



# 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



## Our Advent Journey

*It is not a fragile stem that is what we need to serve as support in our earthly journey. It will be between the two wings of these angels: faith and charity.*  
Frederick Ozanam

The first Sunday of Advent ushers in a new liturgical year and provides us with the opportunity to start anew in a season of preparation and joyful anticipation of the celebration of the Feast of the Nativity. At the same time that the Church calls us to quiet reflection, increased prayer and works, the world bombards us with constant distractions and temptations. Christmas movies, sales and ads dominate the air waves and confusion about when the twelve days of Christmas begins and ends abound.

Although the first and most important goal for Vincentians is our spirituality and growth in holiness, this season most often challenges us to find the time to focus on those elements. In early November, conferences and councils launch into a series of food drives, Holiday food boxes, and Christmas Adopt-A-Family programs. For many of us, Advent is the season of all hands-on-deck providing us with little time for prayer or spiritual preparation. So, amidst the background noise of rampant secular consumerism, increased social, family and Church obligations, Vincentians frequently find themselves overwhelmed by the sheer volume of requests for food, rent and gifts.

Our first priority must be on Advent. The season of Advent is focused entirely on Jesus. The first two weeks of this season, look towards the future and Jesus' return in glory at the end of time. The third week, we celebrate the Jesus of today present in His Church, His sacraments, and His people. And, the final week of this season calls us to be present with Mary and Joseph as we embraced the birth of the Christ Child and the beautiful mystery of the Incarnation. In other words, during Advent we are called to celebrate the past, embrace the present, and look forward to the future.

During this season, we must create additional space in our hearts and in our lives for Christ by making time for prayer and reflection. As Catholics, we know and believe that Christ was born, that He has risen, that He is with us present in the Church and in the poor, and that He will come again to judge the living and the dead. So, how can we fully enter into this season of preparation and avoid the temptation to jump past this time of prayerful preparation to the Season of Christmas which begin on December 24th?

If we spend more time in quiet reflection, in mass, or in Eucharistic Adoration, the noise of the secular world will fade away and we will have the opportunity to truly prepare ourselves for Christmas. We must remind ourselves that the poor will always be with us and that the Society was never created to help everyone. As Vincentians, we must never abandon our commitment to spiritual growth simply because we go into emergency overdrive trying to help everyone that calls us wanting help for Christmas.

Our spiritual journey during Advent should include individual and communal activities including increased time in prayer and reflection with our Vincentian brothers and sisters. Having a conference or council day when you attend morning mass together and then adjourn for a presentation, discussion and reflection on an Advent theme is a perfect way to get ready for Christmas. It is ok for a conference to say we can only help a fixed number of families or to limit your hours of operation or of taking calls if you are doing so within reason and for the purpose of increased spiritual growth.

We must always remember that the articulated life goal of our founder, Frederic Ozanam which was "to be better and to do a little good." In order to be better, our spirituality must be our top priority or we run the risk of not being prepared for the coming of Jesus Christ or having the heart needed for our works. Jesus is our Lord. He is our Savior. He is the source of all of our good works and without Him nothing we do will ever make a real difference in the lives of others. During Advent, may we all commit to creating a true balance between our spiritual growth and our works. May we focus on preparation for the feast and not celebrate until it actually arrives on Christmas Eve.

By Shirley Smalley



## ***From the Desk of the Conference Resources Committee***

### **District Visits**

Be on the lookout as members of the Conference Resources team are scheduling visits to each of our twelve Districts. Our committee members will be visiting to see if you have any questions about the Society and our committee's activities and programs, to learn what things you would like for us to work on, and to just get to know you on a personal basis. Since the Society was founded on the platform of person-to-person ministry, it is only fitting that we would come to your meetings in the same spirit. Our members look forward to meeting with you.

### **Remember all conferences must now:**

Hold in-person meetings at least twice a month. Hybrid meetings with a combination of in-person and remote attendance to accommodate the needs of homebound members may be conducted, however, members attending from out of the parish area must meet all full member requirements including doing our in-person works in order to vote.

Have an active Spiritual Advisor and include Opening and Closing prayer and a Spiritual reflection at every meeting.

Have a full slate of conference officers that meet the full enhanced member requirements.

Follow the SVdP Meeting Agenda for all meetings.

Have Secretary minutes and a Treasurer's Report at each meeting.

Obtain verification that all members, volunteers & employees are Safe Environment compliant and approved.

Provide person-to-person services to our neighbors in need and, as often as possible, through Home Visits

Conduct home and pantry visits in pairs.

Be represented at District Council and Diocesan General Membership Meetings.

Complete and submit Quarterly and Annual Reports in a timely fashion.

Need help with conference repairs, equipment or office furniture? Remember any conference can apply for funding from the Diocesan Council through the Capital Asset Fund Program. The application process is easy and can pay up to 50% of the expense not to exceed \$2,200. These funds have been allocated for our conferences, so do not forget to apply. Receiving funds from this program allows your conference funds go farther and helps to keep your reported operating expenses down. It is a win-win situation.

## *The What & Why of Conference Audits*

*“Let the missionaries obtain receipts for all they distribute, so they can make an accounting of it, lest for any reason the funds have been diverted or even a single penny has been applied elsewhere. And you will report monthly to me the sums you have distributed.” St. Vincent de Paul 1631*

An audit is a way for Conferences to review practices and procedures in order to ensure the proper handling of funds and other donated items and the state of their overall operations. It involves both an examination and evaluation processes. The Rule and Bylaws of the Society emphasize the need for an *annual* Conference audit. People generally think that an audit is merely a financial matter. However, an audit in SVdP covers more than just the financial portion of Conference’s operations. It includes a basic review of the overall operations and works of the Conference.

Part III of The Rule, Statute 27 states that Diocesan and District Councils should make it a formal policy to coordinate the practice and review of annual audits from the Conferences within their area of jurisdiction. Audits of Conferences within the SVdP Diocesan Council of Phoenix are to be conducted annually and submitted to the president of their respective District Council. Article 18 of our current Conference bylaws states:

*Each Conference will undertake annually an audit and report the results to the attached District Council and shall submit in a timely manner quarterly and an annual report to their District Council. The following information in appropriate detail is required: assets and liabilities as of the end of the fiscal year; the principal changes in assets and liabilities; the Conference’s revenue or receipts; the Conference’s expenses or disbursements, the Conference’s statistics, stories and service information necessary to fully describe its activities during the previous year.*

The financial aspects of an audit are the easiest part of the process to understand. However, for the Society, it is not just about having accounting practices that comply with basic accounting practices and legal obligations. As Vincentians, our financial accountability is first to God, who provides us the opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Secondly, our Rule calls us to be accountable to those in need. The Society has held from the beginning that funds donated to the Conference belong to the poor and, as such, we are accountable to them. Thirdly, the Society calls us to be accountable to those who donated generously to support our works. And finally, we have legal obligations. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul must meet the legal, reporting and financial obligations required of all nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations.

By providing timely and accurate reports to our parish, pastor, members, donors, and tax entities, we demonstrate good stewardship. Evidence of our good stewardship encourages support of our mission and our works but that is only part of the story. An audit provides information that allows us to evaluate our practices, works and adherence to the mission of the Society.

### ***The What & Why of Conference Audits***

The information gained from audits allows members to understand the Conference which works have been successful, where their resources are being used, and if their expenditures have been effective in helping the poor and needy of their service area. This information can also assist the Conference in answering some key questions. Questions such as: What is the biggest need in our area and are we meeting that need? Do some activities consume a large portion of our resources while serving only a few families? Have some needs shifted in a way that should be addressed differently? Are we providing what our neighbors need or are we stuck in doing something because we have always done it?

Audits are not meant to be a burden nor are they about the Society not trusting Conferences and their officers, but rather they are an important evaluation tool and a means to report verified results to our members, donors, and to the legal entities that provide us with our tax-exempt status. Audits are vital to maintaining the integrity of the Society and an useful tool for helping us to grow our Vincentian programs and services to the poor and needy. Annual Conference audits are required and must be conducted, so why not embrace the process and be inspired and challenged by the results?

## **2020-2021 SVdP Annual National Report**

### ***Strengthening our Network of Charity***

The National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul was established to organize and represent local SVdP Conference and Councils across the country. Today, with nearly 90,000 members, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA, provides resources, training and spiritual development for Vincentians throughout 4,3385 Conferences and 500 Councils.

### **Together We:**

**Conducted 1,584,771 Home Visits**

**Served 4,206,853 Individuals**

**Provided 1,574,106,839 Worth of  
Vincentian Funds, Goods & Services**

## SVdP Thrift Stores

### Thrift Stores Serving Our Conferences

Our Diocesan Council thrift stores provide a variety of services including gently used items to the community at large, to the poor, and to our conferences. There are three basic ways that conferences can secure affordable goods for the families and individual neighbors they serve who are in need of clothing, housewares and furniture from our diocesan thrift stores.



The first way conferences can provide goods to their neighbors in need is through the purchase and use of Care Cards. Care Cards work like gift cards do for other stores. Conferences can purchase \$25.00 cards for \$12.50. These cards can be used by neighbors in need for any item in the store. This option allows the conferences to have complete oversight as to the amount that will be spent. This option also allows the neighbor in need to have a normal shopping experience where they decide how and on what the money will be used to purchase. For example, the neighbor may have originally wanted a sofa, end table, lamp and a dinette but when they get to the store and see the selection and prices, they decide to drop the end table and lamp in lieu of getting a higher quality sofa or dinette.

The second option is for conferences to write a voucher for items. This option is most often used for larger items such as beds, bedding and furniture. A voucher must include a detailed list of the items to be provided and can include a "do not exceed" amount. The listed items will be provided to the neighbor free of charge and the conference is billed for the wholesale cost of purchased goods such as mattresses and bedding and 25% of the retail price of all donated items. Our Valley thrift stores abandoned a set cost list several years ago in lieu of a percentage program in order to ensure that conferences pay the lowest price possible for the goods they need to provide to the poor.

The third option is for conferences to refer individuals or families with significant furniture and houseware needs to the *Bringing Hope Home* program. Through this program, neighbors in need can receive all the furniture and basics required to set up a home and conferences are only asked to donate what they can to cover the cost. This program can also provide much needed delivery and set up assistance.

Our thrift stores are committed to supporting the works and needs of our conferences. We are one family and we should always strive to work together in service to the poor. If you need assistance with any of these options including costs or billing, please contact Mike McClanahan our Retail Operations Manager at [MMcclanahan@svdpaz.org](mailto:MMcclanahan@svdpaz.org).



## *Purchase of New Computers and Laptops*

Often when Conferences are considering acquiring new computers, laptops and other technical equipment they task a member to “do the research” and the “legwork price shopping” for the purchase. This process often takes them to big box stores and internet shopping.

This unfortunately leads the Conference toward computers geared more for personal use, and not the correct match to your Conference’s overall needs.

Helpful guidance related to computer, laptop and technical purchases:

Our IT department can help you in many ways and ensure that you have the right equipment match to your needs, assist with better pricing, and assist in the following ways:

**Purchase in bulk, therefore pricing may be more competitive**  
**Provide a device intended for business use rather than personal use**  
**Offer a computer set up that allows IT to help with issues/problems via remote access (if needed)**

Each device will include:

**MS Office 365**  
**Virus Protection**  
**Windows 10 Operating system**  
**Conference svdpaz.org email**

A reminder that Conferences can consider applying for Capital Asset funding for these purchases. The form and background information on this program, offered by our Phoenix Diocesan Council, is available for you to view on our website. [www.stvincentdepaul.net](http://www.stvincentdepaul.net) Go to bottom of the page: Vincentian Support<Conference Resources<Capital Asset Funds Application.

For additional information or any questions, please contact Jenney Clark, who is part of our ServWare Resources Team at [jclark@svdpaz.org](mailto:jclark@svdpaz.org)

*By Julie Douglas*

## ***ServWare® Conference Software***

ServWare is a web-based software application designed to support, record and report all your Conference activities.

Developed by a husband/wife team of Vincentians in Dayton, Ohio the software is designed specifically to meet SVdP Conference needs.

ServWare provides an integrated system to enter data for Neighbor (client) visits and assistance, Vincentian membership and hours/miles tracking, donor information, and financial functions.

ServWare stores your Conference information in a highly available, secure and backed up environment. Authorized access is limited to registered users in your Conference.

The software is web-based, accessible from any device with internet access, including tablets and smartphones. This provides Conferences with the option to have home visit teams update the Neighbor record as soon as the visit is completed.

Our Council is dedicated to the successful implementation of ServWare, and offers resources and training to Conferences throughout the onboarding process and onward. Many customizations and enhancements have been added to increase the efficiency and power of this software:

A standard configuration has been developed which matches the reporting in our current Quarterly and Annual reporting program (QRP).

Conferences are offered the opportunity to discuss their current workflow and provided suggestions for the best use of ServWare to meet the needs of their specific conference.

Several conversion options are explored, and assistance is provided in determining the best option for each Conference.

Computer and overall device assessment can be requested, as well as assistance with ordering technology as needed.

Our ServWare project team is available to assist your Conference in this process. Please contact us with any questions, and learn more about implementing ServWare at your Conference.

### **ServWare Outreach and On-boarding**

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## *Donations to St. Vincent de Paul*

In recent years, my wife and I have been able to be more generous in our contributions to the Society, particularly the Endowment and other charities by taking advantage of Federal Tax law. We have accumulated retirement savings in tax deferred IRA's. By law when you reach the age of 70 ½ for us (now 72 ½, I believe), you are required to withdraw a minimum amount (RMD) calculated off your balance at the end of the prior year and your life expectancy. This amount is taxable income at your full rate.

However, the law allows you to make donations to recognized charities directly from the tax-deferred account, known as QCD (qualified charity distributions). These distributions are considered part of your RMD obligation BUT your taxable income is reduced by every dollar you donate in this way.

We just request a check direct from the IRA payable to the charity, such as SVdP Phoenix Council. We send a letter with the check designating the intent of our gift e. g. The Vincentian Endowment.

So, if you have tax deferred accounts, talk to your tax advisor about how you can benefit from giving to your favorite charities by QCD. Hopefully, like us, it will save you enough to be more generous in supporting our beloved Society. We particularly like to support the Endowment that will continue to directly help the conferences after we have gone to our eternal reward.

*From an anonymous senior Vincentian:*



## **OFE CLASSES - 2023**

### **All classes run 9am - 3pm**

***Jan. 7, 2023 OFE 1 & 2; Jan. 14, 2023 OFE 3 & 4***  
Vincintian Support Services – 420 W. Watkins Rd., Phoenix

***Jan. 21, 2023 OFE 1 & 2; Jan. 28, 2023 OFE 3 & 4***  
St. Stevens – 24827 S Dobson Rd, Sun Lakes

***Feb. 4, 2023 OFE 1 & 2; Feb. 11, 2023 OFE 3 & 4***  
St. Theresa -5045 E Thomas Rd., Phoenix

***Mar. 19, 2023 OFE 1 & 2; Mar. 20, 2023 OFE 3 & 4***  
St. Philip the Apostle – 511 S St. Phillip St., Payson

***Apr. 29, 2023 OFE 1 & 2; May 6, 2023 OFE 3 & 4***  
Prince of Peace – 14818 W Deer Valley Dr.,  
Sun City West

***June 22, 2023 OFE 1 & 2; June 23, 2023 OFE 3 & 4***  
St. John Vianney -180 Soldier Pass Rd., Sedona

**To register contact: Mary Ann Hunter**

928-699-9232 (Text or Call)  
[maryannhunter44@gmail.com](mailto:maryannhunter44@gmail.com)

What is needed to register?

Your name, email, phone number, address,  
and your conference name.

# *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.)

## *Turkey Tuesday in pictures*



*St. Anthony of Padua  
preparing Thanksgiving  
food boxes for families  
in Wickenburg.*

*Thank you All*

*Thanks to all our  
Vincetians for yet  
another Turkey Tuesday.*

*Members of District Nine having a bit of fun on  
Turkey Tuesday.*



Doris, Gael and Cheryl



Gael

***Your home--A treasure that may mean a perpetual legacy  
to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul***

Recently, my wife and I were reviewing our estate plans. We have had continuing concerns about the best way to pass on certain assets in our estate. You may have the same thoughts and concerns.

As is the case in many families, our adult children are well-set financially. They have their own homes, lifestyles, and plans for their futures. Our home, furnishings, and memories contained therein are very different from theirs.

Selling our home and deciding what to do with our personal items at our passing would be difficult and possibly painful for them.

After prayer and serious thought, we decided to amend our Living Trust to provide for the SVdP Council and its many good works on a perpetual basis. It will be the recipient/beneficiary of our primary residence, furnishings, and household items at our passing, freeing our children and grandchildren of the burden of deciding what to do with them.

Likewise, the Council may, for some Vincentians, be the recipient of life insurance through contingent or secondary beneficiary designations following the death of a Vincentian or spouse. (The same idea can be used for IRAs and 401k balances in full or in part.)

This would avoid probate, since all could pass to SVdP without a will. Of course, some of the value of a residence may be singled out for children or grandchildren in a bequest. Your attorney can work with SVdP in drafting changes to your estate plan which best meets your wishes.

Is this the perfect solution? Every Vincentian's situation is different, with special family needs, perhaps. But it does offer a framework worthy of consideration.

Personally, my wife and I have struggled with ways to make a **significant** impact on the Vincentian Endowment, its growth in which I assist. It will be the primary recipient of our "Endow our Legacy" gift when our home and furnishings are sold/settled after our passing.

If you too want to make some sort of "Personal Legacy" gift to SVdP, Donna Rodgers in our Planning Giving Department (602-261-6884) can help with a confidential non-binding Gift Directive which would coordinate with your will or trust. It would outline your intent and follow your will or trust or other legal directives.

We hope this has been helpful and may offer some planning ideas for you and your family.

*Bill and Marianne Klink*



## *News from St. Clare of Assisi*

"We want to send a huge thank you to all who volunteered to help at Turkey Tuesday at Bashas. We racked up 49 service hours the day of the event." We had one of our most successful events ever with 204 Turkeys collected, \$1,322 in cash donations and 28 bags of donated food. Our neighbors who participated were so grateful. Twenty-three families received turkeys and twenty-seven families received \$50 Basha's gift cards. We also donated 22- \$25 gift cards to St Anthony of Padua in Wickenburg. We thank our Bashas partners who supported us during the event and our generous parishioners and SVDP members, who came to the store and donated turkeys and groceries.

A special thanks to Joseph and Everett from the Diocesan staff that drove the truck and stayed an extra hour to help assist with turkeys. They were both very kind and genuine! True Vincentians!

Thanks for making this Thanksgiving better for our deserving families!"  
Yvonne Evans and Barbara Scott.

At our meeting, we decided our Turkey Queens needed to be crowned! (See attached pic) These two ladies also chair the AAF every year. The busiest time of the year and they give their Time and Talent to take such great care of our "Neighbors in Need"! God bless you amazing ladies!



## *St. Elizabeth Seton St Vincent de Paul Day of Reflection*

Writing this article was a Spiritual adventure for me. These women being interviewed glowed with their sharing of how the "Day" became a reality. Joan Murphy, the lead, organized and contacted other Spiritual Advisers for our Day of Reflection. "Glory be to God that we have three Spiritual Advisers in our conference." This correlates with the symbol of the Trinity. Joan is assisted by leaders Denise Steffen, and Veronica French. There is a difference in each of us; we come together as a team. "We all brought our gifts to be one body;" as stated by St. Paul.



Roger Baroque, Spiritual Adviser for our District Three, reached out to all conferences to have a Day of Reflection. He suggested conferences take turns annually. Joan had gone to Roger's Day of Reflection at St Clare of Assis; he really did a great job explaining contemplative prayer". Roger is really trying to bring the Spirituality of St Vincent de Paul to our district.

The team met and Joan asked, "What is God saying to you?" The answer was "Drawing Closer to Christ". – The theme as found in our conference rule book. Denise chose to speak on the Eucharist/Adoration, Veronica chose Scripture Journaling, and Joan chose Prayer Walk/Visio Divina. They met several times and continued sharing. With Joan taking the lead in the organizing, Denise and Veronica took care of all the food preparations as each women prepared their own presentations

Roger graciously stepped in for Joan on the Day as she was unavailable due to illness. Roger again did a great job of explaining contemplative prayer. Deacon Marty opened with prayer and did a marvelous job of integrating all the lady's components. "The Deacon from Pekin" shared his family experience with SVdP and added a bit of humor. Many thanks to Roger Baroque, Deacon Marty Pogioli, and our amazing Spiritual Advisers.

Feedback was very positive from all 46 attendees.  
Their Spirituality brings excitement to all our members!

*Karen Boeck*



## Project Enterprise Cuernavaca

In many cases Vincentians in Cuernavaca meet families that are very resourceful but lack resources to move ahead. They may have the ideas and willingness but lack training in how to run a business or are constrained by time and resources.

In January of 2022, St. Vincent de Paul in Cuernavaca initiated a new program to select a group of people and train and assist them to start or expand a small business. For these people, a small business may include: a small shop selling food or other items on the street; a home-made product sold to others; a product fabrication shop; or a service business like maintenance or landscaping. A donation from donors in Phoenix was designated to a fund entitled "Project in Memory of Emil Taboada" (Emil Taboada was the founder of the first Conference in Cuernavaca). This fund is used to fund special projects for the Council. For this program, the total funding was \$5,000 (\$US) which was \$100,000 pesos.

The SVDP Council selected ten applicants to participate in the initial group. A local small business consulting firm was hired to give a workshop to the applicants in starting and maintaining a business. An Enterprise Workshop in starting and running a business was given at the SVDP Center in February, 2022; and participants were also given person-to-person counseling on how to prepare and execute a simple business plan.

### Workshop – February 2022



### Enterprise Workshop staff and participants



On completion of the workshop, participants were allowed to apply for a loan based on their needs and business plans. Ten applicants were accepted and a "Loan Program Registration Form" was prepared for each of them.

Those selected to participate signed an agreement to borrow the funds for a project and repay the funds on a monthly basis. A fee of five percent (5%) simple interest is charged on the loan.



The loans ranged from \$1,400 pesos to \$10,000 pesos (\$70.00 \$US) to (\$500.00 \$US). These project loans were given to ten individuals between March and April. A month after each business was started, a loan payment was made directly to St. Vincent de Paul. Each month a report details the repayment of the loans by each borrower.

During our visit to Cuernavaca in August, we were able to meet one of the project participants, Monica Gomez Albarran. Monica a single parent, 30 years old. She lives in the community of Santa Maria Ahuacatitlan in the Cuernavaca area. Monica produces cup cakes and cookies and decorates and packages them to sell at a local open air market on the street and to groups for special occasions. To advertise, she uses two Facebook Pages: 'Monica Gomez' and 'Sweet Temptations'.

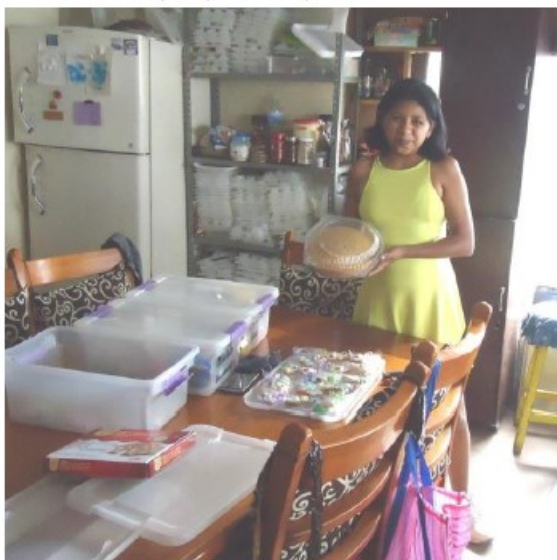
Monica with her loan check



Monica had an existing business. However, to produce more and increase her sales, she needed to purchase a large brand-name mixer, molds, and supplies. She enrolled in the Enterprise Workshop and subsequently formed a business plan and applied for a project grant. For this, she requested and received a \$7,000 (\$pesos) loan plus \$350 (\$pesos) interest. In US dollars, the loan was \$350.00 plus \$17.50 in simple interest.

With the funds, she purchased the equipment and supplies for her confectionary business. She continues to operate from home and has no plans to expand outside. The business is focused on three products: 1) decorated cookies, 2) cupcakes, and 3) customized baking requests. Decorations follow the seasons and special requests. In addition to her current sales in nearby open markets and schools, she will now be able to produce more and seek sale opportunities in other areas.

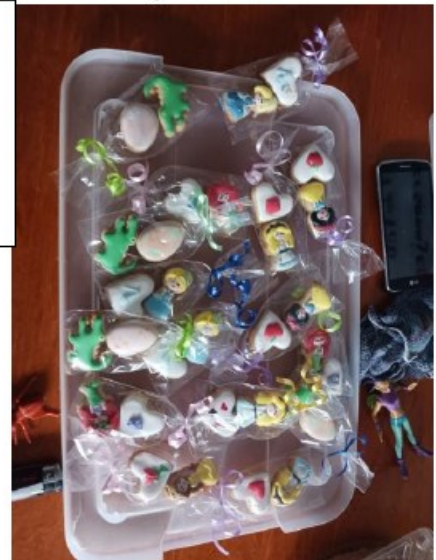
Monica displays her products in her kitchen



Monica sells her products to local groups and at the open market. She creates unique cookie gifts for parties.



Party cookies



## ***Cuernavaca***

This enterprise program gives Monica an opportunity to grow her business and to become more financially independent. By October, 2022, Monica had already made seven payments of \$613 (\$pesos), or \$214 (\$US) on her loan and will retire her loan in five more monthly payments. These payments are re-deposited into the enterprise fund and can be used to award another loan. Also, with St. Vincent de Paul's help, Monica becomes a resource to assist others to start or grow their respective business.

The program is small and easy to administer and has the potential of reaching many people who wish to expand or start a business. When the program budget is funded again through loan repayments, another group of persons can be identified and assisted.

*Submitted by Steve Jenkins*




## ***Merry Christmas***

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth  
peace to those on whom his favor rests."*

*Luke 2:14*





# St. Vincent de Paul

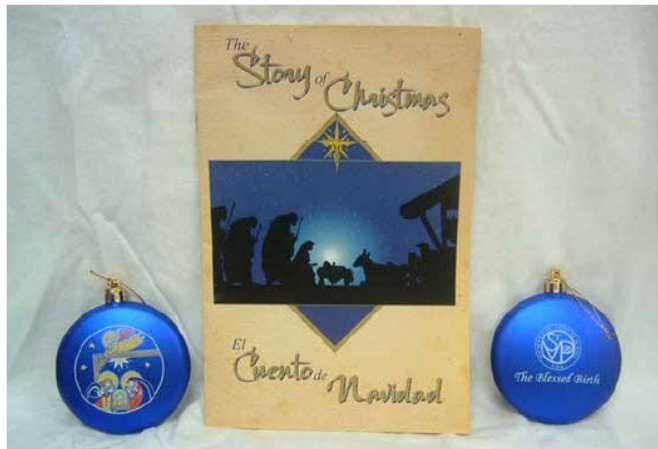
# NATIVITY PROGRAM

Helping to put the Christ back in Christmas

Ozanam PR. Corporation  
[www.magnalitecatholic.com](http://www.magnalitecatholic.com)  
 1-800-634-0839

At Christmas, we are great Santas, and present bearers, but are we Christ bearers? The St. Vincent de Paul Nativity Program is a way for us to serve the needy by helping to bring Christ back into their lives during Christmas time. We are making available a Nativity Kit which includes a Nativity Ornament and a Booklet of The Story of Christmas, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

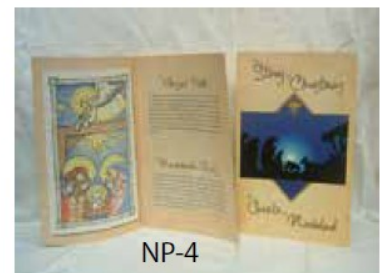
Become a part of Helping to bring Christ into Christmas



Nativity Kit Includes:  
 Scriptural Story of Christmas  
 Nativity Booklet (NP-4)  
 (1) Ornament

\$3.50 each

\$3.50 each	NP-1	Blue Ornament, Blessed Birth (Shown above)
\$3.50 each	NP-2	Pink Ornament, Annunciation
\$3.50 each	NP-3	Green Ornament, Shepherds
\$3.50 each	NP-5	White Ornament, Angels
\$3.50 each	NP-6	Gold Ornament Epiphany
\$1.00 each	NP-4	Story of Christmas Nativity Booklet (only)
\$ .60 each	NCB-3	Nativity Coloring Book



## ***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

**BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Lee Matthews

**CHURCH OF THE  
RESURRECTION**  
Caroline Steele  
Bob Bruce

**HOLY CROSS**  
Mary Powell  
Andy Torres  
Dee Shack  
Mary Jo Kent  
Sharon Culley

**IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION**  
Rosie Bell  
Linda Lee Chambon-Gay  
Sue Dori  
Scott Marthaler  
James Reed  
Tom and Barbara Reed  
Peg Shandera  
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# REQUIESCAT IN PACE



**Ron Meyer**

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*St. Joachim & St. Anne Conference*

**Mike Vise**

*Immaculate Conception, Cottonwood*

**Marie Johnson**

*Our Lady of the Valley*

***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**

FEED. CLOTHE. HOUSE. HEAL.

**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. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 10<sup>th</sup> 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dr, Phoenix 85003**

- Monday-Friday 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

For questions and sign-up information, please contact [volunteer@svdpaz.org](mailto:volunteer@svdpaz.org).



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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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