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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

A Time of Transition

Fall is, in many ways, a time of transition. Children leave behind the joy of summer vacations and head back to the classroom. In most parts of our country, lazy summer afternoons give way to shorter days and brisk evenings that hint at bitterly cold winter nights yet to come. At St. Vincent de Paul we move from one fiscal year to another and, in doing so, take the opportunity to express our gratitude for the District and Conference Presidents who have served us so well and whose terms are now coming to a close.

Last month our board had the opportunity to say thank you to three retiring District Presidents - Dolores Witherspoon, Albert Martinez, and Shirley Smalley. I've had the pleasure of knowing and working alongside Dolores, Albert, and Shirley for several years. They fully embrace their vocation as Vincentians "to follow Christ through service to those in need and so bear witness to His compassionate and liberating love." We cannot thank them enough for their contributions as District Presidents, and in various other capacities in which they serve, but we are so grateful they have developed successors who can very capably succeed them and build on their remarkable legacy.

If you are in a conference or district that is going through a transition of leadership, please take the time to recognize the extraordinary contributions of our outgoing Presidents. District and Conference Presidents don't have the benefit of having large support staffs like I have at the council level. Too often they have to wear many hats and work tirelessly for long hours to serve those in need in their communities. Also, please welcome with open arms and grateful hearts those who will be succeeding them. How blessed we are to have so many wonderful men and women who are willing to step forward and carry on the work of our founder, Blessed Frederick Ozanam, and our patron Saint Vincent de Paul.

Thank you, dear Presidents, old and new. I'm confident, because of your leadership, our Society will continue be a shining light, and offer the gift of hope, both to the community we serve and well beyond.

Steve Attwood
Council President



Building Bridges

In the moment of crisis, the wise
build bridges and the foolish build dams.
Nigerian Proverb

Throughout history, all generations and ages have faced difficulties and challenges and that is certainly true for us. The COVID pandemic, immigration and border issues, questions of racial inequalities and injustices, lock downs, limitations on social gatherings, confusing health data, vaccination requirements and responses, masks, and intermittent shortages of products have created high levels of stress, alienation, unemployment, increased evictions, and the overall polarization of our communities.

Television news and alerts along with the burgeoning of internet and social media postings are overwhelming and most pander to individuals, groups and situations that highlight extreme positions that promote division and, at times, fuel a lack of tolerance and even hatred for those with opposing viewpoints.

Regardless of where you stand on the current hot bed issues, we must never lose sight of the fact that we are Vincentians. Our personal choices in regards to such things as vaccinations, masking, social gatherings, group meetings and mass attendance must never blind us to our calling to be kind, merciful and compassionate just as the Lord is kind, merciful and compassionate to us.

Vincentians are called to work towards being nonjudgmental and that applies to issues related to our situations. On the news this evening, I saw a clip of parents physically fighting over a discussion concerning mask requirements for students. There was little respect for those on the other side of the issue and almost no sign of self-control. As people of faith, we are called to fight for what is right and just but to fight in a respectful and nonviolent manner.

So how can we avoid being drawn into the extremes of the moment? We do it by remembering who and what we are as Vincentians. Fr. Antonino Orcajo, C.M. Madrid wrote, "It doesn't matter what obstacles come our way, because nothing will be able to separate us from the love of Christ nor from savoring the fruits of his Holy Spirit: joy, patience, kindness and self-control." The love and grace of God combined with a purposeful intentionality on our part to be patient, kind and nonjudgmental with our brothers and sisters provides us with all of the tools we need to be warm and caring.

Each of us has the right and responsibility to make personal choices which help us to be and feel safe and respected but we must conversely respect other individuals and their right to make different choices. As the Society moves forward, let us pray that God will continue to enable us to minister to the poor with the eyes and the heart of Jesus and, if we feel that at this time doing person-to-person ministry is outside of our comfort zone, that we have the wisdom to stay home and support SVdP through prayer and donations.

It is not easy to be a Vincentian in times of crisis and trials but it is precisely the time when we can make the most difference. Over the course of the past eighteen months, many charities have shut their doors, turned off the lights or severely limited their services to the needy, but we have not. We have adapted and protected but we have not changed our mission or commitment to the poor and vulnerable. We can and must continue to be a source of light in the darkness and hope against a backdrop of despair. As Vincentians, may we continue to strive to be the voice of reason and the builders of bridges not of dams.

By Shirley Smalley

The 2021 SVdP National Assembly: New Horizons of Hope & Service



The 2021 Society of St. Vincent de Paul National Assembly was a huge success. Ralph Middlecamp, our Nation Council president, summarized the event in a recent article when he wrote, "It was a pleasure to gather in Houston last week with more than 600 Vincentians for the 2021 Assembly of the National Council of the U.S., Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We listened to excellent presentations, participated in wonderful liturgies, socialized with friends old and new, and conducted the National Council's business."

Fr. Dennis Holtschneider's keynote address about the holiness of interruptions was particularly inspiring. His stories brought home how God often uses what appear to be interruptions to call us closer to Himself and to our neighbors. He pointed out that healings are often brought about through interruption, the interruption of human need. He went on to challenge all of us to embrace interruptions and to be willing to be called upon to response to the needs of others.

The Phoenix Diocesan Council was well represented at the Assembly by ten Vincentians, three staff and three spouses that are also associated with the Society. Our Council's staff attendees were Sandy Edwards, Mike McClanahan, and Steve Zabilski. Vincentians in attendance included Jack Ahern, Ed Carpenter, Martha Hernandez, Pete Hernandez, Mary Ann Hunter, Doris Kilroy, Joe Riley, Shirley Smalley, Angel Vogelsang and River Vogelsang. In addition to attending the Assembly, two of our Phoenix Council Vincentians served as presenters in two separate workshops; one on the topic of Collaborations and the other on the issue of Hoarding.

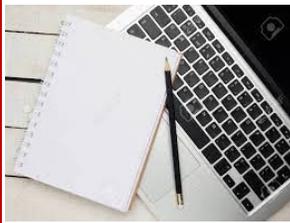


Even the flights to and from Houston were exciting as several Vincentians were on the same flights and often shared an Uber or two as they traveled to and from the hotel. Joe Riley and his group of friends were squeezed into an undersized Uber car much like the clowns in a toy car that circle under the Big Top at the circus. Fortunately, the group was able to disembark with relatively few problems.

In addition to experiencing the beautiful liturgies, inspirational keynote speakers, and informative workshops, the Phoenix attendees also had time to be together for an unscheduled meal or to just sit in the various lobbies and visit. There are no words that can adequately describe the comradery that exists between Vincentians. Being at a National Assembly allows Vincentians to witness firsthand the depth, breadth, and diversity of the Society and to be touched by the unity that ties all of those things and us together.

The 2022 National Assembly will be held in Baltimore, Maryland followed by the 2023 Assembly in St. Louis Missouri and in 2024 the Assembly will be hosted here by our Phoenix Diocesan Council. Here's hoping that in 2022 we can double the number of Vincentians that attend the meeting in Baltimore, triple it for St. Louis and blow our numbers out of the ballpark in 2024.





From the Desk of Conference Resources Committee

Qualified Conferences & Voting Privileges

Attendance at conference meetings is an important part of being a Vincentian and attendance at Council meetings is an important part of being a conference. The District bylaws of the Phoenix Diocesan Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul define the criteria for a conference to be considered a “qualified” conference. Those criteria include the requirement that conferences be represented at 80% of their monthly District meetings and 50% of the Diocesan Council’s quarterly General Membership Meetings (GMM) over a twelve month period of time.

Failure to comply with this attendance requirement automatically excludes a conference from voting at the District and/or Diocesan Council levels and can result in further sanctions and loss of access to things such as Diocesan Council Aid, Food Reclamation allotments, Thrift Store vouchers and other services. The calculation for attendance is based not on the SVdP fiscal year but on attendance over the past twelve months, thus giving conferences an opportunity to correct an attendance issue without waiting for a new fiscal year to begin.

Remember that if the president or vice president of your conference is unable to attend a District or Diocesan Council meeting, they may always send a proxy. Attendance does matter and it is the means by which the Society ensures that we have effective lines of communication and how we build fellowship. If you have questions concerning this requirement and your conference’s status, contact the Conference Resources Committee.

*December General Membership
The next GM will be on
December 11, 2021
Mass at 8:30 AM*

Bishop Olmsted will be our Celebrant

Jubilarians Honored

In August 2021, 8 Vincentians from the SVdP Sacred Heart Conference in Prescott received the Jubilation Award. Father Ralph came to the August meeting to bless the awards and present them to the Vincentians.

DOTTIE CAMPBELL

In the parish she helps with RCIA and is a coffee server after Sunday Masses. In SVdP she works as a client server, delivers food boxes, helps with the annual Children's Christmas party, and prepares Easter food boxes. Advice she gives others is to pray that God opens your heart, ears and mind to listen with love and compassion to those we serve.

HENRY CROMEK

He serves on the parish Pastoral Council and as a Eucharistic minister. In SVdP he served as a cashier at the Thrift Store and as a Board member for the Thrift Store. He also updates data in the computer. He feels he has learned from others how to be a more caring person.

JOHN ECKERT

He participates in weekly adoration at the church. With SVdP he takes care of the food pantry inventory, purchasing and stocking. He maintains and troubleshoots computer equipment. Most recently he is planning and overseeing implementation of the new ServWare software. From working with SVdP he has learned the joy of serving others.



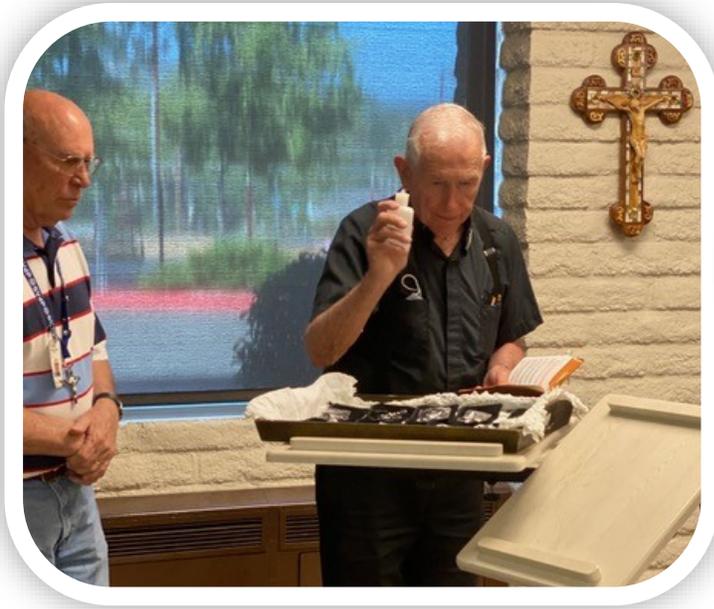
JOVITA FINE

In the parish she helps Sister Anne lead a learning group about social justice issues - JPIC. In SVdP she works as a client server both in the office and on home visits. She also helps with special events the conference sponsors. She has learned that Vincentians have big hearts and a lot of perseverance. She is thankful for these caring people.

GARY GRIFFITH

Formerly he was a Eucharistic Minister at Immaculate Heart in Page, AZ as well as lector and adult education planner/coordinator. He was also a Eucharistic Minister in St. Germaine Parish in Prescott Valley. In SVdP he serves as a receptionist, client server both in the office and on home visits, delivers bread, organized the Covid vaccine mobile program, and is heading the committee on assisting clients with rental assistance through the county. He shares that the poor are God's Crown jewels and he is humbled by their presence.

Jubilarians Honored



Elmer and Fr. Ralph



Elmer and Marilyn Yetter



John Walsh, Barbara Scott, Henry Cormeek, Dottie Campbell, Father Ralph in back, Jim Mick and Gary Griffith

JIM MICK

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Men's Group in the parish. He helps present the Light of the World retreat, is a Minister of Care and coordinates the schedule for them at assisted living facilities. He also participates in the church group which visits the Juvenile Justice Center. In SVdP he works in the Pantry, helping with Christmas and Easter boxes and gifts. He is on the cleaning team for the office and food pantry, serves on the committee developing a conference welcome packet, and helps unload pallets from the food truck. He feels you can never give more than you receive helping those in need.



Jovita Fine and Elmer

BARBARA SCOTT

At SVdP she works as a client server both in the office and through home visits. She serves on the committee that organizes and puts on the annual Children's Christmas party. She feels that St. Vincent de Paul, Blessed Federic Ozanam, and their disciples have set us a profound example in caring for the poor. Each time she serves, she is challenged to love as they did.

JOHN WALSH

He is currently serving as District 10 President for SVdP. In Sacred Heart conference he delivers food boxes, served a 3 year term inventorying and purchasing food for the pantry and volunteers to help with various other one-time events. He has learned that many times clients are more grateful for our willingness to listen to their stories than any assistance we can give them. Don't be afraid to engage with them and let them speak to as you provide a "listening ear".

MARILYN YETTER

In the parish she serves as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister and for 15 years as an Adoration adorer. She participates in the Light of the World Retreat and has served as Speaker and Shepherd at Light of the World Retreats. In SVdP she is the organizer and team leader of the weekly Cleaning Team as well as the coordinator of the Children's Christmas events. She works as receptionist and mentors others on receptionist duties. She serves as both an in-take and out-take Client Server, coordinates the Easter Children's Drive, acts as substitute Secretary and VP, and assists in other special events and activities of the conference. She advises that we pray always and remember to ask Jesus what He would do to help those less fortunate. because as we let go and let God lead, we receive abundantly.

We have New (or Gently Used) Officers!

CONFERENCE OR DISTRICT _____

PRESIDENT

Name:			
Address:		City:	ZIP:
Phone(Home):	Work:	Cell:	
Email:			
Contact Pref: Email	Cell	Home Phone	Conference Phone

VICE PRESIDENT

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Address:		City:	ZIP:
Phone(Home):	Work:	Cell:	
Email:			
Contact Pref: Email	Cell	Home Phone	Conference Phone

VICE PRESIDENT

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Address:		City:	ZIP:
Phone(Home):	Work:	Cell:	
Email:			
Contact Pref: Email	Cell	Home Phone	Conference Phone

Name:			
Address:		City:	ZIP:
Phone(Home):	Work:	Cell:	
Email:			
Contact Pref: Email	Cell	Home Phone	Conference Phone

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Email:			
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Email:			
Contact Pref: Email	Cell	Home Phone	Conference Phone

CONFERENCE OR DISTRICT _____**CO-TREASURER**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

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Work: _____

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Home Phone _____

Conference Phone _____

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

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City: _____

ZIP: _____

Phone(Home): _____

Work: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Contact Pref: Email _____

Cell _____

Home Phone _____

Conference Phone _____

CO-SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

ZIP: _____

Phone(Home): _____

Work: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Contact Pref: Email _____

Cell _____

Home Phone _____

Conference Phone _____

PANTRY HOURS:***Conference and District Presidents******Please fill out the New Officer form and return to Sandy Edwards by 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 Martearler
Al and Regina Gilson
Pam Willis
Diane McCann

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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 VALLEY

Pat Gerencser

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Cindy Smith

QUEEN OF PEACE

Susan Petrie
Mary Kay Dunlevy
Martina Bonilla

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Dora
Gloria Lopez

ST. BRIDGET

Cheryl Crame
Sandra Jarr
Joe Fellhauer
Vince Gutierrez
Bill Cowperthwait
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Robert Nue

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

John Winters

ST. TIMOTHY

Mike Anderson
Margaret Hewett
Karl Rusnock
Thea Podrybau

ST. LOUIS THE KING

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Mario & Mary Fierros

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AGE 70	5.1%	4.6%
AGE 80	6.8%	5.7%
AGE 90	9.0%	8.2%

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