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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

Annual Palomino Student Christmas Shopping Event 2021

Same but Different!



On Saturday, December 18th the Hope Chest Thrift store opened its doors to the students of Palomino Primary & Intermediate schools for our Annual Palomino Student Shopping Event. For more than twenty years, students from these two schools were bused to our Bell Road Thrift store and allowed to purchase two gifts for family members. Over the years, this event had grown and included more and more potential gifts items and tons of volunteers. In the Fall, we looked forward to planning this event, however, the Paradise Valley School District informed us that they did not have enough bus drivers to transport the children to any of our thrift stores.

ones. So, like many of our other Diocesan programs, we adapted the project to accommodate the new conditions that we faced. Donors were contacted and stepped forward to provide \$25 thrift store gift cards for every student. A date was set, the store hours were modified to give these families a four- hour window to shop uninterrupted by the public, and plans were put in place to make sure that this was a special day for these young shoppers.

While the gift cards are good for any of our stores, students and their families were encouraged to come to the Hope Chest on the morning of the 18th. Extra gift items were secured and placed throughout the store including gifts items for brothers & sisters, mom & dads or grandparents. Dozens of corporate and Vincentian volunteers made goodie bags with gift cards in them to be delivered to the schools, helped to set up the store the evening before, and were on hand to help the young shoppers find the items they wanted. Santa Claus and Christmas carolers were also on deck to create a festive atmosphere and to bring Holiday joy to everyone. The ACS Vibrant Vinnies youth conference provided a free gift wrapping service and each student shopper received cookies, a candy cane, and a free book of their choice.



Hundreds of children and their families experienced a special time that morning. The store even opened its doors early as dozens of families arrived early and were waiting outside just to be part of the day. Love, laughter, joy, and Christmas cheer filled the store as these students had the opportunity to know first-hand the beauty of giving to others.



Although the day was different from past events, the heart of this project was the same. The generosity of those who made the event possible, the excitement and appreciation of the children and their families, and the joy of caring for others filled the air as everyone shared in the anticipation of the coming of the Christ child and in sharing His love with others not only through physical but through the gift of caring.





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Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.' (Luke 15:8-10)

Regardless of our views about COVID and the pandemic, we cannot deny that it has brought about challenges and changes for all of us. Many individuals have lost family members, friends, and even a sense of security and well-being. Although the Councils and Conferences associated with the Phoenix Diocesan Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul responded quickly and effectively to the challenge of serving the poor admits a pandemic, we too have experienced loss including the loss of many of our conference members. Of course, we mourn and pray for our deceased members, but what are we doing for those who have simply walked away from their Vincentian call?

Attending Vincentian meetings through conference calls and internet gatherings was necessary, however, it was not the same as sitting and praying together face-to-face. The same was true for our interactions with those whom we serve. We took comfort in knowing that we adapted and did our best to meet the needs of the poor and vulnerable but we longed to be with them in their homes, in our dining rooms, in our thrift stores, and in all of our programs. The strength of the Society has always been in our personal interactions and so, for most of us, indirect interactions left our hearts and our spirits somewhat unfulfilled and lonely.

On the positive side, the pandemic has allowed many people to take a deep breath, to evaluate what is truly important in life, to reset priorities, and to slow down from the busyness of life before COVID. In a recent conversation with Bishop Olmsted, he pointed out that most parishes in our Diocese have seen an influx of people wanting to join the Catholic Church. Many of our area conferences have also experienced a new level of interest in people wanting to join the Society and, as exciting as that interest is, we must not forget about those members of our conferences and our parishes that have walked or fallen away.

Being separated for an extended period of time from the mass, the Eucharist, and fellow Vincentians can lead people away from the Church and their Vincentian vocation. Those of us that are still connected to the Church and the Society must be like the women in this parable. We must light our lamps with the love of Christ and reach out to other parishioners and Vincentians who have fallen away because of the pandemic. They are an important part of who we are and their absence leaves a void in our parishes and in our conferences. We must do everything we can to reconnect them not because we need more members, but because they are part of our family. A phone call, a card, a mass intention, a small gift, a visit by a couple of members, prayers, an open door, and open hearts can make a real difference to the members who have not yet returned to our parishes or our conferences. Just like the coin in the parable, each person matters and is an important part of who we are. I pray that no Vincentian is lost because we, their brothers and sisters failed to search for them.

By Shirley Smalley



From the Desk of the Conference Resources Committee

New Conference Rental Assistance Payments Policy:

All conference and District Councils are reminded that as of January 1, 2022, all rental payments for those whom we serve must not include the use of checks or money orders. If you have questions, please see the Frequently Asked Questions & Answers on this policy contain in this Newsletter or contact Marc Anderson.

Conference and Council Audits:

Did you know that all Conferences associated with the SVdP Phoenix Diocesan Council are required to have yearly financial audits? Article 18 of the current Conference bylaws states, "Each Conference will undertake annually an audit and report the results to the attached District Council and shall submit in a timely manner quarterly and an annual report to their District Council."

January is the perfect time for Conference and Councils to have their audits conducted. See the requirements below.

1. Audits need to be performed annually for each District and Conference.
2. Annual audits may be conducted by any of the following: (1) One or more members of the Conference or District not associated with the Treasurer's position (2) A qualified non-member such as a CPA or Certified Internal Auditor, or by (3) The Council's Conference Accountant.
3. Officer Change Audits (OCA) must be performed for each District or Conference in the fiscal year of a change in officer for either the President or the Treasurer. It is recommended that this audit be conducted within 120 days after the officer change occurs.
4. Officer Change Audits (OCA) must be conducted by (1) One or more members of a Conference outside of their District (2) A CPA or Certified Internal Auditor, or by (3) The Council's Conference Auditor with preference for the Council's Conference auditor.
5. Within every five (5) years, each Conference must have one (1) audit performed by or performed in conjunction with the Council's Conference auditor.

Conference Housing Assistance Payments Policy

FAQs

What is the new policy?

- Effective January 1, 2022, all housing assistance payments to landlords, hotels, and mortgage companies, on behalf of those we serve, must be made by credit card, debit card, or PayPal type service. Housing payments may not be made by cash, check, ACH or wire transfer.

Why has this policy been adopted?

- The SVdP National Council, after consultation with its legal and financial advisors, has informed us that housing assistance payments made by a Council or its Conferences to a landlord, or hotel that equal or exceed \$600 in a calendar year must be reported to the IRS for tax purposes. This would place an extraordinary administrative burden on our Conferences and Council if we continued to make these payments by check. It would also be very difficult for us to ensure we were completely compliant with IRS regulations.

If checks can't be used, what forms of payment are acceptable?

- Payments made to the landlords using a debit or credit card.
- Payments made to the landlords using a payment service such as PayPal. Our Council's CFO must confirm that any such payment service fully meets IRS reporting requirements.
- Providers of these payment methods are required by law to issue Form 1099s.

Will landlords accept the new way of making payments?

- This depends on the landlord. The initial feedback from the Conferences is that some will, and some will not. Some of the landlords who do not currently accept these payment forms may be willing to make adjustments in their processes to accommodate.

What are the options if a landlord will not accept these payment forms?

- The policy adopted by the Board requires finding other ways to assist clients financially, such as providing food and/or utility assistance.

What should a Conference do to prepare for this change?

- Conferences should contact the landlords they currently have a relationship with and explain the change and ask what payment methods/services they accept. If possible, Conferences should meet with the landlords in person. This will help further the relationship and is an opportunity to reinforce the SVdP mission and how their tenant and their business benefit as a result.

- Reach out to your banker if necessary to arrange for the issuance of debit and or credit cards tied to the conference bank account(s). Consider activating any alerts for the credit and debit cards that may be available. This will allow conferences to track the card use in real time.
- Consider prepaying January rent prior to January 1st.

How does a conference set up an account such as PayPal?

- There are several payment services. Before creating an account, you will need to confirm with our Council's CFO that they are an acceptable payment provider.
- These providers have been confirmed as meeting IRS requirements:
 - PayPal
 - Zelle
 - Venmo
 - Cash App
 - Pay Lease
- Most of the pay services can be accessed online. Use their website to set up an account.
- For the name on the account use the Conference trade name. You can find your trade name on the Arizona Secretary of State website.
- You will need the SVdP EIN 86 0096789

May we use other payment methods such as a money orders, cashier's checks and ACH transfers?

- No. These methods do not incorporate the required 1099 reporting.

May payment for the rent be made directly to the client who is being assisted?

- While there is no rule that payments cannot be made to those being assisted, it has been a long standing SVdP practice to not provide funds directly to a person being assisted. This is to ensure that the funds are used for the intended purpose.

May prepaid AmEx, Visa, or Mastercard gift cards be used as a payment method?

- Yes, assuming the landlord will accept. Prepaid gift cards are considered a credit or debit card and in compliance with the policy.
- Prepaid gift cards should be used when the client being helped will have access to the card information. When used for a particular case, prepaid cards should be purchased for the total amount due including fees but no more than the amount being paid. This limits risk.

When making payments what options may be available?

- Many landlords provide tenant portals. Conference members with the client's permission may be present to facilitate the payment thru the portal.

- Some landlords have indicated they have portals for groups like SVdP to help their tenants. Contact the landlord to inquire about these.
- Some of the Conferences have reported that Walk in Payment Stations (WIPS) are available in Fry's and Walmart stores. The WIPS may also be an option to make rent payments. The tenant or the landlord may have more information about use.

Should we use our bank issued Conference debit or credit card to make a payment thru the client's tenant portal?

- This practice is strongly discouraged. This exposes the Conference to significant risk of fraudulent activity with their credit and debit card accounts.

What happens if a Conference does not use the approved forms of payment?

- All members of the Society must recognize that we are one organization. Acts that are not in compliance with existing laws or rules put the entire organization at risk. At a minimum this would put our entire Society at risk of incurring severe IRS penalties. It could also jeopardize our status as a public charity, meaning that we would no longer be tax exempt and that our donors would no longer be able to deduct for tax purposes contributions to SVdP.

What if we have questions that are not answered here?

- Please contact Marc Anderson (SVdP CFO) at 602 261 6802 or manderson@svdpaz.org.
- We will update this FAQ as questions are raised by the conferences.

News from St. Elizabeth Seton



*Thank you
to all
our Donors*

St. Elizabeth Seton recently had a Food Drive and collected a total of 430 bags of food, and a total of \$3,876.



More news from St. Elizabeth Seton



Raffle Prize Winner!

At the December General Membership Meeting, former president George Kelly won the Arizona Cardinals gift basket, which included two tickets to the game. However, George graciously gave the Arizona Cardinal tickets to the current president of St. Elizabeth Seton, Tina Prosenick.

Thank you, George

Members of St. Elizabeth having some fun on Turkey Tuesday.



Rosary Rally held at St. Joachim and St. Anne



The St. Vincent de Paul Conference, and parishioners at St. Joachim & St. Anne Catholic Church in Sun City held an America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally on Saturday, November 13th, at noon to show their support for *Defending the Police*. The Highway Patrol, Sheriff's Office and the Posse look after our Church property and the residents of Sun City. We are very grateful for their service in keeping us safe.

Happy New Year!

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Newsletter Articles

If your Conference would like to submit an article for the February Newsletter, please submit your article to Sandy Edwards by January 15, 2022.

Email to: sedwards@svdpaz.org

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Jan. 15, Saturday (OFE 1 & 2) & **Jan. 22, Saturday** (OFE 3 & 4) –
Sts. Simon & Jude – Phoenix – 9am – 3pm

Feb. 5, Saturday (OFE 1 & 2) & **Feb. 12, Saturday** (OFE 3 & 4) -
St. James – Glendale 9am – 3pm

Mar. 12, Saturday (OFE 1 & 2) & **Mar. 26, Saturday** (OFE 3 & 4) –
Vincentian Support Services Board Room – Phoenix – 9am – 3pm

Pre-registration required as class size will be limited

Register by text, email, or phone by sending your name, email, phone number, address, conference name, and class date/ dates to

Mary Ann Hunter
maryannhunter44@gmail.com
928-699-9232

Attending both classes is one qualification for acceptance as a full member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Morning of Reflection

With

Bishop Donald J. Hying

Saturday, March 5, 2022

8:15 am to Noon

St. Gabriel

32648 N. Cave Creek Rd.

Cave Creek, AZ 85331

Praying With the People

Vincentian Support Services –

April 2 – 8:30am – noon

For questions on any of these please contact

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Jan. 15, Saturday (OFE 1 & 2) & **Jan. 29, Saturday** (OFE 3 & 4) –
Our Lady of Lourdes – Sun City West – 9am – 3pm

Feb. 5, Saturday (OFE 1 & 2) & **Feb. 12, Saturday** (OFE 3 & 4) –
St. James – Glendale 9am – 3pm

Feb. 26, Saturday (OFE 1 & 2) and **Feb. 27, Sunday** (OFE 3 & 4)–
St. Margaret Mary – Bullhead City – 9am – 3 pm (both days)

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Current Volunteer Needs



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
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We need your help!

At St. Vincent de Paul, 95% of our workforce are volunteers-like YOU! We really can't do our work without our volunteers. The community works best when we all do it together!

Kitchen Crew

Help our kitchen prepare 4,500 nutritional meals to distribute to our 5 dining rooms and other partner agencies. Volunteer duties may include chopping vegetables, opening cans, packaging food, and cleaning up.

Watkins Main Campus | 2120 S. 3rd Dr, Phoenix 85003

- Monday-Friday 6:30 AM – 11:30 AM, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, or 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Meal Services

Our goal is to serve a warm, nutritious meal with love to 4,500 guests daily. Volunteer duties may include set up, guest greeting, waiting on tables, bussing tables, plating food, and cleaning up.

Family Dining Room | 2120 S. 3rd Dr, Phoenix 85003

- Monday-Friday 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Phoenix Dining Room | 2120 S. 3rd Dr, Phoenix 85003

- Daily 9:30AM – 1:00 PM
- Monday-Friday 6:00 AM – 8:30 AM
- Fridays 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Sunnyslope Dining Room | 9227 N. 10th Ave, Phoenix 85021

- Daily 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM
- Monday-Friday 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Dream Center

Our Dream Center provides tutoring and educational activities for children who visit our Family Dining Room. Volunteer duties include set up, helping with homework, and assisting with educational activities.

Family Dining Room | 2120 S. 3rd Dr, Phoenix 85003

- Monday-Friday 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

For questions and sign-up information, please contact volunteer@svdpaz.org.

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 MESA

Tom Margalski
Judy Allard
Nancy Hackert
Veronica Nord
Maureen Julian

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Caroline Steele
Bob Bruce

HOLY CROSS

Rose Burmich
Sharon Smith
Martin (Lefty) Wolf

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

James Reed
Mike Vize
Barbara Reed
Lindsey Plas
Lynn Treimer
Lee Martearler
Al and Regina Gilson
Pam Willis
Diane McCann

MOST HOLY TRINITY

Jackie Hennings

OLPH SCOTTSDALE

Brian O'Donnell
John Corcoran
Forrest Dougherty
Dale Nickekl
Mary Zarlengo

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Joe DiGiovanni

OUR LADY OF JOY

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OUR LADY OF THE DESERET

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Pat Gerencser

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Cindy Smith

QUEEN OF PEACE

Susan Petrie
Mary Kay Dunlevy
Martina Bonilla

SACRED HEART—

Dora
Gloria Lopez

ST. BRIDGET

Cheryl Crame
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Joe Fellhauer
Vince Gutierrez
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Dolores Galligan
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Robert Fitzer
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Louise & John Fullam
Martha Fitzer

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Abel Noble

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Richard Howell
Herb Bourgault

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Robert Nue

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

John Winters

ST. TIMOTHY

Mike Anderson
Margaret Hewett
Karl Rusnock
Thea Podrybau

ST. LOUIS THE KING

Ed & Esther Escarcega
Raul & Elvia Lujan
Mario & Mary Fierros

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

Richard Jessen
Joyce Murphy

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Joe Zambito
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Joe Ferguson
Sandy Smith

ST. MARGARET MARY-BHC

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Diane Schatz

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Nancy Weise

ST. JEROME

Nancy Barnes
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ST. MATTHEW

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David Park
Mary Jo Matthews

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



Marianne Ebert

St. Joachim & St. Anne

***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.***



THE VINCENTIAN ANNUITY

Supporting
St. Vincent de Paul
not just
for a lifetime,
but **forever.**

SAMPLE ANNUITY RATES

	SINGLE LIFE	TWO LIVES
AGE 60	4.4%	3.9%
AGE 70	5.1%	4.6%
AGE 80	6.8%	5.7%
AGE 90	9.0%	8.2%

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 6.8%, meaning she'll receive \$3,400 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.

TO SEE IF AN ANNUITY IS RIGHT FOR YOU
visit plannedgiving.stvincentdepaul.net.

Take a look at our planned giving tools, including a benefit calculator. To discuss giving options, contact Donna Rodgers at 602-261-6884 or plannedgiving@svdpaz.org.

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