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UPCOMING TRAINING & FORMATION SESSIONS

- July 12th Saturday **OFE #1 & #2** -- Vincintian Support Center, 420 W. Watkins Road, Phoenix 9:00 am to Noon, lunch provided, then 12:30 to 3:30 pm.
- July 12th Saturday **OFE #1 & #2** – St. Gabriel, 32648 No. Cave Creek Road (west side) just south of Carefree Highway – NO Mass -- 9:00 am to Noon, lunch provided, then 12:30 to 3:30 pm.
- July 19th Saturday **OFE #3 & #4** -- Vincintian Support Center, 420 W. Watkins Road, Phoenix 9:00 am to Noon, lunch provided, then 12:30 to 3:30 pm.
- July 19th Saturday **OFE #1 & #2** – St. Gabriel, 32648 No. Cave Creek Road (west side) just south of Carefree Highway – NO Mass -- 9:00 am to Noon, lunch provided, then 12:30 to 3:30 pm.
- Aug 2nd Saturday **OFE #1 & #2** – St. Joseph (Williams AZ), time and place to be announced -- likely 9 am to Noon, lunch provided, then 12:30 to 3:30 pm.
- Aug 3rd Sunday **OFE #3 & #4** – St. Joseph (Williams AZ), time and place to be announced -- likely 8:00 am Mass, then 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, lunch provided, then 1:00 to 4:00 pm.
- Sept 13th Saturday **OFE #1 & #2** – St. Thomas Aquinas, Litchfield Road (just So. of Thomas), Goodyear/Litchfield Park -- 8:00 am Mass, morning session 8:30 am to Noon, lunch provided, then 12:30 to 3:30 pm.
- Sept 27th Saturday **OFE #3 & #4** – St. Thomas Aquinas, Litchfield Road (just So. of Thomas), Goodyear/Litchfield Park -- 8:00 am Mass, morning session 8:30 am to Noon, lunch provided, then 12:30 to 3:30 pm.



PLEASE CALL IN YOUR RESERVATION FOR ANY OF THESE SESSIONS 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.

FOOD ALLOTMENT PICKUP DATES CHANGED

Effective June 2008, the food allotments for the month must be picked up between the first and 22nd of the month, to give Food Reclamation more time to build the next month's allotments. If for some reason you cannot pickup by the 22nd, call Carl Deimeke at 602-261-6851 and they can arrange to hold until the 25th. You may continue to pick up free dry or canned product, meat and produce the entire month. Any questions, give Carl a call at 602-261-6851.

EARLY CALENDAR REMINDER

MORNING OF REFLECTION

October 11, 2008

tentatively set for THE GOLDMAN AUDITORIUM
at **ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL**
350 W. Thomas Rd., Phoenix

8:00 am Mass (Chapel)

8:40 am Registration, coffee & donuts (auditorium)

12:00 pm Conclusion

You are free to stay after the morning talks
to eat in St. Joseph's beautiful cafeteria

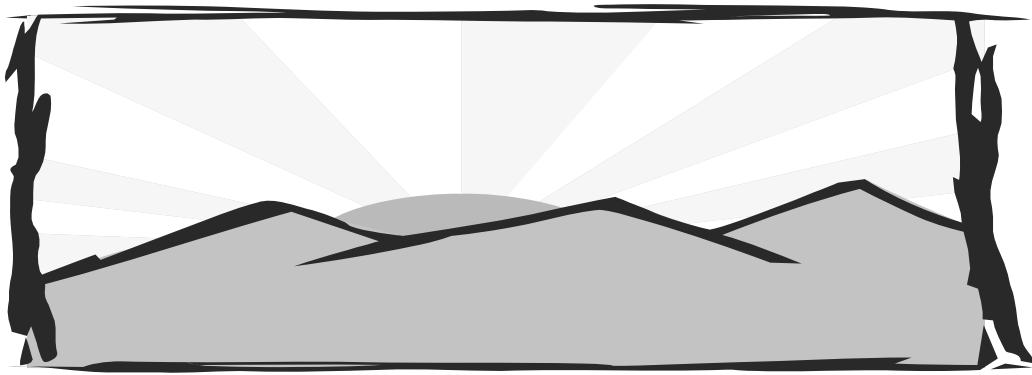
with Retreatmaster

SISTER BRIDGET CHAPMAN, MM

*a multi-degreed and world-traveling Maryknoll Sister
specializing in spiritual direction and guided retreats*

This is an opportunity for individuals to remove themselves from the hustle and bustle of their 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 their Creator.

**Spread the word now.
Start getting commitments to attend!**



General Membership Meeting in Flagstaff passes all items

The weather was warm (but not 104° like in the Valley), our hosts were gracious, San Francisco de Asís and its Pastor, Fr. Patrick Mowrer, provided us with sacred music and an inspiring liturgy, the lunch was both appetizing and plentiful, and 241 Vincentians showed up for the Society's first General Membership Meeting in Flagstaff -- 147 miles one-way from our normal gathering place.

That, Ladies and Gentlemen, is quite an accomplishment, considering that we have had General Membership Meetings *in Phoenix* where we failed to draw 241 people!

Besides, all was for a good cause – the new By-Laws passed about 72 to 3, the new Conference Governance was approved about 70 to 6, and the sale of our Glendale Thrift Store received near unanimous approval!

There was spirited discussion about the new policy for dealing with sex offenders in the conferences. A similar policy for volunteers and paid staff at headquarters, thrift stores, dining rooms, shelters, et al. had been previously passed by the Board.

Afterwards, many Vincentians visited Flagstaff's most unique and very successful thrift store.

And Vincentians went home with armfuls of door prizes, including the Grand Prize – three (3) nights at your own fully-equipped cabin in the pines

There was enthusiastic talk about doing this again, perhaps in Prescott or even Lake Havasu City (hmmm, if we went to Bullhead City which is closer, we'd have Laughlin just across the river!). Anyone for an overnight at a River Casino?



CATHOLIC SUN WRITER EXTOLS SVDP FOR HELP- ING US LIVE OUT WHAT OUR FAITH TEACHES.

Chris Benguhe once covered the famous and the felonious. And Chris is not just some amateur writer off the street. Chris is a former *People* magazine writer, contributor to *Time*, and currently writes for the *Messenger of St. Anthony* as well as the *Catholic Sun*.

His beat was once the OJ Simpson case and Jon Benet's killing. He worked the heartbreaking stories of Princess Diana's accidental death and the Columbine massacre.

Chris told the world's most provocative stories, but he gave up the world of glitz and glamour to make a difference with his words.

Now he chronicles real extraordinary stories of everyday courageous and dynamic individuals whose lives were transformed by tough times and tells their stories of triumph over tragedy and the lessons they learned in his se-



ries of internationally published books, columns and lectures.

His first book **Triumphs Of The Heart** was introduced by President G.W. Bush. His latest book **Overcoming Life's 7 Common Tragedies: Opportunities For Discovering God** (May 2008 from Paulist Press) examines the positive potential of tragedy to bring people closer to each other and to realize their ultimate purpose. His books have been translated into Chinese, Korean and Portuguese.

Through his Catholic column, *A BETTER VIEW*, which runs in Arizona's Catholic **Sun**, the official publication of the Phoenix Roman Catholic Diocese, Benguhe inspires 100,000 readers with a positive, hopeful and faithful perspective on tragedy and tribulation.

Chris' new book, *Overcoming Life's 7 Common Tragedies: Opportunities For Discovering God*, is available for \$16.95 to Vincentians; S&H is \$3.00 for the first autographed book and \$1.00 more for each additional book. Order from Chris Benguhe, P. O. Box 7265, Phoenix, AZ 85011.

