

# 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

## St. Anthony of Padua Helps Fire Victims

Saint Anthony of Padua Conference is on "stand-by" in order to assist four families who recently lost all their belongings to fire. Some of the families have received food and other assistance through our Conference on previous occasions. Unfortunately, none of the families had renters' insurance.

A family of four lived in a trailer where a window a/c unit caught fire and it burned down completely. Two families were in a duplex where the wind made electricity cables spark, and the whole duplex burned to the ground.

Some of our members took bags of food, milk, drinks, and other items donated by St. Anthony's parishioners. A pickup truck-full was delivered to the library in Aguila where the four families are able to collect aid.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# Living in Truth

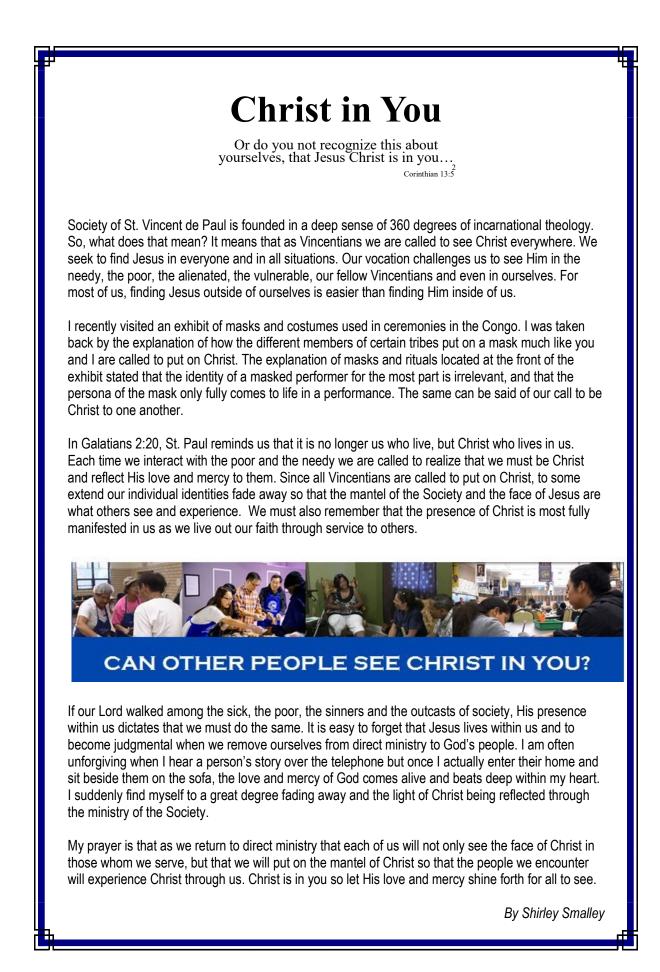
"Men in general are quick to believe that which they wish to be true" is a quote attributed to Julius Caesar. You would think in the ensuing 2000 years, which included the "Age of Enlightenment", we would have become more discerning about the validity of our beliefs. Yet still today, millions of Americans are more than willing to embrace various conspiracy theories if they align with their personal politics or religious beliefs.

How often have we heard someone quote the Constitution or the Bible out of context in support of some belief they are espousing? In a culture that celebrates winning more than living a life of integrity, truth has become a devalued commodity. If the truth does not advance your personal agenda, simply embrace "alternative facts". While doing so may be politically expedient, it is completely inconsistent with how we are called to live as Vincentians.

St. Vincent said, "Humility is nothing but truth, and pride is nothing but lying." Our Rule says Frederick Ozanam "had a passion for truth." I admit, as I grow older, I am less certain about things than I was in my youth. I have more questions than answers. The world is less black and white than it once appeared. Truth is not always readily apparent. But when I look in the mirror, or into my heart, what is very apparent is whether I am honestly seeking what is true or simply trying to rationalize my behavior or professed beliefs.

St. Ignatius insisted that his followers, the Jesuits, undergo an Examen of Conscience at the beginning and end of each day, to help ensure their hearts were aligned with God. It's a practice we could all benefit from. Jesus said, 'The truth shall set you free." May we be a people who walk in the light of truth and heed Shakespeare's counsel spoken by Polonius to his son Laertes, "This above all, to thine own self be true."

Steve Attwood





#### From the Desk of the Conference Resources Committee

#### Conference & Council Funds:

During the pandemic, many of our Phoenix Diocesan Conferences and Councils have been blessed with generous and increased financial donations. At the same time, calls for assistance and services have diminished. Faced with increased resources, larger than normal bank balances, and fewer calls, many Conferences and Councils are struggling to find ways to use their funds. Instead of saving for possible future needs, Conferences and Council should consider increasing the number of families that they serve and/or raising their maximum limits for assistance. When making decisions regarding the use of funds, Conferences and Councils must keep in mind that the funds we as a society receive are to be used for direct assistance to the poor and may not be given to other charities or organizations no matter how worthy the cause. (See excerpts from pages 26 & 27 of the Manual of the Society below.)

Donations to Conferences - whether they come from church collections, from the members themselves, from benefactors, or from fundraising efforts — are meant to address today's needs (Rule: Part III, Statute 25). It is wrong for a Conference to seek financial security by building up a large balance for the needs of the future. Conference balances generally should not exceed what they expect to spend during an average quarter. Surplus funds should be shared generously with more needy Conferences or the special works of the District Council (Rule: Part III, Statute 24).

Funds donated to the Conference must be used only for works that involve the 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 of St. Vincent de Paul, no matter how worthy they are. 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.

### **Co-Presidents:**

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The most effective slate of officers is a president with a strong vice-president. Keep in mind that the 1st vice president of any Conference or Council automatically assumes the duties of the president in his/her absence. It should also be noted that other officers may be re-appointed by an incoming president and that these positions have no term limits. It is, however, in the best interest of the group, to periodically change the people serving in those positions.



## 40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE FOOD DRIVE

For the past 40 years the **Men of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH)** and the OLPH SVdP Scottsdale Conference have facilitated the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive materials. These Food Drive materials are distributed for Conference pantries. Over the years the food drive has grown to include some 70 or more SVDP conferences.

Food Drive supplies may be picked up on Friday and Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00pm at 420 W. Watkins St. in Phoenix. All supplies can be picked up at the north door of the Food Reclamation Center. Lucy Meraz (602-850-6761) will be sending out more information in August asking Conference Presidents to register and order their supplies. Please check with your Pastor for his approval.

The Men OF OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP (Scottsdale) will be available to assist. The supplies will include **grocery bags**, **holy cards**, **envelopes**, **and flyers** suggesting appropriate types of food for donation by parishioners. Typically, these materials will be stapled together, distributed to parishioners one weekend, and returned with donations the following weekend.

This annual food drive allows parishioners to donate over **30,000 bags of food for our SVdP food pantries** each year. In addition, donations are made that provide for food to be purchased. **The total value to conference pantries is well in excess of \$1 million each year.** Please conduct a food drive for your own local use, or plan to donate your excess food to be picked up by another SVdP conference of your choice.

## **Baptist Association makes a Donation**

The Women's Group from the Central District Missionary Baptist Association recently donated \$300.00 to Queen of Peace Conference to assist them in their mission to help those less fortunate.

Thank you !



### **General Membership**

**Please Note Date Change** 

Our next General Membership will be on October 2, 2021.

10:00 AM Mass, Business Meeting will begin at 11:30 AM.

2021-2022 BUDGET

At the October meeting, you will be voting on the 2021/2022 Annual Diocesan Council Budget. Marc Anderson will be presenting the budget at each District Meeting. If you have questions, on the budget, please contact Marc at 602.261.6802.

## OZANAM FORMATION EXPERIENCE (OFE) IN-PERSON

August 7 (OFE 1 & 2) & August 8 (OFE 3 & 4) St. Mary's – Kingman – 9am – 3pm

Sept. 11 (OFE 1 & 2) & September 25 (OFE 3 & 4) Christ the King – Mesa -9am-3pm

Sept. 11 (OFE 1 & 2) & September 25 (OFE 3 & 4) St. Bernard of Clairvaux – Scottsdale – 9am – 3 pm

Oct. 5, Tuesday (OFE 1 & 2) & Oct. 6, Wednesday (OFE 3 & 4) St. John Vianney – Sedona -9am – 3 pm

> Oct (Saturday dates still to be determined) St. Germaine – Prescott – 9am – 3 pm

#### Pre-registration required as class size will be limited

Register by text, email, or phone by sending your name, 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.

August 2021



"A Network of friends, inspired by Gospel Values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with, and service to people in need."

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul National Assembly will be held in Houston, Texas August 25<sup>th</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup>. Attending the regional and national meetings is a great way to learn more about the Society, to listen to inspiring speakers, to revitalize your vocational call, and to interface with Vincentians from across the United States.

The cost for registration for the full four days is \$375 if you register by July 15, \$425 if you register after July 15<sup>th</sup> and before August 15<sup>th</sup> and \$475 after August 15<sup>th</sup>. Hotel accommodation can be made at the Marriott Marquis Houston at a group rate of \$155 a night if your reservation is made before August 4<sup>th</sup>. The cost for this event may seem a little pricey but it is well worth the expense. It is important to note that conferences and councils may vote to pay for some or all of the expenses of their delegates and/or members. (See the National Q & A response to the reimbursement policies of the Society below.)

Being a Vincentian is not just about serving the poor. It is also about growing in holiness through not only service but through fellowship and being part of the larger Vincentian family. Learning, growing and building relationships with our brother and sister Vincentians from other areas of the United States enlivens and enriches us and our works. It helps us to see the bigger picture, to hear new ideas and to share our experiences in ways that may help others.

If attending the meeting doesn't seem that enticing, keep in mind that our Phoenix Diocesan Council is scheduled to host the 2022 National Assembly. Having a large delegation from Phoenix attending this one will provide us with valuable knowledge and insights into how we can make this event even better next year. Additionally, three of the workshop presenters for the Houston assembly will be from the greater Phoenix area, so why not attend and support them?

Please consider joining us in Houston. You can obtain information and can register by visiting the web site at https://meetingssvdpusa.regfox.com/2021-houston-national-assembly.

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(National Q & A 4/17/2014 Page 24) - The Rule, Part III, Statute 28 states: *Vincentians entrusted to undertake previously and duly authorized offices, missions, or tasks for the Society are entitled to the refund of the expenses incurred.* This is more than just an entitlement. Within the Spirit of the Society, all the works of the Society are works of the group and not the individual. If a member does not get reimbursed for expenses, the work becomes an individual effort and this often causes confusion when members then do what they want rather than what is agreed to by the Conference or Council. This does not directly address National and Regional meetings; however, in Part II of the RULE, International Statute 7.4: "Any matter that is not specifically governed by any Parts of the Rule and Statutes shall be governed by Tradition and, in the final instance, by the decision issued by the Board of the Council General." That said, on page 136 of the 2002 version of the manual, it states: "In accord with the long established practice, the individual Councils and Isolated Conferences are expected to assume financial responsibility for their delegates and committee members to attend meetings as necessary."

## **Election Procedures for SVdP Conference or Council Presidents**

By Shirley Smalley



Throughout the various levels of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the only elected office is that of President. The newly elected President in consultation with the Conference or Council membership appoints all other officers. <u>The outgoing President or</u> <u>the clergy of a given parish may not under any circumstances</u> <u>appoint a Conference or Council President</u>.

The election of Conference and Council President is held by secret ballot in accordance with an approved set of procedures that are consistent with the Rule, Statutes and Bylaws of the Society.

The term of office of a Conference, District or Diocesan Council President is three years, once renewable... Once a President has served two consecutive three-year terms, that person will not be eligible for re-election as President until a three-year term has elapsed under a different President.

Each Conference or Council should have at least a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer all of which are appointed by the President after consultation with the members. The President may appoint other officers.

All officers appointed by the President serve at the pleasure of the President, Such appointment terminate automatically when a new President takes office. An incoming President may reappoint an officer or officers and others who served under the previous President. (Rule Part III: 12)

In most cases, the First Vice President of a Conference or Council serves as the chairman of a nominating committee. Depending on the size of the Council or Conference, two or four members should be appointed to serve on that committee. The purpose of the committee is to determine who is eligible and interested in becoming a Presidential candidate and to interface with Conference or Council members about Vincentians who they believe have demonstrated leadership qualities and shown an interest in becoming an officer. Potential candidates are contacted and asked if they are willing to run for the office of President. Individual Vincentians may also contact the nominating committee and express their interest in running for office.

As soon as eligible candidates have been obtained, the date for an election must be set and all voting members must be notified of the upcoming election date. **The President is then elected by secret ballot and only full-enhanced members who are present at the meeting may cast a ballot. No absentee ballots may be issued or counted**. Once the process has been completed, arrangements should be made to commission the newly elected President.

In the Diocese of Phoenix, all newly elected Presidents take office on October 1st and serve through September 30th. In the event that a President resigns or otherwise vacates their office prior to the end of their term, an interim President is elected to serve until September 30. A new full term President is then elected to take office on October 1st. No interim Presidential term shall be counted in the term limit for a given Vincentian.

#### Prayer for Discerning Conference/Council Servant Leaders

Gracious and Loving Father,

We humbly place within your care our Conference/Council, its members, its works and the poor whom we serve.

We trust in Your Divine Providence and believe that you have given us all that we need to be a living sign of your presence in the world.

Send forth your Holy Spirit to aid us in discerning new servant leaders that will support and guide our work and growth in holiness according to Your Divine will and plan.

Fill our hearts with the gifts of wisdom, fortitude, knowledge, and understanding.

Instill in us the desire to serve not only the needy but one another through positions of leadership that embody a selfless servant's heart.

Enkindle within our Conference/Council unity, simplicity, humility and the fire of love that burned in the hearts of St. Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frederic Ozanam.

Strengthen us so that we may support our servant leaders in ways that lighten their load and enables them to know that they do not undertake the responsibilities of their office alone for we are but one family united in love and service.

Help us to grow in unity, fellowship and holiness so that our Conference/Council and its members may radiate your love and care for the poor, the needy, the vulnerable, the forgotten, and the entire world.

We ask all these things through the power of your Holy Spirit and in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

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## We have New (or Gently Used) Officers!

### CONFERENCE OR DISTRICT

PRESIDENT Name:				
Address:			City:	ZIP:
		Work:	City.	Cell:
Phone(Home):		VVOIK.		Cell.
Email:				
Contact Pref: Email	Cell		Home Phone	Conference Phone
1st VICE PRESIDENT Name:				
Address:			City:	ZIP:
Phone(Home):		Work:		Cell:
Email:				
Contact Pref: Email	Cell		Home Phone	Conference Phone
2nd VICE PRESIDENT Name:				
Address:			City:	ZIP:
Phone(Home):		Work:		Cell:
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Contact Pref: Email	Cell		Home Phone	Conference Phone
<b>SECRETARY</b> Name:				
Address:			City:	ZIP:
Phone(Home):		Work:	-	Cell:
Email:				•
Contact Pref: Email	Cell		Home Phone	Conference Phone
CO-SECRETARY Name:				
Address:			City:	ZIP:
Phone(Home):		Work:		Cell:
Email:				•
Contact Pref: Email	Cell		Home Phone	Conference Phone
<b>TREASURER</b> Name:				
Address:			City:	ZIP:
Phone(Home):		Work:	-	Cell:
Email:				
Contact Pref: Email	Cell		Home Phone	Conference Phone

#### CONFERENCE OR DISTRICT

CO-TREASURER Name:			
Address:		City:	ZIP:
Phone(Home):	V	/ork:	Cell:
Email:			
Contact Pref: Email	Cell	Home Phone	Conference Phone
SPIRITUAL ADVISOR Name:			
Address:		City:	ZIP:
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Contact Pref: Email	Cell	Home Phone	Conference Phone
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Contact Pref: Email	Cell	Home Phone	Conference Phone

## **Conference and District Presidents**

Please fill out the New Officer form and return to Sandy Edwards no later than October 15, 2021. If you do not have changes, please indicate so on the sheet and return to me. Don't forget to update your pantry hours and for those who have stores, you will need to update the information we have listed.

## **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 TTRINITY Jackie Hennings

OLPH SCOTTSDALE John Corcoran Forrest Dougherty Dale Nickekl Mary Zarlengo

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Joe DiGiovanni

OUR LADY OF JOY Alan Cisar

OUR LADY OF THE DESERET Richard Gordon

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE Cindy Smith

QUEEN OF PEACE Susan Petrie Mary Kay Dunlevy Martina Bonilla SACRED HEART— Dora Gloria Lopez

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

ST. DANIEL THE PROPHET Phil Murphy

ST. GABRIEL Lois Zeph Dolores Galligan Carmine Lockwood Robert Fitzer Phil Longobardi Louise & John Fullam Martha Fitzer ST. JAMES Diane Stofko Abel Noble

ST. JOHN VIANNEY SEDONA Betty Winick

SACRED HEART— PRESCOTT Richard Howell Herb Bourgault

ST. MARGARET MARY Mary Esquibel

ST. MARY'S BASILICA 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 Joyce Murphy

ST. GERMAINE Joe Zambito Kathy Ferguson Joe Ferguson Sandy Smith

ST. MARGARET MARY-BHC Rev. Peter Dobrowski

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

SAN FRANCISCO de ASIS Kathy Paleski SVDP EXECUTIVE OFFICE Jon Ehlinger Louise Kasmikha Chris Lowrey Paul Zabilski Nathan Turner Steve Howell Jimmy Walker Michelle Small Marie Gallego Greg Ryan Lisa Eicher Melvin Goldstein Jagger Michael Diem Nancy Phalen Tom Van Boven Jim Novotny Joyce Zabilski Evan Arriola Ray Daoust Barb Daoust Cathie Nelson Jayden Southern Jake Doyle Robert Jacobs Dr. David Goldfarb Alice Ehmann John Jakubczyk Peter McQuaid Kathleen Nageotte Sharon Ehmann Paul Joseph DeMuro Gabrielle Chung Ed Koval Josephine Salazar Frank Labriola Laura Grafman Nicole Hazen Mayuka and Family Tim Jeffries **David Park** Mary Jo Matthews Tom Thieken



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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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General Membership October 2, 2021 Mass at 10:00 AM Business Meeting at 11:30 AM

Please note date and time change.



The 2021-2022 Diocesan Council Annual Budget will be up for a vote a the October 2nd General Membership Meeting.

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Conference Members for discussion. If you have questions on the budget, please email Marc at: manderson@svdpaz.org or call him at 602.261.6802.