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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



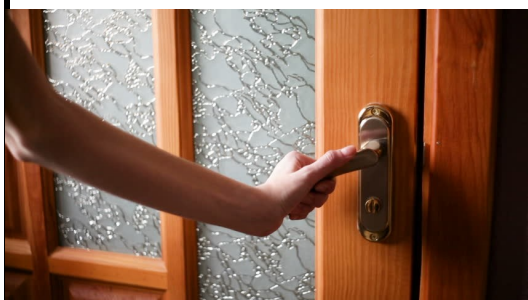
Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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 11th. 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



Opening the Door to Membership!

The Rule of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states, *The Society is open to all those who seek to live their faith loving and committing themselves to their neighbor in need.* Although our Rule clearly states that the Society is open to all, that is often not the case. Many times, conferences, councils, or we as individual Vincentians shut others out by creating our own walls and barriers to membership. Not all walls or barriers are visible. Many of our barriers are systemic, subtle, invisible, and yet very real.

Conference and councils often complain that they need more, younger and/or culturally diverse members but they do so without actively targeting these groups and without addressing the structural obstacles that might be preventing them from joining. For example, conferences and councils that meet early in the evening or during weekday morning or afternoon times are actually restricting their membership to non-working, self-employed or retired individuals. Working adults and even students are rarely available for a meeting earlier than 6:00 PM. While it may be more convenient for our retired or non-working members to meet earlier, doing so excludes a large portion of our potential members.

I joined the Society in my thirties as a working mother of two young children who was also completing a master's degree. I was able to join because my parish had a conference where the majority of the members were working professionals. Only two members of the entire conference were retired. We met at 7:00 PM twice a month. We did our home visits and pantry work mostly on the weekends and according to the availability of the members. We had a flexible schedule that accommodated a wide array of outside demands. At the time, no one in our conference thought that the Society was an organization geared to non-working members. Our founders were students who went on to be married, working professionals and yet they continued to serve within the Society for their entire lives. These young men did not wait until retirement to start serving their brothers and sisters in need; they started young and remained faithful to their Vincentian vocation.

Conferences and districts need to routinely evaluate their practices to determine how accessible they are to potential members. If a district or conference meets in the middle of the day, few if any working individuals would consider joining their group let alone stepping into leadership. Why is it that most of our conference and council officers and board members are retirees? Perhaps, the honest answer is that our current leadership at the local level is comprised of retirees because of the walls and obstacles we ourselves have created.

Most of us can recall the famous line from the movie **Field of Dreams**, "If you build it, they will come". Perhaps, if we open the doors and windows of the Society and remove some of our invisible barriers that have inadvertently developed, new members young and not so young will indeed come. We must remember that we come not only to serve but also to lead others to serve and to bring them to grow with us in holiness through the beauty of the Society that we are fortunate enough to share.

By Shirley Smalley

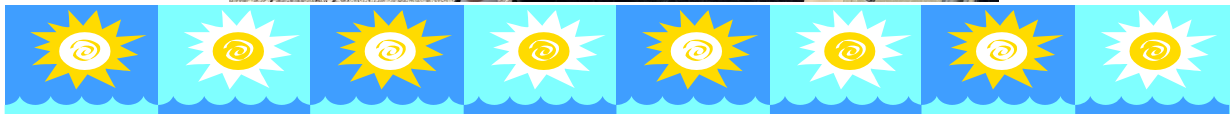
News from SS. Simon and Jude

Pictured below is Ron Robinson from the SS. Simon and Jude Conference. Several times a week he, along with his grandson Terron Brewster, bring food and blankets to the homeless.

They have continually shown their love for the less fortunate.

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Thank you !



News from Queen of Peace

Remembering Lacho

Horacio “Lacho” Macias died on April 28, 2022. He was just 64 years old. Lacho had been a long-time, active Vincentian at Queen of Peace Parish in Mesa. He was also active in the Knights of Columbus at Queen of Peace, and a Men’s Prayer Group at Christ the King. Since he was bilingual, Lacho also belonged to a group helping immigrants crossing the border, getting them food and clean clothing.

Lacho fit into the Conference with other members from his first days. He was willing to take on any job, any task. Lacho was a gifted handyman who also owned a truck and a large trailer for hauling our food and whatever else we needed moved. He visited clients with food, but more importantly with a smile and warm greeting. He picked up supplies for the pantry. He would carry household supplies to clients - beds, tables, chairs, whatever. In all of this, Lacho was cheerful and considerate, and adhered to Vincentian spirituality. Lacho had a great sense of humor! He was an active member during meetings, giving his ideas and opinions, but always ready to listen to the ideas of other members. Lacho always signed up for our special events, and was willing to “work the tables” after the Masses.

Lacho leaves behind a 19-year-old daughter, Isabella, a stepson he raised since the age of six, brothers and other relatives, as well as all of his brothers and sisters from Queen of Peace Conference. He will be greatly missed.

By Jay Kilroy



Remembering Mary Lou

We are saddened beyond words to report that Maria Luisa “Mary Lou” Rivera, a dedicated Vincentian from Queen of Peace Conference, was called by our Lord on Sunday, March 27, 2022.

Mary Lou was only 77 years old and had been with St. Vincent de Paul since 2016. I recall her attending our first Call to Serve meeting. We were in need of a bilingual person to help answer the calls at Queen of Peace. It just seemed everyone else who tried to do phones didn't like it or just preferred to do something else! But she liked it and did a wonderful job. Mary Lou was rather quiet but was truly dedicated and compassionate on the phone. She had the heart to deal with clients/neighbors and, because she was bilingual, she was an asset to Queen of Peace. So much so, that when it became evident that we would need someone to do data entry (old Access system), she was willing to be trained and took that on without complaining. On the one and only time she went on a home visit, her partner and fellow Vincentian, Greg Miller, suffered a heart attack and died. She handled his passing with grace and was of great comfort to his wife, Corri, and Greg's family.

Mary Lou's illness (ALS) started gradually and, even though eventually the disease took her life, she didn't miss coming in every Wednesday to answer the phones. We could always rely on her to answer calls on Mondays, when we were out of town. In 2018, she was asked to be Office Manager in charge of phones. She graciously organized the office even as her condition worsened. When it came time for a wheelchair, Paulino Navarro (Queen of Peace maintenance) came to the rescue after noticing her struggle to get her chair over the pantry door entrance and built a two-sided ramp, for coming in and going back out. Her dedicated helper, Mary Kay Dunleavy, would help her out of the car and into her wheelchair until she finally couldn't drive.

I wish I had known her in a more personal way. She was so special, that when she couldn't come into the pantry anymore, she would have Mary Kay take the neighbor sheets to her house to do the data entry (now using ServWare) from home. We will miss her gentle ways and soft voice. Her complete dedication will be missed by her friends and fellow Vincentians, but we thank God for lending her to us here at Queen of Peace. She was very special. We feel blessed to have called her our friend.

By Lupe Hernandez





BRICKS to build the foundation

What Counts as a Conference Meeting

The RULE clearly states that every Conference must meet at least twice a month. The frequency of meetings, however, is not the only requirement of the Society related to conference meetings. For a gathering of Vincentians to constitute a conference meeting, there are certain components that must be present and elements that must be completed.

There are two statutes in Part III of the RULE related to conference meeting requirements.

Statute 5 states:

Members of the Society, traditionally gather in communities called "Conferences," which meet weekly, or at least twice a month. This is to affirm the importance of the spiritual and social dimensions of Vincentians coming together as a community of faith and love, prayer, and action. ... Conference members consistently strive to develop a three-fold relationship with God, the poor, and one another – mutual support and friendship.

Statute 7 further states: A Conference meeting includes the following components:

Punctual call to order

Roll call – some method of recording attendance

- Opening prayer
- Spiritual reading (or meditation)
- Approval of minutes of previous meeting
- Home visitation reports
- President's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports
- Membership Reports
- Resolutions
- Special Works Report
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Time and Place of next meeting
- Secret collection
- Closing prayer
- Adjournment

NOTE: All components may not be needed at every meeting. For example, there may not be a Special Works category to be discussed throughout the year. Non-essential elements are underlined on the agenda list published in the Rule. These elements are to be included as needed. Home visit reports may also be limited to a few representative cases or ones that need approval.

One of the requirements for active (full) membership in the Society is regular attendance at Conference meetings. It should be noted, however, that the Society does not specifically define the words “regular attendance”. This lack of definition is by design and is meant to allow conferences to make that determination themselves. For example, a conference in rural Montana may define regular attendance very differently than a conference in southern California.

In addressing the issue of meeting attendance, the Rule of the Society clearly conveys the idea that if you are committed to being an active Vincentian, you will make every effort to regularly attend your conference meetings thus joining your brother and sister Vincentians in sharing our spirituality, fellowship, and service. This expectation implies more than attendance at a simple majority of your conference meetings.

As Vincentians, we must never lose sight of the fact that the Society does not exist simply to do works of charity. It exists to help our members to grow in holiness, friendship, and service – a blend of all three. And the place where the three basic elements of the Society come together most completely is in our Conference meetings.

Revised January 2022



General Membership Meeting

Saturday, June 18, 2022
Hall of Banners at 8:30 AM
420 W. Watkins Rd.

Raffle Prizes
And a chance to win
\$1,000, \$2,000 or \$5,000
For your Conference

Please invite your members to attend.



From the Desk of the Conference Resources Committee

Non-compliance

Have you ever wondered what happens if a conference is not following the Rule and bylaws of the Society? The SVdP Diocesan Council of Phoenix has a document that clearly outlines procedures that will be used to address non-compliance on the part of a conference or council.

Although these procedures outline possible consequences and actions, the commitment of the Diocesan and District Councils, the Conference Resources Committee, and Vincentian Support is to provide such conferences and councils with all of the resources and support needed to remediate such issues.

If you, your conference, or your District council is experiencing issues related to compliance, please do not hesitate to contact our Committee.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Diocese of Phoenix Procedures for Addressing Non-Compliance

Issues or situations of non-compliance involving a Council, Conference and/or Conference member are related to the following areas:

- 1. The Rule of the Society*
- 2. International, National, Diocesan and/or District Council bylaws*
- 3. All policies of the Diocesan Council of Phoenix including but not limited to the Standards of Affiliation*
- 4. Approved Individual Conference operating guidelines*

Issue/situation arises: (All issues/situations will be handled beginning with the most basic level of the organization first and in as timely a fashion as possible. Vincentian Support Services is available to assist the Society at all levels and during all phases of this process.)

- 1. If appropriate, the Conference President shall work with his/her conference or conference member (s) to remediate the problem. The Conference President will notify his/her District President regarding the situation.*

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2. *If the issue/situation cannot be resolved by the Conference President, the District President will verify that an issue/situation does exist. Once the existence of an issue/situation has been established, the District President will work with the individual Conference and the Conference President to remediate the issue/situation.*
3. *If the issue/situation is not resolved and non-compliance continues, the matter will be brought before the Conference Resources and Concerns (CR&C) Committee for resolution or possible referral to an Extension sub-committee assigned to work with the District Council to resolve the issue/situation by means of an Action plan.*
4. *If non-compliance continues, the President and Officers of the Conference will be asked to make a presentation related to this issue/situation to the District Council. The District Council will consider the recommendation of the Conference Resources and Concerns Committee, expand/modify the Action plan, or make recommendations for corrective action as authorized by the Rule and/or the Diocesan and District bylaws to the Council Board.*
5. *If non-compliance continues, the Council Board will consider the matter and take appropriate action.*
(See possible actions listed in Article II of the District bylaws.)



The Conference Resources committee is working on a Vincentian Resource Guide that provides a list of available resources within our Diocese. This guide will be posted online and will list service providers by category. This guide can be used as a source of referrals for those whom we serve. Once the guide is posted online, you will be able to send us additional resources as you find them or provide us with more updated information so that we can keep the guide current and accurate.

Our committee cannot wait to share this guide with you.

OZANAM FORMATION EXPERIENCE (OFE) **UPDATED** **IN-PERSON**

St. John Vianney – Sedona – Wednesday, July 13 – 9am - 3pm (OFE 1 & 2)
Thursday, July 14 – 9am - 3pm (OFE 3 & 4)

St. Thomas Aquinas – Avondale – Saturday, August 13 - 9am - 3pm (OFE 1 & 2)
Saturday, August 20 – 9am - 3pm (OFE 3 & 4)

Church of the Resurrection – Tempe – Saturday, August 20 – 9am - 3pm
(OFE 1 & 2) Saturday, August 27 – 9am - 3pm (OFE 3 & 4)

Sacred Heart – Prescott – Saturday, October 1 – 9am – 3pm (OFE 1 & 2)
Sunday, October 2 – 9am – 3 pm (OFE 3 & 4)

Church of the Ascension – Fountain Hills – Saturday, October 8 – 9am – 3pm
(OFE 1 & 2) Saturday, October 22 – 9am – 3pm (OFE 3 & 4)

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

Saturday, July 16, 2022

Hall of Banners
420 W. Watkins Rd., Phoenix
8:30 am. – 12:00 pm.
(Begins with Mass)

Presenter

Sr. Paule Freeburg, DC

Western Region Spiritual Advisor

Topic – **Five Sayings of St. Vincent**

*Presidents, please send number from
your conference who will attend to
Mary Ann Hunter by July 9*

maryannhunter44@gmail.com

928-699-9232

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Morning of Reflection

With

Fr. Dennis Holtschneider, CM

Begins with
Mass at 8:30 am

Get Lent off to a great start!

St. Joan of Arc
3801 E. Greenway Rd.
Phoenix, AZ

(More information will be given in January.)

Are you receiving Frederic's e-Gazette?

The e-Gazette comes by email every Thursday from our national office in St. Louis. If you are not receiving it and you have an email address please send your email with the name of your conference to:

maryannhunter44@gmail.com

SPANISH OFE PRESENTERS

In order to present OFE in Spanish we need presenters who can speak Spanish. We would like to be able to present two classes per year – beginning in the Fall. There would be a commitment to be trained. If you are interested, please contact:

Guadalupe Sosa
602-332-1471
Guadalupe50@msn.com



Newsletter Articles

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

Email to: sedwards@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

Judy Allard
Barbara Velleman

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Caroline Steele
Bob Bruce

HOLY CROSS

Rose Burmich
Sharon Smith
Martin (Lefty) Wolf

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Linda Lee Chambon-Gay
Sue Dori
Scott Marthaler
James Reed
Tom and Barbara Reed
Peg Shandera
Lu Stitt
Mike Vize

MOST HOLY TRINITY

Jackie Hennings

OLPH SCOTTSDALE

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

Richard Gordon

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

Pat Gerencser

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

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Susan Petrie
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Martina Bonilla

SACRED HEART—

Dora
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Terri Lyn Gardner

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Phil Murphy
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Jack McAward
Philip Longabardi
Tom Searfoss
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Lois Zeph
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Carmine Lockwood
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Phil Longobardi
Louise & John Fullam
Martha Fitzer

ST. JAMES

Diane Stofko
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ST. JOHN VIANNEY SEDONA

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ST. MARY'S BASILICA

Robert Nue

ST. TIMOTHY

Mike Anderson
Margaret Hewett
Karl Rusnock
Thea Podrybau

ST. LOUIS THE KING

Ed & Esther Escarcega
Mario & Mary Fierros

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

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Joyce Murphy

ST. GERMAINE

Joe Zambito
Kathy Ferguson
Joe Ferguson
Sandy Smith

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Diane Schatz

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

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REQUIESCAT IN PACE



Horacio “Lacho” Macias

Queen of Peace

Mary Lou Rivera

Queen of Peace

Veronica Nord

All Saints Mesa

Marg Muha

SS. Simon and Jude

Trudy Gradwahl

SS. Simon and Jude

Dottie Hickey

SS. Simon and Jude

***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.***



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 | 1300 W. Harrison St, Phoenix 85007

- 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.



THE VINCENTIAN ANNUITY

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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%



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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.

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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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