



# St. Vincent de Paul Society NEWSLETTER



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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



## God's Love Revealed

*Christ, the final Adam, in the very revelation of the mystery of the Father and of his love, fully reveals man to himself and brings to light his most high calling". (Gaudium et spes, n. 22).*

In Gaudium et spes, one of the four constitutions resulting from the Second Vatican Council, was promulgated by Pope Paul VI on December 7, 1965. The preface of this document sums up the very heart and spirit of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the following words: "The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ." As Vincentians, we know firsthand that the hopes and joys, griefs and anxieties of our brothers and sisters especially the poor and needy are truly the joys and hope, griefs and anxieties of each of us.

In his book Catholic Matters, Fr. John Neuhaus writes that, "Christ is not only the revelation of God to man but the revelation of man to himself. This is what it means to look into the face of your neighbor, and to see in the presence of promise, the face of Christ." Seeing the face of Christ in the poor and needy as well as in one another provides us with the ability to see Christ in ourselves. This vision of Christ in and all around us certainly does bring to light our higher calling and for Vincentians our very vocation.

As I reflect on the fifty days of Easter, my mind keeps going back to the long term effects that my thoughts, beliefs, and actions have on my family, my friends, my community and, most importantly, on the world. The Catholic Church holds that, at the end of time, we will all face a general judgement where our good and bad thoughts and deeds will be publicly exposed and the effects of those actions will be made clear to everyone. This judgement makes a lot of sense when we consider the effect which our sins and good deeds have upon others.

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So, perhaps the questions before us each day should be, "What effect are my sins and good deeds having on those who are following me. Will my children, grandchildren, friends, coworkers, other parishioners, and fellow Vincentians be influenced by my thoughts and actions in a negative or in a positive way? Am I seeing and reflecting the face of Christ to others or am I setting an example that will lead future generations in a negative direction?"

Our actions and how we live out our Vincentian call has a ripple effect that reaches far into the future. St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise DeMarillac, Bl. Frederick Ozanam and Bl. Rosalie Rendu are certainly proof of that. Their good works and examples laid the foundation for our Society and its charitable works. I think of the Vincentians that mentored and handed on their faith and commitment to help others and to make the world a better to me. Now it is my turn to "pay it forward". I only hope and pray that in some small way I can serve the poor in a way that provides an example and inspiration to those who will follow me. That is the beauty of what Christ and the Society has given to me and what I hope to hand on to others.

In her poem, "Epitaph", Merrit Malloy, begins by writing, "When I die give what's left of me away..." She goes on to close with, "Love doesn't die, people do. So, when all that's left of me is love, give me away." That love is exactly the gift that we have been given by God through His Son, Jesus Christ. His perfect love was poured out for us on Calvary and is a sign that God sees in every person a potential for goodness and eternal glory. It is the love that we by virtue of our faith are compelled to also give away.

As we celebrate the season of Easter, may we come to understand more fully that the struggles and joys of our brothers and sisters are our struggles and joys. May we work tirelessly to serve those in need while, at the same time, striving for systemic change that will help to alleviate poverty and alienation. May we, as Vincentians, hand on a legacy of Christ-like love and service that brings those who follow after us closer to God and His kingdom. And, on the day of the general judgement, may we see a tidal wave of goodness and love flowing from our prayers, our deeds, and our works.

*By Shirley Smalley*

## Jubilarians Honored at St. Theresa



*"Six Vincentians at St. Theresa Parish in Phoenix were honored as Jubilarians on Sunday, February 28, 2021. All together, their years of service to St. Theresa and the Diocese of Phoenix total 157 years.*

*Left to right are Vincentians Al Massimi, Jean Massimi, Joe Andazola, Paul Barnes, Ed Gray and the St. Theresa Pastor, Father John Parks.*

*Not pictured is Vincentian George Moore."*

*Congratulations*

## ***From the Conference Resources Committee***



The conferences listed below have been approved for Diocesan Council Aid (Twinning) for 2021. Special thanks go out to our Diocesan Council Aid subcommittee for their countless hours of service on this project and to the conferences for their applications and their efforts to seek financial assistance in order to better serve the poor and needy.

We look forward to working with all of you in the future. Please note there are conferences not on this list that are in need of and eligible for twinning from other conferences. Contact Ally Geinosky at [allyngee@gmail.com](mailto:allyngee@gmail.com) for further details.

Blessed Sacrament (Tolleson) – District 8  
Christ the King – District 9  
Holy Family – District 7  
Our Lady of the Desert – District 2  
Sacred Heart (Phoenix) – District 7  
St. Agnes – District 6  
St. Augustine – District 8  
St. Catherine of Siena – District 7  
St. Edward the Confessor – District 7  
St. Joseph (Williams) – District 1  
St. Jude – District 1  
St. Luke's Project – District 4  
St. Mark – District 5  
St. Mary's Basilica – District 6  
St. Matthew – District 7  
St. Michael – District 8  
St. Vincent de Paul – District 7  
St. Williams – District 8

## **Reminder about Safe Environment**



**Existing members** - All Vincentians associated with the SVdP Diocesan Council of Phoenix working with a Parish-based conference must be Safe Environment compliant and approved regardless of whether they have contact with those whom we serve or not and/or whether or not they serve on Parish property.



**New members** - No person may be considered for membership in one of our conferences until they have completed their Safe Environment training classes and have passed a background check. They may not participate in any of the works of the conference including but not limited to work in the conference office, pantry, thrift store and/or home visits or deliveries until they have received approval from the Diocesan Safe Environment Office.

If you have SET questions, please contact Shirley Smalley at 602-799-3129 or by email at [msmal14727@aol.com](mailto:msmal14727@aol.com).

## Endowment News



I'm sure many of you remember the John Candy movie classic "Trains, Planes, and Automobiles" wherein John was driving (and accidentally set on fire) a now classic Plymouth Sedan on the final leg of his trip to Chicago with Steve Martin. Who can forget that scene?

Seemingly, that movie has nothing to do with Vincentian life and service. However, how many other "classics" or near classics have we owned (or maybe still own!) and wonder what will ultimately become of them? (Hopefully, not be set on fire ☺!).

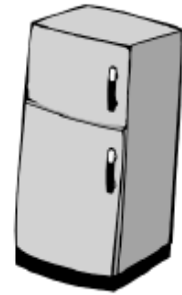
One Vincentian recently came up with a great way to assure her classic late 1950's Thunderbird roadster could make an impact perpetually. She donated it to the SVdP auction near the O'Meara Campus and directed that all the proceeds of the sale be given to the Vincentian Endowment. What a generous act. Someone will enjoy driving her classic car for years to come and the proceeds added to our Endowment to assure financial help to every conference perpetually. Now that's real double-play!

You can do the same thing with your classic (or near classic) car or truck by donating it to SVdP. Since it's a donation, the sales value realized in auction is eligible for the State Tax Credit. All you need to do is contact Just contact Zakisha Love at 602.850.6957 to arrange transfer of your vehicle to SVdP and designate the proceeds of the auction to go to the Vincentian Endowment.

Here's another EZ donation idea. Maybe you don't have a classic vehicle to spare, but you may have stocks or other securities which have grown in value and you dread paying the taxes on them at the time of sale. Sometimes we have securities that don't fit in our financial plan or are not needed for income. They can be donated to SVdP for the benefit of the Vincentian Endowment. You avoid the capital gains tax and also get a tax deduction (federal) or state income tax credit for the entire value of the realized price of the securities.

Thanks for all each of you do to serve the poor and working poor in your Conference. And please be sure to drive safely!

*By Bill Klink*



## CONFERENCE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Conferences may fill out an application to the Conference Resource Committee (CRC) for matching capital expenditures for items like computers, printers, refrigerators, freezers, furniture, electrical or plumbing attached to property, etc. which cost \$500 or more (or \$1,000 when purchased together).

Matching funds up to \$2,200 maybe be approved by the CRC. On an exception basis, it may be possible for conferences who can demonstrate they cannot raise funds to receive \$4,400.

Please obtain an application from our web site (under Resources for Vincentians) and speak to Sandy Edwards (602-339-2667) in Vincentian Support if you would like to apply.



### What Does the Rule of the Society Say

Over the past several months, several conferences and councils have asked the Conference Resources committee if they are permitted to donate funds to other groups or charities that also work with the poor in their area. The Rule is very specific about this subject. The Manual of the Society page 27 reads:

Funds donated to the Conference (Council) must be used only for the works that involve personal service of members of the Society. As generous as the conference should be to needy individuals, it cannot provide funds to causes outside of the Society, except, occasionally, for other branches of the Vincentian Family. **(Rule: Part III, Statute 26)** The Society does not raise money for activities in which its members are not personally and substantially involved. Above all, the intention of the donor, who chose to give to the Society, must prevail.

## ***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 Martealer  
Al and Regina Gilson  
Pam Willis  
Diane McCann

### ***MOST HOLY TRINITY***

Jackie Hennings

### ***OLPH SCOTTSDALE***

John Corcoran  
Forrest Dougherty  
Dale Nickekl  
Mary Zarlengo

### ***OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE***

Joe DiGiovanni

### ***OUR LADY OF THE DESERT***

Richard Gordon

### ***OUR LADY OF THE LAKE***

Cindy Smith

### ***OUR LADY OF LOURDS***

Carol Voit

### ***QUEEN OF PEACE***

Susan Petrie  
Mary Kay Dunlevy  
Martina Bonilla

### ***SACRED HEART—***

Dora  
Gloria Lopez

### ***ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA***

Dennis Orr

### ***ST. BRIDGET***

Cheryl Crame  
Sandra Jarr  
Joe Fellhauer  
Vince Gutierrez  
Bill Cowperthwait  
Terri Lyn Gardner

### ***ST. DANIEL THE PROPHET***

Phil Murphy

### ***ST. JAMES***

Diane Stofko  
Abel Noble

### ***ST. JOHN VIANNEY SEDONA***

Betty Winick

### ***SACRED HEART—PRESCOTT***

Richard Howell  
Herb Bourgault

### ***ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE***

John Winters

### ***ST. TIMOTHY***

Karen Wilson

### ***ST. LOUIS THE KING***

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

### ***ST. CLARE OF ASSISI***

Joyce Murphy

### ***ST. GERMAINE***

Pat Caldwell  
Joe Zambito  
Sue Christian  
Freda Jeffries  
Fred Widmer  
Kathy Ferguson  
Sandy Smith

### ***ST. MARGARET MARY-BHC***

Rev. Peter Dobrowski

### ***ST. MARTIN DE PORRES***

Sammy Valencia

### ***ST. MARY—KINGMAN***

Patty Couch  
Roger and Rita Gaumond  
Diane Schatz

### ***ST. MARY MAGDALENE***

Nancy Weise

### ***ST. JEROME***

Nancy Barnes  
Yvonne Hurley

### ***ST. MATTHEW***

Evelyn Guerra

### ***ST. JOACHIM & ST. ANNE***

Gene Harmeling  
Irene Sosnicki  
Lucia Mastroianni  
Terry DeYoung  
Al LaRocque

### ***ST. JOAN OF ARC***

Paul Parent

### ***ST. STEVEN'S***

Pat Krause

### ***ST. FRANCES CABRINI***

Andre Carrillo  
Rosemary McClair

### ***SVDP EXECUTIVE OFFICE***

Chris Lowrey  
Paul Zabalski  
Nathan Turner  
Steve Howell  
Jimmy Walker  
Michelle Small  
Marie Gallego  
Greg Ryan  
Lisa Eicher  
Jagger Michael Diem  
Nancy Phalen  
Tom Van Boven  
Jim Novotny  
Joyce Zabalski  
Evan Arriola  
Ray Daoust  
Barb Daoust  
Cathie Nelson  
Jayden Southern  
Jake Doyle  
Dr. David Goldfarb  
Alice Ehmann  
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Peter McQuaid  
Kathleen Nageotte  
Sharon Ehmann  
Paul Joseph DeMuro  
Gabrielle Chung  
Ed Koval  
Josephine Salazar  
Frank Labriola  
Laura Grafman



# 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%



**THE SOCIETY OF  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

FEED. CLOTHE. HOUSE. HEAL.

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](https://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](mailto:plannedgiving@svdpaz.org).

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Wish List

Help support those we **serve** each month.

Just as your own needs change depending on the **season**, so do ours!  
We're asking for specific **food** items and **personal items** for all ages and sizes.

## Feed.

- Cases of water
- Canned meats
- Canned tuna
- Dry rice/beans
- Cereal/oatmeal
- Canned chili w/ beans
- Pasta noodles
- Pasta sauce
- Canned fruit
- Peanut Butter

## Clothe.

- Men's underwear (XL-XXL)
- Men's socks
- Men's sneakers/boots
- Men's jeans (27- 68)
- Men's clothes (XL-XXL)
- Rain panchos
- Winter jackets

## House.

- Clean backpacks
- Gently used yoga mats
- Laundry soap/pods
- Bike U-locks
- Twin bed sheets
- Blankets
- Rolling luggage

## Heal.

- Shaving razors
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Toothbrushes/paste
- Body wash
- Lip balm
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Combs/brushes
- Shaving cream
- Diapers (sizes 5,6,7)



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