



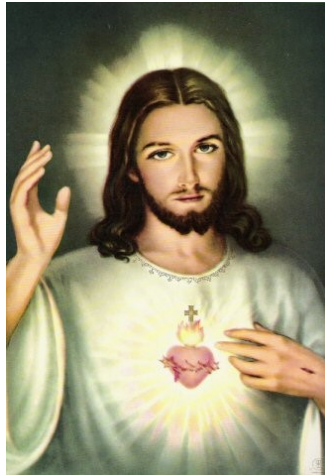
# St. Vincent de Paul Society NEWSLETTER



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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



## *Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is an important date for Vincentians. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been solemnly consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus since February 5, 1872. This feast is celebrated on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. For the year 2021, that date falls on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. An Act of Consecration was drawn up at the request of the Society in 1872, and this act of consecration is renewed annually by all units of the Society.

The prayer for the Consecration of a conference or council to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is below. During the month of June, each conference/council should consider reciting this act of consecration as part of their opening/closing prayers or Spiritual reflection.

## *Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart*

Lord Jesus, Who, seeing the cold indifference of the world and in order to revive charity amongst all people, has unveiled before them Your Sacred Heart and revealed the infinite riches of Your Divine Love, behold us prostrate before You, we who form only one Family, by the bond of fraternal charity, scattered, it is true, throughout the world, but united under the standard of St. Vincent de Paul, and forming only one body and one soul in the common spirit of the apostolate of charity; we dedicate and consecrate to Your Divine Person and to Your Sacred Heart this our Council (or Conference), and all the members who compose it, the poor whom we visit in Your name, the youth and children to whom we respond in order to maintain them in Your service; in a word, all those of whom we have the care, and all the works we have undertaken in various places for Your Glory. Quite unworthy though we are, we beseech You to receive this offering in the odor of sweetness; inflame us with that fire which from the depths of Your Heart You desire to see burning more and more each day, in order that, filled with the tenderness of Your Heart, we may learn to despise things here below, to love and help our neighbor, by word and example, and that, among the vicissitudes of this world, we may fix our hearts on the riches and happiness that shall never end. Amen

# Vincentian Promises

By Shirley Smalley

By virtue of our baptism, each of us received a "call to holiness". In addition to that general call, as Vincentians we were called by God to grow in holiness through devotion and service to the poor and vulnerable. When each of us received the call to a Vincentian vocation, we had to decide if we truly wanted to make that kind of commitment to God and His people. This decision was not an easy one to make because a vocation is more than just a "volunteer position we love". A vocation requires us to a radically different way of life. For Vincentians that means that we must not only love serving the poor, we must see the face of Christ in them and be a reflection of God's love to everyone.

On Trinity Sunday, I had the honor of attending the diaconate ordination for two young men who will be ordained as priests this time next year. One of those men, Harold Escarcega, started volunteering to serve others through the Society and other groups while he was still in elementary school. His joy and love for the Lord were obvious even at that young age. As he matured, he heard God calling him to the priesthood. Over the years and even during his time as a seminarian, he often shared his discernment process and his sincere commitment to doing the will of God with others. The road to being ordained into the priesthood like that of most vocations is not an easy road to travel. It takes hard work and continual commitment to answering God's call.

As these two men stood before Bishop Olmsted and answered "I do" to the promises required for ordination, I thought about the promises I have made to God and the Society and how often I need to be reminded to live out those promises. Here are the commissioning/commitment promises that Vincentians are called to make and renew annually.

*In response to the call of Christ who invites you to follow him:*

*Do you commit yourself to spiritual growth, so that you may bear witness to the love of God and to see the face of Christ in the faces of those you serve?*

*Do you commit yourself to promote a community of friendship among all members of the Society?*

*Do you commit yourself to give service to the poor in a spirit of justice and charity?  
Do you promise to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived so that you can bring them your love?*

*Do you promise to be generous with your time, your possessions and yourself in your mission of charity?*

*Do you promise to persevere in providing home visits and regarding them as a sacred trust?*

As the pandemic raced around the globe taking with it countless lives, jobs, income and normal activities, being a Vincentian became more challenging often requiring us to be innovative and creative. The Society was quick to respond and to offer adapted/modified services but services none the less. We continued to feed, house, clothe and heal but in a more removed manner. Gone were the heartfelt embraces, the caring glances, and the warmth of a shared prayer in our neighbors' living rooms but, although our modified services were more removed and less personal, they were at times more convenient.

The challenge facing us now is how will the Society transition back into a more person-to-person model which lies at the very foundation of who we are as Vincentians? The promises we made as Vincentians in committing to our vocation must be kept in the forefront of our hearts and minds as we decide how our conferences and councils will move forward in serving the poor and the needy. We are called to discern and return to ways of ministering that are founded in our mission while, at the same time, incorporating some of the new skills and technologies that we discovered and utilized during this crisis. It is truly a time for recovery and integration.

We have before us a great opportunity to return to our roots while incorporating the benefits of innovation and creativity. This is the perfect time for us take what we have learned from the past year, incorporate the things that can be incorporated and begin as Vincentians to gather with one another and to meet with more of our neighbors face-to-face and heart-to-heart.

## *Jubilarians Honored at Immaculate Conception*



***We awarded Allen Gilson posthumously, and presented the crucifix and certificate to his widow, Regina Gilson, Past Conference President. Al succumbed to COVID-19 in January 2021.***

***Other honorees not pictured:***

***David Miller  
Rosemary Schmid  
LaVonne O'Brien  
Carole Stoos  
Mary Parman Pamela Willis***

***Please see the following page for details on our honorees.***

## Jubilarians Honored at Immaculate Conception

**Al Gilson (14 years—Thrift Store; Food Pantry)** Joined to start “a store to sell donated items to generate money for the poor.” **Learned** “to be diplomatic” and “There will always be people in need.” **Wisdom:** “Be sure you need it, not want it!”

**Dave Miller (8 years—Thrift Store Pickup/Delivery Driver; Food Truck Crew)** **Memorable:** “Over time, watching thrift shop grow—satisfying to be a part of that growth.” **Learned:** “I am humbled by the commitment and work ethic ... of the volunteers.” **Wisdom:** “We are serving God and helping our neighbors.”

**Judy Miller (10 years—Thrift Store; Call Center; Conference Board; Grants)** Joined after learning about SVDP at RCIA. **Memorable:** “The story of SVDP and its founders is inspirational.” **Learned:** “The fact that we are ALL unpaid volunteers is unique!” **Wisdom:** “It is a gift to give willingly of ourselves.”

**LaVonne O'Brien (8 years—Thrift Store)** Joined after inquiry while dropping off donation. **Memorable:** “Every day at SVDP.” **Learned:** “We must work together & help each other.” **Wisdom:** “Share prayers for tomorrow.”

**Mary Parman (7+ years—Thrift Store)** **Learned:** “This work is what Christ meant by ‘give him our cloak’ ... No matter how much or little one gives, all together we do help.” **Wisdom:** “Jesus said, ‘Whatever you do in my name is done for you.’ You will never regret it; God gives back a hundredfold.”

**Ruthanne Plas (6+ years—Conference President 2016-19; Thrift Store)** Joined through friends. **Memorable:** “Christmas at Fir Street—the volunteer enthusiasm—It was fun!” **Learned:** “I was there for a purpose; I did my purpose.” **Wisdom:** “Always be ‘in tune’ with people.”

**Barbara Reed (6 years—Home Visit Leader)** Drafted by husband and co-workers. **Memorable:** “Working with the poor and homeless.” **Learned:** “How blessed I am & the blessings of being able to serve others.” **Wisdom:** “Have patience and love; God is in charge, not me.”

**Frank Reed (7 years—Food Pantry; Store Security; Pickup/Delivery; Home Visits)** **Learned:** “I’ve been richly blessed all my life & I cherish opportunities to help those who are struggling ... Kindness & compassion are the easiest gifts to share.” **Wisdom:** “There but for the grace of God go you or I.”

**Tom Reed (7+ years—Thrift Store Co-Manager)** **Memorable:** “When people set their minds together, we can

move mountains, like when we moved into our new building.” **Learned:** “Patience & understanding ... that we can work together and not necessarily agree on everything.”

**Roger Reif (10 years—Thrift Store Security; Pickup/Delivery)** Joined because “my wife recruited me.” **Memorable:** “Enjoyed helping for several years.”

**Rosemary Schmid (20+ years—Thrift Shop)** Joined because “Jesus taught us to help those in need.” **Wisdom:** “Be grateful for the opportunity to service God.”

**Carole Stoos (20+ years—Early Day Programs; Thrift Shop)** **Learned:** “I need to keep helping. It’s my task to help. It’s my job.” **Wisdom:** “Keep busy doing something.”

**Connie Ullery (9 years)—Thrift Store Cashier** “I was looking for volunteer work ... stopped in ... the rest is history!” **Learned:** “I found I didn’t need the things I wished for.” **Wisdom:** “Thank our ‘lucky stars’ we don’t walk through doors as customers, but as ‘happy volunteers.’”

**Pamela Willis (10+ years—Food Pantry; Conference Publicity)** **Learned:** “The importance of helping.” **Wisdom:** “It was wonderful to share my time with wonderful volunteers.”

# Congratulations

## *Our Commitment to Safeguarding Others*

*“The protection of minors and vulnerable persons is an integral part of the Gospel message that the Church and all its members are called to proclaim throughout the world. Christ himself, in fact, has entrusted us with the care and protection of the weakest and defenceless...” Pope Francis 26 March 2019*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is deeply committed to the protection of the poor and vulnerable and, as such fully supports the Church's effort to protect minors and vulnerable adults from any form of sexual abuse. Each July the Catholic Diocese of Phoenix begins a new Safe Environment Training (SET) year. Every Vincentian or Vincentian volunteered associated with the works of a Parish based conference whether on Parish grounds or offsite, must comply with the SET requirements that include but are not limited to completing a SET Renewal class. This renewal becomes due regardless of when a person completed their last training.

Please assist your conference president and Parish SET coordinator by completing your renewal class as soon as it is made available. The SVdP Phoenix diocesan Council's BRCIK on Safe Environment and our Sex Offender policy are below. If you have any questions regarding Safe Environment Training and certification requirements or compliance, contact Shirley Smalley, Conference Resources Committee chair at [msmal14727@aol.com](mailto:msmal14727@aol.com).

### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Phoenix Diocesan Council Participation of Sex Offenders in the Society Policy**

The Phoenix Diocesan Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has a zero-tolerance policy related to convicted sex offenders within the Society at any level. The policy is as follows:

1. If and when it is made known and confirmed that a convicted sex offender is a participant in the activities of the Society at any level, the convicted sex offender shall be separated from service in the Society.
2. If and when it is made known and confirmed that a convicted sex offender is applying for participation in the activities of the Society at any level, the convicted sex offender will be declined admission.
3. If and when it is made known and confirmed that a participant in the activities of the Society at any level is charged with, but not yet convicted of a sex offense, that person shall be placed on administrative leave from service until such time as the charges are dropped/cleared from that person's record.
4. If and when it is made known and confirmed that an applicant is charged with but not yet convicted of a sex offense, that person shall be declined participation in service until such time as the charges are dropped/cleared from that person's record.

This policy was approved by the General Membership and took effect on March 19, 2008.

**\*Note:** A person who has the status of full or associate member can only be separated from the Society through the formal process of removal as delineated in the Rule of the Society.



# BRICKS to build the foundation

## Safe Environment Training

In 2002, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) established the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. This document was revised and expanded in 2005, 2011, and 2018. This Charter called for the establishment of Safe Environment programs in every Catholic diocese operating within the United States.

Motivated by this Charter and its application, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Phoenix adopted a resolution in March of 2008 preventing sex offenders from joining, volunteering, and/or being associated in any way with the Council and its associated Conferences and District Councils. This policy also authorizes the immediate removal of any member, volunteer or person connected to the Society when said person is convicted of a sexual offense and/or if and when the Society is notified of any such past convictions. (See our Diocesan Sex Offender policy at the end of this BRICK.)

The SVdP Diocesan Council of Phoenix monitors the Safe Environment Training status of its potential and existing members, volunteers and associated persons through participation in the Catholic Diocese of Phoenix's Safe Environment Office and its related programs including training, interviews, renewals and routine background checks that are conducted by a Third Party Vendor through the use of Social Security numbers.

Safe Environment protocols for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Phoenix are as follows:

1. No person shall be considered a member, volunteer or associated vendor until the conference president is notified by their Safe Environment (SET) coordinator that the person is current and compliant with Safe Environment requirements including participation in the background check process and has received a certification status of "approved".
2. Conference presidents are required to provide their parish SET coordinator with a current membership list no later than August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and to submit names of any and all potential members, volunteers and/or associated vendors before that person or company conducts any business or participates in any of the Society's works and ministries.
3. If a potential member, volunteer or vendor is not approved by the Diocesan Safe Environment Office, they shall be denied membership or volunteer status and may not be associated with the Society in any way including but not limited to our meetings, works and ministries.
4. Anytime we are notified by the SET coordinator that a current member, volunteer or vendor has lost their SET approval status, that person will be immediately separated from the Society.
5. Once notified that a person or vendor has a criminal record that includes a sex offense, the conference president will immediately contact their SET coordinator to determine if the Pastor and/or Safe Environment Coordinator for the parish has informed the person of their inability to serve in ministries within the parish including SVdP.

If the person has been notified that they are not allowed to serve in ministries within the Diocese of Phoenix, the conference president needs to take no further action other than making sure that this person does not participate in any SVdP activities to include but not limited to conference meetings. The conference president must also contact the chairperson of the Conference Resources Committee and the Director of Vincentian Support Services (VSS).

# Going Home

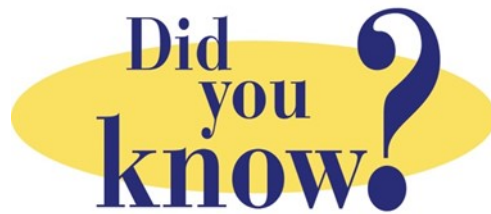
By Julia Matthies  
Director of Ozanam Manor

It has been a long while since telling the story of one of our Oz residents moving out, but I know some of you will want to help us celebrate this one. Kim moved into her apartment recently, and I was blessed to be able to take advantage of our internet outage to help her move in, along with her case manager Lindsay and the always amazing Albert. I asked Kim if I could share a little of her story, and she agreed.

Prior to finding her way to St. Vincent de Paul, Kim spent eight (8) months living on the light rail. People had told her about the Resource Center, but she was afraid to come, picturing an environment that was unsafe and crowded. She eventually did start coming to the Resource Center for showers and was impressed. She thought "If the Resource Center is this nice, imagine what the shelter would be like." She applied and was accepted into Ozanam Manor two years ago. She began working with Lindsay to find employment and has held down a job in a grocery store for quite a while now. She also volunteered with us at Ozanam Manor every week doing facility laundry. Finding an apartment during COVID that was in her budget proved challenging, but Kim never gave up and found a beautiful, brand new apartment in her price range near her work.

We were able to use our Oz Going Home Fund to help Kim get furniture from the Last Chance thrift store, and we stocked her kitchen and provided her with a home-in-a-box to get her started with household goods. Moving people into their homes is the best part of our jobs, and we are so grateful to be able to set them up right. Kim wants everyone to know "I'm right where God wants me to be."





## Cares Grant

Vincentians: It is imperative to inform your guests that they need to answer ALL questions when applying for the Phoenix Cares Grant. If they do not check each box, the application will be rejected.

***General Membership Meeting  
June 19, 2021  
9:20 am Mass  
10:00 am Business Meeting***

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87587219139>

Or One tap mobile:

US: +13462487799,,87587219139# or +16699006833,,87587219139#

Or Telephone:

Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

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Webinar ID: 875 8721 9139

## ***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 Marteleer  
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 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. ANTHONY OF PADUA***

Dennis Orr

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

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Sandra Jarr  
Joe Fellhauer  
Vince Gutierrez  
Bill Cowperthwait  
Terri Lyn Gardner

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Phil Murphy

### ***ST. GABRIEL***

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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

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Richard Howell  
Herb Bourgault

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Mary Esquibel

### ***ST. MARY'S BASILICA***

Robert Nue

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

John Winters

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

Karen Wilson  
Mike Anderson

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

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

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

Joyce Murphy

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

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Kathy Ferguson  
Joe Ferguson  
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Diane Schatz

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Nancy Weise

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

Nancy Barnes  
Yvonne Hurley

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

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Gene Harmeling  
Irene Sosnicki  
Lucia Mastroianni  
Terry DeYoung  
Al LaRocque

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

Paul Parent

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

Pat Krause

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

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Ed Koval  
Josephine Salazar  
Frank Labriola  
Laura Grafman  
Nicole Hazen  
Mayuka and Family  
Tim Jeffries  
David Park  
Mary Jo Matthews  
Tom Thieken

# REQUIESCAT IN PACE



**Susan DeWitt**

*St. Bernadette*

**Lupe Geyer**  
*Church of the Resurrection*

**Peggy Welz**  
*Church of the Resurrection*

**Patricia Jackson**  
*Church of the Resurrection*

***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%



**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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# 2<sup>nd</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 clothes (XL-XXL)
- Men's underwear (XL-XXL)
- Men's jeans (sizes 27- 68)
- Men's socks
- Men's sneakers/boots
- Dog leashes/collars/harnesses

## House.

- Clean backpacks
- Bike U-locks
- Twin bed sheets
- Blankets
- Rolling luggage
- Dog beds

## Heal.

- Sunscreen
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Toothbrushes/paste
- Body wash
- Lip balm
- Bug repellent
- Deodorant
- Combs/brushes
- Diapers (sizes 5,6,7)
- Dog flea/tick shampoo



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