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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)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The dictionary defines "hero" as someone admired for achievements and noble qualities. These days that word is all too often used in a way which dilutes that definition. The Society's heritage and our Vincentian family here in Phoenix, however, bring its true meaning to life in a beautiful way.

Since their feast days fall in September, this month provides us with a perfect opportunity to reflect on the truly heroic lives of our patron, St. Vincent de Paul, and our founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam. Their living legacies of love and compassion for the poor are an inexhaustible source of inspiration and motivation for Vincentians.

The wonderful people following in their footsteps in the Diocese of Phoenix have a special place in my thoughts at this time. During this very difficult year which has confronted us with unprecedented challenges, the exemplary love of neighbor displayed by our incredibly dedicated Vincentians, volunteers and employees has made a meaningful difference in the lives of so many of our brothers and sisters in need. That is the splendid sort of compassionate action which surely brings a smile to the faces of Jesus Christ, St. Vincent and Blessed Frederic.

Dr. Ken Snyder, director of our Dental Clinic, is a shining example of the Society's tradition of selfless service. He was honored recently as one of Phoenix's Health Care Heroes for 2009, recognition he richly deserves.

Making God present to the poor through our loving, reassuring presence and restoring hope to those who have none is truly a life-changing – and, yes, heroic – act of love. I thank you for the great privilege of being associated with such heroism.

In 1837, Frederic sent a letter to a conference in which he wrote: "Keep up your works of charity, too. Our little Society of St. Vincent de Paul has grown large enough to be considered a providential fact, and it is not without reason that you occupy a place of importance in it. Do not fail it." The great work you do, and have been doing, for the less fortunate of God's children demonstrates beyond any doubt that we will never disappoint our founder.

Vincent and Frederic are two of my heroes. So are you.

God bless.

Joe Riley

General Membership—September 19th, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

Walk for the Poor—September 19th—Registration starts at 7:00 a.m.

The Sun Never Sets

by Mike Syslo

Back in the late 80s (1980s that is), I was on fire about the Society – as I still am today. I was reading everything I could find about Frederic Ozanam, St. Vincent de Paul and the Society. One of the real finds I made was a two volume set titled “A Century of Charity” by Rev. Daniel T. McColgan. It is an historical account of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States in its first 100 years (1845-1945). I was never much of a history buff but I found this 1,000 page document really interesting.

There were stories about the founding of the Society in St. Louis in 1845 as well as the founding in cities in various parts of the country. It related tales of hardships and great works performed. It told of important partnerships, such as the founding of Catholic Charities and its tie to the Society from its very beginnings. There was even a story about the minor dispute as to whether the first Conference existed in St. Louis, Missouri or in San Antonio, Texas. Great stuff to read.

I came across one quote that has stayed with me all these years. It was a quote from the Hon. Joseph Ripley Chandler, one of the early presidents of the Philadelphia Particular Council, a distinguished journalist, legislator, and diplomat. In 1865, he said to a group of Vincentians: *It is no small matter to be a member of this Association - a Society on which it may be said the sun never sets.*

They talk of the sunshine following upon the domain of England; but with us we can say more, that the bells of our Church never cease tolling, and the sun leaves one spire but to light upon another ... I am proud to be among you, humble though I am.

I am proud to claim you as brothers, old as I am; and if that is not a breach of humility recommended to us, let it be carved upon my tombstone when I am gone: “He was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.” I ask no better epitaph than that.

A Society on which it may be said the sun never sets – imagine what that means. Looking at the current facts sheet from the Society, we have a presence in 144 countries. That means Vincentians are helping people in need – their neighbors in need – in 144 nations throughout the world. Vincentians of every race and ethnic group – Vincentians from all walks of life – Vincentians of all ages – helping people of every race and ethnic group, regardless of creed, age or background. Vincentians spreading God’s love among His beloved creation – Vincentians helping in ways many people can’t even imagine.

Mr. Chandler’s words about the sun never setting on the Society are even more true today than they were in 1865. The Society is an association of love, experiencing love and sharing it with those who need it most. Combine our enormous presence throughout the world with the statement from Jesus that the poor are always with us and it can be easily said: *At this moment, somewhere in the world, Vincentians are helping their neighbors in need.* The sun never sets on the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. ❖

Spiritual Morning of Reflection

The Phoenix Diocesan Council of SVdP is proud to present a Morning of Spiritual Reflection with Fr. Doug Lorig on Saturday, October 17th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. The morning will begin at 8:00 with the celebration of the sacred liturgy followed by a continental breakfast.

Fr. Doug Lorig is a gifted presenter, teacher and inspirational speaker who offers his audiences unique and often personal insights into the struggles and joys of Christian life. Raised Methodist, Fr. Lorig is a former Episcopalian priest who converted to Catholicism with his wife and four children in 1979. In 1984, he was ordained to the Catholic priesthood in the Diocese of Phoenix by Bishop Thomas O'Brien.

Fr. Doug recently appeared on EWTN's program *The Journey Home* where he shared his incredible journey of faith that brought him to the doors of the Catholic Church. His profound love for our Lady and the Eucharist is evident in his ministry as well as in his daily life. Fr. Lorig says he always knew he had a gift for teaching, a gift that he freely shares with others.

A great friend and supporter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Fr. Lorig's presentation promises to be spiritual food for our continuing journey. The Formation & Spirituality committee encourages all Vincentians, their family members and friends to join us for this exciting and uplifting event.

Respect Your Neighbor

By Janie Fulks

Please remember that all Conferences are allowed to operate according to their own specifications as long as they do not violate The Rule. If a Conference does not have funds or chooses for whatever reason to provide or NOT to provide assistance in certain circumstances, it is their decision and their right to do so. Sometimes a neighboring Conference will get a call from a client informing them that they cannot get help from the Conference in their area because they do not provide the service the client needs. The neighboring Conference may decide to help.

If this happens the neighboring Conference needs to consult with the client's Conference before the service is given.

The reason is that we must respect the rights and boundaries of that Conference. It is a matter of respect to contact that Conference and check out the circumstances before any promises or assistance is given. After all you would want other Conferences to do the same for your Conference. Do unto other Conferences as you would have them do unto your Conference!

This is one way to respect and honor your neighbors.

Note: This article was originally run in the May 2003 Newsletter.

Human Kindness

In July my cousin, Lori, called me. Lori works at a DES office in our area of St. Jerome. There was a family in the DES office that needed help. Lori said she had called everyone she could think of for financial assistance for this family. A family relocated here in the aftermath of Katrina. They had been given the choice of Texas or Arizona at that time. Living in Phoenix turned out to be a very trying experience for this family torn apart from their families in New Orleans. They ended up at my cousin's office because they had just become homeless. These two parents with four very small children.

The DES workers in this particular office had let this family hang out during the day. For two nights the employees pooled their money and paid for a motel room. This is where my St. Jerome Conference came into play. Lori reached out to me. I made a few phone calls to my district and downtown. We all pitched in and sent this family back to New Orleans by bus. As Theo told me, "I won't be homeless. I have property there." They also have extended family...a safety net of loving people. In these difficult times and reading so much negative press about DES, we often forget there are employees there like you and me.

Submitted by Redetta Donaldson

Is your conference or District Council in need of additional funds?

100% of the funds pledged for the Walk go directly to your conference.

Do you want to join with other members of the Society throughout the United States?

We are one family and there is power in our unity.

Do you want to stand in solidarity with the poor?

Getting up early and driving to the Watkins for the Walk is inconvenient for a day. Being poor is inconvenient everyday. Let us inconvenience ourselves for their sake.

Join us for the Annual Friends of the Poor Walk

Saturday, September 19th, 2009

420 West Watkins

Registration 7:00 AM

Walk 7:30 PM

Voice of the Poor

September, 2009

www.voiceofthepoor.org

www.stvincentdepaul.net

Health Care Reform

Over the past month, the Society's National President, Joe Flannigan, and the Phoenix Council President, Joe Riley, have issued bulletins about the Society's position on health care reform. The statements are in response to internet reports falsely accusing the Society, Catholic Charities and the Catholic Health Association of supporting abortion funding as part of health care reform.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul does not support nor will it support any legislation, provision or amendment that fails to uphold the sanctity and dignity of human life," said Joe Flannigan, National President of the U.S. Society. (7/31/09)
For full text, go to www.svdpusa.org or www.stvincentdepaul.net

It is very important to note that St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Charities, the Catholic Health Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) have not taken a position on specific health care legislation

USCCB staff continues to monitor the content of bills under consideration by both the House and Senate. From a letter to the U.S. House of Representatives (8/11/09) by Cardinal Rigali, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life: ***"Much-needed reform must not become a vehicle for promoting an 'abortion rights' agenda or reversing longstanding policies against federal funding and mandated coverage of abortion"***. The full text of the letter can be found online at: <http://qwww.usccb.org/prolife/CardRigaliHealthCareReformLetter-08-11-09pdf>

The USCCB has introduced a website devoted entirely to the Church's position on health care and the content of health care bills as they are considered in both the House and Senate: <http://www.usccb.org/healthcare/video.shtml>

Two fact-checking websites that will assist in clarifying incoming information:

www.politifact.com 2009 Pulitzer Prize Winner, St. Petersburg Times

www.factcheck.org A project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center

2010 State Budget Update

After weeks of frustration on both sides of the aisle and in the governor's office, the legislature adjourned its special budget session on August 25 having sent budget bills to the governor.

The repeal of the \$250 million property tax (state equalization tax) for schools is included in the package. The sales-tax referral to voters (repeatedly requested by Governor Brewer as a way to meet the \$3.1 billion deficit) is **not** part of the package.

In early July Governor Brewer line-item vetoed nearly identical budget bills based on her opposition to "... *devastating cuts to education, public safety, and our state's most vital health services for the frail.*" The governor has until Sept. 5 to act on the bills.

Utility Assistance Crisis: City of Phoenix Family Service Centers Falter

Thank you to St. Joseph's Conference member, John Zemblidge, who reported that clients needing energy assistance (LIHEAP funds) were unable to get appointments at the Sunnyslope Family Service Center. Gloria Hurtado, City of Phoenix Human Services Director responded to VOP's inquiry as follows:

*I am truly sorry that it is difficult to secure an appointment at our Family Services Centers, of which there are three to serve the entire city. I can assure you we are doing the best we can to see as many clients as we can. **We are experiencing a 47% increase in demand over the same period last year.** If we continue to spend at the current rate, we will be out of LIHEAP and other funding by the end of the year. Consequently, we will be reducing the number of appointments in the coming months.*

I am sure we are all experiencing the same scenario of increased demand, and serving many individuals who have never needed assistance, and are overwhelmed by the process.

We have received some "Stimulus" funding which will allow us to prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless. The assistance is provided through the Family Services Centers and we will shift those who can qualify to that program and thus allow us to serve more with LIHEAP.

We will continue to do the best we can with the resources we have. Thank you.

From Cynthia Zwick (8/30/09), Executive Director of the AZ Community Action Alliance: Unfortunately the story that Gloria is sharing is happening all over the State. The CAPs received LIHEAP funding, plus funding from the Home Energy Assistance Fund, unfortunately with the increase in need and the increase in the numbers of people calling and showing up for help, we can't even get close to helping everyone -- there is simply not enough money.

We are working to let our Congressional delegation and state legislators know about this, but at best that's a slow process and locally as you know, there doesn't seem to be much response.

Conference Report on Requests for Utility Assistance

VOP needs your stories on utility assistance requests in order to communicate the situation to decision makers. *Cut and paste and send to Lucy Howell at Howishome@aol.com or mail to Lucy c/o SVdP. P.O.Box 13600, Phoenix, AZ 85002*

Name of Conference _____

Address of Conference _____

Name/phone number of Conference Contact: _____

- Examples of conditions you are seeing when you make home visits in response to requests for utility assistance?
- Are requests (number and amount) larger this year? Can you quantify increase over last year?
- How is your Conference managing these requests?
- What is your experience with Family Service Centers or CAP offices?
- Have you had success in working with APS? SRP? How?
- Where have you had success in getting utility assistance?
- Innovations to help stretch utility dollars?

Comments or suggestions?

VOP next meets on Mon., 9/14 at 3:30 p.m. in Vincentian Support. Meetings are open.

**FREE CAR SEAT
Limit one per family**

Call 1-800-505– BABY (2229)

OZANAM NEWS



Manor Moments Ozanam Manor

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:

Stipend for Residents
Fans
Bus Tickets

SHELTER STORIES

A heartfelt thank you to Christine who provided massages to our female residents and to Sharon who provided haircuts and beard trims to the male residents. The residents truly felt cared for by the generosity of these two volunteers who gave of their time and talents. A special thanks to St. Mary Magdalene Conference for their generous donation of bottled water from their summer water drive.

Open House at Ozanam Manor. Come learn more about Ozanam Manor and homelessness. Visit us on September 19th between 11 AM and 12:30 PM for a tour. Lunch will be served. Meet the residents, tour the living quarters.

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

Words of Inspiration From Our Patron St. Vincent de Paul



If we act in this manner (give women their rightful place in the Church) God is glorified and served. All of this is done in fulfillment of God's plan. For God sent His Son Jesus into the world to serve the poor. Yet Jesus organized a group of women to help Him in this work. How blessed are we when we help in the organization of these women. In this way they render service to God and to the Church through their work with the poor.

"On the end of the Congreg. of the Mission," 12/6/1658

A Vincentian Trip to Cuernavaca in July

Jay Kilroy, Queen of Peace Conference, Mesa

It was about 112 degrees in the shade in Phoenix when six Vincentians, four from the Phoenix area and two from Seattle, left for Cuernavaca to visit with our fellow Vincentians to observe and join the work being done there. Led by our fearless leader, Steve Jenkins, most of us ventured tentatively, if not fearfully, into the unknown of a bustling town, known as the city of "Eternal Spring." What a huge relief to leave the intense heat of Phoenix to go to a city that doesn't need air conditioning nor a heat pump.

We were met in Mexico City by a Vincentian woman, Elia, who worked in this huge city, but has roots in Cuernavaca, some 50 miles south. Elia and Steve shepherded us to the Pullman bus - nice and clean. We arrived in Cuernavaca about 5:00 p.m., were greeted by our hosts and several other ladies that were long-time members of the Society. It was Thursday night when we sat down to a meal with Cirenia, our host, who had places for four of us. I met this great fellow, Joe, president of the archdiocesan Council of Seattle. He and I were roommates for the next nine days. Two of the younger ladies, Rebecca of Queen of Peace Conference in Mesa and Nina, president of one of the conferences in Seattle, stayed at a home nearby.

On Friday, we had a day of rest which we used to visit various sites in Cuernavaca, the Cathedral, built in the 16th century, the palace of Hernando Cortés, and most interesting, the open Mercado, with vendors of all types hawking their wares. At one point, Louisa from Our Lady of the Valley Conference was separated from the rest of our group. We called out in this cavernous Mercado "Louisa, Louisa." Immediately the cry was taken up by all the flower vendors in the vicinity. Up and down the narrow, winding alleyways the shout "Louisa, Louisa" was heard. Needless to say, Louisa was found – safe and sound and returned to our little fold.

On Saturday, after a wonderful and refreshing breakfast at the home of Cirenia, we headed off to one of the "comedores" the dining rooms where the local Vincentians served the poor. We all chipped in, doing what we could, as advised by Steve. I had one job, giving out little stickers of various animals or smiley faces. Amazing! One would think that I was handing out 100 dollar bills. The kids loved to pick up their favorite animal and to my surprise, the old grandmothers and other adults were not adverse to having such a stampita placed on their shirts or blouses. After the breakfast and visiting with young and old alike, murdering the Spanish language, Steve assigned Joe and me to the even more extravagant job of blowing up balloons and handing them out to lines of children. The normal routine was breakfast, followed by handing out packages of gifts to the children and adults – gifts including blankets, ball point pens, toys, shoes and sandals, clothing and an array of things we had brought from Phoenix.✠

One Size Does Not Fit All!

In 1946, some one hundred and one years after the initial arrival of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States, SVdP stretched westward and a conference was established at St. Mary's Church in Phoenix. By 1949, Phoenix had three conferences that formed what has now become the Phoenix Diocesan Council.

By 1950, the Diocesan Council had opened a "salvage store" to distribute clothing to the poor and by September of the same year a second store had been added. A year later, SVdP leased a warehouse making our store operations an ever-present visible sign of the Society and its commitment to help the poor and vulnerable members of our community.

Today, the Diocesan Council operates eight thrift stores located throughout the Valley and helps to support the ten thrift stores in our outlying areas. Our stores are more than just stores. In addition to providing goods and services to the community and those whom we serve, they serve as distribution centers, reception locations for donors to drop off items and a warm and caring place for people to volunteer.

The success of our thrift stores has always been dependent upon the support of our conferences, Vincentians and our volunteers. In the face of our current economic challenges, our volunteers are even more crucial to the success of our stores. We are so grateful for the volunteers that have worked diligently to support our stores, but more volunteers are needed.

So what does a typical thrift store volunteer look like? Our store volunteers are definitely not one size fits all. Recently, I went to one of our stores to drop off donations and was met

by a lovely 80 year old volunteer who, while she was helping me unload my car, explained that she had worked at the store for five years. She tried to be a conference member, but doing home visits made her too sad. At the store, however, she had found a way to support the Society, to be part of a caring group of workers and to bring the light of Christ to everyone who comes through the doors.

We have thrift store volunteers who spend their time repairing small appliances and others who only polish donated silver. We have men and women who accept and sort donations, who price items, who take things home and launder them, who organize displays, who work our cash registers and those who offer a unique form of customer service.

We wanted to take a moment to salute our store volunteers and to express our sincerest gratitude for helping us make our stores warm, caring centers that serve the poor and the works of the Society. Thanks for helping us help others.

If over the next month you have time, take a moment and stop by one of our neighborhood stores and personally thank the volunteers who work there. You can also help us by finding new people who can join our volunteer ranks and make our stores even better. Find a friend or two and bring them to a store to participate in our *Volunteer Sign Up Saturday* on October 10th from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

Our thrift stores are more than just stores and our volunteers who come in a variety of sizes and packages are more than just ordinary workers. These special volunteers are truly a visible sign of God's love and active presence in the world.

Shirley Smalley
Serve Our Stores (SOS)

First Watch to host Free Omelette Day on Thursday, Sept. 24th



Stop by any Valley **First Watch** restaurant and enjoy a free omelette on **Thursday, Sept. 24** from **7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

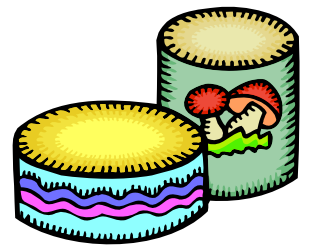
The annual event, which is in its 22nd year, will benefit **St. Vincent de Paul** programs and services in central and northern Arizona.

First Watch will offer free omelettes at its Scottsdale and three Phoenix locations:

- [16455 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale](#)
- [61 W. Thomas Road, Phoenix](#)
- [9645 N. Black Canyon Highway, Phoenix](#)
- [1 N. First Street, Phoenix](#)

We look forward to seeing you there!

We Need Your Assistance With
Food Drive



Allison Ghan in the Operations Department will be coordinating Food Drives starting in mid-October and run until the end of November. This is where we are seeking Conference assistance. We are asking Conferences to be available when Allison calls to go pick up food items from small business offices and schools in your area. All food picked up by the Conferences will remain in the Conferences. When Conferences are called for a pickup and do not have sufficient help they are encouraged to partner with another Conference in your area or with other civic or fraternal groups (e.g. Knights of Columbus and Youth Groups) to assist with the pickups. More information will be available at the next General Membership Meeting.

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 and 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 Howishome@aol.com for Lucy Howell, Chair, if you would like to receive VOP information by e-mail. Next meeting date is Monday, September 14th at 3:00 p.m. in Vincentian Support Services.
No meeting in August.

Eldercare Meeting will not be held in August!
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! Larry Shima 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! Chairman is Tom Clouser at (623) 979-3520.
NOTE: Conference Resources and Concerns will not meet in August.

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 to help (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 §

Please Report Election 2009 Results!

(Directory needs to be updated and printed)

CONFERENCE _____

PRESIDENT _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____ Phone (work) _____

E-Mail _____

BACK-UP PERSON (for urgent communications)

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

1st VICE PRESIDENT _____ E-Mail _____

ADDRESS _____

Phone (home) _____ Phone (work) _____

2nd VICE PRESIDENT _____

ADDRESS _____

Phone (home) _____ Phone (work) _____

E-Mail _____

SECRETARY _____

ADDRESS _____

Phone (home) _____ Phone (work) _____

E-Mail _____

TREASURER _____

ADDRESS _____

Phone (home) _____ Phone (work) _____

E-Mail _____

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR _____

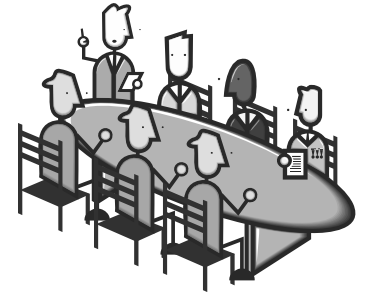
Phone (home) _____ Phone (work) _____

E-Mail _____

**PLEASE RETURN BY NOVEMBER 16TH TO SANDY EDWARDS, VINCENTIAN SUPPORT SERVICES
P.O. BOX 13600, PHOENIX, AZ 85002
OR FAX TO 602-850-6708**

UPCOMING TRAINING AND FORMATION SESSIONS

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



OFE CLASSES

September 12th - Saturday, **OFE #1 & #2** St. John Vianney, Goodyear—8:00 am MASS

September 26th-Saturday **OFE #3 & #4**—St. John Vianney, Goodyear—8:00 am MASS

October 14th—Wednesday—**New President Workshop** at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm at VSS
(Congratulations on being elected President, now what?)

October 19th—Monday—**Secretary/Treasurer Workshop** at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm in Vincentian Support Services (VSS)

Dates to Remember

- ◆Morning of Reflection—October 17, 2009 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- ◆Restoring Hope Breakfast—November 13, 2009 at the Arizona Biltmore
- ◆General Membership Meeting—December 5th, 2009. Please note that in addition to Bishop Olmsted being the celebrant we are also happy to report that Fr. Greg Schlarb will do a mini Spiritual Reflection at the meeting.

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 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.

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.

Dear Vincentian Brothers & Sisters,

It is not too late to make plans to join us for the Annual Friends of the Poor Walk. All the forms you need are in the September Newsletter or can be retrieved from the SVdP Phoenix web site under VSS and the September electronic version of that e-mail.



This is a great way to get money for your conference. Even if you don't get pledges come join us as we walk in solidarity with Vincentians across the United States and the poor. Let us joyfully be inconvenienced on the behalf of those who have so little.

Diocese of Phoenix
Friends of the Poor Walk
Saturday, September 19, 2009
420 West Watkins
Check-in: 7:00 AM
Walk: 7:30 AM
For more information contact:
Shirley Smalley at 480-473-8159



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

SVDP ADMINISTRATION

Christina Skaates
Peggy Auer
Beatrice Villaseñor
Joy Carter
Jerry Gilbreath
Laura Heist
Clark Jackson
Ruth Kubinski
Stuart Newell
David S. Shughart
Romeo S. Celaya
Bob & Mert Phillips
Brian Rossi
Jim Sherman
Cody Lehe
Nancy Ortega

ST. AGNES

Gunther Esner
Sally Garcua

SAINTS SIMON & JUDE

Bob Gradwohl
Dottie Salviano
Timmy Bowerman
Jim Redfield
Lillian Dye

ST. MICHAEL

Billy Rodriquez

ST. HELEN

Ray Hefley

ST. JOSEPH

Janet Halligna

ST. JEROME

Kathy Jorgensen

ST. AUGUSTINE

Carolynn Chavez

ST. ELIZABETH SEATON

Maryjoe Young

ST. THERESA

Jessie Cuellar

SVDP DINING ROOMS

William Lanford
VirJean Moore
Jesus Yanez
Joseph Yanez
Edna Yanez
Mary Fields
Mark Ross
Francis Naughton
Larry Seeger
Christina Wacknov

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Marilyn Dorn
LeRoy Wika
Mary Campbell
Bill Woods
Tony Muzzall
Jeannie Anderson
Bobbie Potts

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

Ray Gillette
Fred Matheson

ST. GABRIEL

Rose DiElio

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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.

ST. ANTHONY
Lupita Ruiz

St. Mary Kingman
Dawn Reuter

*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.*

Reminder

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

Thank you.

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