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Former Board President honored for 20 years of leadership, service to poor First woman elected President at Society of St. Vincent de Paul

PHOENIX, AZ – The chapel at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was dedicated in honor of Nancy B. Spencer for her dedication and service, by the Board of Directors of the St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council on February 16.

“For 20 years, Nancy has inspired and motivated her fellow Society members, volunteers and staff with her dedication and wisdom,” said Steve Jenkins, President of the Board, “She exemplifies the society’s basic mission of service to the poor.”

Nancy joined St. Vincent de Paul as a member of St. Mary’s (Chandler) Conference in 1985. She soon became president and served in that capacity from 1986 to 1992. She served as District President from 1992 to 1996 and was the first female elected President of the Phoenix Diocesan Council in 1996, a position she held until 2002.

Nancy also served for 10 years on the Adopt-a-Family Christmas Committee, matching sponsors with needy families to ensure each family member receives a Christmas gift; and the Youth Clothes Closet, providing new clothes for children at the start of each school year.

“The impact of the tremendous amount of work she has done on behalf of the poor will be felt well into the future,” said Steve Zabitski, Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul.

Note: Photo attached

Caption: Former Board Member Joan Vendetti (pictured on left) attended the dedication of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Chapel in honor of Nancy B. Spencer’s (pictured on right) 20 years of leadership and service to the poor.

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a non-profit organization, dedicated to serving the poor and providing others with the opportunity to serve. Programs include services for the homeless, medical and dental care for the working poor, five charity dining rooms and general assistance for individuals in need.