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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



The Power of Forgiveness

The word forgiveness has several definitions but in general it means the intentional letting go of anger and resentment. The need for and positive effects of forgiveness are a common theme found not only in religious circles but in the secular world as well. Saying we forgive others is an easy to do. Every time we recite the "Lord's Prayer" we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others but really forgiving those who have offended us is not as easy as just saying it. Often times, our emotional pain is expressed through anger, revenge and verbal assaults against the character of those who have hurt us. All too often our instinctual response is to go on the offensive and to fight back but our faith calls us to what seems almost impossible and that is to forgive and love our

enemies.

There are many stories that have been passed down about Leonardo Da Vinci's famous painting of the "Last Supper". One popular story is that shortly before he started this project, Leonardo had a heated argument with a fellow painter. He was so upset with him that he decided to paint the face of his enemy as the face of Judas. That would be his revenge because his enemy's face would be recognized and be scorned for generations to come. But as time passed and DaVinci tried to paint the face of Christ, he was unable to do so. No matter how hard he tried, he just could not see the face of Jesus. Finally, he decided that what was blocking his vision of our Lord's face was the fact that he had painted his enemy's face on Judas. Once he repainted the face of Judas, he was finally able to see the face of Jesus.

Whether this story about Da Vinci is true or not does not really matter because the moral of it is true. When we allow our hearts to be filled with anger, revenge, resentment, or hatred, we too are blocked from seeing the face of Christ. The reality of life is that people, even people we care about, are going to make mistakes and those mistakes may hurt us. Often people hurt us accidentally but even if they hurt us intentionally, we are still called to forgive them.

As Vincentians, we strive to see the face of Christ in one another and in those whom we serve. At times, we all struggle to see Him in certain people or in certain situations or periods in our lives. Perhaps when that happens, we should look at what things might be blocking our vision. Are there people we need to forgive? Do we need to ask for forgiveness from others? Do we need to make amends to those whom we have hurt? Do we need to start looking at those whom we serve or our fellow Vincentians in a more positive light? Do we need to understand that forgiveness is the strongest form of love?

God resides in the heart and soul of each and every person. If we have trouble seeing that, maybe the problem is with us and not with them. The beginning of a new year provides us with the perfect opportunity to take an inventory of ourselves. We can never truly know what is in the heart of another or what motivates them but we can know what is in our hearts and what motivates us.

As 2023 dawns, let each of us resolve to prayerfully evaluate ourselves and remove anything in our lives that blocks our ability to clearly see the face of Christ in everyone. St. Teresa of Calcutta reminds us that "If we really want to love, we must learn to forgive." May the world know that we are Vincentians by our love and our ability to forgive.

By Shirley Smalley



From the Desk of the Conference Resources Committee

Conference Officers & Executive Boards

According to the Rule of the Society and Article 15 of our current Diocesan Conference bylaws, “The Conference must have a minimum of four or more full members and a full slate of officers to include a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. In order to safeguard the good reputation of the Conference and therefore, that of the Society itself, appointed officers may not be related to the President of the Conference. All officers must be full-enhanced (active) members of the Conference in which they serve.”

In order to serve as a Conference officer, individuals must be full enhanced members (active) members. They are required to attend meetings and participate in the works of the Conference on a regular basis. They may not be officers in name or on paper only.

Additionally, conferences associated with the SVdP Diocesan Council of Phoenix, do not have Executive Boards and the officers of a conference are not empowered to meet separately nor do they have the power to make decisions. Conference decisions are made by the full enhanced members of the Conference either through consensus or a formal vote. See citation below from the SVdP National Council’s Common Vincentian Questions and Answers response of July 23, 2020.

The Manual and the Rule speak of a Conference board. This is not a formal board of directors. It is also not an executive board which has specific authority granted to it. The Conference board is simply the slate of officers (President, Vice President(s), Secretary, and Treasurer). They have no specific authority other than representation of the Conference and requirement to fulfill specific tasks. All decisions are made by the Active Members of the Conference as a whole.

Remember to be in “Good Standing” all Conferences must:

- 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 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 80% of their District Council and 50% of the Diocesan General Membership Meetings.
- Complete and submit Quarterly and Annual Reports in a timely fashion.



What is the Vincentian Way?

We often hear the expression, “That’s the way we do things as Vincentians.” Or the reverse is heard as well: “That’s not the way Vincentians would do it.” If you think about it, can we easily define what “the Vincentian way” really is? Can we boil it down to something simple? The answer to these questions is “yes” and that is what we will attempt to do here.

First, it is an attitude rather than a set of rules of action. This attitude is focused on love – sharing Christ’s love with those we encounter. Remember, it was Jesus who told us “to love one another as I have loved you.” The Golden Rule (Do unto others as you would have them do unto you) is not enough. He asks more of us. Our love for others must be Christ-like, it must be visible, and it must be the motivating factor behind our actions. The Vincentian way is special.

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- When a person in need calls for help, Vincentians try to make themselves available as soon as possible to respond to their needs – usually this is within a day or two, many times the same day.
- Vincentians make an appointment to go to the home of the person calling for help. Where no phone number is available, the Vincentians go to the home (more than once if necessary) to meet with those calling for help. If the applicants are not at home, usually a note or card is left indicating an attempt was made and asking them to call again. St. Vincent de Paul said, “We are their servants, they are our masters.” The servant goes to the master, not the other way around. We humble ourselves to serve the poor at their, not ours, convenience. We should not place the burden of travel (sometimes with children) on those in need who may not have ready or reliable transportation.
- Vincentians always go in pairs. This way two people are listening, observing and sharing in the decision to be made.
- Vincentians do not require a lot of paperwork to be filled out and only request the information that is necessary to fulfill the request. Generally, identification is not necessary. In fact, the Vincentians are the ones who do the paperwork that is necessary.
- The type of assistance given by Vincentians is not limited to one particular type. Vincentians are open to whatever is presented before them. Vincentians view each case they encounter based on its own circumstances and needs. Like other organizations, the type of assistance is limited by the amount of resources available. Vincentians get the majority of their funding from the parishioners in the parish they represent or from funding within the Vincentian family.
- As the opportunity presents itself, Vincentians pray with those they encounter. They bring God to those in need, showing that He cares for and loves them. If Vincentians are not able to meet the need presented, they often work with other churches or service provider agencies in trying to share the costs involved. Sometimes, Vincentians refer those in need to other organizations. Knowing the difficulty involved in making and keeping appointments with other agencies, Vincentians attempt to lighten the burden of the poor as much as they can.

As can be seen in the example shown above, the Vincentian way is special. It is founded in LOVE – a LOVE they feel and share with others. LOVE motivates them and inspires them.

Growing in the LOVE of God is their first goal.

So, whenever the question (What is the Vincentian way?) comes up: you know the answer. The Vincentian way is to be the servant of the poor, serving them with LOVE. Written by: Mike Syslo, Chair of the National Council’s Governance Committee.

SVdP Thrift Stores

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!



Saying goodbye is seldom easy and that is certainly true as the Diocesan Retail Operations team bids a fond farewell to our Phoenix Area Bell Road Thrift store. This SVdP thrift store located at 29th Street and Bell Road in Phoenix opened its doors to donors, customers and volunteers more than thirty-five years ago. Over those years, the store staff and volunteers came and went and the inside areas were remodeled and expanded but the heart of the store never changed.



This store operated by our Diocesan staff and volunteers was a well-loved and visited fixture in the community. Many shoppers were known by name and everyone was treated as long-time friend. Bread and other donated food items were put out and given to visitors free of charge. Returns and exchanges were seen as an opportunity to serve others and donors were greeted with joyful appreciation. In other words, this store enlivened the mission of the Society and was a true sign of God's active and living presence in the world.

For nearly thirty years, the Bell Road Phoenix Thrift Store hosted the Palomino project where students from a nearby Title I school were given the opportunity to shop for gifts for their family members. Before the project was moved to the Hope Chest store, more than 30,000 children benefitted from this event.



Members from Districts Five and Eleven provided financial support and volunteers and freely committed themselves to calling this location "their store". Ronnie Overton started the Palomino project and the St. Bernard conference members coordinated it by themselves for many years. For about a year-and-a-half members from the Ascension conference in Fountain Hills helped the store offer customers, donors and other visitors free coffee and snacks in the "Store's Coffee Bar." Neighbors would just drop in for their morning coffee, a delicious homemade pastry and great conversation. Beth Cullison from St. Bernadette's Conference helped create a new break room for staff and volunteers. All of these and many more events were done simply as labors of love.

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A Fond Farewell

Even though this retail location continued in many ways to be successful, the neighborhood surrounding the store recently deteriorated to the point that the site was no longer safe for staff, volunteers, donors or customers. The location was also in a congested area that was hard to enter and the back of the store drop off area was difficult if not impossible to maneuver.

On November 11, 2020, a new thrift store was opened on the southeast corner of Tatum Boulevard and Greenway in Scottsdale. This store was opened with the intention of replacing the Bell Road Phoenix store. This past December, the decision to close the Bell Road Phoenix store was made and the resources, volunteers and staff from that store were relocated to other locations including the new Hope Chest in Scottsdale.

The Serve our Stores (SOS) committee and the Retail Operations team are sad to see Bell Road close but excited about the new possibilities opened up by this change. We will continue to remember fondly the Bell Road Phoenix store, its history and successes. The greatest accomplishments of this store, however, cannot be measured in dollars and cents but rather in smiles, joy, and caring relationships.

Please join us in honoring everyone that helped make this store such a special place. This article is dedicated to “Philly” Phil Longobardi, a long-time Bell Road volunteer, who passed away just a week before the store closed. His kindness, commitment and service to others left a permanent mark on the hearts of so many people. Thank you Phil for a job well done!





BRICKS to build the foundation

Maintaining a Positive Relationship with Your Pastor.

Since 1949, the Bishops of Phoenix and Tucson have actively supported the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and its works. Our Bishops endorse the existence and operation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at both the Diocesan and parish levels.

Many local pastors also have a positive relationship with St Vincent de Paul and see the need for helping the poor in their individual parish. Many pastors allow Conferences to raise funds through activities such as Quarterly Fifth Sunday collections, poor boxes, food and clothing drives, and/or other events and activities that enable us to secure goods and/or financial support.

Conferences, however, should be aware that while the Bishops of Arizona support the Society, there is nothing that requires a pastor to have a Conference operating within his parish. The operation of a SVdP Conference is always at the pleasure of the pastor and so Vincentian presidents, officers and members must constantly strive to have a positive relationship and to establish and maintain lines of communication with the clergy in their parish.

To maintain a healthy relationship between the Pastor and a parish-based St Vincent de Paul Conference, we suggest that Conference presidents do the following:

1. Create and maintain open, warm, and positive communication lines with your pastor.
2. Provide regular communications with your pastor. Provide him with a copy your Quarterly and Annual Conference Reports as well as a short summary of your current needs, activities, and successes.
3. Invite your pastor and priests to attend Conference meetings. Make sure they know that this is an open invitation.
4. Ask your pastor if he or one of the other parish priests or deacons would be able to serve as the Conference's Spiritual Advisor. If they are not available to do so, ask if they would like to be a drop in Advisor and include the pastor in the selection of a Lay Spiritual Advisor.
5. Schedule an in-person meeting with him at least every six months and stress the spiritual nature of the Society. Remind him about the spiritual nature of our home visits. Explain that Vincentians pray before, during and after each visit.
6. Finally, stress that the Society is a spiritual charitable organization founded in 1833 that currently operates in over 152 countries in the world. Our goal is not just to relieve material need but to promote growth in holiness among our members and those whom we serve.

Please note that an expanded pamphlet on this topic is located on the Diocesan webpage under VSS. You are encouraged to download and read that document.

OFE CLASSES - 2023

All classes run 9am - 3pm

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

What is needed to register?

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

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. 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. 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.

OOPS...in the December issue, we mistakenly said St. Clare of Assis instead of St. Elizabeth Seton. Apologies to the conference.

News from St. Elizabeth Seton

"We want to send a huge thank you to all who volunteered to help at Turkey Tuesday at Bashes. 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 Bashes 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!



News from Church of the Resurrection



Conference members and volunteers getting ready for the families to arrive. Fr. Thomas Kagumisa blessed the food earlier.



Amber Valencia and her family adopted one of our families, and she purchased almost everything with coupons! They even delivered everything to the family, pictured below: Amber is in the back row, far right; adopted Grandpa and grandson are in the center, Mom took the picture.



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	Edith Smith Dora Norris Family Fr. John Ikponko Vernon Norris Family	ST. LOUIS THE KING Ed & Esther Escarcega Mario & Mary Fierros	SVDP EXECUTIVE OFFICE
BLESSED SACRAMENT Lee Matthews	Peggy Knapp Ana Lopez Tomasia Torres Terry Watts Marmelejo Family	ST. CLARE OF ASSISI Richard Jessen Joyce Murphy	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
CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION Caroline Steele Bob Bruce	ST. BERNADETTE Michael Smalley	ST. GERMAINE Joe Zambito Kathy Ferguson Joe Ferguson Sandy Smith	
HOLY CROSS Mary Powell Andy Torres Dee Shack Mary Jo Kent Sharon Culley	ST. BRIDGET Cheryl Crame Joe Fellhauer Terri Lyn Gardner	ST. MARGARET MARY-BHC Rev. Peter Dobrowski	
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Rosie Bell Linda Lee Chambon-Gay Sue Dori Scott Marthaler James Reed Tom and Barbara Reed Peg Shandera Lu Stitt Mike Vize	ST. DANIEL THE PROPHET Phil Murphy Don Fraiser	ST. MARY—KINGMAN Patty Couch Roger and Rita Gaumond Diane Schatz	
	ST. GABRIEL Jack McAward Philip Longabardi Dolores Galligan Robert Fitzner Phil Longobardi Louise Fullam	ST. MARY'S BASICILA The Boozer Family	
MOST HOLY TRINITY Jackie Jennings	ST. GREGORY Edd Harrington Beverly Heart	ST. MARY-ST. JUAN DIEGO	
OLPH SCOTTSDALE John Corcoran Forrest Dougherty Dale Nickekl Mary Zarlengo	ST. HELEN Charlie & Jean Olds	Zoe Rainey Angie Welsh Winnie Bridgens Carl Cunningham Allen Vaughan Rich Gray Irene Beard	
	ST. JAMES Diane Stofko Abel Noble	ST. MARY MAGDALENE Nancy Weise	
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Joe DiGiovanni	ST. JOHN VIANNEY SEDONA Betty Winick	ST. JEROME Nancy Barnes Yvonne Hurley	
OUR LADY OF THE DESERET Rita Hughes Tony Mueller Valerie Panagopoulos Peggy Merrill Duke Merrill Mary Austin Art Austin	SACRED HEART—PRESCOTT	ST. MATTHEW Evelyn Guerra Alicia Alfonso	
	Richard Howell Herb Bourgault	ST. JOACHIM & ST. ANNE Gene Harmeling Lucia Mastroianni Joan Katchur Corlaine Mortenson Philomena Kamara	
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE Cindy Smith	ST. MARGARET MARY Ray Baca Mary Esquibel	ST. JOAN OF ARC Paul Parent	
QUEEN OF PEACE Susan Petrie Mary Kay Dunlevy Martina Bonilla	ST. MARY'S BASILICA Robert Nue	ST. STEVEN'S Pat Krause	
SACRED HEART PARKER Dot Creechley	ST. TIMOTHY Mike Anderson Margaret Hewett Karl Rusnock Thea Podrybau	ST. FRANCES CABRINI Andre Carrillo Rosemary McClair	

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



Sandy Morford

St. Elizabeth Seton or St. Clare?

Rick Celaya

St. Gregory

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.***

Special Thanks



From the Ozanam Manor team (and Santa) to our wonderful colleagues, friends, and family at SVDP—Merry Christmas! We are grateful for all of you. Special thanks to those departments who helped us pull off another amazing holiday party for our residents, including the kitchen team (lunch was delicious!), VSO, maintenance, and Todd from Development!

Some of our staff members having a little fun at Christmas time.





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. 3rd 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. 3rd 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. 10th 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. 3rd Dr, Phoenix 85003

- Monday-Friday 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

For questions and sign-up information, please contact volunteer@svdpaz.org.



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%

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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