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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



As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are and they will say a poor soul you prayed for in Purgatory.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Hearts Filled with Gratitude

November is an interesting and somewhat challenging month for Catholics and for Vincentians in particular. We enter the month with the liturgical celebrations of All Saints and All Souls Days, we host food drives, participate in Turkey Tuesday, deliver special food boxes, begin preparations for SVdP Christmas activities, and end the month with the secular holiday of Thanksgiving. Amidst the backdrop of the Holiday busyness of our Church and Society events, it is sometimes extremely challenging to stay focused on our core commitment to spirituality and holiness.

On November 1st, we honor all saints especially the millions of unnamed souls in heaven. The following day, we celebrate the feast of All Souls where we pray for the souls in purgatory. On these two days, the Church militant, the faithful here on earth who are fighting the battle between good and evil, honor the Church triumphant, the souls in heaven. On November 2nd, we change our focus and pray for the Church suffering, those souls who are currently in purgatory.

During these two days, we are reminded to pray for all the deceased members of the Society, our departed benefactors, as well as the poor and vulnerable who have gone before us but our prayers for them should not be limited to these two days or even to the month of November. There are times when I am in Church that I can actually feel the presence of the entire Church both living and dead surrounding me, praying for me, and supporting me in my work as a Vincentian and in my struggle to grow closer to God.

That same feeling of being one in the Body of Christ sometimes happens when I am in a conference meeting, doing a home visit, writing an article for the newsletter, or sharing with others the mission of the Society. During these times, I have a deep sense that without their works, their sacrifices, their vision, and their commitment to the poor and to the salvation of others, I would not have the opportunity to serve God through service to my brothers and sisters. I find great comfort and strength in knowing that the Church triumphant, the Church militant, and the Church suffering are all standing beside me as I follow Frederic Ozanam in "trying to do a little good and grow in holiness".

We close the month of November with the American celebration of Thanksgiving. How appropriate is that? It is the perfect opportunity to be thankful for the blessings we have received from those who handed on our faith and our vocation. I challenge every Vincentian in our Council to look through Frank Barrios' book about the Society in Phoenix or the Manual of the Society and find a name or two of deceased members, staff, donors, or supporters and pray for them. Our Vincentian roots run deep and so should our commitment to honoring and praying for those who have gone before us and for those who will come after us. Let us also give thanks for everyone who paved the road we walk upon and the opportunities we have to serve our brothers and sisters.

By Shirley Smalley

Jubilarians Honored At St. Timothy's



Mike Anderson



Patty Mayer, Michele Kussey, Micki Kiofanda, Kathleen Maxwell, Margaret Hewett

On August 29th 2021 six members of the St Timothy Conference received the Jubilarians Crucifixes during Mass. Fr. Shea Bowora blessed the Jubilarians and presented the Crucifixes. Pictures were taken of the Jubilarians and members of the conference. After Mass the Conference gathered for a celebration lunch where certificates were also presented.

The Jubilarians all answered the call to become Vincentians for different reasons, some through interactions with members of the Society in their past. One was led to the Society through volunteering at the SVDP thrift store, others through members of their family who volunteered or who needed help. They were introduced to the SVDP ministry at St. Timothy's, and it became part of their lives.

Each Jubilarian simply shows real interest in our neighbors and treats them with care and respect. They visit them and discuss their needs and pray with them. They provide both material and spiritual support. They volunteer for intake, home visits, food drives, 5th Sunday collections, and conference officer positions. They witness the results of their mission. They are very caring and are true representatives of the SVdP spirit.

Submitted by Frank Marzano



From the Desk of the Conference Resources Committee

In-Kind Donations:

St. Vincent de Paul Conferences and Councils are frequently gifted with donated items such as clothing, shoes, backpacks, furniture, electronics and/or food items. It is easy to forget that these items must be treated in the same manner as we treat cash donations. Donated items, even if we have a surplus amount of them, cannot just be handed out to our members, our family members, friends and/or other charities. Additionally, individuals or families receiving donated in-kind items must be in need and have a service case record with us.

The definition of “need” can and should vary a little in times of crisis such as fires, earthquakes, floods and even pandemics. For example, when Diocesan Council received thousands of precooked Holiday meals last year from Albertsons/Safeway, many Conferences distributed some of those meals to shut-ins because they had no or extremely limited access to Holiday food items during the pandemic. The words “someone in need” are not the same as the words, “someone who could use it”.

As we approach our Fall and Holiday Food Drives, Turkey Tuesday, and other such events, we must keep in mind that the donated items we receive from others belong to the poor, the needy, and the vulnerable. These items are not ours to give to individuals or families outside of the poor and needy. We cannot gift that which is not ours to give or provide money or goods except for the purposes expressed in our mission. I have been in Phoenix since the last 90’s and have helped with more than twenty Turkey Tuesdays but not once has a donor said to me, “Give this turkey/food to one of your friends, one of your family members, or to someone who lives next door to you”.

So, what is a conference to do if they have excess perishable food items? If the food cannot be safely stored or will “go bad” before it can be distributed, Conferences should share those items with another Conference or Council. If that is not possible and the Conference regularly works in collaboration with a charitable group in their area, they are permitted to share with that organization but only in regards to perishable food items or goods. Conferences and Councils are also allowed to sell items for a reasonable price and then to use that income for their works.

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Jan. 15, Saturday (OFE 1 & 2) & **Jan. 22, Saturday** (OFE 3 & 4) –
Sts. Simon & Jude – Phoenix – 9am – 3pm

Feb. 5, Saturday (OFE 1 & 2) & **Feb. 12, Saturday** (OFE 3 & 4) -
St. James – Glendale 9am – 3pm

Mar. 12, Saturday (OFE 1 & 2) & **Mar. 26, Saturday** (OFE 3 & 4) –
Vincentian Support Services Board Room – Phoenix – 9am – 3pm

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 5, 2022

Morning of Reflection

With

Bishop Donald J. Hying
Bishop of Madison, WS

Begins with
Mass at 8:15 am
Get Lent off to a great start!

St. Gabriel
32648 N. Cave Creek Rd.
Cave Creek, AZ 8533



Happy Thanksgiving To All Our Wonderful Vincentians

Blessings To You And Your Family

Thanks For All You Do



December General Membership

The next GM will be on

December 11, 2021

Mass at 8:30 AM

Bishop Olmsted will be our Celebrant



BRICKS^{to build the foundation}

Introduction

What is a BRICK and why are they useful? In 1996, the Conference Resources Committee of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Phoenix developed a series of written documents to address common questions and to assist Conferences and Councils in their day-to-day operations. In the early days, these documents named BRICKs were distributed to Conferences and Councils on a monthly basis and compiled into a notebook maintained by their respective presidents. The focus of the BRICKS was and is to communicate information, to provide guidance, and to promote formation among our membership.

The name BRICKS was chosen for these articles because, when they are combined with the Rule, Manual, and bylaws of the Society, they form the basic structure and operating policies and procedures for our SVdP Conferences and Councils. Our Phoenix Diocesan Council's BRICKS cover a wide variety of topics ranging from ways to celebrate Lent or the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul to how to conduct an annual Conference or Council audit.

As a result of technological advances, our BRCKs are no longer distributed in paper or notebook form but rather they are shared through Newsletters, emails, and by positing them on the Vincentian Support Services (VSS) section of our Diocesan Council's web page. This newer method of publication and distribution allows for greater access, more flexibility and provides us with the ability to update these articles and documents in a more timely fashion.

The Conference Resources Committee reviews and updates the existing BRICKs on an ongoing basis and is always open to feedback from our members including suggestions for new topics or articles that may benefit a Conference, Council and/or the Society as a whole. Topics may be submitted to the committee for consideration or any Vincentian can simply submit an article for consideration as a new BRICK. Questions, concerns, or corrections to existing BRICKs may also be submitted at any time to the Conference Resources Committee chair.

Currently the BRICKs are arranged alphabetically into seven different categories:

- Administration
- Food and Pantry
- Financial
- General Information
- Home Visits
- Spirituality
- Technology

A BRICK is a foundational building block designed and written to support & strengthen conference and councils.

BRICKS Continued

BRICKs may be accessed by going to www.stvincentdepaul.net and scrolling down to the bottom of the page and clicking on *Vincentian Support*. Once you open the BRICKs file, you may click on any article in the Index and the system will take you directly to that BRICK

Regardless of how accurate or useful BRICKS may be, they are only effective if they are viewed and applied by Vincentians for the good of our Conferences, Councils, and our members. BRICKs need to be accessed as needed but they are also a valuable resource for Conferences and Councils as a discussion or formation activity. Our committee members are committed to publishing a BRICK a month in our Diocesan Council Newsletter and to email BRICKs to presidents if and when a particular BRICK can address a current issue or situation.

Our Diocesan Council BRICKS help provide a foundation that not only unifies our Conferences and Councils but enables us as members to remain committed to living out the mission, values, structure, and requirements of the Society and the wonder of being truly Vincentian in our spirituality, our fellowship, and our service.

Notes:

Capital Asset Funds—Conferences may apply for funds by submitting a completed application to the Conference Resources Committee through Sandy Edwards. The application and policy can be found on our website. The Committee normally meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

Jubilarian Award: Presidents: Please don't forget to honor your Vincentians with this very special award. Information may be found on our website.

Newsletter Articles: We are always looking for articles from our conferences. Please submit your articles with lots of pictures to Sandy at: sedwards@svdpaz.org
The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are perfect for stories and pictures. All issues are posted on our website: Please note that we mail the newsletter only four times a year.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



Roger Lambert
Our Lady of the Lake

Alice La Rocque
St. Joachim & St. Anne

Dorothy Roche
St. Joachim & St. Anne

Terry DeYoung
St. Joachim & St. Anne

Irene Sosnicki
St. Joachim & St. Anne

***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.***

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

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Sharon Smith
Martin (Lefty) Wolf

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Lynn Treimer
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Diane McCann

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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%



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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.

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 Meeting

When: December 11, 2021

Time: 8:30 am

Where: Hall of Banners

420 W. Watkins Road, Phoenix

Celebrant: Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted