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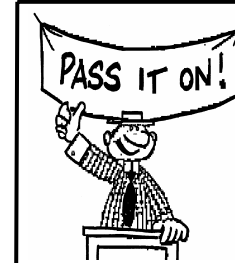


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December 21, 2007



From: Vincentian Support Services
To: Conference Presidents
 Conference Back-Ups
 District Presidents



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Phoenix Council Founder Dies

John Elias Bedway, who along with Dan O'Meara and Matt Scott, helped establish the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Phoenix, completed his journey in life on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007. He was born on November 21, 1936 in Toledo, Ohio.

John worked for 36 years for the Salt River Project as a Heavy Equipment Operator. In 1952, he was the youngest of the organizers of the St. Vincent De Paul Charity Dining Room in Phoenix, serving as its first cook. In 1979 he moved to Concho and retired as the Coal Yard Forman for the Coronado Generating Station in St. Johns.

John cared for those around him throughout his life, including serving as Concho Fire District Chief and Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 562 in Phoenix, where he guided 15 young men to the rank of Eagle Scout.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. And may his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



JAN. 5th 9:00 am Vincentian Support Center

Current and prospective trainers, as well as Vincentians interested in the further development of the OFE program, will meet to finalize recommendations for the reordering and/or restructuring of the syllabus for the OFE curriculum. If you are interested in participating, contact Chairman Jim Prendergast, (480) 836-8082. We anticipate the meeting could run until 1:00 pm.

Feb. 16, 2008 -- hold this date open

for the *Morning of Reflection* with Fr. Bill Fitzgerald of OLPH Scottsdale, scheduled at St. Raphael in Glendale from 8:30 am (Mass) to 12:00 noon. You don't have to be Irish to enjoy Father's wonderful sense of humor or to appreciate his deep, heartfelt concern for the least of those in our society today.

Spiritual Advisors

Please send us a word, phrase or even sentence describing the topic or problem(s) that bother you the most in serving as your conference or district Spiritual Advisor. These will be used at the Spiritual Advisor's workshops.

New Spiritual Advisors Workshop -- May 10th

Yes, this is a switch. The NEW Spiritual Advisor's Workshop will now be held in the Spring (it takes that long for October's class of new conference and district presidents to get a SA and for them to get into the swing of things).

The "I'm not new" Spiritual Advisor's Workshop will be held on Sept. 13th, starting at 8:30 am. It will continue to be a refresher course with a roundtable format that has proven to be so popular and successful.

MISSING CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS

The following conferences have failed to return signed Conflict of Interest forms required by the Society's Auditors. Please locate these forms, have them signed, and then send them to Vincentian Support Services as soon as possible. Thank you.

- Dist. One: Immaculate Conception (Cottonwood), St. John Vianney (Sedona)
- Dist. Two: Our Lady of the Desert (Dolan Springs), St. Joan of Arc (Blythe), St. Margaret Mary (Bullhead City)
- Dist. Three: St. Anthony (Wickenburg), St. Charles Borromeo (Peoria), Santa Teresita (El Mirage), St. Clement of Rome and St. Elizabeth Seton (Sun City)
- Dist. Four: St. Helen (Glendale), St. Joan of Arc, St. Joseph
- Dist. Five: St. Maria Goretti, St. Mark
- Dist. Six: OLPH Glendale, St. Francis Xavier, St. Louis the King, St. Mary's Basilica, St. Thomas the Apostle, Saints Simon & Jude

MISSING CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS *(cont'd.)*

- Dist. Seven Holy Family, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sacred Heart (Phoenix), St. Anthony (Phoenix), St. Catherine of Siena, St. Edward, St. Jude/Pope John Paul II Special Ministries
- Dist. Eight Blessed Sacrament (Tolleson), St. Augustine, St. Henry (Buckeye), St. Michael (Gila Bend), St. Thomas Aquinas (Avondale), St. William (Cashion), St. John Vianney (Goodyear)
- Dist. Nine All Saints, Holy Cross, St. Bridget, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Timothy
- Dist. Ten Sacred Heart (Prescott), St. Catherine Laboure (Chino Valley), St. Philip Benizi (Black Canyon City)
- Dist. Eleven Ascension (Fountain Hills), St. Bernard of Clairvaux, St. Gabriel (Cave Creek), St. Philip the Apostle (Payson), St. Rose Philippine Duchesne/Good Shepherd (Anthem)
- Dist. Twelve All Saints Newman Center (ASU), Resurrection, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Benedict, St. Mary (Chandler)

UPCOMING TRAINING & FORMATION SESSIONS

- Jan. 12th **Saturday – OFE # 1 + # 2** – St. Jerome, 10815 No. 35th Ave., Phoenix AZ
8:30 am start (no Mass) to 11:30, lunch provided, then 12:15 to 3:15 pm
- Jan. 12th **Saturday – OFE # 1 + # 2** – Prince of Peace (14818 W. Deer Valley Road, Sun City West) 8:30 am start (no Mass) to 11:30, lunch provided, then 12:15 to 3:15 pm
- Jan. 19th **Saturday – OFE # 1 + # 2** – Holy Cross (Mesa), Room J., Fr. Mitchell Hall,
8:30 am start (no Mass) to 11:30, lunch provided, then 12:15 to 3:15 pm
- Jan. 26th **Saturday – OFE # 3 + # 4** – St. Jerome, 10815 No. 35th Ave., Phoenix AZ
8:30 am start (no Mass) to 11:30, lunch provided, then 12:15 to 3:15 pm
- Jan. 26th **Saturday – OFE # 3 + # 4** – Prince of Peace (14818 W. Deer Valley Road, Sun City West) 8:30 am start (no Mass) to 11:30, lunch provided, then 12:15 to 3:15 pm
- Jan. 26th **Saturday – OFE # 1** – St. Bernadette (16245 No. 60th St., Scottsdale)
8:30 am Mass to start, ends at Noon
- Feb. 2st **Saturday – OFE # 2** – St. Bernadette (16245 No. 60th St., Scottsdale)
8:30 am Mass to start, ends at Noon
- Feb. 9th **Saturday – OFE # 3 + # 4** – Holy Cross (Mesa), Room J., Fr. Mitchell Hall,
8:30 am start (no Mass) to 11:30, lunch provided, then 12:15 to 3:15 pm

UPCOMING TRAINING & FORMATION SESSIONS *(cont'd.)*

Feb. 9th **Saturday – OFE # 3** – St. Bernadette (16245 No. 60th St., Scottsdale)
8:30 am Mass to start, ends at Noon

Feb. 23rd **Saturday – OFE # 4** – St. Bernadette (16245 No. 60th St., Scottsdale)
8:30 am Mass to start, ends at Noon



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 when the session has been cancelled. Thank you.

Clases en Español

OFE # 1- Sábado, 12 de Enero - en Santa Inés, 1954 North 24th Street
8:30 am - 1:00 pm

OFE # 2- Sábado, 26 de Enero - en Santa Inés, 1954 North 24th Street
8:30 am - 1:00 pm

OFE # 3- Sábado, 9 de Febrero - en Santa Inés, 1954 North 24th Street
8:30 am - 1:00 pm

OFE # 4- Sábado, 23 de Febrero - en Santa Inés, 1954 North 24th Street
8:30 am - 1:00 pm

MUY IMPORTANTE

Tiene que llamar a Alberto en su celular (602-321-8649) para que estén incluidos en las clases.

WESTERN REGION NEWSLETTER ATTACHED ***Best Practices Sought***

The latest issue of the Western Region Newsletter follows. If your conference has a unique or very successful program, please write it up and we will submit it to this newsletter. Other conference are desperate for new and better ideas and programs. By sharing what you have done successfully, over a thousand other conferences in the West can learn and grow from your idea!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Prayer Line

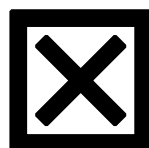
Last issue, in the envelope sent to conference presidents was a list containing the names of individuals whom we were asked to place on the prayer line. Many of those names have been on the list for months and even years. The Lord knows we all need prayers, but the list is intended for those with serious medical problems and the like -- not for those who would just like a bunch of people praying for them.

Please update this list, removing those who have died or who no longer need our prayers, and send to Paul Kelley at Vincentian Support Services.

Second Morning of Reflection this Fall...

.....tentatively set for Oct. 11th. Location to be announced We are trying to entice the former Chairman of the Spirituality Committee -- Fr. Tom Bielawa, S.C.S. -- to be our retreat master. More details later.

ELECTION RESULTS



At the General Membership Meeting on Dec. 15th, the membership, through their conferences, **voted 54 to 9** to permit those who are not Catholic, but who meet all other requirements for full membership in the Society, to vote on all conference matters but not hold office.

QUESTION

Did any conference switch banks over the “**Corporate Name**” project? If so, please contact Dolores Segovia (602-261-6809) or DSEGOVIA@SVDP-PHX-AZ.ORG. Thank you.

KIDSCARE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Here is an opportunity for your Conference to help enroll eligible uninsured children in KidsCare! It is estimated that there are 130,000 Arizona children without healthcare who are eligible for KidsCare (low income healthcare). Last session, the state legislature set aside funding for KidsCare outreach. *Outreach funding was part of the Voice of the Poor legislative agenda last session.*

Faith-based organizations, non-profits and schools are being asked to help provide sites and volunteers for a KidsCare Enrollment Event on February 14 – “Love Your KidsDay.”

KIDSCARE COMMUNITY OUTREACH (cont'd.)

Your Conference can help make healthcare a reality for of every eligible child in our state by helping out just ONE day.

Zip codes identified by the State where large numbers of eligible but unenrolled children reside are:

North Phoenix	85032, 85022, 85051, 85027, 85304, 85308, 85029
Mesa	85201, 85203, 85204, 85205, 85208, 85213
Flagstaff/Prescott Valley/Cottonwood	86001, 86004, 86314, 86326
Tempe	85202, 85282, 85283
Kingman, Bullhead City	86401, 86442
West Phoenix/Avondale/Glendale	85037, 85323, 85303, 85302

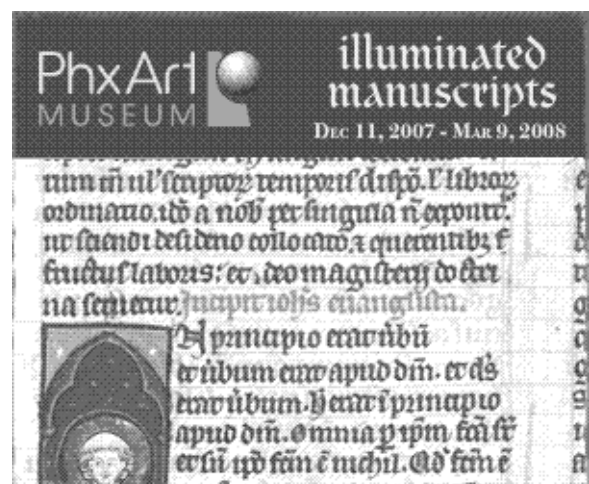
If your Conference serves any of these zip codes and you think your parish (with your pastor's permission) might be used for this one day community event on **Feb. 14**, please contact Voice of the Poor members Kathy Jorgensen (602) 942-3355 or Lucy Howell (480) 424-3883. Voice of the Poor members will be there to assist in eligibility screening. You will not be asked to complete KidCare applications; this will be done by AHCCCS personnel.

THE ILLUMINATED BIBLE JAN. 24TH -- FREE SHOWING FOR VINCENTIANS

The Phoenix Art Museum is now hosting an exhibition of the Saint John's Bible, the first handwritten, illuminated Bible of the modern era. This spectacular work has "wow'd" the people who have seen it and special arrangements have been made for a **free showing** for Vincentians on January 24, 2008 starting with a reception at 6:00 pm.

The Benedictine monks of St. John's Abbey in Minnesota commissioned the Bible as a millennial project that would celebrate their abbey's 150th anniversary. Luckily, the monks found Donald Jackson, a Welsh artist and scribe to the Queen of England, who jumped at the challenge.

Jackson produced the Bible using medieval methods. He and his assistants wrote on vellum, or calfskin, and he mixed all the ink himself. The adhesive he used for the manuscript's gold leaf comes from a medieval recipe.



2008 Conference Directory

New directories will be distributed to conferences at their District meetings over the next month or two. They will NOT be mailed, so please don't ask. We have exhausted our budget just printing it.

Being judged is perhaps the greatest burden the destitute have to bear: the contempt, the judgment of others. If they would think this way, the way I think, if they did as I do, they would not have this mental breakdown. There is always that superiority of having in some way managed better, knowing better than anyone else, in the attitude of those who help the needy. It is among those who work in bureaus. It is in us who go to live with the needy and try to serve them. We intrude on them with our advice...oh, yes, we have many plans to help the needy. If we could only feed them, shelter them, clothe them without question, without assuming that we had all the answers."

Dorothy Day - November 1951