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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

Happy Anniversary

About 18 months ago my wife and I began planning our 40th wedding anniversary celebration for March 21, 2021. Our plans included renewing our vows at a Mass in the Hall of Banners dining room in the company of a couple hundred friends and family members. Our children and grandchildren would be flying in from Maryland, California, and Georgia. Each of them, including our youngest, Oscar, not yet two, would have roles in the service. Mass would be followed by a reception catered by our St. Vincent de Paul kitchen staff. I'm sure you know the reason invitations were never sent.

In his song "Beautiful Boy", John Lennon wrote "Life is what happens when you are busy making other plans." The pandemic changed wedding plans, funeral services, graduations, church attendance, how we conduct business, and the way our children are taught. Our world changed dramatically overnight. By the time you are reading this, over 600,000 American lives will have been lost to the virus. The pandemic exacerbated the gap between the wealthy and the poor, as the stock market and number of unemployed both reached record highs.

Our 40th wedding anniversary plans are long forgotten. Kathy and I celebrated quietly together with a round of golf and a nice dinner on a socially-distanced patio at a lovely restaurant. We talked about memories of our many years together, including challenges we faced that only served to make our love stronger. And, perhaps a bit prematurely, we began making plans for a major celebration of our 50th anniversary ten years from now.

Our Council, and its conferences, have reason to celebrate a major milestone as well. This year is the 75th anniversary of the founding of our first conference at St. Mary's Basilica. Matt Scott, Dan O'Meara, and their contemporaries could never have envisioned the Phoenix Diocesan Council becoming the largest St. Vincent de Paul Council in the world, but they laid the foundation for what is now 82 thriving conferences with over 3,000 members, five dining rooms serving more than 4,000 meals every day of the year, a nationally recognized Medical & Dental Clinic, a transitional shelter for 60 elderly, disabled men and women, and numerous other services for the marginalized members of our community. It's worth noting that Steve Zabalski was hired as our Executive Director in 1996, the year we celebrated our 50th anniversary. Much of our growth, and recognition as a leading provider of social services in the communities we serve, is directly attributable to Steve's outstanding servant leadership.

This year we will find ways to reflect on our history, but no doubt it will be a quieter celebration than it might have been in different times. Perhaps the best way for us to celebrate is to thank God for the vision, passion, and commitment of those who went before us, and for the opportunity we have to continue their legacy. Happy Anniversary!

Steve Attwood

A Call to Holiness

The Society, "has only one purpose: to sanctify its members in the exercise of charity..." (*Frederic Ozanam 1853*)

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul differs from other charitable groups and organizations in many ways. The most important difference is that our primary commitment is to the spiritual advancement of our members through service to the poor and needy. Being able to see and understand that the poor and needy are our masters because they enable us to grow in holiness because in them we see and encounter the face of Christ.

St. Vincent de Paul, as pointed out on page 53 of our Manual, that "our object is not only to relieve material misery, a very laudable purpose in itself, but to aspire, especially through the practice of that most sublime of virtues - charity - to render ourselves better and more fervent Christians...." This call to grow in holiness through our Vincentian vocation means that every member, every conference and every council must place God at the center of our lives, our meetings and our works.

Vincentians are called to grow in holiness through both individual and collective practices. Our personal spiritual growth must be strengthened through daily prayer, mass, receiving the Eucharist, reading, Bible studies and participation in spiritual workshops or days including our Diocesan Mornings of Reflection. Our experiences of growing closer to God and His holy will must then be brought back to our conference and council meetings so that our brothers and sisters may benefit from our experiences and we can benefit from theirs.

Sharing our personal struggles and insights concerning our relationship to God and others is often one of our greatest challenges. It is hard to let down your defenses so that you can share your true feelings and even your doubts about God and your journey towards holiness but that is exactly what our Vincentian vocation requires of us.

As Vincentians, we are often better able to share the faith or experiences of others than to express our own feelings. The easiest Vincentian reflection questions are those centered on things outside of ourselves such as "When have you seen Christ in another person?". A question such as "When, like Thomas, have you doubted Christ?" is often met with an uncomfortable silence and few responses.

Frederic Ozanam once said, "Ordinary Catholics are plentiful enough, everywhere; but we need saints." God called you to be a Vincentian and gave you to the poor so that you could become a saint. It is often difficult to think of ourselves as being saints, however, that is God's will for all of us. We can and should remember each and every second that we are saints in the making and that making requires obedience, submission, humility and a servant's heart.

Let us never forget that our Vincentian call is first and foremost a call to holiness. We must constantly renew our commitment to spiritual growth and work unceasingly to conform our will to God's will by modeling our lives on the life of Jesus Christ who was the perfect servant to the poor. It is holiness that makes us charitable and that charity in turn contributes to our holiness. For Vincentians, holiness and charity are joined together as a single response to God's endless love and mercy.

*Shirley Smalley
District 11 President*

News From St. Frances Cabrini

Jubilarians Honored



In a ceremony held recently at St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Camp Verde, Gayleen and Gordon Kelsey received the Jubilarian Crucifix for their continued work of serving the poor in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frederic Ozanam. Gayleen is the current president of the Conference, and both she and Gordon have been members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Frances Cabrini Conference for at least 15 years. Vincentian activities at their Conference include but are not limited to stocking the pantry and working the office help line.

Additionally, this couple is quite involved with parish activities such as Parish dinners and in Eucharistic Ministry.

Gayleen and Gordon offer the following words of wisdom to other Vincentians:
"Trust each other, and believe that you are doing God's will."

Congratulations and best wishes to Gayleen and Gordon on this special occasion!

Blessing of SVdP Bench At St. Maria Goretti

On April 17th, we dedicated a bench to our Vincentians, past and present at St. Maria Goretti. Our longtime friend, Nancy Lepardo, died from COVID in February.

I've had the privilege of serving with so many wonderful people and felt the need to honor them.

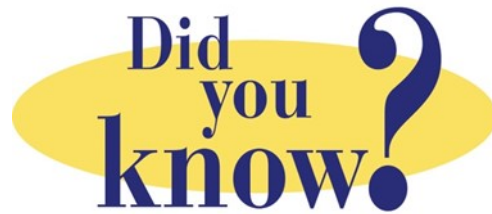
Ann Collins, St. Maria Goretti Conference



Thank you Ann!



Thank you to all our Vincentians who do so much to help others each and every day.



In December of 2018, the Council General International in Paris, France officially approved the changes to the Rule-Part III that had been submitted by the National Council of the United States. Among the changes that were approved, are the Cultural Beliefs list in Statute 2. See the list below.

Revised copies of the Rule and the Manual are available through the National office. While you are waiting to get your revised copies, why not discuss this list of beliefs in context of what your conference or council is currently doing and how you can more fully embrace these beliefs in your works and your Vincentian relationships.

Statute 2: Cultural Beliefs

The following are the Cultural Beliefs that make up the Society's creed and therefore define our Ministry so that as Vincentians we are committed to:

Spiritual Growth:

Grow in holiness through prayer, service, friendship and formation.

One Society:

Contribute to the success of our Vincentian work when we support One Society.

Servant Leaders:

Develop ourselves and others to become Servant Leaders.

Today's Society:

Strengthen the Society by embracing new and diverse ideas and people.

Embrace Accountability:

Build a strong Society by holding each other accountable to our Mission, to the Essential Elements of the Society and to good Governance.

Inclusive Planning:

Foster ownership by involving all members in planning and decision-making.

Advocate for Justice:

Advocate along with the poor for just policies and practices at the local, state and national levels.



BRICKS to build the foundation

Weapons Policy

Vincentians endeavor to establish relationships based on trust and friendship. Conscious of their own frailty and weakness, their hearts beat with the heartbeat of the poor. (Rule Part I: 1.9)

The SVdP Diocesan Council Board of Phoenix recently approved a Council policy restricting the carrying and use of potentially lethal weapons on Diocesan property and in the operation of their programs. (See attached policy) Technically speaking, this policy applies to all paid staff, Diocesan volunteers, and all Vincentians that serve or participate in the works and activities of the Diocesan Council. This policy is not only a prudent addition to our employment policies and operating protocols; it serves as a glimpse into the very heart of the Society.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers tangible assistance to those in need through person-to-person ministry and works. It is our personalized method of interacting with the vulnerable and needy that makes our work unique and meaningful. When we view the Gospel call to serve others through the eyes of the Society, it is easy to see that what makes our Vincentian work different, meaningful and often life changing is the spirit with which we serve those in need.

We are called to build relationships with those whom we serve through interactions that reflect the dignity and respect we have for each and every person we encounter. We also strive to meet people in-person in places that are safe, comfortable and that convey a sense of family and mutual trust. In today's world, there is much tension and strife. More and more people are finding it hard to trust and believe in the goodness of others even though acts of kindness far outnumber those that are self-centered and destructive.

When we as Vincentians go out in service to the poor, we are called to be a sign of peace, joy, love and mercy. Weapons convey to others a sense of distrust, fear, and hostility. In other words, carrying a lethal weapon while conducting the business of the Society is in direct conflict with the spirit of the Society and gives the poor and vulnerable a very different impression of who and what we are about.

While we always want to convey Christian values and a Christ-like presence, the safety of our members is also equally important. To that point, Vincentians are never encouraged to go into dangerous situations or places. If a location, home or person poses a potential threat, Vincentians should make other arrangements for in-person meetings or refrain from serving certain individuals.

The Society and its members are called to stand in contrast to the values, attitudes and actions of the material world thus allowing others to see the face of Christ in us. We do not need to fall victim of the anger of hostilities of the day. All Vincentians, while conducting the business of the Society, are called to voluntarily comply with this policy because it is the right thing to do.

Weapons Policy

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council

513 Policy Regarding Weapons

This policy applies only to employees and volunteers of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. It does not govern third-party security companies or police departments.

Employees and volunteers are prohibited from carrying lethal weapons on Society property, or while conducting Society business, at any time. Lethal weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms of any sort and knives. For individual, personal protection, mace and pepper spray are permitted for all employees and volunteers.

Security officers employed by the Society will be authorized to carry non-lethal weapons when they are on duty. Batons and pepper spray are the approved weapons for security officers. These non-lethal weapons will not be visible unless required. Due to the nature and scope of their job responsibilities, security staff must be fully trained in the proper use of the non-lethal weapons noted above, as well as de-escalation techniques.

Approved by the Diocesan Council Board February 10, 2021

Capital Asset Funds

Funds are still available for Conferences. The Resource Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If your Conference is in need of items such as computers, printers, refrigerators, freezers furniture, or other related appliances, the CRC may match funds up to \$2,200. Please fill out the application and return to Sandy Edwards at Vincentian Support Services.

PHOENIX SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CAPITAL ASSET FUNDS APPLICATION

Name of Conference: _____
 Conference Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: AZ Zip Code: _____
 Requested by: _____ Position: _____
 Email: _____
 Preferred Telephone #: _____ Fax: _____
 Conference Approved Capital Asset Fund Project Date of Meeting: _____

Full Cost of Asset(\$): _____ Funds Requested (\$) _____ From Conference (\$): _____

Asset(s) Description:

Asset(s) Purpose:

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Funds are available?
 Application is filled out fully and correctly?
 All required additional documents are provided?
 Assets qualify?
 Total cost less than or equal to Maximum Funding Limit?
 Total cost greater than Maximum Funding Limit?
 Conference applying for exception?

District concurs that Conference Meets Minimum Requirement for a Conference _____

District Representative

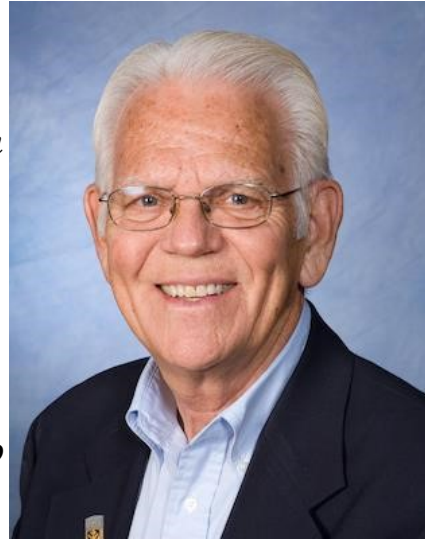
CONFERENCE RESOURCES COMMITTEE & VINCENTIAN SUPPORT SERVICES:

Application Received: _____
 Date Reviewed by the Committee: _____
 Approved/Denied: _____
 Committee Member: _____
 Signature: _____



Dr. Eugene Hughes

Dr. Eugene Hughes, former president of Northern Arizona University and a faithful Vincentian of the San Francisco de Asis Conference passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 10, 2021 in Flagstaff. Gene was co-president of the conference for four and one half years until his other co-president resigned his position. Dr. Hughes participated regularly in conference activities. He was instrumental in raising \$70000 in donations to add an elevator to the thrift store so everyone would be able to reach the second floor conference/meeting room.



As described in information provided at his funeral, "Gene was a kind, intelligent, diplomatic man who listened patiently, cared deeply, sought compromises, and treated everyone with dignity. He made all who interacted with him feel seen, heard, appreciated, and loved. His wit, wisdom, and warm, dimpled smile will be greatly missed, but his legacy endures in the memories of how he touched all our lives."

Rest in peace, Gene!

Mary Ann Hunter

San Francisco de Asis Conference

A TRUE SERVANT LEADER

Our Lady of Lourdes Conference said goodbye to Carol Voit recently. She will not be forgotten.

A line from her obituary sums up why Carol, who passed away this month from cancer, was such an exceptional Vincentian: "She dedicated her entire life to giving to others and enriching the lives of all those who knew her."

This caring and compassionate lady from Minnesota will be greatly missed by many, including her fellow Vincentians whom she served devotedly as their president. She poured out her love to Christ's special friends and her commitment to them epitomized the response St. Vincent de Paul had in mind when he said, "You are, therefore, intended to represent the goodness of God in the eyes of the poor."



Carol's last year of service to our Society was a consummate example of selfless and tireless servant leadership. As has also been said of the Phoenix Diocesan Council, the pandemic was her finest hour. She rose unreservedly to the unprecedented challenges it posed and did so with grace and determination. Her legacy of love, compassion and total dedication to our mission will long be remembered.

The conference has a proud history of exceptional service to our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ. Carol Voit's presidency added an inspiring new chapter to it.

Joe Riley
Board Member

A Moment of Reflection

WHAT MUST COME TO ME

My God, I do not know what must come to me today.

But I am certain that nothing can happen to me that you have not foreseen, decreed and ordained from all eternity.

That is sufficient for me.

I adore your impenetrable and eternal designs to which I submit with all my heart.

I desire and accept them all, and I unite my sacrifice to that of Jesus Christ, my divine Savior.

I ask in His name and through His infinite merits, patience in my trials, and perfect and entire submission to all that comes to me by your good pleasure.

Amen.

THE FAST LIFE

Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from fear of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; Feast on speech that purifies.

Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; Feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; Feast on hope.

Fast from negativity; Feast on encouragement.

Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion.

Fast from suspicion; Feast on truth.

Fast from gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that sustains.

Fast from anxiety; Feast on faith.

Amen.

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 Martaler
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

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

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Lois Zeph
Dolores Galligan
Carmine Lockwood
Robert Fitzer
Phil Longobardi
Louise & John Fullam

ST. JAMES

Diane Stofko
Abel Noble

ST. JOHN VIANNEY SEDONA

Betty Winick

SACRED HEART—PRESCOTT

Richard Howell
Herb Bourgault

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
Sandy Smith

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Mayuka and Family

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



Dr. Eugene Hughes

San Francisco de Asis

Carol Voit

Our Lady of Lourdes

Nellie Sanchez

St. Edward the Confessor

***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

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St. Vincent de Paul
not just
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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.**

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TO SEE IF AN ANNUITY IS RIGHT FOR YOU
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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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2nd 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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