for you.

Our special guest will be the International President, Michael Thio. You will want to hear what message this president brings to us in Phoenix.

In addition there will be times for Vincentians from the Western region to share their successful ideas and discuss what is working for helping our clients as well as having time to enjoy Phoenix and the surrounding desert scenes.

Maybe you want to see Sedona, or play a round of golf on a prestigious Arizona golf course, or enjoy some of the wonderful restaurants of Phoenix.

Plan on joining us for the Western Region Meeting, May 11-15, 2011 in Phoenix, hosted by St. Vincent de Paul, Phoenix Diocese.

MORNING OF REFLECTION

With Retreat master Fr. Jack Spaulding, pastor of St. Timothy Parish in Mesa.

This is an opportunity for us to remove ourselves from the hustle and bustle of our daily routine and be in the presence of God. Through spiritual talks and periods of meditation, one has an opportunity to view themselves and their relationship to the Creator.

Please join us at Corpus Christi in Phoenix.

Saturday, March 5th

Mass will begin at 8:15 am

RSVP: Call Sandy at 602.261.6803

Theme: *"Be still and know that I am God"*

General Membership Meeting

Please note that because of the renovation in the Hall of Banners, we will have the next General Membership meeting on April 16th, 2011.

Please have your banners ready to be hung before April 16th.

He enjoys true leisure who has time to improve his soul's estate.

By Henry D. Thoreau

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The season of Lent reminds us that we do not journey through life alone. Our Lord's constant companionship gives us the strength and peace we need to live and love one another as He calls us to do.

Making God present to the poor through our loving, reassuring presence and letting them see the joy in us as we serve them enriches both their lives and ours. Restoring hope to those who have none is truly a life-changing act of love.

While addressing their needs, Vincentians share with the poor the joy and hope we have in our hearts. We cherish a feeling of solidarity with them which is central to our mission of service. They are, after all, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The many ways in which St. Vincent de Paul serves the needy in Arizona and throughout the world exemplify the love and compassion Christ calls us to show each other. Our caring actions on their behalf also are precious gifts of hope for a brighter future and a better life.

Every day we are presented with priceless opportunities to transform lives – from feeling helpless to feeling hopeful, from feeling vulnerable to feeling valuable. When someone who has lost hope discovers there are people who truly care, then something magical, even miraculous, can happen.

That happy thought brings to my mind something once said by the great naturalist John Muir that I find very meaningful: "The sun shines not *on* us but *in* us." It is a special privilege for me to work side by side with my fellow Vincentians who radiate so much inner sunshine as you lovingly assist the less fortunate of God's children.

Such splendid light, born of your goodness and generosity, is an apt symbol for our service to others in the name of Christ. He is the source of the light we bring to those whose world has been darkened by distressing circumstance. How wonderful it is that our Vincentian vocation inspires us to illuminate His love and hope in the lives of the poor as we light the world around us, one member of the human family at a time.

Many years ago, a friend from Tennessee whose father was a country preacher introduced me to a spiritual song I always love to hear. Titled "Whispering Hope," its opening words have special meaning for me as a Vincentian:

*Soft as the voice of an angel
Breathing a lesson unheard
Hope with a gentle persuasion
Whispers her comforting word.*

Hope, together with faith and love, is at the very heart of our Vincentian mission. As we journey through Lent and through our life, may we let the strength and peace we have in Jesus inspire us to be people of hope for one another and for those we joyfully serve in His name.

God bless.

Joe Riley

A SPECIAL DAY FOR US

We invite you to begin planning now to immerse yourself in a 12-hour shared Vincentian experience coming to Phoenix.

Event: Final day of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Western Regional Meeting
Date: Saturday, May 14
Time: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
Place: Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Phoenix

This special day is the finale of our four-day meeting and is structured so that our local Vincentians will have easy and ready access to many of the most interesting, informative and important functions of this event.

Hear firsthand and meet, up close and personal, those who lead our Society at the international, national and regional level, including Michael Thio, President General of the International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Mix and mingle with brother and sister Vincentians from 10 Western states.

Share and compare your lived Vincentian experiences with others beyond your conference who have been called to share in our ministry of serving Christ in the poor.

Choose to take part in one of the six morning workshops, expanding the horizon of who we are, what we do and why we do it.

Break for lunch (on your own). Explore the multiple attractions at Phoenix's nearby new CityScape shops and restaurants.

During the afternoon, take advantage of any of the 12 workshop opportunities at the meeting. Also, mingle with your fellow Vincentians and share stories over a cup of coffee in our special hospitality suite.

Celebrate 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Basilica with Bishop Olmsted – a Mass of Solidarity and Thanksgiving – *We Are One Body, One Body In Christ, And We Do Not Stand Alone.*

Following Mass, join us for our reception and banquet in the Hyatt Regency ballroom.

The cost for Saturday is \$75 and includes all events, including workshops, hospitality room and evening banquet. We are asking Conferences and District Councils to consider partial subsidies for members who may find the \$75 registration fee to be a financial hardship.

We are also asking local (Maricopa County) Vincentian families to consider opening their homes to our Vincentians from Districts, 1, 2 and 10 (Coconino, Mohave and Yavapai counties) who will be with us during all or part of the Regional Meeting. For more information on this SPECIAL DAY FOR US, call Sandy Edwards at Vincentian Support Services at (602) 261-6803.

Western Regional Meeting attendees to tour Dan O'Meara Center

Western Regional Meeting will be May 11-14, 2011. It is being held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona.

On Friday May 13, 2011 our brother and sister Vincentians from ten (10) western states that make up the western region will be touring the Dan O'Meara Center. There we will have displays of the special works our conference's do. These displays will be located in the Exhibit Hall.

We need for you to speak to your conference presidents about obtaining pictures and a short caption explaining the pictures.

Listed Below are some suggestions:

Our annual Food Drive-----Twinning etc.
Operating or working in a Thrift Store.
Working with a Indian Mission on the reservation.
Honoring our Jubilarians.
Adopt a Family.
Winter Clothing Drives.
Back to school Clothing Drives & School supplies.
Food Reclamation Twinning.
Donating Bottled Water during the summer months.
Nativity Sets for the poor.
Turkey Tuesday.

There are so many projects that we do, this is the time to share your good ideas with your fellow Vincentians from the west.

We need these photos and captions by March 1, 2011

Thank you for your continued cooperation, keep up the GREAT WORK.

Please send your pictures to Jim Novotny c/o VSS P.O. Box 13600, Phoenix AZ 85003-3600

If you have any questions please call me.

God Bless
Jim Novotny---480-895-2293
Western Region Planning Committee



Calling all Volunteers

The Western Regional Conference Meeting is going to be in PHOENIX, ARIZONA, this May 11th-15th. If you are interested in volunteering anywhere from one hour to several hours during the meeting or per day, please call 602-261-6820, leave your name and number and you will be contacted within 48 hours to be assigned a station.

We will need volunteers in Registration, Information, Hospitality Suite, Banquet Set up and many other areas. Please help us make this a successful meeting with your volunteerism.

Volunteers have always been instrumental in making these occasions a success. Looking forward to hearing from all of you!

Blessings,
Sandy Ettmueller

Serve Our Store Committee Presents Appreciation Certificates



SVdP thrift stores are an integral part of the Society's ministry to the poor. Not only do they act as distribution points for the Society to give away clothing and essential household items to families, they also generate income for other programs that serve the homeless and working poor.

Thanks to the support of conferences, the stores have thrived and grown over the last few years. The Serve Our Stores committee and our retail operations staff are committed to strengthening our partnerships with conferences to further improve our stores.

To recognize conferences that have provided extra support for our stores, the committee presents them with certificates of appreciation during general membership meetings. We appreciate conferences that donate items, volunteer in our stores and use thrift store vouchers to provide for the needy. The certificates are a way for us to express our appreciation, because it is only through your support that our stores can better serve the community. ❖

Words of Inspiration From Our Founder Bl. Frederic Ozanam



...Pardon me if I have waited so long a time to fulfill a most pleasant duty, that of congratulating you on your charitable efforts to establish in the town of Aix a little colony of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Your letter, communicated to our brothers in Paris, has moved their piety in a lively way; they have asked me to tell you how much the establishing of this new house of faith and love in the middle of religious Provence interests them...soon all towns that gather a studious youth around certain chairs will also have a conference to gather together Christian youth.

“Life in Letters,” September 3, 1839

2011 SVdP Western Regional Meeting Golf Tournament Registration

Date: **Wednesday, May 11, 2011**

Check in: **12 noon to 12:45 PM**

Tee off: **1:00 PM**

Shotgun Format



[300 E. Wigwam Blvd.
Litchfield Park, Az. 85340
623- 935- 3811
www.wigwamresort.com
[Map It Directions](#)

- Cost:** \$500 for 4-some and hole sponsorship
- \$200 for hole sponsorship
- \$75 for individual golfer (add \$25 after 4/22/11)
- \$500 for dinner sponsorship

Light Dinner is included in cost of golf (\$20 dinner only)

Awards and Raffle following the golf

Rental clubs available

May also register on-line at:

www.2011svdpwesternregionphxmtg.org

Company/Organization _____

Address _____

Prize Donated _____

Golfers _____

Captain _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Phone Number _____ - _____

OR pay by check made out to: **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Golf**

Mail to: Brian O'Donnell

St. Vincent de Paul Golf

Western Regional Meeting

P. O. Box 13600

Phoenix, Az. 85002

Questions: ODONNELL@2011svdpwesternregionphxmtg.org



SVdP LENTEN MISSION

“Serving with Mercy”

Come to know how Mercy is an integral part of our Vincentian vocation. Give your Lenten journey a real spiritual boost by coming to learn about the five ingredients of Divine Mercy and how to use them in your Vincentian Life.

**Sunday, April 3rd, 4pm
ST. Agnes Church / Donohoe Hall
1954 N. 24th ST. Phoenix, AZ
For information call 623-931-2821**



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 onto the path to independence. Referral Number: 602-850-6900.

A Better Life

The day I got out of Prison, the Greyhound dropped me off.
 At a place in Phoenix, AZ, Man I was so lost.
 Didn't have any money, didn't know where to go
 I ended up in a place, they called the overflow.
 This place was for the homeless, the mats were wall to wall.
 I didn't know what to do; I had no one to call.
 After two weeks I was put in, a place that's known as C.A.S.S.
 It was a little safer, I felt better there at last.
 After six months my time was up, and I had to be gone, then
 My case worker told me about, a place called Ozanam.
 I went down to see them, 1730 E. Monroe.
 I was so relieved; I had a place to go.
 They told me I had three months, more if I could find a job.
 The staff was so darn friendly, told them I would try real hard.
 The first night was like Heaven, I didn't feel alone.
 Everyone made me welcome; it was just like comin home.
 My first case worker was Mila; she worked each day with me.
 Thank God that she had patience; there was no work you see.
 At the end of my three months, I didn't know what to do.
 Mila said hang in there; something will come through.
 Now this place furnished bus tickets; so I could get around,
 Each day I hunted for a job, but nothing could be found.
 I was starting to feel guilty, living there free and all
 But the staff kept sayin, hang in there, some job is sure to call.
 Then Mila left Ozanam, had other things to do.
 Michelle was my new case worker; she said I'll work with you.
 Michelle tried everything, to find me a job.
 Then she left for the V.A., Mary Beth would carry on.
 Now Mary Beth was wonderful, but only my case worker for a short while.
 Then Jamie she took over, she'd laugh at me and smile.
 She's say don't get discouraged; you're doing all you can do;
 Just keep right on looking, something will come through.
 Now Mike was a wonderful man, would always greet you with a smile.
 He'd always make you feel at home, and I'd sure lived there a while.
 Chris came to work for Ozanam, after I was there over a year.
 This lady could get things done, she really seemed to care.
 A new case worker, her name was Alex started there my second year.
 She'd always make you feel at home, fill you with good cheer.
 They'd furnish meals, a laundry room, and presents on holidays.
 Sister Mary was the nurse, would keep you healthy through your stay.
 Now I'm working horses, even have my own home.
 And each day I pray and thank God, thanks to OZ I'm not alone.
 So I'd like to take this time to say; Thank You St. Vincent de Paul.
 And all the staff at Ozanam May the good LORD Bless You All.

Voice of the Poor

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www.voiceofthepoor.org

www.stvincentdepaul.net

Notes from the January 12 Opening Session of the Arizona House of Representatives Health and Human Services Committee

VOP committee member, John Winters, attended the Opening Session. Here are notes he took from the many hours of testimony.

From Neal Young, director of the Dept of Economic Security: Arizona is second highest in the nation for the proportion of its residents living in poverty at 16½%, and 23% of our children...almost 1 in 4 live in poverty. In fiscal year 2011, 70% of DES services are financed by the federal government, so loss of any of this funding would have a huge effect on the state. Since the start of the recession, DES staff has dropped from 10,000 to 8,200. The typical DES worker is overloaded with about 160% of the standard caseload. Prior to 2009, all who applied for childcare were served. In fiscal year 2011, the waiting list is 8,753.

Information supplied by AHCCCS Director Tom Betlach: ¾ of his funding is from the federal government. Since the beginning of the recession his staff has dropped from 1,350 to 900. When AHCCCS started in 1985 its population was 144,000. Last year it was nearly 1.4 million, a tenfold increase. Since the start of the recession, AHCCCS population has grown by 300,000 and there are tens of thousands on waiting lists. In 2014, Medicaid, therefore AHCCCS, will be expanding to 133% of the federal poverty level, which will assign hundreds of thousands more to AHCCCS rolls. Federal law requires that states continue Medicaid funding at the level that existed when the health care bill became law. In Arizona, this figure is 100% of the federal poverty level. AHCCCS is the state's biggest budget dilemma, with a deficit of about one billion dollars. The state is asking the federal government for a waiver to enable the state to drop the hundreds of thousands of clients necessary to balance the budget. Without the waiver, the state faces a loss of seven billion dollars in federal funds. Arizona itself provides about two billion dollars for AHCCCS. This cut of seven billion in federal funds would strip 1.3 million Arizonans now covered, including some of the seriously mentally ill.

Will Humble, Director of the Dept of Health Services, drew a similar picture of reduced staff and continuing demand for services. He said that a total of 1.9 billion dollars, or 17% of his budget, is from the federal government.

Annual Catholic Social Ministry Gathering, Washington, D.C. 2/13-2/16

There are 12 individuals from Arizona attending this conference...5 in this group are Vincentians including our national vice president, Terry Wilson. This year's theme is "Protecting Human Life and Dignity: Promoting a Just Economy". On Tuesday afternoon delegations from various states will visit their elected representatives on Capitol Hill to deliver information about pending legislation.

Kino Border Initiative VOP members Ron Meyer and Lucy Howell working on an upcoming fundraising dinner for KBI, the ministry that Jesuit Refugee Services has set up on the U.S./Mexican border in Nogales. KBI offers both spiritual support to those recently deported as well as nourishment and other aid. The event is planned for March 12, 2011. Although this is not a VOP or SVdP event, we felt Vincentians would have in interest in this wonderful Jesuit ministry. Contact Lucy Howell for more information on the upcoming dinner: 602-695-1604.

Monthly VOP Meeting Date and Time

VOP meetings take place on the third Wednesday of each month at 3:30PM. The next scheduled meeting will take place on March 16th. Meetings are held at St. Francis Xavier Parish Center, 4715 N Central Ave. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Contacts: Julie Douglas jcdouglas@cox.net

Kathy Jorgenson kejorg@cox.net

News from Cuernavaca

Steve Jenkins and Louise Precosky visited our adopted SVDP Council of the State of Morelos, Mexico in Cuernavaca from January 13 to 22. The weather in Cuernavaca, the City of Eternal Spring, was quite agreeable, temperatures ranging from the 60's at night to the high 70's during the day.

The Council with its five conferences is very busy. The Report of Activities of the Council for the four months from September through December, 2010, indicate that they assisted 82 students with scholarships, 7 of whom are hearing impaired. In addition they are providing living assistance to 12 elderly persons and 6 families. The Vincentians provide emergency assistance at times but primarily concentrate on maintaining the scholarship students and their families and the elderly. Anyone interested may sponsor a student for 6 months for \$120 or assist an elderly person for 6 months \$140.



The St. Vincent de Paul Center in Cuernavaca contains a kitchen, dining room, library, rest rooms and storage. The dining area is an all-purpose area of 4,500 square feet and is used on a daily basis. In addition to providing meals on Saturdays to all the families they serve, the Center is the hub of daily workshops and other activities. The workshops are providing the parents of the students with training in a variety of skills. For instance, a chef teaches cooking five days a week and her graduates have been able to obtain jobs in restaurants. There is a course in cosmetology where ladies learn hair styling, manicure, pedicure, and nail decoration.. With this training, students can take a test for a license and go into business. There are classes in sandal making, jewelry making, sewing, painting on cloth, decorating and embroidery. To get the ladies in shape, there is even a weekly class in Zumba! The idea of these workshops

This is the 23rd year of the founding of the first SVDP conference in Cuernavaca and the 23rd year of their relationship with the Council of Phoenix. It is truly amazing to see what the Society in Cuernavaca has been able to achieve with the assistance of our Phoenix Council and the many individuals here who have provided scholarships and other assistance to the students and families.

For its 25th Anniversary celebration in 2013, the Council hopes to build additional space in their Center for more classes, an office, and a meeting room. In addition, with only part-time workers to monitor the activities, there is a need for an executive director to assist the Council and the conferences and to run the SVDP Center. A paid executive director would be able to contact foundations and other sources of funding in Cuernavaca would be able to attract significant operating funds.

The assistance of our Phoenix Diocesan Council, districts, conferences and many individuals have allowed the Vincentians in Cuernavaca to create kind of a mini-Phoenix Council which has allowed them to serve hundreds of families throughout the past 22 years and will allow the Society in Cuernavaca to become a significant community organization.

Submitted by Steve Jenkins

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.

St. Vincent de Paul
Phoenix Diocesan Council

- 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 Steve Zabalski at 602-261-6801 or email szabalski@svdp-phx-az.org

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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 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3:30PM at St. Francis Xavier Parish Center, 4715 North Central Ave

UPCOMING TRAINING AND FORMATION SESSIONS OFE CLASSES



MARCH 12TH SATURDAY, OFE#1 & OFE #2 ST. JOHN VIANNEY, SEDONA— 9:00 AM NO MASS

MARCH 19TH SATURDAY, OFE #3 & OFE #4 ST. JOHN VIANNEY, SEDONA— 9:00 AM NO MASS

WILL MEET AT THE ELKS LODGE—110 AIRPORT ROAD, SEDONA (ACROSS THE HIGHWAY FROM JOHN VIANNEY)

APRIL 2ND SATURDAY, OFE 1 & OFE #2 ST. CLEMENT OF ROME, 8:30 AM NO MASS (BIG HALL AT CHURCH)

APRIL 9TH SATURDAY, OFE #3 & OFE #4 ST CLEMENT OF ROME, 8:30 AM NO MASS (BIG HALL AT CHURCH)

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 Al
Deacon Vince

ST. MARY, CHANDLER

Gloria Greene

JOHN PAUL II

Jim Murray

ST. AGNES

Bill Guarino
Gunther Esner
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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

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.



Mrs. Peggy O'Meara

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Jeff O'Donnell

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Jim Pickarad

St. James

Ludwig "Lud" Keaton

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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.***



Remembering Peggy O'Meara

Peggy J. O'Meara 80, born Jane Margaret McInnis, in Eau Claire, WI, Mrs. O'Meara died on January 30, 2011, in Scottsdale, AZ. Peggy graduated from St. Patrick's High School, Eau Claire, WI and then studied recreation at Wisconsin State University - Eau Claire. She married Leonard H. Gearan, a career Army aviator from Gardner, MA; together they traveled the world with their four children until his retirement. Following Leonard's death, she married Phoenix businessman and co-founder of the Valley's Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Daniel O'Meara in 1985. For nearly 30 years, Peggy and Dan worked tirelessly for the Valley's needy families and elderly. She served as director of the Transient Aide Center, which provides emergency food relief to homeless families, and later managed "Seniors Helping Seniors," a nationally award-winning home weatherization program sponsored by Southwest Gas and the Arizona Department of Energy. In retirement, she served on the board of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Phoenix Diocesan Council. Peggy is survived by her children, Jane Mueller and her children Meg, Peter, and Steven of Fall Creek, WI; Ann Leslie of West Hartford, CT; Timothy Gearan, his wife Anne and daughter Claire, of Washington, DC; John Gearan and his wife Susan of Washington, DC; her stepson Gerard, his wife Maryanne and their children Stephen of Denver, CO, and Anne of Tucson, AZ; her brother, John McInnis of Prescott, AZ; sister-in-law, Jan (Dittmer) McInnis of Richmond, VA; two great grandchildren and 17 nieces and nephews. Mrs. O'Meara was preceded in death by both husbands, her parents, her sister Mary Hauser, her brothers, Roderick and James McInnis and niece, Jill McInnis.

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