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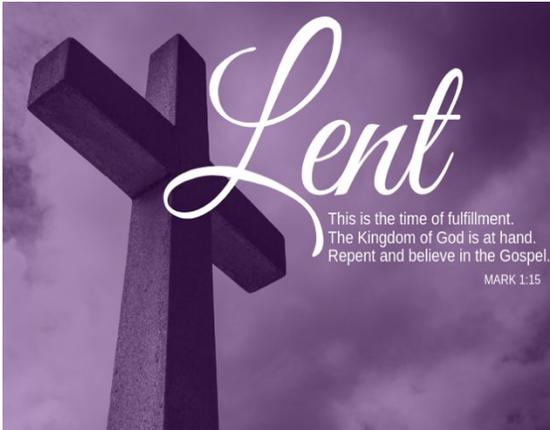


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*"It is for your love alone that the poor will forgive you the bread you give them."* St. Vincent de Paul



## Lent: The Perfect Time for Change

Lent provides us with the opportunity to look at ourselves, to evaluate our lives in terms of the Gospel message, to turn away from things that distract and draw us into self-centeredness and gives us time to focus anew on our need for spiritual growth and renewal. The world we live in bombards us with a variety of never-ending temptations towards unhealthy desires such as greed, consumerism, self-absorption, power, addiction, and the idea that it is alright to use others for our own pleasure and gain.

On February 22nd, ashes will be traced on our foreheads with the reminder to repent and turn to the Gospel. The word repent means to turn or change direction and for Christians that turning is the act of turning away from sinfulness and back towards God. Turning more fully towards God is at the very heart of this penitential season. In the words of Pope Francis, "Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness."

As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, the question before us is how do we want to change our lives so that we may truly grow in holiness? Most of us realize that in order to get somewhere, we have to have a goal and a plan. The Chinese have a saying, "If you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there" but that is not so if you have a specific destination in mind. If we want to change our habits in order to be closer to God and His love, we must have a plan and we need to take action. Research indicates that it takes about twenty-one days to change a habit, so these forty days give us plenty of time to renew our spiritual lives and to become better Vincentians.

According to Strong's Greek Concordance, *kairos* means time or season, and it is a noun used to represent a fitting season or opportunity. *Kairos* thus signifies the perfect time for action. Lent provides us with a *kairos* moment that is the perfect time for change. For Vincentians, Lent is a time where we can sow increased kindness in order to create an abundant harvest for a suffering and fragmented world.

Vincentians are called to love the Lord through the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brows. To love those whom Jesus loved which means to love the poor, the disabled, the vulnerable, and the forgotten. Everyday hundreds of Vincentians respond to the needs of the poor. But are we doing our works with true love or are we simply serving out of obligation or as a routine duty that brings no joy to us or those whom we serve?

Lent is the perfect time to re-evaluate our Vincentian call and to renew our commitment to God, our fellow Vincentians, and to the poor. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we can become stronger in our faith and better equipped to sow goodness. In so many ways, Vincentians carry the crosses of the world. We encounter face-to-face the brokenness, the pain and the suffering of others. We are called to feed, house, clothe and heal but we cannot give what we do not have. We must always remember that God is the first and primary sower of goodness and that we must humble ourselves in order to receive His love and goodness. Then and only then, we will be able to share what we have received.

During these forty days, may we turn to God by opening our hearts more fully to His love and by focusing anew on being authentic sowers of goodness and kindness. May we turn away from sin and self-centeredness and seek humility and simplicity through prayer, fasting, almsgiving and service to our neighbors. May we repent and return to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ so that our journey will not end in an empty tomb but in His promise of eternal life.

## To be Vincentian: A Continual State of Lent

During the Season of Lent, the Church invites the faithful to live, in a more intense manner, some aspects of the Christian life that will lift up the spirit, lead to conversion, and reconnect people with God. Those aspects are prayer, fasting, penance and almsgiving (charity). For members of the worldwide Vincentian Family, the practice of prayer, fasting, penance and almsgiving is something that should be lived throughout the year.

Prayer is most important for Christians and Vincentians. Without prayer, charity is reduced to social activism. Without prayer, believers become spiritually empty and are unable to act as yeast in the dough (Luke 13:21) and equally unable to be salt of the earth and light of the world (Matthew 5:13-14). Prayer renews the spirit, soothes pain and suffering, and draws people closer to God. During this time of pandemic, the invitation to pray is even more urgent, especially for those individuals who have lost friends and loved ones. To have recourse to God, through means of prayer, is the most powerful path for conversion (Matthew 7:7-8).

Penance, through the forgiveness of sin, is intended to bring about reconciliation with God and with one's brothers and sisters. As stated in the precepts of the Church, men and women ought to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) at least once a year ... and the season of Lent is a most appropriate time to participate in this sacrament. A good examination of conscience heightens repentance and participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation is truly freeing. To live in harmony with God through the practice of penance is a fundamental disposition in order to grow in virtue (Judith 8:14). Members of the Vincentian Family who do not participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, slowly become lax in the practice of their faith and distance themselves from all that is holy.

Fasting (which implies mortification, one of the characteristic virtues of all Vincentians) is another practice that highlights the smallness of Christians when compared with the divine greatness. Fasting, which in accord with the Christian tradition is practiced by many people on every Friday throughout the year, is a manner in which one is able to grow in holiness (and this is achieved through humility and detachment from material things). In his Lenten Message, Pope Francis teaches us that fasting is also *an experience of poverty* and, therefore, *those who fast become poor with those who are poor*. Furthermore, fasting reinforces the solidarity nature of Lent (Isaiah 58:3).

Finally, the practice of almsgiving (charity) is the seal of every Vincentian. Indeed, the members of the Vincentian Family are continually challenged to embrace and affirm those individuals who are vulnerable and suffer any form of poverty. They are further challenged to treat people equally and with respect, helping men and women to overcome the transitory difficulties of this life (not only material and financial difficulties but also moral and spiritual difficulties [1 Corinthians 13:13]). In his Lenten Message, Pope Francis states: *Love is a leap of the heart; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion*.

In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord's word to his Servant, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you" (Is 43:1). In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters. In light of all that has been stated, we can affirm that the members of the worldwide Vincentian Family live in a continual state of Lent. The highlighted characteristics are inseparable from the Vincentian manner of living. Indeed, our witness of life and our search for holiness will serve as an example for many whom we will encounter. May you all have a fruitful Lent.

*Excerpts from Renato Lima de Oliveira Lenten Article 2021  
16th General President of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul*



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

### ***Charters and Visits***

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Phoenix Diocesan Council has several standing or permanent committees including the Conference Resources committee. The charter for this committee centers on providing resources for conferences, expanding or adding programs for conferences to use to better serve the poor, assisting conferences in resolving conference and/or compliance issues, closing conferences and opening new ones. The committee is also responsible for writing, revising and posting BRICKS that explain policies, procedures and special celebrations of the Society and our Council.

Over the next few months, several committee members will be visiting the various District Council meetings to answer questions, to get feedback on ways that we can better serve you, and to get to know the various conference presidents.

While we have the largest committee membership, we are always looking for new members. We are currently seeking to add individuals who enjoy writing and Vincentians that are interested in helping us start an *Adopt A Conference* program to aid struggling conferences that are located in high poverty areas.

If you have suggestions, want to just drop in on a meeting or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Shirley Smalley at [mshal14727@aol.com](mailto:mshal14727@aol.com). We generally meet on the third Wednesdays of each month in the VSS conference room from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. All Vincentians are welcomed to join us.

#### **Current membership:** (\*denotes District Presidents)

Shirley Smalley – Co-Chair (St. Bernadette Conference in District 11)

Mary Ann Hunter – Co-Chair (San Francisco de Asis in District 1)

Ally Geinosky – Secretary (St. Rose/Good Shepherd Conference in District 11)

Ed Carpenter – St. Gabriel Conference in District 11\*

Lisa Casiano – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in District 3

Ray Daoust – Blessed Sacrament Conference in District 5

Judith Inman - St. Bernadette Conference in District 11

Steve Jenkins – St. Gregory Conference in District 6

Doris Kilroy – Queen of Peace Conference in District 9\*

Lucy Lopez – St. Martin de Porres in District 7\*

Jean Renn - St. Rose/Good Shepherd Conference in District 11

Joe Riley – Prince of Peace Conference in District 3

Denise Van Dyke – St. Martin de Porres in District 7

Jerry Castro – Staff /VSS

Julie Douglas – Staff/ VSS

Sandy Edward – Staff /VSS

John Junker – Staff/ VSS

Jackie Solares – Staff /Ministries



# BRICKS to build the foundation

## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Lent is one of the two penitential seasons that are included in the Catholic liturgical year. These two seasons, Advent and Lent, are placed within our Church calendar to help us prepare our hearts and our lives for two of the greatest Christian celebrations, the Nativity and the Resurrection of our Lord. During these penitential seasons, the Church calls us to spiritual growth through prayer, personal sacrifice and repentance. There are many opportunities available for us to prepare ourselves as Conferences as we journey through Lent to the celebration of Easter. Some examples are listed below:

### **Attend Lenten Liturgies Or Services Together:**

Attendance at daily mass, Stations of the Cross or any other special Lenten liturgy or services are an excellent way to promote spiritual growth among Conference members. To gather in addition to our normal meetings for such services, provides our members with additional opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. Celebrating and praying together not only helps us to grow in holiness, but it also makes the bonds between us grow stronger.

### **Schedule a Group Holy Hour Each Week:**

Schedule a specific Holy Hour for each week of Lent for your Conference members to go to the Adoration Chapel at your parish. or at one in your area. Spending time in silent prayer and meditation before the Lord will provide your Conference and its members with a unique opportunity to sit in silent prayer with the Lord while in the company of their brother and sister Vincentians.

### **Attend a Retreat or Day of Recollection:**

Spiritual growth is the goal of the Lenten season. An excellent way to grow in holiness is by participating in a Retreat or Day of Reflection /Prayer.

Your Conference and/or District could select a scheduled event and attend it as a group. Your Conference or District president and spiritual advisor could work with your priest, deacon a spiritual advisor or a Catholic retreat master to develop and host a Lenten Retreat focused on the mission and values of the Society. Other Conferences could even join you.

Reader 2: "But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you."

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Reader 3: "But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you."

Reader 4: "When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to others to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you." (Matthew 6: 1-6,16-18)

Reader 5: May Jesus gift us with his presence this Lent, so that we can be a gift to others as we:

### **Right side:**

Fast from judging others

Fast from unrelenting pressures

Fast from self-concern

Fast from personal anxiety

Fast from discouragement

Fast from criticism

Fast from complaining

Fast from social media

Fast from resentments

### **Left Side:**

to feast on kindness.

to feast on trusting God.

to feast on compassion.

to feast on hope .

to feast on encouragement.

to feast on affirmation.

to feast on complimenting.

to feast on prayer and silence.

to feast on forgiveness.

### **Together:**

Lord, give us the grace to fast during Lent, so that we can truly celebrate Easter. Amen. \*This prayer is taken from the Spiritual Advisors Handbook

### **Prayer and Soup:**

A Conference could offer or sponsor a prayer or para-liturgical service such as Stations of the Cross followed by a Soup Supper. The Soup Supper could include soup donated by individuals who would bring their favorite soup to share with others along with their recipe. You could also encourage individuals and families to bring their own soup bowls and spoons and possibly some bread to share with others. Participants could even be asked to donate what their normal meal would have cost to the Conference with those donated funds being used to buy food for the poor.

## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

### **SVdP Coffee Can Campaign:**

During the Season of Lent, we often recall the Parable of the Widow's Mite (Mark 12.41-44). The widow put two small copper coins into the collection (which represented a real sacrifice for her) while Scribes and Pharisees were making a big show of giving large amounts which came from their excess funds. The Lord judged the Widow's offering to be a better one.

By sponsoring a "Coffee Can Campaign", your Conference could help families remember the need to help people less fortunate by personal sacrifice. Parents could be encouraged to lead by example and suggest a daily offering from each member of the family explaining that this offering will enable the St. Vincent de Paul to help feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Young adults often have a real awareness of poverty from what they see among their friends and classmates. Ask them to do their part to help those in need.

### **Example of Bulletin Campaign:**

*WHAT: JOIN US IN THE SVdP COFFEE CAN CAMPAIGN. MAKE THIS A LENTEN FAMILY EFFORT. Simply take an empty coffee can and cut a slit in the lid. If you have younger children, they can even wrap the can with special drawings of Jesus or the widow with her offering. Place the can in a prominent place in your home. Each family member can deposit money into the can over the course of the Lenten and Easter seasons. Be creative. Deposit your change, allowance or any special offering you might have to help feed the hungry and to be more like the generous widow.*

*WHEN: The Coffee Can Campaign runs from the beginning of Lent to Pentecost Sunday (the last day of the Lenten/Easter Season).*

Donations can be collected by your Conference perhaps at all masses on Pentecost Sunday or another weekend during the Easter season.

A similar activity is the Rice Bowl program sponsored by CRS (Catholic Relief Services). Before considering offering your own program, consult with your pastor to make sure the Parish is not also doing the Rice Bowl program. Please note, Conferences can apply to receive funding from CRS for the purchase of food items.

## SVdP SVdP Thrift Stores

### DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE PART OWNER OF A CHAIN OF STORES?



Every Vincentian associated with the Diocesan Council of Phoenix is part owner in one or more of our thrift stores. We currently have four thrift stores throughout the Valley that are operated by the Diocesan Council's Retail Operations team and eight thrift store locations or groupings that are operated by conferences. As Vincentians, we have responsibilities to and for these retail operations. Our name is on them. The revenues they generate assist us with our works. The people who enter their doors as customers or donors, evaluate the Society by our retail operations based on the friendliness and attitudes of our staff and volunteers,

the way the store looks and smells, and the quality and price of the goods we sell. For many individuals, the only face of the Society they experience is the face our stores put on.

As an owner, each of us has an obligation to support our stores and there are many and varied ways that individuals, groups, conferences and councils can do just that. For example, Spring is fast approaching and is often seen as a time to clean or clear things out. Conferences and councils can help us collect great quality items by hosting a "Bundle Drive" or putting a small ad in their bulletin encouraging their parishioners to donate to the nearest SVdP thrift store. As an owner, you can also help us find volunteers or even employees to work in our stores. You can encourage others to shop in our stores through direct invitation or through your weekly bulletin or update emails.

Most importantly, you can tell our story to everyone you meet. Our thrift stores are unique and people need to know that. Our stores help the poor directly and indirectly. Certainly, our stores are meant to generate funds to help provide services to the poor, but everyday they help the poor directly by providing affordable or free items to those in need.

Why not visit or call the SVdP thrift store closest to you and ask how you can help them help us help others? Our stores recycle and reuse in order to help others but, in doing so, they also help save the environment by keeping unwanted items out of our landfills.

You own our stores so think about making a commitment to verbalize and live out that ownership. Please consider joining forces with the SOS committee to help us *Serve Our Stores!*

## SMALL CONFERENCE-INNOVATIVE IDEAS

Our Lady of the Desert Conference in Dolan Springs, AZ serves a remote location in the northwest corner of Arizona (between Kingman and the Nevada border). Many of our neighbors are veterans, poor and elderly, with numerous health issues. We are essentially located "off the grid." There are no supermarkets or medical providers for at least 35 miles. Food is a necessity that many do not have! In November the conference fed 427 families and in December 491! Most families have to haul water on a regular basis.

What do you do when you unexpectedly receive turkeys from St. Mary's Food Bank but there aren't enough for the number of families served? The conference decision was to hold a free raffle for their regular food guests. All the friends accepted this idea and there were many happy winners!

One supporter from Michigan mails OLD's little thrift store, operated entirely by SVDP volunteers, donations of clothing, craft items, housewares, etc. At Christmas time there are wrapped generic gifts sent for distribution free to those who visit the little store.

The grocery cards donated to conferences from Bashas and Safeway at Christmas were not enough for all 200+ regular families so once again a free raffle was established to distribute the much needed cards to those able to travel to Kingman or Boulder City, Nevada where the stores were located. The conference also purchased gift cards from the few local merchants that those with limited travel abilities were able to use.

The conference partners with other local community partners to hold a free bi-monthly lunch, called the Lunch Bunch, to feed the hungry of the community. The fellowship experienced by these diners is so appreciated in a such a rural setting.

Vincentians manned a table at the local school Haunted House Event in October. A small entry fee or a donation of food for the SVDP pantry was collected.

The conference hosted the local school children to their thrift store where they could purchase gifts for .25 each. This is the second annual event. The children had a snack and a drink and picked up a snack bag before returning to school. There were 175+ very happy faces at the end of the day. But the biggest hit of the day was Vincentian Joe dressed as an elf!

## INNOVATIVE IDEAS

This small conference co-sponsored the local free Christmas Day Dinner with the Dolan Springs Community Council, wherein 239 dinners were served and 21 dinners were delivered to the homebound.

How is our conference able to do so much without any collections from our local parish? We are blessed by contributions from other SVDP conferences but also do the following:

1. Utilize a new donation mechanism, Zelle.
2. Distribute periodic newsletters outlining their accomplishments.
3. Advertise thrift store donations on different social media platforms.
4. Conducted an Estate Sale that netted \$2100 from a former Vincentian who passed away.
5. Opened an eBay account for a "Trains Sale" where numerous trains, cars, train parts and dioramas for train set ups were received at the thrift store.
6. One day there appeared at our locked gate 17 M&M Star Wars Theme Collectible Characters, valued at \$69 each. Research showed that the toy company selling them was out of stock so the conference arranged a deal with the company to buy them back and pay the shipping.

Divine Providence, dedicated Vincentians and hard work keeps our conference thriving and serving our neighbors in need.

*By Charlotte Kiffer  
President  
Our Lady of the Desert Conference*

*New Email for submitting Newsletter and Capital  
Asset Funds Application*

*capitalassetfunds@svdpaz.org  
newsletter@svdpaz.org*

## **News from St Elizabeth Seton Conference**

### **Resource Specialist**

We as Vincentians bring our God-given talents to our SVdP Conferences. At our conference, we have two talented, retired nurses who saw a need to assist our home visitors and create a Resource Specialist Position. In this time of post Covid and current economic climate, so many people who are economically disadvantaged find it hard to find their way. Yvonne O'Brien and Lisa Casiano gathered information through life experiences, education, the internet, and nursing skills, and found ways to further our assistance to our needy neighbors. Lisa was a single mom who had to develop a plan of survival for her and her son. She started to help neighbors find solutions through their troubled times. Her business grew, and she continued to find solutions to her situation and her client's self-sufficiency. She advanced in home health care and acute hospital care. Yvonne comes from an administrative hospital background with critical care as her foundation. Through their nursing careers, these nurses developed skills beyond their hospital work.



Many of our neighbors have multiple complex financial, medical, and employment issues. They need love, encouragement, and assistance with issues, many of which are unfamiliar to us--employment, health, dental care, counseling in budget and credit areas, transportation, special children needs; issues that are very complex. Lisa and Yvonne, who both have knowledge and skills in these areas, saw the need to offer their expertise to neighbors who continue to call our conference for extended help. With our computerized program, our Resource Specialists can assist our home visitors by supporting and giving our neighbors the special attention needed to bring the neighbor to self-sufficiency.

The following attributes of the specialist are essential: prayer, compassion, sensitivity, encouragement, asking questions and listening, along with knowledge of available resources. Both Lisa and Yvonne have extensively navigated the often-complex world of county and state agencies that can provide needed resources for clients. Soon it became difficult to navigate all the different agencies that could provide much needed resources. In addition, our neighbors' needs became more complex, requiring the need to maintain lists and small libraries of information. The team documented the Resource Specialist position and created a list of current assisting agencies.

With one or the other Specialist available each week, the program has been successful in providing resources for newer home visitors and even some of the more experienced ones who may get stumped in solving a neighbor issue. Our home visitors work hard at trying to help our neighbors through difficult times. With the added assistance of our Resource Specialist, they have an advocate to assist when challenged with situations that are beyond their expertise. For information, please contact our St. Elizabeth Seton SVdP Conference.

*By Tina Prosenick*

## *Jubilarians honored at St. Elizabeth Seton*

Our SVdP conference celebrated our Epiphany/Jubilarian Party on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Mass began at 4:00pm with Father Kilian officiating. All participants were seated together with Father recognizing our work and making Mass a part of our celebration. Our party and celebration followed in the parish hall. What a wonderful evening was had by all! There were twenty-two Jubilarian candidates: Bob & Pat Purtill, Kathy & Gary Harmon, Pat Bingham, Donna Correa, Lorraine Arcaro, Karen Boeck, Cindy Bossinger, Veronica French, Tom & Sharrill Jennings, Bill Brock (posthumously), Judy Brock, Dick Boivin, George Kelly, Mike Ward, Vikki & Jeff Rehberg, Barb Lavigne, Ann Bergstrom, and Chris Cubitt. Five of our Jubilarians were honored but were not able to attend. The total number of years for this group of twenty-two people comes to 371 years!

After a very nice Mass and welcome, Father Kilian led us in a dinner prayer followed by a wonderful meal. Beautiful decorations surrounded us as we enjoyed the evening mingling with our SVdP friends and spouses. Then our president, Tina Prosenick and Father Kilian called us Jubilarians to the front where each of us received a crown. Tina and Father Kilian called us, one by one, forward to receive a beautiful cross necklace and rosary purse. That was followed by several members introducing each of us and giving a small bio of SVdP years, activity, and service for each of us. It was a very warm and wonderful event. Many pictures were taken to give us memories of this special event.

There were many who contributed to this event, Vincentians, Seton Ladies, Father Kilian, and we Jubilarians wish to thank them for all their efforts. We felt extremely honored and will remember this for years to come.

Every year we celebrate all of our Vincentians hard work they have accomplished throughout the year at our Epiphany Party!

~ Karen Boeck~



# JUBILARIANS HONORED AT ST. ELIZABETH SETON



*Congratulations to our Vincentians*



*Thank you*



# EVENTS IN 2023

## **Spiritual Advisor Sharing**

Wednesday, Jan. 25, there will be a sharing between Spiritual Advisors on zoom from 6:30-8:30 pm. All spiritual advisors are invited to attend and learn how spiritual advisors throughout the Phoenix Council conduct the reflections during meetings. If you are just using the reflections that come from national this will give you many uplifting ideas to try in your conference. To register contact: Mary Ann Hunter @ 928-699-9232 or [maryannhunter44@gmail.com](mailto:maryannhunter44@gmail.com). Just give your name, email, and conference name.

## **Rejuvenation**

This two-hour class is a review of five topics covered in OFE that will refresh Vincentian memories if they have not attended an OFE class in the last five years. Holy Cross on Friday, Jan. 27, after the 8:15am Mass. (Around 9:15am)  
St. Claire of Assisi on Tuesday, Feb. 7 – 5:30 – 7:30pm

## **Morning of Reflection**

Prepare for Lent by attending the MOR on Sat., Feb. 25, at St. Joan of Arc, 3801 E Greenway Rd, Phoenix. Begins with 8:30am Mass.  
Presenter: Fr. Dennis Holtschneider

**Conference Presidents** please call or email Mary Ann Hunter by **Feb.18** with the **number** attending from your conference. (Names, emails, etc. are not necessary.)

## **OFE Classes**

Jan. 7 & 14 – VSS – Registration Closed  
Jan. 21 & 28 – St. Steven's in Sun Lakes  
Feb 4 & 11 – St. Theresa in Phoenix  
Mar. 19 & 20 – St Philip the Apostle – Payson  
Apr. 29 & May 6 – Prince of Peace – Sun City West  
June 22 & 23 – St. John Vianney – Sedona

To register contact: Mary Ann Hunter @ 928-699-9232 or [maryannhunter44@gmail.com](mailto:maryannhunter44@gmail.com). Give your name, email, phone number, address, conference to which you belong, and the requested OFE site.

## **Western Region**

Save the Date – Thursday, March 2, from 7 – 8:30pm on zoom – **The Home Visit: The Heart and Soul of Our Society** – more information about registration will follow soon.

## OFE CLASSES – 2023

ALL CLASSES RUN 9AM – 3PM

**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

**July 15, 2023 OFE 1 & 2; July 22, 2023 OFE 3 & 4**  
Corpus Christi – 3550 E Knox Rd., Phoenix

**Oct. 5 OFE 1 & 2; Oct. 6 OFE 3 & 4**  
St. Mary/St. Juan Diego at St Mary's – 230 W. Galveston St., Chandler

**Oct. 14, 2023 OFE 1 & 2; Oct. 21, 2023 OFE 3 & 4**  
Church of the Resurrection -3201 S Evergreen Rd., Tempe

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

## ***MORNING OF REFLECTION***

Saturday, February 25, 2023  
St. Joan of Arc  
3801 E. Greenway Rd., Phoenix  
8:30am - 12:00pm

*Interrupted by Christ -  
Service in the Society*

By

Conference Presidents:

email, text or call the number of  
Vincentians planning to attend from  
your conference by Feb. 15

to

Mary Ann Hunter - 928-699-9232 or  
maryannhunter44@gmail.com

## ***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...

<b>ALL SAINTS MESA</b> Judy Allard Barbara Velleman	Peggy Knapp Ana Lopez Tomasia Torres Terry Watts Marmejejo Family	<b>ST. CLARE OF ASSISI</b> Richard Jessen Joyce Murphy	<b>SVDP EXECUTIVE OFFICE</b> Mary Jane Rynd Mike Syslo Kevin Conry Margaret Najor John Marrone Dale Lehe Sheila Alvarez Mr. and Mrs. John Bracken Tegan Searing Carla Francesca Martin Diane Hoeschler Mike Weigel Mark Hamblin Baby Hailey The Porscha Family Mary Teller Brock Weatherup Mary Lou Goldstein Glenda Dubes Judy Edwards Edmund Voyer Bessie McNair Fr. Tom Enneking Melvin Goldstein Bill Mulholland Pat O'Brien Margaret Pawlak Rob Sobczak Dave Najor Dominic Svorinic Jon Ehlinger Louise Kasmikha Chris Lowrey Paul Zabilski Nathan Turner Steve & Lucy Howell Marie Gallego Greg Ryan Lisa Eicher Jagger Michael Diem Nancy Phalen Tom Van Boven Jim Novotny Joyce Zabilski Evan Arriola Jayden Southern Robert Jacobs John Jakubczyk Peter McQuaid Kathleen Nageotte Ed Koval Nicole Hazen Mayuka and Family David Park Mary Jo Matthews Lloyd Bach
<b>BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> Lee Matthews	<b>ST. BERNADETTE</b> Michael Smalley	<b>ST. ELIZABETH SETON</b> Bob & Pat Purtill	
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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.***



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